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New Orleans Fair Grounds Racetrack under Quarantine

As of Jan. 12, 2017, the entire New Orleans Fair Grounds Racetrack facility was placed under quarantine by State Veterinarian Dr. Brent Robbins, D.V.M. This is the result of the spread of the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV).

“This quarantine is being implemented out of an abundance of caution as we work to contain the disease. While there has been restricted movement of horses at the racetrack, as of today we cannot risk horses possibly leaving the Fair Grounds while some are still testing positive for the virus,” said Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M.

“This quarantine is being done for the health and safety of all horses in the state and to protect the horse racing industry. This virus is highly contagious and we still have horses showing symptoms of illness. We must do everything possible to contain this virus and continue testing until all horses are cleared.”

As of Jan. 12, nine horses remain in isolation. Last month, a two-year-old thoroughbred gelding reportedly developed a fever and neurological signs and was humanely euthanized on Dec. 26, 2016. Nasal swab and blood tests were confirmed positive for Equine Herpes Virus-1 (EHV-1) neuropathogenic strain at the Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab. While this virus is not transmissible to humans, it can be severe in horses, especially the neuropathogenic strain which is more likely to progress to the neurologic disease known as Equine Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). The virus is spread most commonly by direct horse-to-horse contact. It can also be spread through the air, contaminated equipment, clothing and hands.

Horses in barns not exposed to EHV-1 will be allowed to continue racing. Exposed horses under quarantine are monitored for at least 14 days and tested twice for EHV-1. Any horses that test positive for the disease, are placed in isolation for further observation and testing. Sixty-five ship-in (day race) horses that were possibly exposed to an EHV-1 positive horse in the receiving barn have been traced, placed in isolation at undisclosed locations and are being tested.

The LDAF continues to closely work with the USDA Veterinary Services, Racing Commission, and Fair Grounds officials as well as horse owners and trainers.

Symptoms of the disease include fever, ocular or nasal discharge, limb swelling, abortion, and neurologic signs such as unsteady gait, urine dribbling, hind limb weakness, and inability to rise. There is no cure for the disease but symptoms may be treatable. According to LDAF records, EHM was last detected at the racetrack in 2008.

Mike Strain
Commissioner
**CATTLE**

**Attention:** Bull sellers and buyers. All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 24 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 virgint status signed by the breeder, the breeder's agent or an accredited veterinarian. For more information, contact the LDAF Animal Health Services and Food Safety at 225-925-9380 or visit the website at www.ldaf.state.la.us.

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

**CATTLE**


**Reg. female disposable,** (14) fall cow/calf prs., $1800-$2200/1; (8) spring calving cows, $1400-$1700/1; (6) spring calving heifers, $1500/1; (11) young heifers, great Hoff & Bon View New Design genetics, all heifers & calves by ET son of Hoover Dam, $1000-$1250/1. Clinton Twilley, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-910-0549.

**Angus** plus replacement heifers, 8-10 mos., vacc. & weaned, gentle, 1/8 Brahman sired by high quality reg. Angus bulls, $1300/1 or (10 or more), $1200. Raymond Fontenot, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-893-6743.


**Reg.** male Angus, bred to reg. Angus bull, $2000/1. Eldon Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-5503.

**Reg. Angus** bulls, leading AI sires, $2500/1-up. Ray Gendron, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-931-5751.

**Brahman** heifers, 6 mos., $400/1; (2) Braford bulls, $500/1; (1) Braford bull, $500; (2) Braford bull, $600/1. Dale Bond, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-939-2409.

**BEEFMASTER**


**Reg. Beefmaster** bull, 2 yrs. old, wh./dun, well-muscled, gentle, sired by retired Watt Casey herd sire, raised on grass, $2000/1-up. Lloyd Savell, Finale, Sabine Parish; 318-564-7378 or 318-508-0293.


**BRANGUS**

**Reg. Brahmans,** bull, born 10/15/09, 65 lbs., EBV birth weight 1.0, ow 11.9 yrlg. 20.5 milk 10.6 calves to show, $2500. Tanny De Villiher, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-466-1445 or 337-457-5467.

**Reg. Brahman** bull, 6/15, dehorned, $1500; Pb Brahmans bull calf, born 5/16, dehorned, $800. Murrell Holpfair, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-258-1383.

**Reg. Brahman** bull, pb, gentle, dark gray, trade for young Angus Hereford, Simbrah, tb, ballyd bull or $1000. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; 979-479-0929.


**Reg.** heifers & bulls, (5) 1-yr.-old, $1600/1; (2) 2-yr.-old, $2200/1; (18) heifers, $1500/1. Phil Young, Dry Creek, Beauregard Parish; 337-283-3372.


**Reg. Brangus** bull, 3 yrs., Center Ranch bred w/BraHindu breeding, great, very conformed, lbw, race., & worked, tested, calves to show, nice bull, $4000. Al Rosaz, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-580-4709.

