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## Intake & Behavior Data Collection Pasture Service Information

### Description

NFREC-Marianna has ~ 55 acres of pasture available for research purposes

Pasture service provides:

- Enclosed perennial grass paddocks with maintained fencing
  - R-Pens: 8 paddocks at 1.7 acres each; 2 - 4 head per pen
  - North Circle: 13 paddocks at 3.3 acres each; 2 - 4 head per pen
  - South Circle: 13 paddocks at 3.3 acres each; 2 - 4 head per pen
- Fresh water delivery system
- Various feed options\*
  - Feed bunks for high-grain diets
  - Hay rings
  - Pasture-based feeding (grazing)

### Deliverables

- Feed intake
  - For supplemented feed, intake is measured by difference (provided vs. orts)
  - Intake is not available for pasture-based feeding (grazing)

Various applications are available to measure behavior (at additional cost):

- pH sensors
- Rumination tags
- GPS trackers

### Health Requirements & Sick Cattle Management

Health records are requested prior to delivery

- Cattle should be up-to-date on vaccinations

If veterinary assistance is required, the client will be notified immediately

- Sick cattle will be handled on a case-by-case basis

### Service Rates

UF-affiliated clients            \$1.00 / head / day

Non-UF affiliated clients       \$2.00 / head / day

The service rate includes facility maintenance, labor, data management and associated service contract fees, and supplies related to service. \*Service rates are for use of the Pasture only and do not include feed costs or additional services.

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