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MIKE STRAIN DVM, COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: A YEAR IN REVIEW



Merry Christmas, everybody. It has been another wonderful year at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The holiday season is a great time to reflect, not just on the past year, but on our many blessings. I am once again grateful for my family, friends, and the opportunity to serve the people of Louisiana.

We are closing out 2024 on a high note. We managed to avoid the past years' devastating events like wildfires, drought, and, amazingly, hurricanes. We have plenty to be grateful for. Here are a few notes from each office in review of 2024:

Office of Agricultural Environment Sciences

Our Office of Agricultural Environment Services (AES) saw many updates over the past year. In the Horticulture and Quarantine Programs, the Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Program (BWEP) teamed up with the Texas Boll Weevil Program to install a new mapping/trapping program for the State of Louisiana. This program provides real-time mapping and trapping data with the ability to use GPS to mark every cotton field and boll weevil trap in the state. This capability is a great asset to our program, especially trapping. The Horticulture Division hosted the annual Horticultural Inspection Society-Southern Chapter (HIS-SC) meeting in Baton Rouge this year. Over 50 participants from approximately 13 states were in attendance to discuss various pests that threaten our plant industries. Our Administrative Program Coordinator for Nursery and Apiary Programs, Mark Earl, was nominated to serve as President of HIS-SC for 2024-2025.

The 2022-2024 Apprenticeship Project for Growing New Beekeepers in Louisiana was completed in September of this year. LDAF sponsored five high schools with \$10,000 in beekeeping resources to establish an apiary at each. The majority of the schools were able to harvest honey from their projects, and some of the schools even sold the honey to support their FFA programs.

After many years of communication between LDAF and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture, the sweet potato pink tag area in Mississippi was expanded from 3 counties to 25.

This resulted from a 2-year survey performed by Mississippi State University that included trapping the entire state for sweet potato weevils. This is a significant achievement that will benefit the pink-tag growers in our state.

Our Seed and Industrial Hemp Programs continue to engage with Louisiana's producers to keep the importance of seed quality at the forefront of their business operations and to ensure the availability of high-quality seed products through seed sampling and testing and field inspections. The Industrial Hemp Program staff is completing the fifth year of licensing and regulating the hemp industry in Louisiana. The staff continued to represent the department at various industry-sponsored events throughout 2024, most notably at the Agricultural Water Management Field Day at the LSU AgCenter Red River Research Station and as part of an Industrial Hemp Discussion Panel at the first annual Louisiana Sustainability Conference in Vidalia, La.

AES' Pesticide and Environmental Programs launched a new Structural Pest Control Monthly Reporting website in November 2024, designed to simplify and enhance the way pest control businesses submit their monthly reports. This innovative online platform enables users to easily submit reports, make payments via credit card or ACH, and receive invoices directly from the site, all while ensuring that critical data is centralized for improved management and oversight.

And finally, the Agricultural Chemistry Program's laboratory ran a total of 8,815 samples during the year. For the Fertilizer & Lime Programs, a total of 1,787 samples were collected and submitted for analysis.

Office of Agro-Consumer Services

The Weights and Measures Division of Agro-Consumer Services recently acquired an electric truck and secured an Electric Vehicle (EV) Supply Equipment test unit for testing the accuracy of EV chargers starting in 2025. With this addition, the program anticipates approximately 600 chargers being registered during this first year. The group also redesigned their approval seals to modernize their look and function. These new seals will be coming soon to a scale or gas pump near you. The group will also be working to make sure packages of imported seafood are not misleading the public in 2025. In coordination

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Avian Influenza found in Louisiana backyard flock; producers urged to take precautions

**MIKE STRAIN, DVM
COMMISSIONER**



Testing has confirmed a case of avian influenza in a backyard flock in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The backyard flock owner alerted the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry of increased mortality in the backyard flock. Following an investigation by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) and the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the non-commercial backyard flock (non-poultry).

Positive test results were confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Service Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. Preliminary testing was performed at the Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine which is a member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). This is the first case of HPAI in domestic birds in Louisiana during this outbreak, which began in February 2022.

The birds on the affected farm have been depopulated to prevent the spread of disease. Avian influenza does not affect poultry meat or egg products, which remain safe to eat when handled and cooked properly.

"The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has worked closely with animal health officials at both the federal and state levels and have successfully contained this incident of avian influenza," LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, said. "Fortunately, there are

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ALABAMA SE HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 19, 2024

Bermuda Large Round	Premium.....	\$200/ton
Bermuda Medium Round	Premium.....	\$150-\$200/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Premium.....	\$280-\$440/ton

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 13, 2024

Bermuda Large Round	Fair/Good	\$135-\$155/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Fair/Good	\$235-\$265/ton



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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET



- ACADIA**
Rayne Farmers Market
Frog Fest Pavilion,
210 Frog Fest Dr
2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM
- ALLEN**
Oberlin Farmers Market ●
228 West 6th Ave
Wed 9AM-1PM
- ASCENSION**
Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market
39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales
Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM
April-Aug, Oct-Dec
Riverside Farmers Market of ●
LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd
Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun
10AM-2PM
- ASSUMPTION**
Barcelo Gardens Farmers ●
Market, 211 Franklin Ave,
Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM
- AVOUELLES**
Marksville Farmers Market
122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun
- BEAUREGARD**
DeRidder Farmers Market ●
206 N. Washington Ave
Daily 7AM-6PM
- BOSSIER**
Barksdale Market
3226 Barksdale Blvd
Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun
Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM
Bossier City Farmers Market
2950 E Texas St
Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov
- CADDO**
Greenwood Farmers Market ●
William Peters Town Park,
9381 Greenwood Rd
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug
Shreveport Farmers Market
River front at Festival Plaza
Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug
- CALCASIEU**
Cash & Carry Farmers Market ●
801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake
Charles, Corner of Broad &
Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM
Charlestown Farmers Market
Bilbo St. behind old City Hall
Sat 8AM-12PM
Iowa Farmers Market
115 N. Thompson,
Sat, 9AM-1PM
Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters,
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy
Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct
- CALDWELL**
Columbia Farmers Market ●
Main Street
Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July
- CLAIBORNE**
Harvest Time Homer ●
W Main & N 2nd St
Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct
- CONCORDIA**
Delta Farmers Market ●
405 Carter St, Vidalia
Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze
- EAST BATON ROUGE**
Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ●
Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge
Sat 8AM-12PM
Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ●
Pennington Biomedical
(Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM
Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ●
7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge
Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-
Dec
Red Stick Farmers Mobile ●
Market, ExxonMobil YMCA,
7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge
Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-
Nov
Zachary Famers & Artisans ●
Market, Memorial Park
Sat 10AM-2PM
- EVANGELINE**
Ville Platte Farmers Market
East Main St, May-Aug, Fri
4-6PM
- GRANT**
Colfax Farmers Market ●
8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov
- IBERIA**
Delcambre Farmers Market ●
605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330)
1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec
Da Berry Fresh Market ●
520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia
Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM
Teche Area Farmers Market ●
102 W Main St. Boulligny Plaza
Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM
- IBERVILLE**
St. Gabriel Farmers Market
3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74
3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM
- JEFFERSON**
Rotary Grand Isle Farmers
Market, Oak Lane
2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM
Gretna Farmers Market ●
Huey P. Long Ave
Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM
Harahan Farmers Market ●
501 Oak Ave @ Wilson &
Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM
Crescent City #1
2614 Jefferson @ Maine St.
(Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul
- Crescent City #2
325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy.
@ the Lake (Bucktown)
Fri 3-7PM
Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ●
Market, 3000 Downs Blvd,
Metairie
Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM
Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM
- JEFFERSON DAVIS**
Coushatta Farmers Market
Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton
1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun
Main Street Farmers Market
1333 Elton Rd, Jennings
Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec
Welsh Farmers Market
103 W. Grove St
Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept
- LAFAYETTE**
Acadiana Farmers Market ●
801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St,
Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round
Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea
Market, 3011 NW Evangeline
Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun
10AM-5PM
Farmers & Artisans Market ●
Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St,
Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM
- LAFOURCHE**
Lafourche Central Market
4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland
Sat 9AM-12PM
- LASALLE**
Olla Town Square Market ●
2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM,
May-Aug 11
Town of Tullos Farmers' Market
Corner of S Main & Park St
Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28
- LINCOLN**
Ruston Farmer's Market ●
220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM
- LIVINGSTON**
Four Seasons Farmers Market ●
Sat 8AM-12PM
Livingston Farmers Market
215 Florida St, Denham Springs
Sat 7AM-12PM
- MADISON**
Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ●
404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65
Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec
Tallulah Farmers Market #2
Court House Square
Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec
- MOREHOUSE**
Morehouse Parish Market
305 E Madison, Bastrop
Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM
- NATCHITOCHES**
Natchitoches River Front, Sat
8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov
Natchitoches Farmers Market
Mobile Market #1 (City Park)
Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,
Oct-Nov
Natchitoches Mobile Farmers
Market #2 (Riverbank)
Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,
Oct-Nov
- ORLEANS**
Barcelo Gardens ●
2301 Gallier St,
Sat 10AM-1PM
Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — UPTOWN New
Orleans, 200 Broadway
Tues 8AM - 12PM
Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — MID-CITY New
Orleans, Lafitte Greenway
Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway
Thurs 3PM - 7PM
Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — CITY PARK New
Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium
Marconi @ Navarre
Sun 8 AM - 12PM
- OUACHITA**
Monroe Farmers Market ●
1200 Washington St
Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov
W Monroe Farmers Market ●
1700 North 7th St
Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct
- RAPIDES**
Alexandria Farmers Market ●
2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM
Boyce Farmers' Market
627 Pacific Ave, Wed 3-6PM
Cabrinis Farmers Market
2211 Texas Ave, Alexandria
Sat 9AM-12PM
- RICHLAND**
Delhi Farmers Market
1104 Broadway St
Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov
- ST. CHARLES**
German Coast #1 ●
St. Charles Parish Library,
160 West Campus Dr,
Destrehan
Sat 8AM-12PM
German Coast #2 ●
West Bank Bridge Park
13825 River Rd, Luling
Wed 1-5PM
- ST. HELENA**
St. Helena Parish Farmers ●
Market, 6032 LA-10,
Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM
- ST. LANDRY**
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St, Hwy 190,
Opelousas, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-
11AM, Apr-Nov
- Eunice Farmers Market
Second St & Park Ave
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov
- ST. MARTIN**
Stephensville Market Rec Park
3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City
2nd Sat, 10AM
- ST. MARY**
Berwick Town Market
Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St
3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun &
Sept-Dec)
- ST. TAMMANY**
Abita Springs Art & Farmers ●
Market, 22049 Main St
Sun 11AM - 3 PM
Covington Farmers Market ●
609 North Columbia St
Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM
Mandeville Trailhead Market ●
675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM
Pearl River Farmers Market
& Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41
1st Sat 8AM-2 PM
Camellia City Farmers Market ●
2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking
Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM
- TANGIPAHOA**
Hammond Market ●
Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave,
Sat 8AM-12PM
- TENSAS**
St. Joseph Tailgate Market
Gazebo on Plank Rd
Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day
- TERREBONNE**
Cajun Farmers Market of ●
Houma, Naquin St & Martin L
King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM
- VERMILION**
Abbeville Farmers Market ●
Magdalen Sq, Abbeville
Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19,
Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM
Kaplan Farmers Market
Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave
2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM
- VERNON**
Leesville Farmers Market
S. 3rd St
Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM
- WASHINGTON**
Franklinton Farmers Market ●
Washington St & 15th Ave
Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM
- WEST FELICIANA**
St. Francisville Market ●
9961 Wilcox St
Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall
- WINN**
Winn Farmers Market ●
301 West Main, Winnfield
Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out

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- Domesticated birds
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- Pigeons
- Poultry & fowl
- Rabbits
- Sheep & goats
- Swine

AQUACULTURE

EQUIPMENT

- Contractor equipment
- Equipment services for hire
- Hay equipment
- Lawn equipment
- Pickers & harvesters
- Planting & tillage
- Trailers & wagons
- Other ag equipment

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER

FOOD

- Eggs
- Fruits & vegetables
- Honey
- Jams & jellies
- From the farm

HAY & GRAIN

HOBBIES & LEISURE

- Crafts & woodwork
- Sewing & fabrics

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

- Fishing & tackle
- Guns & accessories
- Leases & memberships
- Miscellaneous hunt/fish/camp

LUMBER & SAWING

PLANTS & GARDEN

- Seeds, flowers, & ornamentals
- Trees & fruiting vines

REAL ESTATE

SERVICES

- Equine services
- Farm services
- Livestock boarding
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- Stallion service

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Enjoy a unique video and education on family roots and crops that we farm today, then a bus tour to see all things happening on the farm during sugarcane harvest, after there will be crafts to take home and tasty treats to try, come

experience the truth and joy of what we do. Limited spots for certain dates, private tours available upon request, minimum of 20 people, call for scheduling and pricing. Four Oaks Farm, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-3221.