Hoover Dam son on Suvo Brahman from reg. stock, 9-10 mos., reg. Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; heifers, $1900/1; bulls, 10 mos., great EPDs & bloodlines, gentle, Parish; 337-718-7237; 337-239-
wormed & shots, excel. EPDs, 3852.

Jena, Lasalle Parish; 318-758-
1200/1-up; Char. bulls, pb, 14-18 DL -F, HYF, IEF, reg. # 43105601,
ment bulls, off sires BF Rambo, 225-315-0434.

Michelle, Zachary, East Baton big boned, can be used on heifers, 1/20/11, nice & big w/excel. EPDs, 3151.

Heifers, top bloodlines, lbw, some $1200; herd bull, 4 yrs., $4000; Garry Lavergne, Ville Wyoming Wind breeding, lbw, $2700. Garry Lavergne, Ville


DLF, HYF, IEF, reg. # 43105601, sire MJ Red Ne'on 8ZET, DLF, HYF, IEF, reg. #4316592, polled & horned, excel EPDs, avg. lbw 50-60 lbs., 4-H show quality bloodlines, cash, $250/1-up; BF Rambo bull, 6 yrs., DLF, HYF, IEF, polled, lbw, 50-60 lbs., $4000. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-353-0818.

(b) bred Char/Brangus heifers, used same reg. Brangus bull for 3 yrs., proven lbw calves, parents on site, $1400 nego; (4) Brangus heifers, bred to proven lbg reg. Brangus bulls, parents on site, $1600/1 nego. Timothy Bordelon, Groves, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-912-
306.

(bk) bally heifers, Hereford/Brangus, born 3/15, shots, $1800/1. Jason Guidy, Alee, Vermillion Parish; 337-898-
2119.

replacement heifers, exposed to Angus bull, dehorned & worked, gentle, $12,000/1; $1250/1, bonus bull, 20-22 mos., $1750. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Parish; 337-
527-2870.

½ blood Brahfo & Brangus heifers, 12-13 mos., vac., & wor-
med, $1600/1; F1 Brahfo bulls, 22-23 mos., vac., & wor-
med, on baleage & tubs, $2400/1. Tracy Boone, Patron, Parish; 337-
228-4190.

Wanted: mini Dexter bull. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, Parish; 337-831-1595.

WANTED:
HORSES, MULES & JACKS

All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse deal-
ers, order buyers or persons selling on commission basis.

APHA tobiano true buckskin stallion, 5 yrs., 15 hands, 1100 lbs., 4 stockings above knees, dam side Skipo Star grand roller, sire side APHA Perino-Doc-King Peppy Sand Badger, $1500. J.C. Parker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; 337-
463-2237.

(4) APHA mares, (2) grullo (1) blk. & wh., (1) blue roan overo, Cactus Ben, Paul-o-Mine triple Titan, Red Robin Sonny DuBale Bleu-Cody, 1-8 yrs., $700/1 or if all taken, $500/1. J.C. Parker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; 337-
463-2237.

APHA evoer paint mare, 15 yrs., blk./wh., open for breeding, good

APHA bil. Little Acre, own son of Bob Ace Doc x Doc Quarter mare, NCHA money earn-
ers, has looks, disp. & conform., $500/15 mare care. Ben Bruce, Pollock, Grant Parish; 337-664-2871.

Golden pal. w/wh. stockings & blaze, Peppy Freckles Bar, champ cutting & reining bloodlines, sons of Freckles Badger Doc by Gallo Del Cielo & Colonel Freckles, Wimpy mare, dam Lady Maudie Bar by Doc Spencer Bar & own daughter of Leo Maudie, $500/1 obo. Dwight Brignac, Washington, Parish; 337-831-3758.

Buckskin paint, 15 yrs., big & stout. 15 hands, cowboy's horse; to pen & go to show, sound & no bad habits, $2500. Nicole Snoddy, Ville Platte, Parish; 337-613-5488.

Pal. filly 1½ TW & ½ Arab, 2 yrs., $1800; APHA mare, King Badgers Colonel daughter out of Poco Easter Chex mare, 60 days training, athletic buckskin & cowey, $250; APHA stallion, dbl. Bueno Cash & pure filly, lots of color, $2500. John Grindell, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-270-7125.


APHA bay, own son of Peppy San Badger out of producing mare, $600. Brenda Beaubouef,
AQA blue roan Hancock studs, (1) I Drew x Drew's Hancock, (1) Hancock Bee Blue II x Hancock Bee Blue, natural cover, $300. Russell Roger, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 337-586-5257.

AQA cremello stallion, son of Zams Two Tone & Jacks Sunny Rose, great grandchildren are dbl. bred Two Eyed Jack, genetic disease panel tested, $300/$550 mare care. Randy Soileau, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-948-1701.


Colonel's Lil Scoot, outstanding son of multi-million producer Smart Lil Scoot, out of top 10 producing daughter of Colonel Freckles, produces cutting, rooping, working & etc. horses, The Real Deal, $750; Smart Plan Peppy, good son of the great cutting horse Smart Plan, out of a multiple producing daughter of Little Peppe, foals have looks, minds & ability, $500. Dave Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; 337-937-6719.

