



# **Agriculture/Animal Emergency Response Conferences**



**North, Central and  
South Florida**

## Florida's Agriculture and Animals at Risk

- ▶ Florida has been called an agricultural “sentinel state” because if an agricultural disease introduction, or agro-terrorist event occurs in the United States there is a good chance it will occur first in Florida!
- ▶ Florida has over 75 million tourists visiting annually; of which 6 million arrive from foreign countries
- ▶ Florida's borders are truly porous with 14 major seaports, 131 public airports and 20 commercial airports; of which 13 handle international flights
- ▶ Florida is the target of more hurricanes than any other state
- ▶ Florida has been struck by destructive hurricanes over 34 times in the last 50 years
- ▶ Florida is a high-risk state for flood, drought and wildfires
- ▶ Because of these natural and man-made disasters, Florida's 13 billion dollar agricultural industry is oftentimes at risk

## Purpose and Introduction

Federal, State and Local partners have joined forces to protect Florida's agriculture and animal industries. By pooling our experiences and resources, we have been able to identify needed tools that will ensure a quicker, more unified, and effective response to natural disasters and emergency situations on all levels.

The State Agricultural Response Team, also known as SART, is an interagency, coordinated effort dedicated to effectively communicate and plan for animal and agricultural-related emergencies and disasters that affect Florida. SART's mission is to develop and implement procedures and train participants to facilitate a safe, environmentally sound and efficient response to animal and agricultural emergencies on the county and state levels.

## Who Should Attend

- Emergency Management Personnel
- Producers
- Veterinarians
- County Extension Agents
- County Supervisors
- District Conservationists
- Animal Control Officers
- DART Members
- Agricultural-related Retailers
- County Executive Directors
- SART Members
- Agricultural-related Law Enforcement
- Public Health Personnel
- Animal Health Personnel
- Plant Health Personnel
- Humane Society Personnel
- Agricultural-related Educators

# 2005

## CONFERENCE DATES

### State Agricultural Response Team (SART) Conferences:

- CENTRAL FLORIDA: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2 to 12 noon, Friday, March 4
- SOUTH FLORIDA: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 20 to 12 noon, Friday, April 22
- NORTH FLORIDA: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18 to 12 noon, Friday, May 20

### Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) Conferences:

- CENTRAL FLORIDA: 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 4 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 6
- SOUTH FLORIDA: 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 22 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 24
- NORTH FLORIDA: 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 20 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22

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## CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

### CENTRAL FLORIDA ◀

Osceola County Extension Services, Osceola Heritage Park  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL (PH: 321-697-3000)  
<http://ohpark.com/extension.asp>

### SOUTH FLORIDA ◀

University of Florida  
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences  
Everglades Research and Education Center  
3200 E. Palm Beach Road  
Belle Glade, FL (PH: 561-993-1500)  
<http://erec.ifas.ufl.edu>

### NORTH FLORIDA ◀

The Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services  
Conner Administration Building,  
George Eyster Auditorium  
3125 Conner Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL (PH: 850-414-9499)

## Sponsoring Organizations

- State Agricultural Response Team (SART)
- The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
- University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine
- USDA, Farm Service Agency
- USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services
- Southern Plant Diagnostic Network
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Florida Veterinary Medical Association
- Florida Farm Bureau
- The Humane Society of the United States Southeast Region
- Florida Animal Control Association

## What is a SART Conference?

The State Agricultural Response Team (SART) conference is designed to familiarize participants with situations and background information on animal and agriculturally-related emergency management issues. This information will better prepare participants to assist at the local level in preparedness and response to an animal or agricultural disaster.

### **SART Conference Topics:**

- 2004 Hurricane Season Response Efforts
- Incident Command System for Beginners
- Foreign Animal Disease Detection for the Layman
- Emergency Animal Housing - Pet Friendly Shelters Overview
- Evidence Collection for Dummies
- Plant Overview: What Are Plants Good For?
- Farm Service Agency: Issues the Producer Needs to Know
- Biosecurity on the Farm: Pesticide, Fertilizer and Disease Security Issues
- Aquaculture Overview - A Fishy Subject
- County ESF17 Plans and Review
- The State Emergency Operation Center TRACKER® Program
- Quarantine Concerns for Animal, Plant, and Aquaculture Products

### **Animal Breakout Sessions:**

Case Studies in Foreign Animal Disease and Bioterrorism (Foot and Mouth Disease and BSE)  
Emergency Animal Treatment and Care for the Layman and First Responder