Honey Do Farms are offering Western lessons, ages 4 & up, we supply everything, summer camps & birthday parties. Kori Schexnayder, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; (337) 668-4777 or (337) 316-4619.

ANIMALS

CATTLE

ATTENTION bull sellers and buyers: All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 18 months for sale in Louisiana must have a current negative trichomoniasis test from an accredited veterinarian before they may be sold. Virgin bulls must have a breeder's certification of virgin status signed by the breeder, the breeder's agent, or an accredited veterinarian. For more information, contact LDAF Animal Health Services and Food Safety at (225) 925-3980 or visit the LDAF website at www.ldaf.la.gov.

REMINDER: Have all your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age been vaccinated against brucellosis? For information, contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, parish Cattlemen's Association, or parish Farm Bureau.

ANGUS

PB Black Angus Bull, 6 months old, \$1,200. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

Eight 2-year-old registered Black Angus virgin bulls, low birth weight, top genetics, big bone and muscle, one breeding season guaranteed, \$5,000. Earl Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-5503.

BRAHMAN

PB Brahman cow, 4 years old, gentle, good milk bag, very good bloodline, \$1,500. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (979) 479-0929.

PB Brahman bull, 18 months, \$1,000. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (979) 479-0929.

BRANGUS

3-year-old Brangus Heifer for sale, about 800lbs, on feed and hay, ready to be bred, \$1,500. Justin, Moss Bluff, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 304-5463.

Ten Brangus/ Baldie heifers, gentle, 16-18 months old, 750 lb average, exposed to Angus bull for 90 days, worked and wormed, \$1,800 each or \$17,500 for all (preferred). Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

CHAROLAIS

Charolais bulls, breeding age, BSE and Trich negative 9/19/24, \$4,500 per bull. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

DAIRY

WANTED: Bred Jersey heifer. Leroy Arabie, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (985) 665-9773.

HEREFORD

Registered Miniature Hereford Heifer and Bull calf, up to date on vaccines, cosmetically dehorned, sire and dam on site, \$3,000 each. Blaire LeBlanc, Saint Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 931-3450.

5 Registered polled Hereford bulls, sire is RLeader 6964, bulls born February 2023, fertility tested, sound and excellent EPDs, \$3,500 each. Denny Schenck, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 606-5797.

Registered polled Hereford bull, born March of 2023, thick, deep bodied bulls, outstanding pedigree, excellent EPDs, fertility tested and sound breeder, sire is out of R Leader and on site for viewing, \$3,500. James, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-6101.

OTHER

Scottish Highland Bull baby, should be black, 6-months-old, \$1,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

WAGYU

Registered PBB three year old virgin bulls, U85341 and U85342, also have younger bulls with great bloodlines available, \$4,000. John Murphy, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 912-0389.

DOGS

NRTA Reg. Rat Terrier puppies, farm dogs, DNA testing, vet health certificate cleared by parents, call for availability, \$600. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 588-5757.

Heeler puppies born Oct. 27, red and blue, working parents on site, \$300 each. Al Reames, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-1673.

Free, one white and black male Pitbull, less than a year old, one male half German Shepard, 1-2 years old. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-3826.

AKC Registered German Shepherd, 10-month-old female, black and tan, \$300. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Registered AKC Border Collie, has glass eyes, for breeding, call for pricing. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Mountain Cur Squirrel dog, hunts, trails and trees, \$800. Brenda, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Shih Tzu Christmas puppies, cute and fluffy, 4 boys, black and white and fawn color, ready in four weeks, no shots or papers, \$600 each. Cherry Taylor and Kermit Richard, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 349-7414.

AKC Belgian Malinois pups, excellent bloodlines, well socialized, easily trained, great family protection dogs, \$2,000.

Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

Christmas sale, 2 beautiful Red-Bi male Australian Shepherd puppies, both parents are AKC, super sweet smart pups, will meet or deliver, text first, \$1,000. Daisy, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (281) 413-7754.

Rat Terrier pups, born 10/18/24, small type, shots and wormed, \$250. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

NKC registered Feist pups, born April 9, 2024, started on squirrels, tails bobbed, shots and wormed, \$400. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Cur pups, OMCBA registered, born July 17, 2024, shots and wormed, \$200. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Beautiful 11-month-old Pyrenees/ Anatolian male, good around goats, call for more information, \$250 OBO. James Dillon, Oakdale, Rapides Parish; (318) 748-7796.

AKC German Rottweiler puppies born November 13, ready for Christmas, tails docked, dew claws removed, will have first shots and wormed, 5 males, 4 females, taking deposits, \$900. Janet White, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 625-4004.

Great Pyrenees puppies born 12/15/2024, ready Jan 26, 5 males, 3 females, \$100 deposit, \$250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Small CKC Registered Yorkie puppies, have shots, \$850, CKC Yorkiepoo puppies, ready for Christmas, \$800, taking deposits. Tommy Melancon, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 344-7634.

AKC German Shepherd puppies, 1st shots and wormed, \$400. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

9 Bourke parakeets, 2 rosy and 7 normals, all DNA tested, males, \$125 each. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 652-6614.

HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers, or persons selling on a commission basis. For all horses, mules, or jacks (except nursing foals), seller must provide to the buyer at the time of sale a copy of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale.

10-year-old saddle horse gelding, gentle and gaited, \$2,500. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-7127.

AQHA Mr San Peppy, OK Star, Highbrow Cat bloodlines, all ages and genders, call or text for pricing. David Yount, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 332-3565.

Foundation bred Quarter horses, imprint as foals, freeze branded, vaccinated, \$3,500 and up. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Registered AQHA 11year old mare, 14.3 hands, easy keeper, loves attention, not afraid of anything and loves kids brushing her etc., \$1,250. Kim, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-7167.

14-year-old quarter horse mare in foal, good papers, \$2,900. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

PIGEONS

Racing homing pigeons different breeds: Blue Bars and Blue Checks speed birds (Janssens), Black Eagles, Red and White and Black and White Blue Check Grizzle Trenton Birds and Muelemans, \$20 each. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 873-8440.

POULTRY & FOWL

India Blue male peacock, 10-months-old, \$100. Chester Lilly, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 491-2437.

Wood ducks, \$60 per pair, extra males \$25 each, Gadwall \$60 per pair, extra females \$25 each, Female Ring teal \$20 each, all 2024 hatch. Russell Bourgeois, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (985) 397-0070.

Silkie, Polish and Serama chicks, \$10-\$30 each, Silkie hatching eggs \$12 per dozen. Dianne Arndt, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 630-9558.

Pekin ducks, \$15 each, Flying Mallard ducks, \$30 a pair. Ray Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4566.

Blue Americana chicks, straight run, call or text for availability and pricing. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

Rhode Island Red Chicks Straight Run, call for pricing. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

One pair of IB peacocks is 7 months old, \$150. Vince Jordan, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 628-7636.

Baby Moscovy ducks, 3 weeks old, \$4. Vince Jordan, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 628-7636.

WANTED: Young Bantams trio. Richard Derouen, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 365-3786.

RABBITS

Netherland Dwarfs rabbits, whites, grays, blacks, black spotted whites, browns, \$20. Chester Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 783-3154.

SHEEP & GOATS

Registered African Pygmy goats, herd dispersal of various colors, ages, and sexes for pet, show, and breeding, \$50-500. Allison, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 884-8492.

Pb Dorpher ram, 10 months old, \$350. Blake Bertrand, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 665-0499.

9-month-old white Boer/ Saanen buckling goat, ask for pictures, \$200. Dwain, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Nigerian Dwarfs goats, 2 grown females, one with 10 week old twins, one grown buck, \$75-\$125. Elvia Chauvin, Marrero, Jefferson Parish; (504) 258-1289.

Purebred Myotonic goat dispersal, no papers, 2- and 3-year-old herd sires, \$250, 3- and 4-year-old bred females, \$300, yearling females \$150, weaned females, \$150. Ray Fugatt, Moss Bluff, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 842-6020.

ADGA-registered Nigerian Dwarf bucklings, ages up to 12 months, \$150 each. VHC Farm, V. Juneau, Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 334-1653.

WANTED: Need to buy a few goats to clean up a small pasture, within 100 miles of Ruston. Skip Russell, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

SWINE

Hampshire and Yorkshire, barrows, gilts and boars, call for pricing. Audrey, Summit, MS; (601) 248-0881.

AQUACULTURE

Plate 4'x8'x1/4 \$ 252.55, Plate 4'x8'x3/16 \$ 198.11, Plate 4'x8'x1/8 \$ 151, Angle Iron 3"x3"x3/16x20' \$97.02. Dan Roque Jr, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 201-1715.

Steel Pipe 12-inch,14-inch,16-inch, 20-inch, 24-inch, 30-inch, 36-inch, 48-inch, call for price. Dan Roque Jr, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 201-1715.

Pond stocking, blue catfish, \$.45/1; channel catfish, \$.40/1, Copper nose bluegill, \$.35/1; Louisiana bluegill, \$.35/1; hybrid bluegill, \$.40/1; red-ear bream, \$.40/1; black crappie, \$.45/1; bass, \$1/1; fathead minnows, \$14/lb. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; (318) 377-1525.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2 3/8 and 2 7/8 tubing, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Dozer and excavator work services, land clearing, limestone, dirt, ponds, crawfish ponds, roads, house pads, culvert settings, and level work, call for quote. Chad Helming, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-5767.

Land prepared, cleared, contoured, fields mowed, mulched, cultivated, and drained, trees removed, arenas and gravel roads reconditioned 8" deep, install and repair ponds, streams, roads, walls, fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$100 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

We do light trackhoe work, light dozer work, stump grinding, and skidsteer work, \$1,000 minimum. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

HAY EQUIPMENT

310 Hayliner by New Holland, good working condition, call or text for pricing. Frank Hebert, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 304-1157.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-9765.