Colin Turner, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-320-5515.

Rachel Bertrand, 2198.

SHEEP & GOATS

African pygmy male, 4-5 yrs. old, good breeder, trade for young nanny of some breed or $75. Emily Accardo, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 985-875-0033 or 985-276-2261.


2016 ½ Kathadin & ½ Dorper male sheep, 20/26 blk, head w/hw, spot on forehead, good con., $165. Willie Lemone, Plaquemie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-7993.

AGDA reg. Nubian/Lamancha male & pregnant female, dehorned & papers, $400/1; Pb Boer female, pregnant, $400. Kyle Viator, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-360-1396.

Kathadin ram, 5 yrs., pb lg. size, good breeding stock, $300/1. Donald Virdrine, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-459-5951.

2016 myotonic meat goat kid, wethers & does, $150/1-up. Gregory Monier, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-302-4000.

2016 reg. myotonic does, doe kids, $30/1; bred does, $40/1; adult bucks, $40/1. David Rigby, Converse, Sabine Parish; 337-269-2796.


Boer wether pet, 8 mos., tame, $200; Boer buck, 8 mos., tame, $300. Paul or Sue Campbell Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; Eveningshadeboer.goats.com or 337-845-9981.

ADGA reg. Nubian, Lamancha & crosses, all ages, $300/1-up; milking does available, live & milked does available, $40/1-up; reg. & unreg. bucks, ready to breed in fall, $150/1-up. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-519-0231.

(2) ABCA border collies, born 4/2/16, wormed & shots (1) bw/f. $300; (1) blue merle male, $400. Philip Bordelon, Acme, Concordia Parish; 318-386-0101.

ABCAPaca, 9 wks., champ sire on bottom side & sire was reg., & had wins w/sheep, beautiful, shots & wormed, $250/1. George Hallner, Westwego, Jefferson Parish; 504-328-7739.

AKC Chinese Shar-Pei, wrinkled pups & adults, $75/1; Sheila Williams, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-824-5197 or 337-789-0699.

½ blk. & ½ bull terrier, 7 mos., shots & on heart worm preventative needs a good loving home, free. Marr Johnson, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 983-630-0110.


AKC reg, field trial bird dogs, (5) males, blk./wh., $800/1. Lynn Mercer, Mangham, Richland Parish; 318-248-3275 or 318-417-1376.

AKC reg. Australian shepherd pups, red-tri & merles, sire off a AKC reg. daughter of Multi-million producer. Red & white merles available, docked, dew claws removed, shots & health guaranteed, tri, $500/1; merles, $600/1. Patrick Boudreaux, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-257-6582.

AKC reg. border collie female, 29 mos., blk./wh., sire is Australian champ, beautiful smooth hair, loving & great disp., $500. G. Hallner, Westwego, Jefferson Parish; 504-328-7739.

Antoine shepherd pups, born 10/31/16, $225/1. David Yount, Coshoutha, Natchitoches Parish; 318-471-3681.

Australian shepherds, blk. tri & red merle, male & female, vet check & shots, wormed, tails docked, socialized, $250/1. Shelley Greenville, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; 318-664-1454.

Beagles, males & females, some AKC reg., deer proof & collar broke, $300-$500/1. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-328-2198.

Chocolate lab, 1-yr. old, shots & wormed, duck dog, $150; bk. male Schneider, 20 lbs., $50. Mitch Johnson Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-353-0818.

Doberman pups, whelped 10/24/16, dam out of European bloodlines, 92 lbs., friendly, farm raised w/children, $600. Terry LeBlanc, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-658-5626.

Louisiana Heeler pups, ¾ heeler & ¼ brindle, shots, working dog stock, easy to handle & train, good family/farm dogs, parents on site, available 2/7, females, red heeler $200/1; tri-color $150/1. Cord Ensinger, Beauregard Parish; 337-348-9694.

OMCBA mountain cur squirrel dogs, started, $550-$1000/1; pups, $350/1. Feke NKC dogs, $450-$1000/1. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-442-2463.

Indian ringnecks, $150/1-up; alexandrine parrot & mustard parakeets, $450/1-up; diamond dove prs., $50/1; green-wing macaw, handfed, $1800/1; button quail, $10/1; fancy parakeets, $15/1. Dave Kuhnav, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-895-0925.


(3) Gold cap courpes, hand-
**MARKET BULLETIN**

### POULTRY & FOWL

- **(4) laying hens** hens, large breed, just finished laying, $10/l. George Hallner, Westwego, Jefferson Parish; 504-328-7739.

- **Red-Shouldered Yokohamas** $3/0 or $5/0, Tommy Patton, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-256-3582.


- **Beautiful Narragansett turkeys** $35/0; 15 Siamese pheasants, $p., $300/0; 16 hatch, $p. 200/0; other pheasants, $5/0 or $10/0, Richard Milliken, Oak Grove, West Carroll Parish; 318-490-8025.

