Opportunities on the Small Farm and Backyard with Livestock

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Have you been bitten by the new “craze” in Florida?
Growing Your Own Food in Florida
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Acreage actually decreased, so these are new small farms.

2000 • 20 new farms

2010 • 75 new farms
Why raise your own meat?

Safer?
- Yes, possibly

Better for you?
- Yes, possibly

Cheaper
- Not always

Easier
- Probably not
So what’s the biggest, driving reason?

LIFESTYLE
Bigger Issue

Economic survival of the unemployed and underemployed
Options

Own

Lease

Rent

Share

Borrow
Available Resources

Natural Resources
- Land
- Water

Educational Resources
- Field Days
- Workshops
- University of Florida
- Internet
- Private Classes
- Mentor
- Partner

Energy Resources
- Electricity
- Solar
- Feed
Additional Needs

- Financial
- Experience
- Knowledge
- Upbringing
- Circumstances
- Desire
- Assistance
- Associations
- Private companies
Home Flock
Goats
Pork
Beef
Lamb
Exotic Tilapia
A Small Business Plan

- Labor
- Finances
- Processing
- Productivity
  and
- Marketing
Remember . . .

most of all, it’s a chosen lifestyle!