Hay spear bolt on frontend bucket, \$200. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

670 John Deere side hay rake, \$1,000. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

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150 Bushel grain cart, \$2,500.
Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

WANTED: New Holland 4X5
Hay Baler- BR 740 for parts. Don Willis, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; (985) 205-0348.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

2020 Cub-Cadet mower, only
used 200 hours, \$600. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Semi Trash pump model 109160
with Honda GX120 power, text, \$225. George McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-6852.

Jari 42" sickle bar mower,
Honda GX200 6 1/2 hp, excellent condition, text, \$650. George McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-6852.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

John Deere 95-R Round back,
28" X 26" 7 grips, extra motor from 55 square back under-shed, mod-12 pull type, \$950. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

W&A 8-row hippers with
Ortham row markers, \$2,000, Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-prow gangs with shields, \$800, Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

Harrow plow, AMCO LTF 100B-
2022, width 7' 3", excellent condition, 20-disc quarter inch at 22" size, 2,450lbs, 3pt hitch, recommended minimum 60hp, stump jump springs, \$6,000. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (512) 673-3362.

3pt galvanized 9 1/2ft breaking
plow, new plow, tax, title and license, \$3,900. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

2013 Harvest Master steel
hopper bottom, roll top 40ft trailer, \$25,000. Earl Roy Enterprises, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 563-4560.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Donahue equipment trailer,
28x7, good condition, \$550. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Shop made trailer with ramps
and extra tires and rims, 19ft long, 8ft wide, \$850. D F Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 686-9066.

16ft Double axle trailer,
12ftX75inches wide bed, wide enough for most zero turn mowers, new treated wood deck Bearing Buddies, \$1,200. Stephen Couvillion, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-3519.



OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

2 3/8" pipe, 30ft to 31ft long,
\$45 per joint. Adrian Landry, Pierre Part, Assumption Parish; (985) 226-1480.

Three, 3-point hook up middle
buster, \$350 OBO. Albert Howard, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 223-0916.

Buckets for tractors, 5ft and
6ft, call for pricing. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Tracks for Trackhoes, one may
have a bad spot, size 450X81 NSX76, \$200. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Roller to smooth out asphalt,
\$1,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

PTO Generator, IMD 22 KW
with automatic voltage regulator 120/24 V, less than 20hrs, brand new, \$3,500. Brian Gayle, Vidalia, Concordia Parish; (985) 960-3328.

3 grain carts, 2 tristate 250 and
350 BU, 1 Rayne grain 250BU, \$2,700 for all. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

15' stalk chopper, 3PT, heavy
duty, good condition, \$1,999. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

24' JD field cultivator, fair
condition, \$600. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

12' Taylorway disc, fair
condition, \$900. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

2 complete INT engines,
\$1,500. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

19 1/2ft Triple K Field cultivator
with drag pipe, good condition, \$700. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

2 10-ply 265X75XR16
KLEVERM/T Kenda, \$40 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

JD 7700 Combine final drives
8-hole, \$500 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

2 Combine sieves for JD 95,
\$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Massey Ferguson Grinder and
mixer, good condition, call for pricing. Chris Hoffman, Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish; (225) 806-0497.

Four 18-inch Dodge steel wheel
rims with Dodge center logo, like new, leave message, \$75 OBO. Gary Horne, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 335-5251.

New 4-hole rabbit cage, 10-ft
long, 2-ft tall, 30 inches deep, also have used water bottle, used feeder, used nest box, \$180. Jeremy Fontenot, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 376-6156.

Category II top link for New
Holland tractor, \$150. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

200-gallon sprayer with hoses,
pump and broadcast nozzle, in fair condition, \$200. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

Four rear wheel weights for
John Deere 4020 tractor,

\$100. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

200 AMP double throw switch,
\$200. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

David Brown Tractor with 6 ft
brush hog, 46horse 3cyl diesel, great condition, \$6,000. Tommy Moses, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 401-6781.

2 2/3 and 2 7/8 oilfield tubing
available, \$38 and \$40 respectively, to be picked up near Crowley. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: One or more 18.4-38
R2 bias rear tractor tire, 14.9-46 rear tractor tire R1 or R2, one or more 18-4-42 10-hole wheel for INT tractor with or without tire. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

WANTED: 2 Row Cultivator.
Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

WANTED: Gear box for Howse
bush hog or whole cutter for parts. Jeff Clark, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (985) 514-8178.

WANTED: 8ft to 10ft 2-way
towable with hydraulic lift, no 3pt lift. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

Hand braided nylon cow whips
\$50 and up, repair whips too. Billy Anderson, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 592-2431.

Handmade Champion roping
saddle, 16", excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-1239.

Long horn saddle, comfort
cutter by Billy Cook, 15 1/2 " saddle, \$400, leather halter, \$10. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 686-9066.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

WANTED: Used Utility shed,
sized 8X8 to 12X12, to keep my tools in, Raymond, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

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LOUISIANA SPECIALTY CROPS

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OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

3/4" and 7/8" size crawfish traps, call for pricing. Goldie Hebert, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 319-8249.

Egg cartons new, never used, 12 egg size for large and some jumbo 174 cartons, leave message, \$65 for all. Shirley Demeritt, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 287-7225.

Set of concrete steps, small crack on the side, \$35. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

2 1/2 grey schedule 40 pipe, \$30. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Culvert pipe concrete, \$400. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

1-ton feeder on single axle, restored, \$2,000. Barry Soileau, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-3553.

2-axle trailer mounted hydraulic seed mixer and loader, used to mix chemicals and auto load seed hoppers on planters, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Oat Tank, heavy duty steel, holds about 2,400 lbs, great condition, on skids, \$2,000. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-1239.

LT275X70X18 Mickey Thompson tire, \$70. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

One or more 18.4-38 R2 bias rear tractor tires, 14.9-46 rear tractor tire R1 or R2, one or more 18-4-42 10 hole wheel for INT tractor with or without tire, call for pricing. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Coop, 4'X8'X6' tall, red sheet metal, half inch wire floor, sides have partial red metal and half inch wire, nest box, \$1,000, Rabbit hitch, 2'X4'X5' tall, snake proof, \$400. Daniel R Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

20', 40' and 45' Shipping Storage Containers, like new and used, 2 doors to 10 doors, wind, rain and rodent proof, 5-year warranty, can deliver anywhere in Louisiana, \$2,200 and up. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

16ft Waterlevel blade, \$950. Kentry Prather, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 466-2058.

Cattleguard, 12'W X 8'L, constructed of 3" pipe, heavy duty, sturdy, \$1,250. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

Cow pen to be moved, 40'X80' with 30' work site and head gate, 7 gates, \$2,000. Maxie Johnson, St. Landry, Evangeline Parish; (318) 715-9373.

Two Ditch culverts, 18inX10ft, corrugated black plastic, brand new, never used, fits in back of pickup, \$400 for both. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

Iron Beam, 17 1/2ftX6inX7in, \$300. Tommy Montgomery,

Lottie, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-5724.

WANTED: 2 original, 36 inch, wood wagon wheels with wood hubs. Debra Lambert, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-0072.

FERTILIZER

SCALES - Any person selling goods by weight or creating packages of commodities to be labeled by net weight must use a legal-for-trade scale. This scale must be registered annually with LDAF Weights & Measures.

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Ag Lime, \$32 per ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

Chicken litter or ag lime spreader, we spread it all over LA, ask that you order 4 or more loads, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Garden Compost, \$20 per scoop. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

FOOD

EGGS

Pharaoh quail egg, \$.20, Pickled egg, \$.15, a week-old

egg, \$1.25, 3-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$2.50 male. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (337) 856-5884.

FROM THE FARM

GrangeGroceries is an app connecting local communities with local producers, if you grow any food and would like to sell directly to consumers, join our app today. Alyssa, Orleans Parish; (337) 523-5063.

Elliot pecans, \$2 per lb, \$10 per lb shelled. Earl P Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-5503.

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Louisiana Mirlitons for sale from heirloom plants. Original vines from pre-Katrina Metairie, \$5/pound. Marguerite Constantine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-0954.

HAY & GRAIN

Bahia 4X5 round bales, kept in barn, \$35 per bale. Ralph Racca, Broussard, Lafayette Parish; (337) 789-1024.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, very tight, Bermuda 007, \$37. Norman Young, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 303-3385.

4X5 good, fertilized, clean hay, no weeds, treated grass string, \$50 per roll. Charles Bell, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 839-9222.

2024 Horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, fourth cutting, fertilized, sprayed, fine stem hay, tight square bales, \$7 in barn. David Joiner, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-3073.

Alicia Bermuda Square Bales \$9 per bale, 20 bale minimum, volume discount available. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 241-0204.

Round 4X5 rolls Alicia, Alicia/ Bahia, net wrapped, in barn, 300 rolls, text, \$50 each. Douglas F. Madden, Saline, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 471-1157.

Clean mixed Bahia and Dallas grass hay, second cutting, 4X5 bales, \$30. Eddie Sullivan, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-3641.

Large hay bales, Jackson Rye grass, \$58 per bale, Crabgrass-Bahia grass, cared without rain, \$48 per bale, all under hay barn, will load. Ernest Spears, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 229-8430.

28 Acres Jiggs Bermuda Pasture to be cut for hay, \$2,500 per year starting 2025 Hay Season. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, no rain, barn kept, good clean cow hay, \$ 40 per bale. Jeff L., Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-8773.

2024 Bahia Hay, fertilized, net wrapped, on pallets, 4X5 round and square bales, in barn, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

Square bales of hay for livestock like cows, goat or could be used for erosion, \$5. Kenny Saucier, Tylertown, Washington Parish; (601) 248-0067.

2024 mixed grass hay, 6X5 bales, \$30 per bale. Kentry Prather, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 466-2058.

MIX 30 Liquid Cow Feed, \$1.95 per gallon delivered. Kevin Tyler, Pine Grove, Livingston Parish; (225) 337-3312.

Hay for Sale, 4x5 Round bales, \$35 per bale. Kirby, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 789-7237.

Alicia Bermuda hay, square bales, top quality, long solid bales, highly fertilized, weed free, \$10 per bale, 350 round bales, 4x5 tight, barn kept, solid bales, weed free, over 12% protein, \$70 per bale. Larry Granier, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 301-7133.

Common / NK 37 hybrid Bermuda squares sprayed and fertilized, also have round 4x5 net wrapped Bermuda, \$8/\$9/\$10 and \$40. Lee Romero, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 298-8658.

4x6 Bahia round bales in barn, \$60 a bale, small Bahia square bales, \$8 a bale. Mark Hymel, Geismar, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-1132.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, \$45 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

Jiggs Bermuda bales, and other kinds, 5X4, round rolls, net wrapped, well fertilized, barn kept, call for pricing. Mitch

Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, clean, second-cutting, no rain, net wrapped, barn kept, bales tight and heavy, \$50 per roll. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

4X5 net wrapped mixed hay, \$35, 4X5 net wrapped pure Alicia Bermuda, fertilized and sprayed, \$70. Steve Miller, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-0963.

100 Russell Bermuda 4x5 net wrapped fertilized clean horse/cow \$50, 200 fertilized clean common Bermuda \$40, local delivery. Tim Peart, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-5701.

Bahia hay field for rent on a percentage bases of bails produced, average round bails produced is between 60-66 per cutting. Timothy Butler, New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish; (985) 209-6960.