- **Dominique sex-link roosters** $7-10/0, Beth, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; 337-298-4386.


- **Old English game bantams**, bl., creles, BB reds & wheatons, $2/0. Hugh Junca, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; 337-923-7223 or 337-940-3512.

- **Chickens, all ages**, hens hatch year around, large & small breeds, pure & mixed, few fuzzy ones, raised w/o antibiotics, $2-$14; roosters, $5/1-up; eggs, green, brown & white, or eat to hatch, tiny to jumbo, $2-3/1-up. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-370-3479.

- **2016 Western & Bourbon red turkeys**, males & females, older, $45/1, baby, $20/1. L. Mercer, Mangham, Richland Parish; 318-284-3276 or 318-417-1376.

- **Taking orders for chicks**, wheat/blue wheaten Ameraucana, $8/1; French blue & bl. copper marans, $7/1; olive eggers & Easter eggers, $6/1. Jennifer Truax, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-517-5111 or 985-517-1614.

- **Wanted:** Pilgrim geese or Cotton Patch geese will purchase or trade for other geese. Randy Bader, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; 337-397-5051.

### EGGS

- **Fresh yard eggs**, $1.50/doz. Octave LaCaze Jr., Colfax, Grant Parish; 318-627-3416.

- **Fresh farm eggs**, $2/doz., & hatching eggs, $5/0/doz., larger quantities call ahead. Kristen Burfield, Lettosch, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

- **Fresh yard eggs**, $1.25/doz. Paul Schmidt, Leesville, Vernon Parish; 337-238-3712 or 337-378-4737.

- **Fertile hatching eggs**, doz., wheaten/blue wheaten Ameraucana, $36/1; Easter eggers, $25/1; olive eggers, $25/1. Jennifer Truax, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-517-5111 or 985-517-1614.

### RABBITS & EQUIPMENT


- **Mixed meat rabbits**, 5-6 mos., 8 wks. & older, $12/1-up; Flemish, $40/1; checkered giants, 8 wks. & older, $15/1-up. Jeremy Farris, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-516-8469.

- **Megan’s Mini Farm**, mini rex rabbits, all ages & colors, show quality, $20/1-up. Megan Bergeron, Lena, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-223-2008.


### PIGEONS

- **Kings, show & utility**, $3/1-up. D. Miller, Church Point, 337-524-8944.

- **Racing homers from proven winners**, 100-500 mile races, Janssens, blk. egles, yellow & red trentons, speed birds, grizzlies, red & yellow muelman, blue bars & blue cheeks, $15/1; German owls, 1-yr. & older, blk. & bl. red, show birds & hobby birds, $25/1-up. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-873-8440.

- **Texas pioneer recessive red**, young birds, prs., $30/1; utility kings, prs., $15/1; young birds, $5/1, other breeds avial. Ray Girandine, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-311-4220.

- **Pigeons**, 25/1-$1; fantail pigeons, $10/1; dominique roosters, $5-$10/1. Beth, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; 337-298-4386.

### CHICKEN/RABBIT CAGES

- **100-200 tall x 2' x 16” w/pan that pulls out & separates from rabbit**, $50/1-up. Jackie Dakin, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-992-9119.

### DEER & EXOTICS

- **Any person who keeps, breeds, raises, & separates from rabbit**, $50/1. Mike Deshotel, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-246-0400 or 337-824-5593.

### PIGEONS


- **Pond stocking**, blue catfish, 45/l; channel catfish, 30/l; copper-rose bluegill & La. bluegill, 25/l; hybrid bluegill, 30/l; red-ear'd broom, 30/l; bl. & cr. coop, 45/l; bass, 70/l; fathead minnows, 12/l, del. avai. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; 318-377-1525.

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**LIVESTOCK BOARDING**

- **Horse boarding**, stalls & pasture, nice barn farms, auto bug system, 25 acres of good pasture, large loafing sheds, hurricane & vinyl fencing, $3000/mo. Linda Helo, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-581-4155.

- **Horse boarding** on 28 acres, 30x20’ shelter, rd. pen, no stallions, located on Grand Coteau area, $1000/mo. Cathie Savage, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-257-1947.

- **Horse boarding & training**, lighted covered arena, walker, rd. pen & outdoor arena, turn out paddocks, cattle events, bare board, $2000/mo.; full board, $6000/mo. Jeffery or Terri Langford, Carencro, Acadia Parish; 225-268-7998 or 225-715-6158.

- **Horse boarding**, pasture, full or partial board, riding arena & trailer storage, also barn & pasture for rent. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-328-2198 or 225-627-9562.

- **Horse boarding**, 5 acres coastal pasture w/barn, place to ride, $100/upt. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-370-3479.

- **Stalls avail.** at Kealey stables in Port Allen, covered arena, walker & partial board. Terry Devona, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-268-7602.

- **Individual horse paddocks w/run-ins, lighted covered arena, rd. pen, hot/cold wash rack, 170 acres, feed, hay, dewmer, fly control, trailer storage, a/c tack room included, Carencro area, $3500/mo. Bill Langford, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-280-1355.

