

FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

2025 NEWSLETTER (AUGUST, 2025)

Greetings! Our 38th Annual FCCA Gatherin' and 36th Annual Sale will be held OCTOBER 3 & OCTOBER 4, 2025 respectively. Please see details below:

The October 3, 2025 Gatherin' will be held at the Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center near Brooksville, Florida. We will begin with an FCCA Board of Directors Meeting at 3:30 on Friday afternoon. The Membership Dinner is at 5:15 pm. The Friday evening program will feature Jamie Bateman, and a time for each member to take the microphone and share about your program. Send 3-5 pictures of your cattle to fcca@crackercattle.org. We will compile them into a PowerPoint presentation. The evening will include the Association's Annual Business Meeting, election of officers, a review of FCCA activities. Don't forget to bring some exciting "Cracker Stuff" to contribute to the Friday evening auction. We need things to have on hand that evening AND we need big ticket things like hunts on your ranches, fishing trips on your boats and stays in your cabins or cottages.

REGISTRATION for the Gatherin' must be done IN ADVANCE on EventBrite. The Link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1599130555539?aff=oddtcreator>. We are sending this link to all by email as well. The MEETING REGISTRATION, the FRIDAY EVENING PRIME RIB DINNER and LODGING MUST BE RESERVED and PAID IN ADVANCE through EventBrite. There is also an option to pre-purchase a Noon Meal for Saturday so you won't have to stand in line. Please call Angela at 850-933-2287 if you need assistance with pre-registration.

The October 4, 2025 Horse and Cattle Sale on Saturday will be held at the Sumter County Livestock Market in Webster, Florida. Buyer Registration and viewing the stock begins at 10:00 am and the sale begins at 1:00 p.m.. This is a good venue for offering these "living links" to Florida's rich agricultural heritage to the public. You can register for quick Brisket lunch catered by our vendor or you can try to get a seat in the *Florida Cracker Feedlot Restaurant* on site.

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen Monroe immediately. See the details on the following pages. We have had strong demand for our horses cattle at the past sales. It is every consignor's responsibility to recruit potential buyers and bring them to the sale. Developing additional markets should be a priority for all producers.

We are accepting applications for the FCCA Mike Duane Memorial Educational Scholarship. This opportunity and the application is posted on our website at www.floridacrackercattle.org.

HELP! If you can help with registration etc for the Friday Gatherin', or Sale Day Registration, signs, logistics etc. we ask that you please jump in and help! This is your Gatherin' so please get involved. . . let us hear from you! We need your involvement to make this event successful. Please help us to spread the word about these events! **Again, Pre-Registration is required for the Friday Dinner and/or Lodging at Withlacoochee Training Center.**

Our Best Regards,

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OCTOBER 4 – 5, 2024

MEETING DETAILS

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Registration:

You must Pre-Register on EventBrite so that we can prepare meals, lodging, etc. **Registration is \$40.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child (6-16 yrs old) and includes Friday evening Prime Rib Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday. Lodging at the Withlacoochee Training Center is an additional \$35.00 per person. Lodging for children 16 and under is complimentary. A \$22 Brisket Lunch is available for Saturday IF you pre-pay for that option.**

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The Friday evening Gatherin' beginning at 7:00 pm. is open to all and the walk in Registration fee with no meals or lodging is \$20. Please contact us to let us know to expect you at 7:00. THERE WILL BE NO ON SITE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE FRIDAY EVENING MEAL we have to order the meat by Sept 22, 2025 according to pre-registration head-count. Lodging on Site is dormitory style but we can accommodate families. The cost is \$35 per adult and FCCA pays for youth 16 yrs and under. Choose lodging and pay on Eventbrite then call Stephen so that he can assign your room and add your youth. PLEASE CALL STEPHEN as soon as you have confirmation to let him reserve your room.

Consignments to the Sale:

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen Monroe immediately. The sale catalog deadline is September 22 2025.

We will provide you with a Sale Consignment Form which has all of the details and instructions. All stock must be registered or, at minimum, eligible for registration if less than 1 year old. Registration paperwork must be presented to sale staff before cattle are unloaded!

All Consignments should be top quality representatives of the breed and in good condition. Animals that are in poor body condition or extremely small, for their age, will not be accepted. The Association reserves the right to screen all consignments. Seller commission is 10% of gross sale. The No-Sale fee is \$20.00. Full (10%) commission is mandatory on any animals that are sold outside of the sales ring.

Dues:

The FCCA Secretary reports that many of us need to pay our annual membership dues. Please settle up with Angela Pridgeon. Dues are \$25.00 per year unless you are a lifetime member. Only paid members are eligible to vote on association matters.

Locations:

Friday - Withlacoochee Forest Training Center: 24059 Childs Road, Brooksville, Florida.

Saturday - Sumter Co Livestock Market: 524 N Market Boulevard, Webster Florida, USA.



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2025 GATHERIN' & SALE

AGENDA

FRIDAY, October 3, 2025 at the Withlacoochee Training Center

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Receiving of Sale Cattle (at the Sumter Market)
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Set up Auditorium for Registration
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. FCCA Board of Directors Meeting - (Boardroom)
5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner - (Dining Hall)
7:00 - 7:05 p.m. FCCA Gatherin' & Opening Remarks - (Training Building)
7:05 - 7:10 p.m. Presentation of the 2025 FCCA Distinguished Service Award
7:10 - 7:40 p.m. "Homesteading Ideas and Pointers" by Jamie Bateman
7:40 - 8:00 p.m. FCCA General Session & Business Meeting
8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Open Mic for each Member to tell the group about your program
8:30 - p.m. Fundraiser Auction of "Cracker Stuff"
Even Later Gatherin' Around the Campfire

SATURDAY, October 4, 2025

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Withlacoochee Training Center Dining Hall
(All personal belongings must be out of dorm rooms by 8:30 a.m.)

Move to Sumter Co. Livestock Market

10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Viewing of the Horses and Cattle for Sale
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration of buyers and membership sign-up
12:00 noon Lunch is Catered with Advance Tickets or On-Your-Own
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SALE of Horses & Cattle
Immediately Following the Sale Settling with Sale Clerk
=> Sellers and Buyers Exchange Registration Paperwork prior to Load-Out of Sale Stock

Load-Out of Stock. Load-out will be in the order that buyers paid for their stock. Do not put your trailer in line until you have your receipt and paperwork in hand.

Buyers should not leave the premises until they have the paperwork that goes with their stock! Compare your paperwork with what gets loaded onto your trailer to be certain. . .



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