2024 crop, Argentine Bahia, Barn kept, fertilized, 4X4 1/2 rolls \$50 per roll, 10 or more \$40. Wayne Prats, Plainview, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

WANTED: Dried corn cobs. Raymond Babin, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4030.

HOBBY & LEISURE

SEWING & FABRICS

Commander vintage sewing machine, used Sears model 605, pedal and power cord included, no case, working condition unknown, pretty item for display, \$60. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

OTHER HOBBY & LEISURE

2,000 Louisiana hard covers, 1st edition books, all categories, 1800s through 1964, \$3,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

FISHING AND TACKLE

Catfish wire nets, 3ft tall, around 15 inch diameter, will not ship, \$45 each. Thomas Clifford, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 613-9829.

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Diamond Back Firearms DB10, .308 caliber Rifle on an AR platform, 2 magazines, used very little, good condition, \$1,000. Craig A Laborde, Saint Landry, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-7802.

Smith and Wesson revolver, 6-shot 44 special, \$600 OBO. Jimmie Newsom, Kelly, Caldwell Parish; (318) 953-4237.

Three M1 Garands for sale, they have been reparkerized and stocks refurbished, 30-06, shoot fantastic, \$1,600 each, One 1903 30-06 original \$1,250. Paul Bellon, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 200-0532.

MISC. HUNT/ FISH/CAMP

WANTED: Western snap closure shirts, long or short sleeve, 2xl size. Bob LeMaster, Summit MS; (601) 248-8843.

LUMBER & SAWING

Wooden concrete form and gardening stakes, all sizes and lengths, over 1,700 pieces, take all for \$1,400. Andy, Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 875-6190.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

47.1 acres of land, Lincoln parish off of parish road 820, pond, utilities available, close to Squire Creek golf course, \$11,000 per acre. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

15 lots, water available and electricity, for new construction, \$600,000, prefer to sell all at once. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

260+/- acres of agriculture, woods, and batture, 840 ft frontage LA 3127 and LA 18, RR crossing property, \$7000 per acre, negotiable. T. Bourgeois, Vacherie, St. James Parish; (985) 859-2341.

SERVICES

EQUINE SERVICES

Horse trainer, breaking and training, pro cutter on site, ranch training, speed event training, riding lessons, call for quote. Rachel Bertrand, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 384-6997.

AGMHorsemanship horse training (lessons included), colt starting, tuneups, basic manners, call for quote. Abigail Grace, Dry creek, Allen Parish; (318) 229-1918.

5B Breaking & Training, AQHA Professional Horseman's Team member, specializing in 2-yr-old and problem horses, developing good broke ranch cow horses, 39 years' experience with references, covered and outside arena, call for quote. John Brown, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (225) 931-9210.

FARM SERVICES

Fencing, concrete pouring, drainage and roofing, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Commercial and residential demo, land clearing, lowboy hauling, roll back service, debris haul off w/dump trailer or trucks, dirt, sand, gravel, limestone, pit run, call for quote. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

Fields/pastures mowed, mulched, cultivated, contoured, aerated, and drained, trees removed, recondition arenas, gravel roads 8" deep, install and repair ponds, culverts, roads, walls, and fences, call for quote. John Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

We do roofing, fences, stump grinding, concrete and underground drainage, handyman available, we work with insurance companies, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Cattle penning, working and hauling, portable equipment, large or small herd, problem cattle, 50 years' experience, will travel, call for quote. Terry or Jason, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-1927.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

WANTED: Walk-in Raccoon traps. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA WYO-Blue Buddy, born July 03, 2012, team roping head horse or to pin your cattle with, kids can ride, blue roan stallion, Reg.#5505700, health cert. and neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

AQHA horse, "Peppinita" Figure Four, #5403078 BD, foundation bred stud, 4/20/11, bay roan, health cert. & neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

TRACTORS

White tractor 2155 with cab and air, 160HP with new allied loader, hay spear, 1,800 hours, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Kubota M6040 4wd canopy top 8 speed shuttle shift 1,900 hours, with Woods du-al 195 loader, good condition, used daily, \$23,000. Anthony Santangelo, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-3928.

Two Deutz 40-06, one running the other for parts, \$3,400 all. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

Two Belarus A-5 250, new Injector pump, \$1,200 both. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

Two Agri-Cats, one 4WD and one 2WD, \$1,200 both. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

M-H 44-LP Rare project tractor, \$600. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

JD 5055 4X4, ROPS, with front loader, 7' bushhog, 400 hours, \$30,000. Kelly, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 263-5520.

Ford 2810, 6' Bushhog tiller, 6' Box scraper, 6' shredder, \$10,500. Phillip Bourque, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 207-2478.

JD 820 2-cylinder diesel 1958 black dash converted to electric start, pony motor available, new front tires, diesel engine overhauled with crankshaft and bearings, pistons, rings and valves, call for pricing. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

1950 Minneapolis- Moline UTU, electronic magneto, new 16.9X38 rear tires, not the original engine, lots of upgrades, excellent 5,500 pound to

7,500 pound tractor, call for pricing. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

JD 520 2-cylinder gasoline, new water pump, electronic ignition, roll-o-matic, fairly new rear tires, \$4,500. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

Farmall 560 gasoline, electronic ignition, doctored carburetor, deluxe seat, narrow front, \$4,000. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

1937 Allis Chalmers WC unstyled, excellent pulling 4,000lb tractor, call for pricing. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

JD wide front end with tires, from 4020, \$750. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

International wide front end, from 560, \$500. Thomas Sittton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

WANTED: 2 post canopy for Farmall tractor and a weight bracket for front of tractor. Ray Roden, Ringald, Bienville Parish; (318) 401-4486.

VEHICLES

ATVS

Yamaha Rhino 660, Halogen lights, front and rear windshield, new seat covers, \$2,250. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

BOATS

Brand new 16hp Briggs Vanguard engine, mounted on go devil frame not a homemade frame, \$1,800. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM TRUCKS

1995 Peterbilt, good condition, \$25,000. Earl Roy Enterprises, Hesser, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 563-4560.

Flatbed International truck, 1999, Model 4700, 4X2, 7.3L engine, \$12,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

GMC dump truck, originally fire truck, awesome motor, \$15,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Two Ford dump trucks for parts, \$2,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

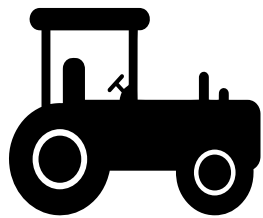
2018 GMC SIERRA 3500 Diesel, all the extras, well maintained,

gently used 161k miles, \$43,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

1990 Wayne bus, 125,000 miles, \$3,000, 700' 2" schedule 40 PcP, \$600. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

2006 GMC Sierra 1500 1/2 ton 2WD Pickup 2.3 L V6, 275,000 miles, runs good, \$2,500. Darrel Fontenot, Lacassine, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 488-2583.

2008 F250 Super Duty, gas with flat bed and storage box excellent condition, has fifth wheel hook up, 49,758 original miles, \$14500. John Leger, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-9185.



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Cattle theft or other ag-related crimes

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USDA Confirms Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Backyard Non-Poultry Flock in Louisiana

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a non-commercial backyard flock (non-poultry) in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. This is the first case of HPAI in domestic birds in Louisiana during this outbreak, which began in February 2022.

Samples from the flock were tested at the Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, part of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, and confirmed at the APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

APHIS is working closely with state animal health officials in Louisiana on a joint incident response and will provide appropriate support as requested.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the public health risk associated with these avian influenza detections in birds remains low. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of all poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F is recommended as a general food safety precaution.

As part of existing avian influenza response plans, Federal and State partners are working jointly on additional surveillance and testing in areas around the affected flock. The United States has the strongest AI surveillance program in the world, and USDA is working with its partners to actively look for the disease in commercial poultry operations, live bird markets and in migratory wild bird populations.

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds. Visit APHIS' Defend the Flock Resource Center for materials about biosecurity, including videos, checklists, and a toolkit.

USDA will report these findings to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as well as international trading partners. USDA also continues to communicate with trading partners to encourage adherence to WOAH standards and minimize trade impacts. WOAH trade guidelines call on countries to base trade restrictions on sound science and, whenever possible, limit restrictions to those animals and animal products within a defined region that pose a risk of spreading disease of concern. WOAH trade guidelines also call on member countries to not impose bans on the international trade of poultry commodities in response to notifications in non-poultry.

APHIS announces the first case of HPAI in

commercial and backyard flocks detected in a State but does not announce subsequent detections in the State. All cases in commercial and backyard flocks are listed on the APHIS website.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds and report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through their state veterinarian or through APHIS' toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593. APHIS urges producers to consider bringing birds indoors when possible to further prevent exposures. The Animal Health Protection Act authorizes APHIS to provide indemnity payments to producers for birds and eggs that must be depopulated during a disease response. APHIS also provides compensation for disposal activities and virus elimination activities. Additional information on biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found on APHIS' Defend the Flock webpage





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STEEN'S CANE CUTTER PANCAKES

Submitted by C. S. Steen Syrup Mill, Inc.

Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 ½ tsps. baking powder
- ¾ tsp salt
- ¼ cup Steen's Pure Cane Syrup
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 3 Tbsp butter or margarine, melted

Instructions:

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Combine syrup and milk. Add to slightly beaten egg; stir in melted butter, slowly add to flour mixture, stirring only until blended. Bake on a hot griddle, using ¼ cup batter for each pancake. Serve with butter and Steen's Syrup NOTE: To make syrup pancakes or syrup biscuits from packaged mixes, follow directions on box and add 1 tablespoon of Steen's Cane Syrup to liquid for each cup of mix.

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CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

Submitted by Creative Cajun Cooking

Ingredients:

- 1 pack of Creative Cajun Cooking's Dumplin' Magic
- 5 cups water
- 4 lbs. of boneless / skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup green onion tops and 1 cup bottoms (keep separate)
- 4-5 cups heavy cream or half and half (1 quart will do, add extra if you want)
- 1 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 can of biscuits (about 1 lb.)
- 15 ounces drained green peas and sliced carrots, sliced green onions for garnish, optional

Instructions:

In a 6 quart or larger pot, mix chicken, water, and Creative Cajun Cooking's Dumplin' Magic. Bring to a slow boil and cook until chicken gets tender. While chicken is cooking, break out a large cutting board and spread out flour, then pile most of it in the corner, leaving a thin coating on the cutting board. Open the can of biscuits and one at a time roll each one out to about ⅛ inch thickness using a light sprinkle of flour to keep them from sticking. Cut the flat biscuits into 6-8 pieces, depending on the size of dumplings you want. Pile the cut biscuits in one corner of cutting board for placing in a pot at a later time. Scrape up the extra flour and place in a bowl. Then pour the cream into it and whisk until smooth. After chicken is tender, pour in the cream and flour mixture making sure it is stirred frequently by scraping the bottom so it doesn't stick. Once the liquid thickens up, and it has a slow bubbling, add in the biscuit pieces a few at a time, stirring softly until they swell up. Once the dumplings are cooked and no longer doughy, add in, if you would like, a few green peas and or carrots (frozen or canned). Stir and cook just until heated through. Once the Chicken and Dumplings are placed in a bowl, you can sprinkle some finely chopped green onion tops for added color.