- **Horse boarding**, 12x12’ stalls, turnout pens, walker, covered lighted arena, outdoor arena, covered 2-horse wash rack, located in Tickfaw. Richard Acton, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; 225-567-7977 or 985-507-8667.

- **Stalls avail.** at Sunshine Arena in Plaquemine, Sunshine Ferry Rd. 2 miles south of LA 67, 15 acres w/trails & riding on levee. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; 225-921-5575.

- **Professional hog removal**, free
services w/$2 million insurance provided to landowners, La. state licensed, state-wide services. David Braun, Greenwell Springs, East Baton Rouge Parish; 337-056-5824 or 800-693-9853.

Equipment Service for Hire

Trac. & bush hogging work, garden tillin w/5 ½’ tiller for garden & lawn, clearing, 750 Bob cat steer load, 337-803-6138.

Dustin Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-282-6178. Provench, Natchitoches Parish; 318-472-6490.

Duck & goose field/pond preparation, rolling, smashing or clearing vegetation or rice stubble for hunting or wildlife travel, will travel. Leonhgt Ralabals, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-517-5224.

Limestone, ash, cal base, wash out concrete, dirt, sand & land clearing, dozer, truck, dozer work, ponds, driveways, private roads, culvert setting, bush hogging demolition, will travel. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-437-1143.

Dirt work & hauling services, backhoe, dozer, dump truck, excavator, skid steer, construct private roads, bldg. sites, house pads, driveways, haul, land clearing, food plots, also welding & diesel mechanic services, free estimates. Joey Dawson, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-505-7315.


Case 850D dozer w/6-way blade & winch, lane pushing or hauling areas cleared/cleared w/operator, $75/hour plus del. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

Dozer & excavator work services, land clearing, limestone, dirt, ponds, crawfish ponds, roads, house pads, culvert settings & level work. Chad Helmeringer, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-5767 or 318-964-2380.

Bush hogging & trac. work, front-end loader, by hour or by job, $45/hr. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 377-831-1596.

Bush hogging services, residential & commercial lots, $38/hr., over 45 miles $10/per hr. Joe Porteous, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; 985-513-9759.

Market Bulletin

Poultry


Rural Properties for Sale

Rural Properties for Rent or Lease

Fall & winter produce, greens, mustard, turnip & collard, 5.1/bunch; frozen okra, $5/qt., $12/gal. Camille Moran, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; 318-471-1740.

Local varieties of fruit, satsumas, LA sweets, grapefruit, $100, 20 boxes, 40 lb. box, $251. Monica Guidry, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-643-3994.

Jams, Jellies & Preserves

Marmalade jams, fresh, pt. / $7/. Brenda, Oakdale, Allen Parish; 318-335-1414.

Local varieties of fruit, satsumas, LA sweets, navel, grapefruit & blood oranges, 40 lb. box, $251. Monica Guidry, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-789-5478.

Low sugar jam/jelly, used fruit from local farmers, pint, $6/1; ½ pint, $4/1; 12 oz. jars, $5/1. Golden Tradewell, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-564-6009.


Live oak trees, time to plant, 2” diameter, 8’-12’ tall, pick-up in Welsh, $751. Karl Arceneaux, Jeff Davis Parish; 318-570-4590. (7) varieties of old time grafted pears, good eating, sweet & juicy, good disease resistance, will bear fruit in 2 yrs., 3 & 5 gal. containers, $30/1; many other kinds of fruit trees & vines, $10-$25/1. (100) 3” saw tooth oaks in 3 gal. pots, $500/val. Lee Cook, Hasuer, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-7043.

Hazelnut bush, chestnut, bay leaf, bald cypress & pomegranate, mayhaw, Japanese plum, sago palm, variegated cane & figs trees, many varieties, $15-25/1. James Robin Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, L., 70507, St. Landry Parish; 337-407-0188.

Louisiana live oaks, 10’-12’, 3” caliper, single leader, potted in 30 gal. containers, $110/1. Marshall Gray, Patterson, St. Mary Parish; 985-518-4420.

Grafted pecan trees, Elliot, Sunner & Candy, 6’-8” in 4 gal.
2016 Argentine & Bahia hay, limed & fert., soil tested & sprayed for weeds, sq. bales, $7/1; 4x5 rd. bales, $50/1; reduced prices avail. for goats, dog bedding & chicken nesting. Vernon Russell, Roseland, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-6648.


2016 Alicia Bermuda hay, sq. bales, $5.25/1; Alicia Bermuda 4x5 rolls, $30/1; Bahia 4x5 bales, $25/1. Blaine Leger, Iota, Acadia Parish; 337-781-9929.

(300) '16 Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, $25/1; Jayson McConnell, Shreveport, Caddo Parish; 318-470-0561.

2016 Bahia hay, 5x5 rd. no rain, $25/1. Mike Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-88-9675 or 985-687-5030.

Baha mixed 4x4 rd. bales, $25/1; Bahia, good quality, $30/1; wheat straw, sq. bales, $3/1. Benton Broussard, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-523-9444.

