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## **University of Florida/IFAS Extension hosts Cottage Industry Expo**

*~~Experts speak on ag production, regulations, and marketing for cottage industries~~*

**WESLEY CHAPEL, FL ----** The University of Florida/IFAS Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas County Extension Offices are thrilled to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Tampa Bay Cottage Industry Expo, Saturday July 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wiregrass Ranch High School, 2909 Mansfield Boulevard, Wesley Chapel.

The Expo will offer practical education sessions taught by farmers, Cooperative Extension Office experts and industry representatives. The goal is to provide attendees with information they can immediately apply to improve their small and/or beginning agriculture operations. The sessions will cover agriculture production; legal and regulatory considerations; and marketing in the following areas: fruits and veggies, hydroponics and livestock. The Expo will also feature a trade show for anyone who would like to learn about new products and services available for their business. Food trucks will be available for snacks and lunch service.

**What:** The 1st Tampa Bay Cottage Industry Expo

**When:** Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Wiregrass Ranch High School, 2909 Mansfield Boulevard, Wesley Chapel, Florida.

The Expo costs \$30.00 per person and pre-registration is required. Online registration is quick and easy. To register go to [http://pasco.ifas.ufl.edu/events\\_calendar.shtml](http://pasco.ifas.ufl.edu/events_calendar.shtml), click on July and scroll down to the Tampa Bay Cottage Industry Expo. Seating is limited so register now.

For more information about the UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service Office, visit our website at <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=381> or call us at (352) 518.0156. The Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service assists Pasco County residents by delivering practical, educational programs in environmental horticulture; sustainable agriculture; 4-H and youth development; and family and consumer sciences.

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