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FISH TACOS

Submitted by Panola Pepper

Ingredients:

Filling:

4 tilapia fillets
 ½ bottle Panola Spicy & Sweet Mango Sauce
 4 Tbsp Panola Blackened Fish Seasoning

Olive oil

Toppings:

Purple onion
 Grape tomatoes
 Cilantro
 Panola Spicy Sweet Jalapenos
 Lime juice

Panola Clearly Hot Sauce

Salt and pepper to taste

Taco Sauce:

¼ cup mayonnaise
 ¼ cup sour cream
 6 cloves Panola Pickled Garlic, finely chopped
 4 dashes Panola Cajun Hot Sauce

1 tsp cumin

Lime juice

Tortillas

Instructions:

Filling: Chop the onion, grape tomatoes, Spicy Sweet Jalapenos, and Cilantro. Place in a bowl and stir in lime juice. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside. Wash and pat dry the fish fillets. Coat the fillets with Panola Spicy & Sweet Mango Sauce. Then season with the Panola Blackened Fish Seasoning on both sides. Heat skillet or grill pan to a medium high heat. Drizzle the fish with olive oil. Spray grill pan/skillet with cooking spray to avoid fish from sticking. Cook fish for about 2 minutes on each side. Mix all the taco sauce ingredients together. In a warm tortilla, spread the sour cream and taco sauce all over, and then place one-half of a fish fillet in the shell and top with purple onion, grape tomatoes, cilantro and Panola Spicy Sweet Jalapenos. Wrap, eat, and enjoy!

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Lonnie and Timmie Melancon are beekeepers who live deep in South Louisiana. Their goal is to produce honey that is unfiltered and completely raw, the way nature intended. In 2017, their honey was selected as the national champion at the joint conference of the American Beekeepers Federation and the National Honey Packers Association. They are also excited to have created a wonderful product called creamed honey.

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Commissioner's Corner Cont.

no reports of disease among our commercial poultry industry to date. Protecting the health of livestock and poultry in Louisiana is a top priority, and we will continue to treat this outbreak with the appropriate level of care and attention.”

Avian influenza is an airborne respiratory virus that spreads easily among chickens through nasal and eye secretions, as well as manure. The virus can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers.

Anyone involved with poultry production, from the small backyard to the large commercial producer, should review their biosecurity activities to ensure the health of their birds. Visit APHIS' Defend the Flock Resource Center for materials about biosecurity, including videos, checklists, and a toolkit.

At a minimum, poultry flock owners should follow the biosecurity steps on their farms to prevent the spread of the disease. Those steps include:

- Limit, monitor, and record any movement of people, vehicles, or animals on or off your farm.
- Permit only essential workers and vehicles to enter the farm to limit the chances of bringing the virus from an outside source.
- Avoid visiting other poultry farms and any unnecessary travel off the farm.
- Disinfect equipment, vehicles, footwear, and other items that come into contact with flocks.
- Keep your flock away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl.
- Isolate any ill animals and contact your veterinarian.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds. Louisiana bird owners should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to state and federal officials through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593. In Louisiana, poultry owners can report to the USDA number or directly to the LDAF Diagnostic Lab at 1-318-927-3441.

Additional information on biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found at <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

Additional background Avian influenza (AI) is caused by an influenza type A virus that can infect poultry (such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic ducks, geese, and guinea fowl) and is carried by free-flying waterfowl and wild birds, such as ducks, geese, raptors, and shorebirds. AI viruses are classified by a combination of two groups of proteins: hemagglutinin or “H” proteins, of which there are 16 (H1-H16), and neuraminidase or “N” proteins, of which there are 9 (N1-N9). Many different combinations of “H” and “N” proteins are possible. Each combination is considered a different subtype and can be further broken down into different strains which circulate within flyways/geographic regions. AI viruses are further classified by their pathogenicity (low or high)—the ability of a

Use these basic tips to keep your birds healthy and prevent the spread of serious diseases like avian influenza and virulent Newcastle disease.

1. Always practice good biosecurity.

Review the 14 National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Biosecurity Principles (www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/StandardE-BiosecurityPrinciples.pdf) and create a biosecurity plan for your premises.

2. Remember to wash your hands before and after coming into contact with poultry.

If you don't have soap and water, use hand sanitizer.

3. Protect yourself.

Don't kiss or snuggle with your birds.

4. Protect your poultry.

Put control programs in place for wild birds (including their feces and their feathers), rodents, and insects. Clean and disinfect any poultry equipment before and after use.

5. Monitor your flock's health.

Know the signs of disease and check your flock daily for any signs of illness. Quarantine sick birds right away.

6. Report sick birds!

Call USDA toll-free at **1.866.536.7593** to reach our veterinarians. USDA can test your birds free of charge to make sure they don't have a serious poultry disease.



For free resources and to learn more about good biosecurity, visit: www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock

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LDH detects first presumptive positive human H5N1 case in Louisiana

Current general public health risk for the highly infectious avian influenza is low

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has detected the first presumptive positive human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), or H5N1, in Louisiana. The individual is a resident of southwestern Louisiana and is currently hospitalized.

LDH's Office of Public Health is coordinating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the epidemiologic investigation. The investigation identified that the individual had exposure to sick and dead birds that are suspected to have been infected with H5N1.

H5N1 is a type of influenza virus that causes highly infectious and severe respiratory disease in birds. In the United States, outbreaks of the currently circulating H5N1 avian influenza viruses in wild birds and poultry have been ongoing since 2022. As of December 13, 2024, 60 confirmed human cases of H5N1 have been reported across the U.S., with the majority linked to exposure to infected poultry or dairy cows. There has been no human-to-human virus transmission in the U.S. to date.

While the current public health risk for the general public is low, people who work with birds, poultry or cows, or have recreational exposure to them, are at higher risk.

The best way to protect yourself and your family from H5N1 is to avoid sources of exposure. That means avoiding direct contact with wild birds and other animals infected with or suspected to be infected with bird flu viruses.

Inspired by family legacy in sugarcane, AgCenter researcher aims to improve crop through quantitative genetics

Growing up on a farm in St. Martinville, Brayden Blanchard knew he wanted to make a living doing something related to sugarcane — the crop his family has cultivated for five generations.

As a senior in high school, Blanchard tagged along with his father to a grower meeting at the local sugar mill, where he met LSU AgCenter sugarcane specialist Kenneth Gravois. Intrigued as he listened to Gravois talk about his background in breeding new crop varieties, Blanchard's future began to come into focus.

"I decided I wasn't going to be a farmer," Blanchard recalled. "But I was still very, very close and attached to the industry — and so it was about, 'How do I make kind of a different type of an impact?' I decided I wanted to be a sugarcane breeder then, and I just stuck with that throughout."

Today, Blanchard is doing his part to help develop improved sugarcane varieties, having joined the AgCenter Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel as an assistant professor this summer.

He specializes in quantitative genetics — a field of study that involves using technology to better understand how individual genes combine to influence traits like sucrose content or disease susceptibility. He hopes to use his skills to make the lengthy, rigorous breeding process more efficient.

Blanchard is no stranger to the Sugar Research Station. He worked there for several years, first as a student worker and later as a research associate, while pursuing bachelor's and doctoral degrees at LSU.

It was at the station that Blanchard learned about the many years of work that go into creating a single new variety. When he saw farmers flock to the facility for field days, eager to hear the latest updates from the breeding program, he came to understand that a new variety offers the promise not just of improved yields — but also improved profits and livelihoods for farming families like his own. He was sure he had chosen the right career path.

"When I learned exactly what a new variety means to our growers, that was probably the biggest draw — because the impact that a new variety can have is astronomical when it comes to the productivity of the industry," he said.

The breeding process

It takes about 12 years for a new sugarcane variety to be released to the public. The process begins with scientists crossing "parent" plants, generating thousands of genetically unique seedlings every year.

The varieties developed from these crosses are evaluated and whittled down through years of testing. The vast majority do not make the cut to become the next commercial variety.

Many factors go into deciding whether a variety is good enough to be released. It has proven a challenge to come up with something better than L 01-299, a consistent performer that has been popular with farmers for several years.

But it's crucial to bring new genetics into the industry, Blanchard said. Growing a variety for a long time or on a lot of acreage gives diseases a chance to adapt to it. The Louisiana sugarcane industry learned this lesson in the mid-2000s, when nearly all of the state's sugarcane fields were planted in LCP 85-384. The variety became susceptible to rust disease, and farmers suffered major losses.

"Genetically, that's a nightmare for us because you don't want that much of the industry reliant on one package of genes," Blanchard said. "It really taught us what happens when you have that much of your acreage in one variety."

Farmers also are always hoping for varieties that produce more sugar, that grow well in their soil type and that have other positive qualities. And Louisiana's sugarcane industry is expanding geographically, creating demand for cold-tolerant varieties in northern parishes of the cane belt.

Finding plants that fit the bill has traditionally required planting and evaluating test plots, which is time consuming. While field trials will always be part of the variety development program, new technology along with the quantitative genetics approach are making it possible to focus time and effort on plants with the best odds of success.

Quantitative genetics can make a difference

Blanchard is the first to admit that his field of expertise can be hard to understand.

"Quantitative genetics is very abstract, and sometimes I even struggle with that," he said. "But it's all about dealing with error and increasing the efficiency of the breeding pipeline."

Modern researchers like Blanchard have huge amounts of data at their fingertips thanks to drone imagery, sensors and DNA taken from plant samples. Computer tools enable scientists to make sense of all this information: Which genes are associated with a positive trait like disease resistance? Which plant flaws might be the result of environmental conditions, and which ones are due to genetic characteristics?

"We are becoming better and better at understanding what's there and what we can manipulate," Blanchard said. "Meanwhile, we're getting better and better at identifying which crosses are more likely going to be high performing."

Quantitative genetics helps zero in on the characteristics of plants and eliminate distractions.

"We deal with environmental systems — the most variable type of setting that you can deal with. We deal with human error, environmental error, spatial error," he said. "The more we can use all of these tools in conjunction, the better we can measure the genetic components of a variety. What about its yield is dictated by its genetics and nothing else — not field variation, not environmental or human error. If we can home in on what the genetic merits of a variety are, we can advance varieties based on solely that."

Blanchard's training in quantitative genetics adds a new element to the AgCenter sugarcane breeding

program, building on an existing molecular genetics component.

"We can use these tools to know that something is a good parent and recycle that particular clone back into the crossing program," said Collins Kimbeng, AgCenter sugarcane breeder. "If the genes that we need to make progress are absent in our population pool, we would know about that earlier, and then that will help us to go somewhere to find those genes. Efficiencies are going to be improved with the new program that we have."

The addition of quantitative genetics to the breeding program could even speed up the timeline for releasing a new variety, Blanchard said.

'Let's try something and see how it works'

Blanchard often thinks back on his childhood on his family's farm.

"I loved the farm," he said. "I loved growing up that way."

He believes his passion for research stems from those early days when he would watch his father tinker with equipment adjustments and experiment with different strategies for growing his crop.

"The research aspect of 'let's try something and see how it works' was always appealing to me, and I know it's been very appealing to my dad," he said. "I always tell people he's one of the best farmers I know. He's always been of that mind — 'We'll try this new piece of equipment or we'll modify this and see how it works.'"

Blanchard said he learned a lot from his dad, who runs the farm with Blanchard's younger brother, uncle and cousin. Now, he sometimes finds himself in a position to give some of his own advice.

"Developing a new variety is one of the only things that a farmer can't do. It's out of their hands. All they can do is test and see what they like about a variety," Blanchard said. "So my dad and I have certainly gotten closer, and I lean on him for a ton of knowledge. But now, he also leans on me for the new information that we are generating."