Bahia & rye grass, rd. bales, $25/1, in barn, $35/1, sq. bales, $5.5/1. Mike Bee, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; 225-276-8734 or 225-938-6972.

2015 Bermuda grass mix, 4x5 ft., fed., stored in barn, $30/1. Casey Fruge', Lake Arthur, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-229-2209.

Bahia sq. bales, fert., $5/1; Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, fert., stored in barn, $35/1. Duane Wilson, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-978-5699.


Bahia/Barrier mix, 4x5 & 4x6 bales, new, $35/1. Paul Habetz, Scott, Lafayette Parish; 337-974-0111.

2016 mixed hay, fert., net wrapped in field, 4x2, $20/1; del., $30/1. C.M. Duplessis, Jennings, Jefferson Parish; 337-385-1373.

2016 mixed hay, fert., net wrapped, del. available, $35/1. Chris or Dale Bertrand, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-495-4073 or 337-351-2484.

(2400) Bermuda sq. bales, horse quality, fert., & sprayed & clean, barn kept, $35/1. Paul Habetz, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-526-5902.


2015 mixed grass hay, sq. bales, in field, $3.5/1; loaded, $4/1. Luke Ducie, Moretave, Avoyelles Parish; 318-308-8375.

2016 mixed grass hay, 4x5 rolls, net wrapped, del. avail., $25/1. Ricky Boyle, Canton, St. Landry Parish; 337-275-9076.

2016 mixed hay, 4x5 bales, nettleton, $30/1. Alonzo Stuck, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-614-1915.

2016 mixed hay, fert., & sprayed, in field, $5.5/1. Earl Normand, Cottonport, Allen Parish; 337-570-6361.

2016 mixed hay, 4x5 sq. bales, $4/1; decoration hay, $3/1. Anthony Santangelo, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-351-3928.


2016 mixed hay, 5x6 rolls, wrapped, $25/1. Tony Hensgens, St. Landry Parish; 337-629-6120.

2016 mixed hay, fert., & sprayed, del., $30/1. Homer Dutsch, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-405-2536.

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2016 mixed hay, fert., net wrapped, in field, $4/1; del., $30/1. Mark Southall, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-452-7297.

2015 mixed hay, 4x5 rd. bales, stored, $40/1. Robert Davis, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-963-9107.

2015 mixed hay, 4x5 rd. bales, stored, under barn, $40/1. W. Mike Southall, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-452-7297.

2015 mixed hay, 4x5 rd. bales, top quality, no rain, fert., & no weeds, $5/1; net wrapped rd. bales, $30/1. Dickson sq. bales, top horse quality no rain, fert. & & no weeds, $6/1. Robert Davis, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-405-2536.

2016 mixed hay, clean, no weeds, in field, $30/1; in barn, $35/1. Charles Bell, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-839-9222.

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**Planting & Tillage**

- **6’ wide**, land leveler, all metal, homemade, hooks to toolbar, no hyd., fits on 16’ trailer, works well w/less than 100 hp tractor, $500. Lyle Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-351-0836.

**Wanted**: Kioti tractor DK45 for parts, all engine parts needed or complete engine w/starting, all fuel system. Sidney Spight, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-606-2070.

**Cutting & Mowers**


**Wanted**: John Deere 4402 tractor, 2 wd, (3) remotes, $2000. Michael Dupuy, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-0213.

**Hay Equipment**

- Front & rear weights for JD M 40-420 $320. 600 o/b. Dallas Richard, Morse, Acadia Parish; 337-517-3750.

**Equip. for Int.**

- 140-100-130 farm tractor,. 1-row tracs, all kinds, $50/1,000. up. David Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-788-0240 or 337-250-5524.

**Other Ag Implements**

- JD 230 hyd. fold disc, field ready. $2500. Michael Dupuy, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-876-5941.

**Wanted**: 2001 JD 640 corn planter, 3 bu., 10’ wide, with 3 pt. hitch, all parts needed or $400. Sid Strickland Bros., St. Landry Parish; 318-719-2245 or 318-757-2245.

**Hay Equipment**


- (2) horse drawn hay rakes, (1) JD & (1) Int. $500/1. Frank Nicoula, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-878-4933.
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(2) Gallagher solar 517 elec. fence shockers, $100/1; 6’ T-posts, used, $2.25. Wilt Vise, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-369-3125.

Lincoln 250 diesel welding machine, Perkins engine, older model, straight DC machine, $1800. Rayburn Bushnell, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-515-2294 or 337-855-7025.

(38) 20’ x 20’ x 20’ of 3” oil field pipe, $12/1; (14) 20’ joints of 4” oil field pipe, $14/1. Alton Presley, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-824-6500.

Diesel engine, 404 cu. inches, 100 hp, used on a water well, mounted on heavy skids, can be used for other items, good cond., $950. Louis Cramer, Branch, Acadia Parish; 337-380-7296 or 337-788-0498.

