

## FORAGE SUITABILITY GROUP

### Loamy and Clayey Soils on Stream Terraces, Flood Plains or in Depressions

**FSG No.: G152AA345FL**

**Major Land Resource Area (MLRA 152A):**

Eastern Gulf Coast Flatwoods

**Map Unit List\***

- Brickyard and Chowan soils, frequently flooded
- Brickyard clay loam, frequently flooded
- Brickyard silty clay, frequently flooded
- Chobee-Bradenton complex, frequently flooded
- Meggett fine sandy loam, occasionally flooded
- Mouzon-Rawhide, depressional complex
- Pantego and Bayboro soils, depressional
- Pantego sandy loam (FL005)
- Rawhide mucky loamy fine sand, depressional
- Wehadkee-Meggett complex, frequently flooded

**\*NOTE: Some members do not identify flooding or depressional in the map unit name but are subject to flooding or ponding. In these cases, please refer to the water features data on the Web Soil Survey or Soil Data Mart. Information in parenthesis refers to soil survey code where map unit occurs.**

**Adapted Species List**

The native forage species listed are considered adapted to grow on the soils in this group at their natural pH levels. All introduced grasses will need native pH raised to min. 5.5 (unless noted) for best production. Consult with

state extension service for current cultivar or germplasm recommendations

[\(http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/foragesofflorida/\)](http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/foragesofflorida/).

**Perennial Species:**

Grasses

Warm season (Introduced)

- Limpograss (*Hemarthria altissima*)

Warm season (Native)

- Maidencane (*Panicum hemitomon*)
- Blue Maidencane (*Amphicarpum muhlenbergianum*)

**Annual Species:**

Grasses

Warm season

- Japanese Millet (*Echinochloa esculenta*)

Legumes

Warm season

- Aeschynomene (*Aeschynomene americana*)

**Seasonal and Total Production Estimates**

Unless previously drained, soils in this FSG have very few forage species adapted to their seasonal high water table (1 to 2 feet above the soil surface). If previously drained see forage list and discussion with FSG G152AA341FL.

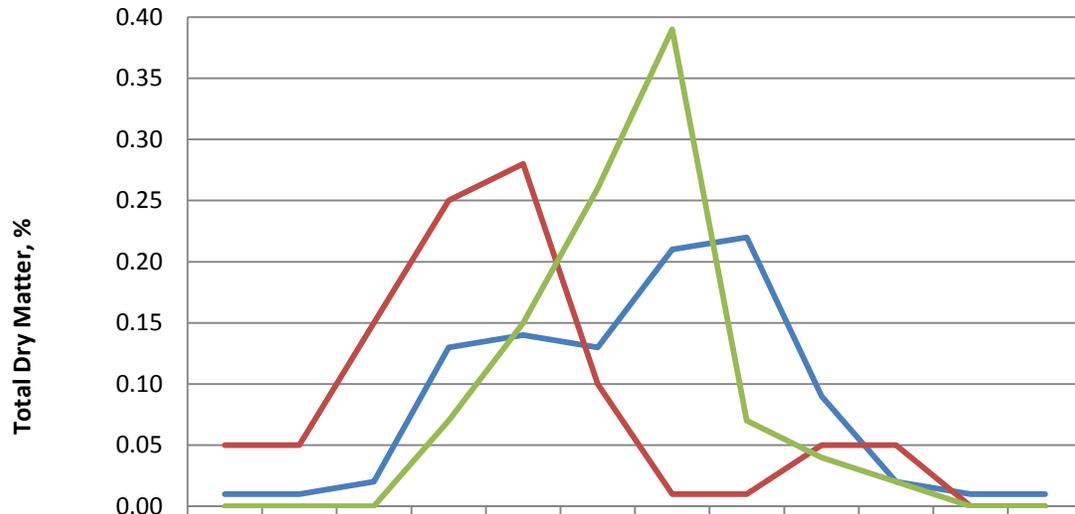
Expected Range in Dry Matter Production and Animal Unit Months (AUM) for Different Forages				
Forage	Range in Dry Matter, lbs/acre		Range in AUM/acre†	
Limpograss (≈400 lb N/acre) <sup>3,5</sup>	8,000	13,000	5.1	8.2
Maidencane <sup>1#</sup>	5,000	6,700	3.2	4.3
Blue Maidencane <sup>1#</sup>	2,100	2,500	1.3	1.6
Japanese Millet <sup>2</sup>	4,000	6,000	2.5	3.8
Aeschynomene <sup>4</sup>	2,000	3,000	1.3	1.9

†Animal Unit Month based on 50% grazing efficiency and 2.6% intake per day.

