

FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

2026 NEWSLETTER (AUGUST, 2026)

Greetings! Our 39th Annual FCCA Gatherin' and 37th Annual Sale will be held OCTOBER 2 & OCTOBER 3, 2026 respectively. Please see details below:

The October 2, 2026 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 trailers from movies that are being made about Florida's Cracker culture. 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 and 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 on page two. We are sending this link to all by email as well. The MEETING REGISTRATION, the FRIDAY EVENING PRIME RIB DINNER 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.

Lodging: The WTC Dorms are NOT available. We have blocks of rooms at two local hotels = please see the details page for more info. You must act before Sept 15 to get out block rate!

The October 3, 2026 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 use Eventbrite to 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 Gatherin' / Dinner and for the Saturday Brisket Lunch.**

Our Best Regards,

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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. A \$22 Brisket Lunch is available for Saturday IF you pre-pay for that option.**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-2026-florida-cracker-cattle-association-annual-gathering-tickets-1996423675957?aff=oddttdcreator>

The Friday evening Gatherin' beginning at 7:00 pm. is open to all and the walk in Registration fee with no meals 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 21, 2026 according to pre-registration head-count.

Lodging: We have arranged special rates at two Hotels: YOU MUST CALL THE HOTEL LOCAL NUMBER TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS - ask for the Florida Cracker Cattle Association special rate.

Hampton Inn 30301 Cortez Blvd., Ridge Manor, Florida 352-796-1000
Ask for the Florida Cracker Cattle Assoc Special Rate of \$120 for a Standard Room

Holiday Inn Express 30455 Cortez Blvd, Ridge Manor, Florida 352-796-0455
Ask for the Florida Cracker Cattle Assoc Special Rate of \$129 for a Standard Room

A Limited Number of rooms are available until Sept 15 or until all are spoken for = hurry!

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 21, 2026.

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. Buyers, please remember to get your registration paperwork when settling with the clerks.

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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2026 GATHERIN' & SALE

AGENDA

FRIDAY, October 2, 2026 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 2026 FCCA Distinguished Service Award
- 7:10 - 7:40 p.m. Movies that are being made about Florida's Cracker Heritage
Movie based on the book *A Land Remembered* – being produced by Todd Wiseman, Jr.
A “Florida Cracker Cowboy Story” being produced by James Pitt
“The Crack of the Whip” being produced by Chris and Donna Moore
- 7:40 - 8:00 p.m. FCCA General Session & Business Meeting
- 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. . . Open Microphone for Members to tell the group about their program
- 8:30 - p.m. Fundraiser Auction of “Cracker Stuff”

SATURDAY, October 3, 2026 at the Sumter Co. Livestock Market

- 10:00 - 11:55 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 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
- BUYERS GET YOUR REGISTRATION PAPERS FROM THE FCCA Volunteers

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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