Peter Wright awn., 186 lbs., good cond., $700. Chris Bazer, Batchelor, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-492-3425.


Squeeze chute, 8’ long, heavy duty, manual head gate, never used, $2150. Philip Watts, Livingston, Livingston Parish; 225-686-1306.

(35) joints of 2’3/8” seal tubing, tested to 6000 lbs., good for flowline, waterline, etc., $50/1; plastic molases tubes 25 gal., great for plants, $5/1; 2-axle 700 gal. nurse tank, trailer & pump, $2000; 2-axle trailer mounted hyd. seed mixer & loader, used to mix chemicals & auto load seed hoppers on planters, $2000; factory built portable animal cage 3’x6’x6” & wire, excel. cond., $425. B. Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 328-992-4504.

Blacksmith coal, 50 lb. sack, $20/1. John Perillus, Robert, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-542-4346.

6000 gallon fuel tight tank on L shape skid w/fuel pump, $4500. Guy Cesar, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-884-0309.

(100) joints of structural pipe, 2 3/8 inch, $20/1; 2 7/8” per. jt., 30’ per joint, $28.1. Billy Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-581-
Iron fireplace insert/owner, fits standard fireplace, 35” wide x 16 1/2” deep x 2’ high, $280. Houston Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-355-4891.

Peter Wright anvil, $276, $110. Frank Nicosia, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-878-4033.

4400 of 1”x12’, 2”x6’, 2”x6” & 1”x4” pine lumber, $650000. G. Denton, Jena, La. Parish; 318-778-3248 or 870-510-4606. Lumber & SAWING

FROM THE FARM

Gourd purple, white, ready for hang, pick-up in Oak Grove or will ship & pay postage, $610. G. Denton, Oak Grove, West Carroll Parish; 318-428-9452.

New & used small orchard machines, holds (48) 12 oz. cans cokes or beer w/3 shots for drink sets, set from $5-$15, $400 obo. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-731-0240 or 337-250-5524.

(24) Cajun picked quail eggs, crayenne pepper flavored, 16 oz. jar, pick-or pick up, $100. Mike Simon, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-438-4289.

Commercial gas turkey fryer, fully equipped, cooks 8 turkeys at a time, $300. Jim Bear, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-298-2645.

Iron fireplace insert/owner, fits standard fireplace, 35”x16 1/2” deep x 2’ high, $250. Houston Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-355-4891.

Wood duck nest boxes, rough cypress, $300. Gary Marcantel, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-580-3742.


Old cypress carpenter bee traps w/hardware to mount, $300.1/1. Marshall Gray, Patterson, St. Mary Parish; 985-518-8420.

Cypress patio furniture, swings, gliders, rockers, Adirondack chairs & tables, $150-1 up. Lester Bertrand, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-236-2151.

Cypress wood duck nesting boxes, $300?/1; predator guards, $180/1. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-457-5709 or 337-230-7295.

Hand crocheted 3-piece baby set, cap, booties & blanket, wh. blue or pink, free shipping, $40/1. Trace Smith, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-664-3227.

Baby quilts, $50/1-up; quilts, king, queen, patchwork & dbl. wedding ring patterns, $200/1-up; patchwork quilt tops, ready for quilting, $50/1. Mary Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-7426.

MARKET BULLETIN

HUNTING, FISHING & CAMPING

Duck hunting in Pine Island, deer hunt for teal season, near Welsh, $50-$75 per gun, $150 minimum. Bart, Welsh, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-526-8825 or 337-526-8826.

204 acres of deer & duck hunting, CRP payment, $3800/acre. Roy McIntyre, Delhi, Franklin Parish; 337-282-2301 or 338-825-3624.

Share of stock in Grand Lake Lodge & Gun Club Inc., located in Marksville adjacent to Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge & Grassly Lake Wildlife Management area, furnished camp w/2) established deer hunting boxes each, $175,000; share of stock w/large metal shod on concrete slab & (2) established deer hunting boxes, great deer, duck, hogs & small game hunting, $135,000. Patrick Lacombe, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 331-481-7705.

Wanted: 400-600 acres to lease for deer, hogs & small game, all family members. Thomas Landry, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-422-6247.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

1930s farm house to be moved or salvaged, located in East Baton Rouge Parish; 1200 sq. ft., pine floors, pier & beam, new roof, took in a few inches of water, remodeling germ, $29,500 or best offer. Donald Fitzgerald, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-324-7789.


Okra sizer, 3/8” wide, 14 blade, $250; 16 blade, $290; 18 blade, $325. Harry Smith, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-662-3610 or 337-277-2356.

CRAFTS & WOODWORK

Wood duck nest boxes, rough cypress, $300/1. Gary Marcantel, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-580-3742.

21’ alum. boat w/center console, 225 Mercury Optimax, $15,000 obo. Joe Porto, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; 985-513-9759.

Grunman V-bottom alum. boat w/trailer, 17’5”x4’9”, 90 hp Johnson motor w/riggings, built-in fish containers, $30000. afternoon, Wayne Winch, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-247-1560.