By: Olivia McClure



Brayden Blanchard stands next to sugarcane plants on crossing carts at the LSU AgCenter Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel. Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter

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with other state agencies, they will pull samples of shrimp and crawfish packages and test the contents for illegal substances. LDAF's Agricultural Chemistry Laboratory will perform the testing.

The past year was also a good year for the Louisiana Agriculture Commodities Commission (LACC). The 2024 corn harvest was very good, yields and quality were high. Most of the corn harvest is being stored until early 2025 when the corn will be loaded outbound. The soybean harvest was good overall; however, weather conditions caused fluctuations in quality yields throughout the harvest. The LACC serviced 15 locations throughout the year. Through



November, LACC employees processed approximately 7,200 inspections.

Additionally, LDAF's federally certified grain graders have completed their second full year of training grain elevator personnel to sample and grade grain. In the past year, LDAF conducted eight training sessions for the industry. This program is important in helping maintain consistency and fairness when determining the price of harvested grain commodities. Our employees have trained and certified approximately 160 people in the past two years.

Office of Animal Health and Food Safety

In our Office of Animal Health and Food Safety (AHFS), we saw the Meat Inspection Program partner with the Louisiana Department of Health to introduce a Voluntary Exotic Inspection program that allows farmers with exotic species to bring them to market in a safe and legal manner. In an effort to encourage new poultry farmers in 2024, AHFS introduced a new exemption for very low-volume poultry producers (less than 1,000 birds per year) to access their local markets without needing large facility expenditures and without sacrificing the food safety and labeling standards of our industry. The AHFS group also completed 76 Animal Control Shelter Inspections in 2024.

AHFS's Food Distribution group - tasked with oversight and implementation of the Federal Child Nutrition Programs for LDAF - highlights and accomplishments included:

1. Administered Farm to Food Bank grants totaling \$96,865 to help subsidize the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance (food bank) Program and help farmers harvest their fields.

2. Local Food for Schools Grant and Local Food Purchase Agreement has grown to 117 producers made up of socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, and fishermen. The programs have increased from activities in 14 parishes to 29 parishes.
3. National School Lunch and Temporary Emergency Food Assistance programs were involved in the distribution of 47,121,194 pounds (23,560 Tons) of food.
4. Over 476 school sites and pantry audits were conducted.
5. An average of 433,224 children were served daily through the National School Lunch Program.

AHFS' Livestock Brand Commission responded to 393 complaints in 2024. The commission registered 5,887 brands, including 1,515 lifetime brands. They microchipped 113 saddles and inspected 52 alternative livestock.

The Poultry and Egg Division has a new online program allowing them to be paperless and to accept online payments. This will be used for egg inspectors, egg licenses, and egg assessments in the first quarter of 2025, and we will have it fully up and running by the end of the second quarter.

Finally, the office issued 333 deer licenses, 2,707 harvest tags, and 18 turtle licenses.

Office of Forestry

The Office of Forestry had a busy year after the unprecedented wildfires in 2023. They created a dispatch center with two full-time communications officers. The Forestry Enforcement division responded to 68 complaints - a 42% reduction from 2023 - and made 17 arrests. The Office of Forestry responded to 587 wildfires. The number of fires decreased significantly compared to 2023's historic fire season. 2024 also brought equipment upgrades and additions - dozers, fire plows, and freightliner transports, specifically - and lots of training. The group attended four heavy equipment academies and completed four cross-training opportunities with cooperators and Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD). Seventy-seven Volunteer Fire Department firefighters participated. Given the success of the cross-trainings, we will continue to offer them across the state in 2025. Volunteer Fire Department Grants were awarded to 87 VFDs, resulting in a historic average of yearly awards for the department. The average award was



approximately \$6,000. And finally, the Forest Productivity Program completed 13 applications totaling \$39,820.

Office of Management and Finance

The Office of Management and Finance (OMF) has completed the facility enhancements at our Hammond field office and plans to perform work to enhance our other locations in 2025. These enhancements include the installation of new security equipment, as well as enhancements to the overall appearance and functionality of the facilities. Additionally, OMF continues to make progress in the modernization of LDAF's information technology systems and software. The goal is the enhancement of the department's systems to allow for total paperless solutions for those we regulate.

Office of Soil and Water Conservation

In our Office of Soil and Water Conservation (OSWC), 38 miles of degraded coastal shoreline were revegetated through a partnership with CPRA. With assistance from Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and OSWC, more than 365,000 acres of conservation practices were applied to Louisiana farmland in 2024. Approximately 27,000 of these acres were enrolled in the LDAF Agriculture Nonpoint Source abatement program. In 2024, 550 landowners were assisted, and over 10,000 feral swine were removed. LDAF and the Tensas-Concordia SWCD recently obligated funding for conservation practice implementation on nearly 10,000 acres within the Lake St. Joseph watershed in Tensas parish through the Lake St. Joseph Watershed Hypoxia reduction project. Additionally, watershed management plans have been initiated in seven additional watersheds: three in Vermilion SWCD, three in Lower Delta SWCD, and one in Catahoula SWCD, for a total of 27 active SWCD-led watershed management plans in development through the USDA Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program.

The staff of LDAF continue to make me proud. The hard work and dedication of the employees at LDAF continue to shine through year after year. I'm looking forward to everything that 2025 is going to bring. Yes, there may be challenges and new directions, but there are also opportunities, so many opportunities. It's going to be a busy year. And a good year.

From all of us to all of you, we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and that it continues into a hopeful new year. May your home be graced with family and friends and your heart be full of joy and peace.

Annual Award Recipients Contribute to U.S. Rice Industry Successes

The 2024 Rice Farmer of the Year is Michael Fruge, a second-generation farmer who grows rice, soybeans, and crawfish on his family's operation near Eunice, Louisiana. After graduating college, Fruge worked as a district sales manager with Horizon Ag but it wasn't long before he was farming full-time and with a dream of creating his own rice brand.

"I wanted to tell the Louisiana rice story and put my own rice in a package," says Michael. "Rice is a huge part of the culture in Louisiana,

but I thought we could do a better job of marketing what we grow. When I came back to the farm, I felt like we could grow specific varieties for specific consumers to add more value to what we are doing."

In 2021, Michael began packaging his new specialty variety, a higher-protein low-glycemic long grain variety under the Parish Rice brand and today, the product is available in several major supermarket chains, numerous other outlets, and online at parishrice.com.



Mental health resources for forestry and wildfire professionals: *strategies for coping with stress, grief and burnout*

The holiday season is a time of tradition and togetherness, but for many—including forestry and wildfire professionals—this time of year can be emotionally complex. While surrounded by joyful holiday celebrations, some may wrestle with grief over colleagues lost in the line of duty, feel the weight of the year's trials, or experience exhaustion and burnout after months of hard work.

This year, the emotional challenges of the season may be more pronounced in the wake of the 2024 hurricane season. Along with the usual stresses of their work, many southern forestry and wildfire professionals have had to endure the personal toll of storm impacts to their own homes and families, while also bearing the immense responsibility of responding to disasters, supporting devastated communities and managing complex cleanup efforts. These compounded experiences can weigh heavily during what is already a reflective and emotionally charged time of year.

To address these challenges, the Southeast Regional Strategy Committee for Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy has developed the Employee Emotional & Mental Health Awareness Resource Guide for the Southern Group of State Foresters (SGSF). The guide serves as a comprehensive tool designed to help those in the forestry and wildfire sector navigate the unique emotional and psychological demands of their work. This guide is not just for the holidays, though—it's a year-round resource for fostering resilience and creating a culture of support.

The Emotional Landscape of Forestry and Wildfire

Forestry and wildfire professionals work in some of the most challenging and high-stakes settings imaginable. The physical demands, coupled with the responsibility of protecting lives, property and natural resources, can often create stress that lingers long after the workday ends.

One of the most significant emotional challenges in this field, however, is the tragedy of loss. Losing a colleague in the line of duty is an all-too-familiar reality for many in this profession. The Mental Health Resource Guide acknowledges these realities and provides practical tools to address the feelings and challenges associated with grief and loss.

Strategies for Navigating the Holidays

While the holiday season offers a chance to pause and reflect, it may also stir up emotions that are difficult to face. The Mental Health Resource Guide offers several strategies tailored to forestry and wildfire professionals for managing these challenges, including:

Recognizing and Processing Grief

- **Acknowledge hard feelings:** It's valid to feel sadness, loss or even anger during the holidays. These emotions deserve attention.
- **Honor lost colleagues:** Find ways to commemorate those who are no longer with us, whether through quiet reflection, sharing memories with others or participating in group memorials.
- **Seek support:** Talk to trusted peers, mentors or professionals who can provide a safe environment to process your grief. Remember, these feelings are not uncommon and you're not alone.

Managing Holiday Stress

- **Take care of your body:** Stress can take a toll physically as well as emotionally. Prioritize rest, stay hydrated and nourish your body with balanced meals.
- **Set realistic expectations:** Understand that the holidays may not look like the model Hallmark movie – and that's okay. Focus on what's meaningful to you, not what others expect.
- **Practice mindfulness:** Ground yourself in the present moment through meditation, deep breathing or simply stepping outside to connect with nature.

Creating Connection amid Isolation

- **Lean on your community:** Even if you can't be with family or close friends in-person, your colleagues can be a vital source of support and camaraderie.
- **Reach out proactively:** Make time for phone calls or video chats with loved ones to create a sense of connection, even from afar.

Long-Term Mental Health Practices

The mental health needs of forestry and wildfire professionals extend beyond the holiday season and throughout the year. The Mental Health Resource Guide provides tools for building resilience and fostering long-term wellness both individually and amongst colleagues:

Building Emotional Resilience

- **Practice gratitude:** Reflect on what you're thankful for, even during tough times. Gratitude can help shift your mindset toward positivity.
- **Focus on small victories:** Celebrate small wins in your work and personal life. They're often more meaningful than we realize.
- **Take care of yourself:** Whether it's spending time outdoors, reading a book or engaging in a hobby, make space for activities that replenish your energy.

Fostering a Supportive Work Culture

- **Check in with colleagues:** Regularly ask your teammates how they're doing and share your own experiences to normalize conversations about mental health.
- **Encourage openness:** Encourage a workplace culture where it's okay to seek help without fear of judgment.
- **Provide resources:** Share the Mental Health Resource Guide with your team as a step toward creating a supportive environment.

Recognizing the Signs of Struggle in Others

- **Look for changes in behavior, mood or performance** that might indicate someone is struggling.
- **Be proactive in offering support** and directing colleagues to resources, like those listed within the mental health resource guide, that can help them manage challenges.

Using the SGSF Mental Health Resource Guide

The Mental Health Resource Guide was created to serve as a practical and accessible tool for forestry and wildfire professionals. In addition to strategies for managing stress and grief, the guide includes:

- **Assessment tools** for recognizing burnout, anxiety and other mental health challenges.
- **Information on professional support services**, including an extensive list of available national and state-specific hotlines and counseling programs tailored to first responders.
- **Advice for creating peer support networks** to foster resilience and connection.

This guide is a reminder that mental health is just as important as physical safety. By using and sharing the guide, our forestry and wildfire community can take proactive steps to support themselves and their colleagues. This holiday season, let's take time to support one another, reflect on our shared experiences and honor those we've lost.

