

## Administration Office

Faith Farm Ministries

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### NEED STATEMENT: OKEECHOBEE HAY OPERATION

**DESCRIPTION:** The Okeechobee campus of Faith Farm is located on a working cattle ranch of 1,500 acres; 1,000 acres is used for pasture land for grazing livestock; 500 acres is protected wetlands and developed property containing citrus groves, and ministry buildings. On average we have the following livestock on our farm:

- 200 Holstein dairy bull calves - black and white in color.
- 170 Angus beef Cattle - black in color. A very small percentage of these are Angus mixed with Brahman and a few Charolais.
- 30 Bradford beef cattle which is a special Florida breed; red in color for heat tolerance.

In conjunction with cattle operations and subject to funding, Faith Farm intends to farm up to 850 acres of “Jiggs” Bermuda Grass as a new student run microenterprise. (See attached University of Florida, Jiggs Bermuda Grass article.) Harvests will be sold to the numerous horse ranches throughout the State of Florida.

**BENEFIT:** Preparing the pastures for the cutting and selling of hay with a protein content 3 times that of normal hay. In addition to being used for cattle grazing, this new microenterprise would broaden and diversify our income source, as well as make the land use more efficient. The increase of income from the sale of hay would allow us to continue to support our free drug and alcohol regeneration program. Note that the hay will feature rectangular bales versus large round bales due to increased price, it is preferred by the horse industry and will maximize available labor at Faith Farm.

#### Google Map of Okeechobee Farm



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## Estimated Costs for 850 Acre Scenario

Well & Pump Drilled and Installed	\$125,000
Irrigation Pivot - 2100'	\$175,000
Irrigation Pivot - 1650'	\$145,000
4WD Tractor& 4WD Tractor/Loader	\$135,000
5 Farm/Work Vehicles	\$ 250,000
Semi Truck	\$ 75,000
Flatbed Trailer with Forklift	\$ 45,000
F550 Pickup with Flatbed Gooseneck Trailer	\$ 65,000
Disk Harrow	\$ 10,000
Side-Pull Rotary Mower-Conditioner	\$ 30,000
Silage Special Round Baler	\$ 37,000
Flex-Wing Rotary Cutter	\$ 20,000
Fertilizer Spreader	\$ 10,000
Radio Tower/Antenna Installed	\$ 20,000
Radios for communication      12 @ \$250	\$ 3,000
Pasture prep to include disking, fertilizing and planting @ \$500 per acre	\$425,000
Contingency	\$130,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,000</b>



**Jiggs Bermuda Grass grown in Indiantown, Florida**



**Jiggs Bermuda Grass close up**

**RECOGNITION:** Customized recognition available.

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**OTHER KEY INFORMATION:** [EIN#:59-0774188](https://www.ecfa.org/ein/59-0774188)

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