

IFAS faculty are committed to conserving vehicle fuel and maximizing the resource of existing vehicles in their work and travel. Further, IFAS Faculty are committed to doing their work in the most sustainable, efficient and effective way.

IFAS Faculty have multiple obligations in many parts of the state that require the use of vehicles ranging from automobiles, trucks (large and small) and many kinds of trailers. It would be difficult to prepare a broad UNIVERSITY policy that would be fair and equitable to each IFAS Faculty member given their multiple duties and responsibilities that are beyond classroom and laboratory campus settings.

IFAS DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND CENTER DIRECTORS, in consultation with faculty, are in the best position to develop a plan that would both accommodate the University Sustainability goals and the needs of IFAS Faculty. Furthermore, the same likely applies to other colleges and units within the University.

THEREFORE WE PROPOSE THAT representative unit administrators and faculty from IFAS and similarly affected Colleges and units be allowed to prepare a vehicle usage plan that IS consistent with UNIVERSITY POLICY AND the overall goals to improve efficiency and conserve energy, while respecting the value of Faculty time, and our commitment to scholarly activity in fulfillment of the Land Grant Mission of the University of Florida.