#Superscript numbers refer to references.

#Dry matter estimated based on the assumption air dried yield in reference had ≈16% moisture.

### Growth Curves and Dry Matter Distribution for FSG 345



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
— Limpograss	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.21	0.22	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.01
— Maidencane	0.05	0.05	0.15	0.25	0.28	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.05	0	0
— Japanese Millet	0	0	0	0.07	0.15	0.26	0.39	0.07	0.04	0.02	0	0

## Physiographic Features

Dominantly very deep, nearly level, poorly drained or very poorly drained soils formed in loamy and clayey marine deposits or alluvial deposits. These soils are on flood plains, or in depressions of marine terraces. Diagnostic subsurface horizon is an argillic horizon above 20 inches. A few members have either a mollic or umbric horizon. The organic matter content of the surface layer is dominantly medium or high. Unless limed, the reaction in the surface layer ranges from extremely acid to neutral.

## Climatic Features

**Freeze-free period (>28° F 9 years in 10 at least):**  
 averages 268 d (range 243-295 d)

**Length of growing season (>32° F 9 years in 10 at least):** averages 235 d (range 206-267 d)

**Annual minimum temperature (° F in month of January):**  
 averages 53.7 (range 49.0-64.5)

**USDA Plant Hardiness Zone:**  
 8b (15-20° F, Tallahassee)  
 9a (20-25° F, Gainesville)

**Mean annual precipitation (inches):**  
 averages 60.77 (range 52.83-69.20)

## Soil Properties

**Percent Slope:** 0 to 2 percent

**Surface Texture:** Dominantly sandy loam, fine sandy loam, loam, clay, fine sand, loamy sand, loamy fine sand, and their mucky analogs. A few members are sand, very fine sandy loam, silt loam, sandy clay loam, clay loam, silty clay loam, and sandy clay.

**Sand Content of Surface Layer:** 26 to 95 percent

**Clay Content of Surface Layer:** 5 to 74 percent

**Organic Matter Content of Surface Layer:** 1 to 20 percent

**Cation Exchange Capacity of Surface Layer (meq/100g):**  
 1.3 to 54.4

**Effective Cation Exchange Capacity of Surface Layer (meq/100g):** 2.4 to 72.1

**Bulk Density of Surface Layer (g/cc):** 1.3 to 1.68

**Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity of Surface Layer:**  
 Moderate to very rapid

**Soil Reaction of Surface Layer:** 3.5 to 7.3

**Available Water Capacity (0 to 30 inches):** 0.2 to 6.0 inch per inch

**Depth to Finer Textured Material:** Less than 20 inches

**Depth to Bedrock:** Greater than 80 inches. Some members have bedrock at less than 80 inches.

**Drainage Class (Agronomic):** Very poorly, poorly

**Depth to Seasonal High Water Table (during wet periods):** 1.0 to 2.0 feet above the surface

**Flooding:** If flooded, frequent or occasional with brief to very long duration

**Ponding:** If ponded, Long or very long duration

## Monthly precipitation (inches) and temperature (F):

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Precip avg</b>	5.25	4.28	5.67	3.52	3.78	6.20	7.82	7.44	5.82	3.46	3.54	3.75
<b>Avg Min</b>	40.5	43.0	48.9	83.7	62.0	66.9	71.6	71.4	68.1	57.1	49.0	43.2
<b>Avg Temp</b>	53.7	56.7	62.7	68.1	75.3	80.8	82.6	82.3	79.4	70.6	62.6	55.8
<b>Avg Max</b>	64.1	67.3	73.3	79.1	85.6	90.1	91.3	90.9	88.3	81.2	73.3	66.2

## Climate Station Locations (averages from 1971 to 2000; see Appendix 1)

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State Correlation: (NA)

### Forage Suitability Group Approval:



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<b>Appendix 1: Climate Station Locations</b>		
<b>COOP ID (FL=08)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>
3230	Fountain	Bay
6842	Panama City	Bay
2008	Cross City	Dixie
3855	Pensacola Sherman NAS	Escambia
6997	Pensacola Regional Air.	Escambia
211	Apalachicola	Franklin
9566	Wewahitchka	Gulf
5539	Mayo	LaFayette
8758	Tallahassee Mun. Air.	Leon
9120	Usher Tower	Levy
5275	Madison	Madison
6240	Niceville	Okaloosa
3841	Whiting Field NAS	Santa Rosa
5099	Live Oak	Suwannee
7025	Perry	Taylor
8565	Steinhatchee	Taylor