

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



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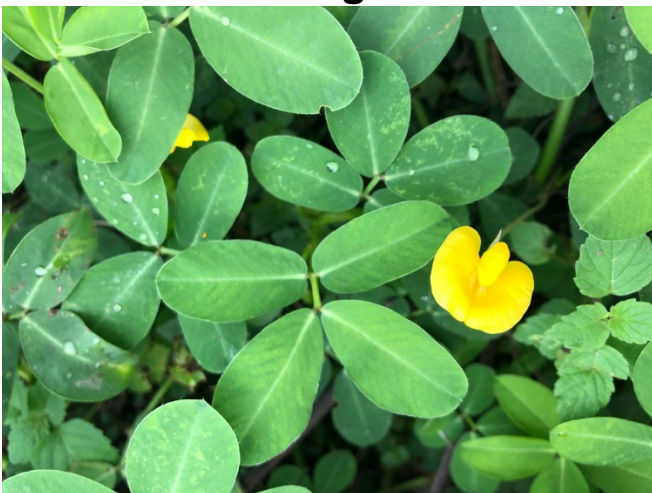
### **Message from the Director**

With the cooler days, it seems that the EHDV season has finally ended. I want to extend a huge thanks to all of the Florida farms that participated in EHDV vaccine trials this fall. Both vaccines appear to protect against the virus and the manufacturers are working to have them available for purchase by Spring 2020. In the meantime, CHeRI will be working with vaccine makers, deer farmers and veterinarians to provide a vaccination schedule and best practices for administering vaccines in white-tailed deer.

Thank you, always, for your support - *Sam*

Dr. Samantha Wisely  
Director, CHeRI

### **Looking to plant food plots on your preserve? Come see our UF/IFAS cool season forage demonstration plots**

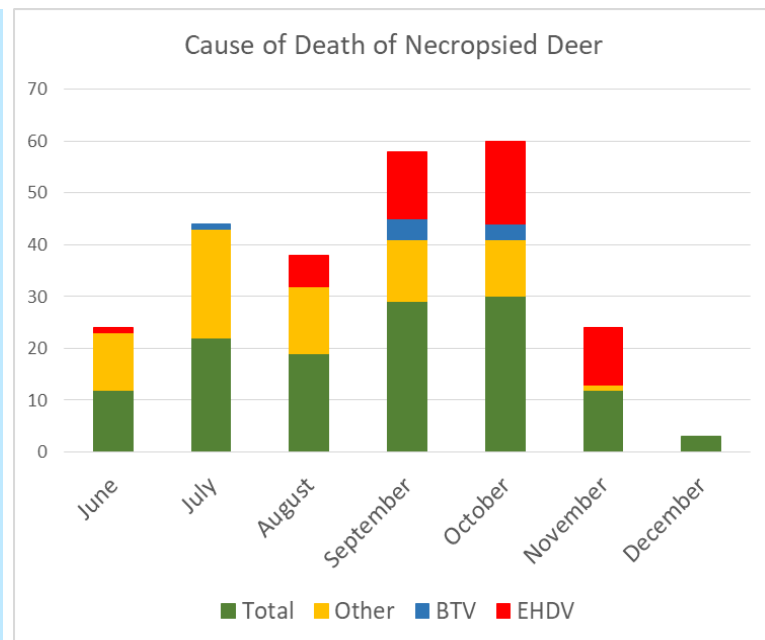
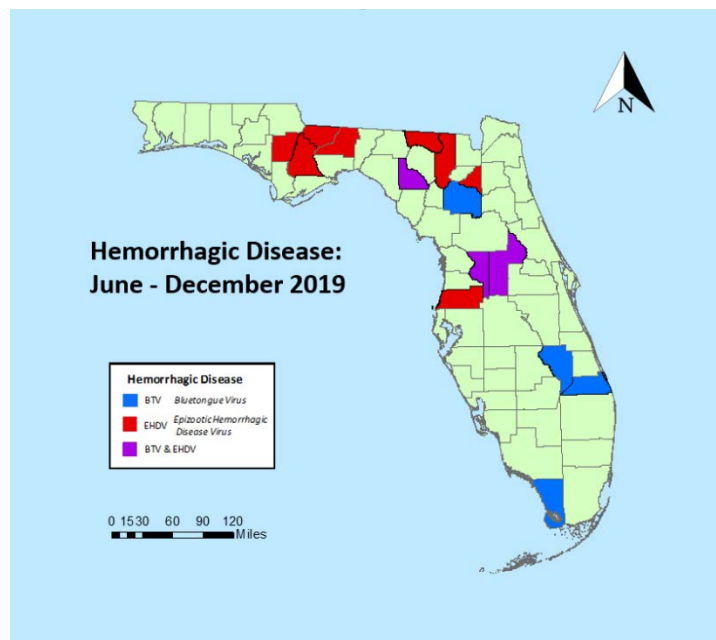


Join UF/IFAS Extension in Marion County for a cool-season forage field day on February 13th, 2020. This program will take place on a beautiful cattle ranch and preserve in Marion County. The field day will include instructional lectures from UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Livestock Agent, Caitlin Bainum as well as the UF/IFAS CHeRI (Cervidae Health Research Initiative) team. The afternoon will consist of a tour of this year's cool-season forage demonstration plots. We will go to the field and discuss 24 forage varieties and forage blends planted for their application in beef cattle operations, horse farms, and wildlife food plots. Topics covered include but are not limited to; forage selection, planting, fertilization, and deer farm management.

**What:** UF/IFAS Field Day for Cool-Season Forage  
**When:** Thursday February 13th, 2020  
**Where:** Blitch Plantation, 13200 NW 110th Ave Reddick, FL 32686  
**Time:** 9am-3pm  
**Cost:** FREE, please RSVP by February 9th, 2020  
 Lunch will be included\*

To register for the field day please call the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Office at (352) 671-8400 OR email Caitlin Bainum at cbainum@ufl.edu

## EHDV and BTV for 2019



The CHeRI Diagnostic Lab processed samples from 137 farmed deer this year. The necropsy team traveled to farms and conducted 109 field necropsies. The rest of the samples either came from ship-in's or were taken from live deer. We saw our first case of EHDV this year in June and the cases did not stop until the end of November.

## Upcoming Events

- **13 February 2019**, Reddick, Florida – Forage field day! See above for details.
- **25-28 March 2020**, French Lick, IN – CHeRI will be present at National Deer Farmer's Association NADeFA 2020 Conference. We will host a workshop on best practices for vaccination.
- **3-4 April 2020**, Orlando, FL – CHeRI will be present at the Southeast Trophy Deer Association Spring Fling. We will present our findings from our vaccine trials and discuss best practices for vaccination.



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