Mental health is not a solitary journey. It's something we can all address together. Whether it's through a simple conversation, sharing resources like the Mental Health Resource Guide or encouraging workplace wellness initiatives, every step helps build a stronger, healthier community.

Need Help? Visit www.ldaf.la.gov/about/community/stay-rooted

USDA is Accepting Applications for the 2025 USDA E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) is accepting applications for the 2025 USDA E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program. These fellowships introduce faculty and staff from Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Hispanic-Serving School Districts to the vast array of USDA resources available to them. The fellowships take place during the summer of 2025, and applications are due by March 6, 2025.

“This fellowship was designed to introduce faculty and staff from Hispanic-Serving Institutions to the many USDA programs and resources available to them and their students,” said Dr. Lisa Ramirez, director of USDA’s Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement. “More than 400 fellows have participated in the E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program, bringing back the knowledge they’ve acquired to share with their institutions and communities.”

The USDA E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program offers faculty and staff the opportunity to work collaboratively with USDA to gain insight and understanding of the federal government. Fellows receive access to long-term collaboration opportunities

with USDA agencies, and then share what they have learned with students and colleagues at their home institutions and in their communities.

Education fellowships are for faculty and staff at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). High School Fellowships are for secondary education superintendents, principals, agricultural and/or district level teachers working at Hispanic-Serving School Districts (HSSDs). Participants attend a one-week program in Washington, D.C. (July 7-11, 2025).

Science fellowships are for science faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Science fellows not only attend the one-week program in Washington, D.C. (July 7-11, 2025), but also spend an additional week collaborating with leading scientists at a USDA research facility (July 14-18, 2025).

Eligible applicants are faculty or staff at an HSI or HSSD. HSIs are accredited colleges and universities with at least 25 percent Hispanic student enrollment. Currently, there are more than 600 HSIs in 28 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico serving more than 3 million students.

For more information or to apply, visit USDA’s Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program web page

Residents, Local Organizations To Celebrate New Farm on the Lafitte Greenway

Emerging community space features garden beds, will host events and education programs

To celebrate the opening of a new farm and community space on the Lafitte Greenway, Sprout, the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORD), the Small Center at Tulane University School of Architecture, and the Lafitte Greenway Partnership will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, December 14, at 2:00PM. The event will feature refreshments from Tropicalia Kitchen and Skeeta Hawk Brewing, family-friendly craft projects with Mess Arts, music, a community seed library, and more.

WHAT: Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Sprout Community Farm on the Lafitte Greenway

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 2:00pm CST

WHERE: Sprout House & Community Farm, 2501 St Louis Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

The Sprout Community Farm will increase growing space for accessible food with 20+ personal beds for gardeners, a state-of-the-art greenhouse, a community pantry and fridge, and a large pavilion for events and programming.

“Sprout Community Farm will be a space for food sovereignty, sustainability, and joy,” said Mina Seck, Community Food Director at Sprout. “This celebration marks the culmination of a decade of growth and the beginning of a vibrant new space where New Orleanians can gather and learn from one another. Together, we’re creating a healthier, more equitable future—one garden bed at a time.”

Drawing from their decade of community gardening in the Tremé/Lafitte neighborhood, Sprout will expand their growing space to increase fresh food access, community connection, and sustainability along the Lafitte Greenway. Faculty and students at Tulane’s Small Center for Collaborative Design have been working with Sprout, community gardeners, neighbors and partner organization staff to develop schematic designs for the farm and pavilion. Forthcoming community programming will be conducted in partnership with the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission and the Lafitte Greenway Partnership.

New Rice Leadership Development Class Announced

Members of the 2025 Rice Leadership Development Class were announced earlier this week during the annual Rice Awards Luncheon at this year’s USA Rice Outlook Conference here. The class is comprised of seven rice industry professionals selected by a committee of agribusiness leaders.

“This is an excellent group that displays exceptional leadership potential,” said Rice Foundation Director Dr. Steve Linscombe. “They also represent a mix of southern and west coast individuals which always makes for good class dynamics.”

The new rice producer class members are Max Alves, Woodland, California; Lee Atwill, Little Rock, Arkansas; Wyatt Hardee, Gueydan, Louisiana; Logan Lemoine, Cheneyville, Louisiana; and Courteney Wall-Sisk, Paragould, Arkansas.

The new industry-related class members are Jeff Burns, Stuttgart, Arkansas; and Connor Webster, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Rice Leadership Development Program gives young men and women a comprehensive understanding of the U.S. rice industry, with an emphasis on personal development and communication training. During a two-year period, class members attend four one-week sessions that are designed to strengthen their leadership skills.

John Deere Company, RiceTec, Inc., American Commodity Company, and

Supreme Rice are sponsors of the Rice Leadership Development Program through a grant to The Rice Foundation, and USA Rice manages the program.



Front row, left to right: Logan Lemoine, Courteney Wall-Sisk, Lee Atwill. Back row, left to right: Jeff Burns, Max Alves, Wyatt Hardee (Connor Webster, not pictured).

USDA Requests Input on Environmental Impacts of the Tree Assistance Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

30-Day Public Review and Comment Period Now Open

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) welcomes input on the assessment of environmental impacts on two programs – the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) and Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting comments until Jan. 18, 2025, on its draft programmatic environmental assessments. The TAP environmental assessment includes updates to streamline the program and enable a quick response to natural disasters. The FSFL environmental assessment recommends continuing the program as currently administered.

"We welcome public input on the possible environmental impacts of both of these valuable programs," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Your comments will help us maintain and strengthen our disaster assistance and financing options for producers nationwide."

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to consider the potential effects of major federal actions to both

the natural and human environments as part of their planning and decision-making processes. Draft programmatic environmental assessments help FSA to determine whether program changes are needed and plan the implementation of proposed updates.

Tree Assistance Program

TAP helps cover the cost of replanting or rehabilitating eligible trees, bushes and vines that produce annual crops that have been damaged or destroyed by natural disasters. This program is crucial for helping producers recover from adverse natural disaster events and ensuring the long-term viability of their agricultural operations. The proposed program implementation update would include additional management tools and screening criteria that allow FSA to respond more quickly and effectively to time-sensitive natural disasters, including plant diseases.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

FSFL improves nationwide on-farm storage capacity for upgrading and building farm storage facilities for eligible commodities. The recommendation to continue the program

as currently administered is based on a need to improve the ability of agricultural producers to preserve harvested crops, reduce post-harvest losses and improve marketing and sales opportunities.

More Information

Both draft programmatic environmental assessments may be reviewed on the FSA current environmental documents page. Written comments regarding both the TAP and FSFL programs can be emailed to SM.FPAC.FBC.ENV@usda.gov until Jan. 18.

For detailed program information, view FSA's TAP and FSFL program fact sheets.



Research team awarded grant to better train farm workers on food safety, handling

A team of researchers in Louisiana and Florida recently received nearly \$500,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food and Agriculture to better train farm workers and underserved farmers in food safety practices.

The team, composed of researchers from the LSU AgCenter, Southern University Ag Center and Florida A&M University, will use the funds to provide interactive techniques, which the researchers believe will provide better learning opportunities for the farm workers.

These techniques, which attempt to shift away from a conventional slideshow-based training format, involve short, on-farm lessons on good agricultural practices, good handling practices, worker health and hygiene, sanitation, risk assessment and Food Safety Modernization Act produce safety requirements using hands-on activities, posters and flipcharts.

AgCenter food safety specialist Achyut Adhikari is the principal investigator for the grant. He believes the evolved training will broaden farmer knowledge of the safety practices and reach them where they are as opposed to a classroom-type environment.

"This grant allows us to bridge critical knowledge gaps among farmworkers and underserved farmers, equipping them with the tools and resources needed to meet regulatory and market-driven food safety requirements and ensure the integrity of our food system," he said.

Adhikari said different tools and resources, including videos, risk assessment tools, standard operating procedure templates, factsheets and recordkeeping logs, will be provided to cater to the operational requirements of the growers.

The risk assessment tools will help growers assess their current operations, identify potential food safety hazards and risks in their operations, evaluate current food safety practices and identify practices to be strengthened. The program consists of onsite audits to determine and assist in the implementation of food safety practices.

Adhikari's project colleague, Kiyana E. Kelly, director of the Center of Excellence at the Southern University Ag Center, said the training will give underserved farmers in the state a much-needed leg up in a changing landscape.

"Underserved farmers and farmworkers are the backbone of our agricultural industry," Kelly said. "This initiative is a crucial step in equipping them with the specialized training and resources necessary to thrive in today's complex regulatory environment."

Adhikari said considering the high number of Spanish-speaking farmers and farmworkers in Louisiana and Florida, the researchers' goal is to offer training in both English and Spanish.

This project will also help develop and strengthen the food safety program of two minority institutions, Florida A&M and Southern, by utilizing the experiences and resources from the LSU AgCenter to reach out to socially disadvantaged and underserved farmers.

"This funding enables us to create a more inclusive and practical approach to food safety training, especially for growers who are often overlooked in conventional programs," Adhikari said. "By providing hands-on training and tailored resources, we aim to not only enhance their understanding of critical food safety practices but also empower them to implement these practices effectively, ensuring compliance with regulations and protecting public health."

By: Todd Miller



LSU AgCenter food safety specialist Achyut Adhikari conducts an on-farm food safety workshop. Adhikari and colleagues from the Southern University Ag Center and Florida A&M University were recently awarded a nearly \$500,000 grant from the USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture to better train farm workers and underserved farmers in food safety practices. Photo provided by Ivannova Lituma



POULTRY SALES & SHOWS

Abbeville Poultry Sales & Swap — Held every 4th Sunday from 8 AM until 12 PM at the Tractor Supply, 3410 Veterans Memorial Drive. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact Kenneth Richard at (337) 319-5669.

Denham Springs Poultry Swap — Held every 2nd Saturday from 9 AM until 1 PM at the Tractor Supply on Florida Boulevard. Only healthy animals, no dogs or cats. Contact Daniel at (225) 665-9042.

Hammond Poultry Swap — Held 1st Saturday of the month at Tractor Supply on Florida Boulevard. Only healthy animals. Contact Jenna at (225) 439-9024.

New Iberia Poultry Swap & Sale — Held every 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday from 8 AM until

12 PM at Tractor Supply on Highway 90. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact Roy at (337) 523-1807.

Opelousas Poultry Swap & Sales — Held every 1st Sunday from 8 AM until 12 PM at the Tractor Supply, Highway 190. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact Larry at (337) 945-2804.

Poultry Swap & Farmers Market — Held every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 7 AM until at the Moss Bluff Tractor Supply. Contact Joyce Conner at (337) 391-1790.

Reeves Auction & Livestock — Held every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 3 PM. Located at 9271 Highway 190 in Ragley. Includes general merchandise and poultry. Contact Danny Reeves at (337) 309-9679.



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HORSE EVENTS

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For more information, call Troy Crain at (985) 516-7507 or Blake Chiasson at (985) 285-0892 or email sorting@3DOTS.us.

Cotton Country Open Horse Show Assoc.

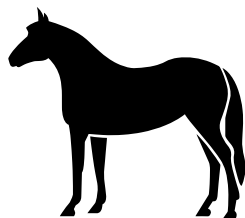
All shows held at the Northeast LA Exhibition Center on Hwy 33 in Ruston. For more information, visit www.ccohsa.com.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Assoc.

