

Welcome to UF/IFAS!

Joining a new team is exciting, but it can take time to figure out where things are and what's happening across an organization as large as ours. Here are five first steps to get plugged in quickly.

1. Get Found:

Fill in your profile in the [UF/IFAS Directory](#)

so people can find you, and you can find them. (Bookmark this page!) [Sign in](#) under the My Directory tab to update your profile photo, name pronunciation, specialty, any other languages spoken, web/social media links, ORCID, and be sure to subscribe to the UF/IFAS Announce mailing list by clicking the box on your profile. Contact your [unit liaison](#) if you are not in the Directory database.

2. Learn what others are doing:

Subscribe to the [UF/IFAS Blog](#): <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/global/> Subscribe button is at the top right. Select All Categories, and you will receive a daily digest of what has been published each day from experts around UF/IFAS. A quick scan of the digest and you'll know what others are communicating about.

3. Prepare for outreach:

If you have a **department/unit communicator**, be sure to reach out and learn how to get connected to their social media and newsletters. Introduce yourself to your [regional public relations specialist](#) so they know you and what you do.

4. Get answers:

Visit [Ask IFAS, the UF/IFAS Extension publication website](#). There are more than 6,000 pages of peer reviewed material on hundreds of topics. It's an easy way to find great information and authors, but also helpful if you're new to Florida! (We have a lot of critters here...)

5. Join the conversation:

You'll find lots of your colleagues on social media, and you can connect by following **UF/IFAS** on these platforms:

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https://twitter.com/UF_IFAS
- » Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/UFIFASNews>
- » LinkedIn
<https://www.linkedin.com/school/ufifas>
- » Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/ufifas_solutions
- » YouTube
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