### **Aquaculture Breakout Sessions:**

Emerging Aquaculture Diseases and Status of Endemic Diseases  
Emergency Management of Aquaculture Facilities

### **Plant Breakout Sessions:**

Emerging Exotic Insect and Related Arthropod Issues  
Emerging Exotic Plant Pathogen Issues  
Quality and Secure Sample Submission of High Risk and / or Select Agent Pests

### **Companion Animal Breakout Sessions:**

Disaster Planning for Animals  
Damage Assessment for Animal Issues  
Community Planning for Animals

*The conference sessions are from:*

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Friday

*There is a sponsored networking session Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.*



## What is a DART Conference?

This conference provides an intensive 24-hour course designed to familiarize participants with situations and background information necessary to become an effective responder to assist in the animal relief effort in a disaster. The class includes two days of mixed classroom/hands-on instruction and a half-day hands-on emergency response scenario. After completion of the DART, graduates will have a basic understanding of disaster response for animals, including rescue, transport, and sheltering; safety, law, communications, media relations, and damage assessment; small and large animal handling and first aid; and the HSUS disaster response system. You will also be in a position to help develop local DART teams in your area and be prepared for additional conference activities with the HSUS Disaster Program.

### **DART Conference Topics:**

- Introduction to Disasters
- Disaster Planning for Animals and Your Personal Plan
- Response and the Law
- Damage Assessment and Safety
- Disaster Stress Management
- Emergency Pet Shelters
- Communications and Alert Systems
- Public Relations
- Large and Small Animal Handling and First Aid

*The conference sessions are from:*

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

# Lodging & Accommodations

Several hotel and motel establishments are available in each training location to provide guest room accommodations throughout each course. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel guest room reservations.

## **Tallahassee:** ◀

- Hampton Inn – 2979 Apalachee Pkwy., 1.5 miles from meeting site, 850-309-1300
- La Quinta – 2850 Apalachee Pkwy., 1.5 miles from meeting site, 850-878-5099
- Quality Inn – 2020 Apalachee Pkwy., 2 miles from meeting site, 850-877-4437
- Best Western Pride Inn and Suites – 2016 Apalachee Pkwy., 3 miles from meeting site, 850-656-6312

## **Kissimmee:** ◀

- Howard Johnson Kissimmee – 2323 E. Hwy. 192, 1-2 miles from meeting site, 407-846-4900
- Quality Inn Conference Center – 2050 E. Irlo Bronson Hwy., 2 miles from meeting site, 407-846-4545
- Best Western Maingate East – 4018 W. Vine St., 8-15 miles from meeting site, 407-870-2000
- Ramada Inn Kissimmee Downtown – 2009 W. Vine St., 8-15 miles from meeting site, 407-846-2713

## **Belle Glade:** ◀

- Best Western – 1020 West Sugarland Hwy./US 27, Clewiston, 18 miles from meeting site, 863-983-3400
- Clewiston Inn – 108 Royal Palm Ave., Clewiston, 18 miles from meeting site, 863-983-8151
- Royal Inn – 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach, 25 miles from meeting site, 561-793-3000

## Conference Contact Information

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# SART/DART CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Project #2004-21

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

As seating space in each conference is limited, please register **NO LATER THAN** two weeks prior to each conference date. Should you need to cancel your registration, please notify us no later than **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** so that another registrant may fill your seat.

**1. There is no fee to participate in these conferences**

**2. Register ON-LINE at: [www.flsart.org](http://www.flsart.org).**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you register on-line by going to [www.flsart.org](http://www.flsart.org). If you do not have access to the Internet, you may FAX this completed form to: (352) 392-9734.

Or, you may mail this completed form to:

**SART/DART Conferences**

c/o UF/IFAS Office of Conferences & Institutes

P.O. Box 110750

Gainesville, FL 32611-0750

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## 3. Conference Program Selection

You may register to attend the SART Conference, the DART Conference or **BOTH** conferences. Be sure to select consecutive dates. **There is no registration fee to attend.**

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Participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting Dr. Greg Christy, State ESF-17 Coordinator, at least 10 working days prior to the training program. He can be reached by telephone at (850) 410-0902, by fax at (850) 410-0957, or by E-mail at [christg@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:christg@doacs.state.fl.us) -OR- if you are hearing impaired, you can reach him by calling the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). NOTE: The TDD number can only be accessed from within the State of Florida.

**Registration Questions? Call (352) 392-5930**