All shows begin at 9 AM and alternate between Clinton and New Roads arenas. There are no remaining shows for 2024. Stay tuned for the 2025 schedule.

More information:

<http://dsshsa.weebly.com/> or email: dsshsa@gmail.com



Jefferson Davis Riders Club

All shows held at Crowley Rice Arena and begin at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Cathy Meche at (337) 526-2281 or visit www.jeffdavisridersclub.org.

Livingston Horse Show Association

All shows held at South Park Arena in Denham Springs unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.livingstonhorshow.weebly.com or call (985) 507-0605.

Louisiana Little Britches Rodeo

All events held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit lalbra.weebly.com or email lalbra@yahoo.com.

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

The **Louisiana Polled Hereford Association** will hold their annual Bayou Classic Sale on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 1 PM at the Dean Lee Livestock Facilities and Sales Arena located at 8105 Tom Bowman Drive, south of Alexandria.

Anyone seeking to consign animals to sale can contact Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com) or Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com). The consignment deadline is February 1, 2025.

LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

CATTLE

Kinder Livestock (MON)

13008 Highway 190, West Kinder
(337) 738-2778, www.cattleusa.com

Dominique Stockyard (MON)

1462 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge
(225) 356-5203, dominiquelivestock.com

Amite Livestock Co. (TUES/SAT)

58449 Highway 51, Amite
(985) 748-8636, www.cattleusa.com

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2800 W. Landry Street, Opelousas
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8745 Highway 1, Mansura
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159 Cherokee Drive, Crowley
(337) 783-1442 or (337) 384-4500
ricearena@appj.org

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119 Robin Street, Napoleonville
www.assumptionla.com/AgComplex

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14730 Highway 10, Clinton
(225) 316-6779
www.clintonarena.com

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202 Rodeo Road, Farmerville
www.darbonnerangeriders.com

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www.morehouseactivitycenter.com

SugArena at Acadiana Fairgrounds

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New Iberia (337) 365-7539
www.sugarena.com

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www.sweetwater-campground.com

Terrebonne Livestock

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New Marketing Assistance Now Available for Specialty Crop Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency's (FSA) \$2 billion Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) program, aimed at helping specialty crop producers expand markets and manage higher costs, is now accepting applications from Dec. 10, 2024 through Jan. 8, 2025. Funded by the Commodity Credit Corporation, MASC was announced in November alongside the \$140 million Commodity Storage Assistance Program for facilities impacted by 2024 natural disasters.

"Specialty crop growers have typically faced higher marketing and handling costs relative to non-specialty crop producers due to the perishability of fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops and herbs," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Through this marketing assistance program, we can expand U.S. specialty crop consumption and markets by providing specialty crop producers the financial support needed to help them engage in activities that broaden and enhance strategies and opportunities for marketing their commodities."

MASC helps specialty crop producers meet higher marketing costs related to:

- Perishability of specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops and herbs;
- Specialized handling and transport equipment with temperature and humidity control;
- Packaging to prevent damage;
- Moving perishables to market quickly; and
- Higher labor costs.

MASC Eligibility

To be eligible for MASC, a producer must be in business at the time of application, maintain an ownership share and share in the risk of producing a specialty crop that will be sold in calendar year 2025.

MASC covers the following commercially marketed specialty crops:

- Fruits (fresh, dried);
- Vegetables (including dry edible beans and peas, mushrooms, and vegetable seed);
- Tree nuts;
- Nursery crops, Christmas trees, and floriculture;
- Culinary and medicinal herbs and spices; and
- Honey, hops, maple sap, tea, turfgrass and grass seed.

Applying for MASC

Eligible established specialty crop producers can apply for MASC benefits by completing the FSA-1140, Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) Program Application, and submitting the form to any FSA county office by Jan. 8, 2025. When applying, eligible specialty crop producers must certify their specialty crop sales for calendar year 2023 or 2024.

New specialty crop producers are required to certify 2025 expected sales, submit an FSA-1141 application and provide certain documentation to support reported sales i.e., receipts, contracts, acreage reports, input receipts, etc. New producers are those who began producing specialty crops in 2023 or 2024 but did not have sales due to the immaturity of the crop, began producing specialty crops in 2024 but did not have a complete year of sales or will begin growing specialty crops in 2025.

MASC Payments

For established specialty crop growers, those who certify crop sales in 2023 or 2024, FSA will calculate MASC payments based on the producer's total specialty crop sales for the calendar year elected by the producer. Payments for new producers will be based on their expected 2025 calendar year sales. Payment calculation details and examples are

available on the MASC webpage or related questions can be directed to local FSA county office staff.

FSA will issue MASC payments after the end of the application period. If demand for MASC payments exceeds available funding, MASC payments may be prorated, and the payment limitation of \$125,000 may be lowered. If additional funding is available after MASC payments are issued, FSA may issue an additional payment.

Specialty crop producers interested in applying for MASC benefits, are encouraged to review the program fact sheet for detailed information on program eligibility, required documentation, payment calculations and more.

More Information

Additional information on MASC is available in the Notice of Funding Availability, which went on public inspection in the Federal Register on Dec. 9, 2024.

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Congress Passes CR with Supplemental Aid for Louisiana Farmers

As you may have heard, Congress was finally successful late into Friday night in passing a Continuing Resolution that included many priorities we worked very hard to achieve. The House passed the measure 366-34-1 with all Louisiana members voting in favor. The Senate passed the resolution 85-11, Cassidy supporting and Kennedy opposing.

This resolution was the vehicle to achieve 3 big things:

1. Extending the Farm Bill to avoid reverting to permanent law.
2. \$21B+ for natural disaster assistance for 2023 & 2024.
3. \$10B for economic assistance for 2024 crops operating at a USDA calculated loss.

We will put together a more comprehensive breakdown of the economic assistance in

coming days, working with Dr. Michael Deliberto from the LSU AgCenter and our contacts in Washington, D.C.. Stay tuned for that.

For now - we want to say thank you. Since October, you have helped us send 4,550 messages to our Louisiana delegation urging the need for this assistance. I assure you that made a difference. Last Friday (12/13) we were on the doorstep of being left out of any assistance altogether. But thanks to your collective voice, you equipped members like Julia Letlow and Clay Higgins with the backing to stand in the gap and require agriculture be included for assistance to receive their yes vote on any resolution that would be offered. This also implored Speaker Johnson and Majority Leader Scalise cover to cut through political demands and land the support of the next President, and others, to get a package done.

Plenty of things fell by the wayside in these negotiations. But agriculture was really the last man standing to get special assistance through this package. While it is not going to make anyone whole, and even may be short of what some need to stay in business, we will celebrate this as the largest single ad hoc direct aid into agriculture that we have ever achieved. We know that need is very real.

We will also put together one last Voter Voice Call to Action following the holidays to say thank you. We know there is much work to be done to get a new Farm Bill achieved, reform labor laws and wages, and keep pesticides available in your toolbox. But for now, I hope you're proud of the farmer led effort from our grassroots that is still impactful in our nation's capital. Merry Christmas and we look forward to more Farm Bureau proud moments in 2025.

EVENTS

**Livestock Committee Beef Tour****March 24-28**

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation State Office;
9516 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

For information about tour and registration,
please contact Madison Plaisance via e-mail at
MadisonP@LFBF.org or at (225) 922-6211.

2025 Louisiana Agriculture Outlook Conference**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 • 8:30 AM - 2 PM**

This event brings together producers, industry experts, AgCenter faculty, policymakers, and community members who are passionate about and dedicated to the future of Louisiana agriculture in order to provide an economic outlook for production inputs, row crops, forestry, and cattle for the 2025 year.

The conference will be held at the State Evacuation Shelter located on the AgCenter's Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria, LA.

Preregister at <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1733765266313>.

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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State Senator says trade mission to Cuba will help grow business for Louisiana farmers

Cuba is having issues with food shortages, and Southwest Louisiana farmers need to sell their rice. That's why several Louisiana lawmakers visited Cuba with the state's agricultural commissioner on a trade mission to cultivate more business for our state's rice farmers.

The group visited a center in Cuba that receives rice from Louisiana in bulk and packages it for distribution to the Cuban people.

State Sen. Mark Abraham said this dynamic creates much more economic opportunity in Louisiana.

"Can we sell them corn, feed corn? Can we sell them vegetable oil? Can we sell them rice? We can. Now we're going to get all those products and load them on a ship and have a ship full of products. Then, we can use the Port of Lake Charles," Abraham said.

The United States has a trade embargo with Cuba due to its authoritarian government. Abraham says business-to-business sales are needed, and the arrangement helps Cuba and Louisiana farmers.

"They consume about 700,000 metric tons of rice. They produce about 150,000

metric tons of rice, so there's a 500,000-ton gap. 500,000 tons a year," Abraham said.

Abraham also said in the future, there may be opportunities for other products.

"It could be water, it could be corn for human consumption, and maybe we could get that at our surrounding states and bring it here," Abraham said.

Abraham said they are expanding the distribution center in Cuba for what is going to be a big boom for Louisiana. He also said Cuba could consume one-third of the rice that comes out of Louisiana.

'Silent Killer' poses risks on the farm

Widely known as the "silent killer," carbon monoxide has a rightfully bad reputation. It is an invisible, tasteless, odorless gas that is created by incomplete oxidation of carbon in combustion.

Due to the undetectable characteristics of carbon monoxide, people can be exposed to and breathe in dangerous gas without realizing it.

When carbon monoxide is inhaled, it quickly enters a person's bloodstream through their lungs. This causes sudden illness and, at high concentrations, can be fatal.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include fatigue and chest pain at low concentrations, and headaches, dizziness, impaired vision, nausea, confusion or death at higher concentrations.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can also cause long-term effects, including neurological problems.

Working and living on a farm can present high-risk areas for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Tractors and farm machinery should not be left running inside enclosed farm buildings or structures.

Garage and shop doors need to be open before starting and running equipment,

or equipment should be moved outside to idle.

All gas-powered equipment, not just vehicles and tractors, should ideally only be operated outside, and if used within a structure there needs to be adequate ventilation.

This includes equipment such as pressure washers, generators and other small combustion engines.

Alongside engines, grain storage can also present a risk. Spoiled and decomposing grain can create carbon monoxide, and grain bins quickly accumulate the gas, producing dangerously high concentrations rapidly.

Proper grain storage is important to help prevent damage that can create carbon monoxide and reduce the need for grain bin entry, which is dangerous even when carbon monoxide poisoning is not a risk.

Always test air quality and oxygen levels before entering a grain bin.

Carbon monoxide detectors installed in high-risk farm areas can be a lifesaver for farm families and employees.

Since humans cannot detect carbon monoxide with our senses, these tools are essential for the detection

of this dangerous gas before negative health impacts set in.

Barns, shops and all enclosed work areas would benefit from the installation of carbon monoxide detectors. Install detectors at all building levels. When installing the detectors, follow the manufacturer instructions regarding placement.

Ventilation is also a key piece to protecting yourself and others from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Open doors and windows and utilize exhaust fans when running gas or diesel-powered equipment.

Equipment maintenance can also reduce carbon monoxide poisoning risk.

Check machinery for holes in exhaust systems and repair immediately. Also, ensure that all pieces are attached and fit properly. Turn off engines that are not in use.

Make sure employees and family members on the farm are aware of risks and protective measures relating to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Stay vigilant for symptoms in others. If carbon monoxide poisoning occurs, immediately remove the person from the exposure area and take them outside to get fresh air.