BRTOS


1999 Honda Four-Trac, runs good, needs front-end repair, $1500. Pierre Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; 337-277-8297.


2000 Yamaha 400 Big Bear 4x4, 4-wheeler, runs good, $1800; set of Honda Rancher 420 factory tires & rims, front, 24×8-12, rear, 24×10-12, $500. Joseph Porto, Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish; 225-348-2358.

JD 6x4 Gator, great machine, $3900. JD 2x4 Gator, good cond., $2500. Danny Leger, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-457-9000.

2012 Polaris RZR $990, 50 hrs., 183 miles & many extras, $12000. Chris Bertrand, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-4073.


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Louisiana Polled Hereford Assoc. will hold the 26th Annual Bayou Classic Polled Hereford/Hereford/F-1 Cattle Sale at noon on April 1, 2017 at the Dean Lee Livestock Complex (DeWitt Center) LSU-A, Alexandria. Fifty-five lots will be offered including cow/calf prs., bred and open heifers, breeding age bulls, black baldies and F-1 cattle. For catalog requests, anyone interested in consigning cattle or for more information, contact Kay Lewis at 985-516-7643, Ronnie Bardwell at 985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com.

Reddell Chicken Auction will be held every Saturday located at 3029 Old Hwy 13 in Mamou. General merchandise starts at 8:30 a.m. and the chick sale begins at noon. For more info, contact Wayne Couthron at 337-526-3144.

Poultry Swap and Farmers Market every 1st and 3rd Sat. from 7 a.m. until at the Moss Bluff Tractor Supply. For more information, call Joyce Conner at 337-391-1790.

Abbeville Poultry Sales and Swap will be held every 4th Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Tractor Supply, 3410 Veterans Memorial Drive. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. For more information, call Kenneth Richard at 337-319-5669.

OpeIous Poultry Swap and Sales every 1st Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Tractor Supply, Hwy. 190. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. For more information, call Larry at 337-945-2804.

Acadia Parish Rice Arena Auctions are held on Thursdays at the Acadia Parish Rice Arena in Crowley, 159 Cherokee Dr. at 6:30 p.m. Dealers and consignments welcome; small farm animals & barnyard fowl, bage- telle, new and used merchandise. For more info, call 337-783-1442 or 337-384-4500.

Education & Workshops

Living Louisiana Landscape – Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans (MGGNO) Winter Symposium will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Jan. 28, 2017 at the New Orleans Museum of Art Auditorium, City Park, One Collins Diboll Circle, New Orleans. Join award-winning authors, popular lecturers and others for three presentations illustrating how to integrate beauty and biodiversity in your home garden with native plants. For more info, visit www.mggno.com.

Beauregard Parish Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Training will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the Sheriff’s Training Center, 412 Bolivar Bishop Drive, DeRidder. Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification fee is $40, two checks will be necessary; $15 for instruction by LSU AgCenter & $25 for license by LDAF. For more information, contact Keith Hawkins at 337-463-7006 or email at khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu. To register and for more information, visit www.louisianawomeninag.com.

Beauregard Master Gardeners will hold a Spring Garden Forum 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the War Memorial Civic Center, 250 West 7th Street, DeRidder. Topics will include: Container Gardening, Hay-Bale Gardening, Growing Vegetables for Health, Care for Fruit Trees, Growing Tomatoes, Hazard Tree Awareness and How Beneficial Insects Reduce Pesticide Use. Admission is free. For more information, contact Keith Hawkins at 337-463-7006 or email at khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu.

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Care for freeze-damaged plants

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Although winter temperatures in Louisiana are generally relatively mild, they are punctuated by periods of moderate to severe freezes. Freezing weather is often followed by extended periods when temperatures stay above freezing. Prior to a major freeze, most gardeners will make an effort to protect tender tropical plants in their landscape. So what should be done for the landscape after a freezing episode is over? Here’s some general information on what to do and not do.

Plants in pots

Any container plants that were brought inside for protection may be moved back to their location outside unless you intend to keep them inside all winter. If you will keep them inside, make sure they are close to windows and receive plenty of light. You cannot keep plants inside dark garages or storage sheds for extended periods of time. Plants must have light to create the food they need to live, and they will slowly starve if not provided enough light.

Covered plants

Many gardeners use a variety of covers to protect plants from freezing temperatures. Remove or vent clear plastic covers on plants to prevent excessive heat buildup if the next day is sunny and mild. The plastic will let in light and trap the heat, just like your car with the windows rolled up. You do not need to completely remove the cover if a freeze is expected during the next night. Plants covered with blankets, tarps, opaque plastic or fabric sheets may be left covered for several days without harming them, but eventually the cover will need to be removed so they can get light.

Pruning damaged plants

Even though you may see damage immediately, do not prune anything for a few days to a week after a freeze. It often takes several days for all damage to be apparent. Damaged growth on herbaceous or non-woody plants, such as canna, elephant ears, agapanthus, amaryllis, birds-of-paradise, begonias, impatiens, philodendron and gingers, may be pruned back to living tissue. This pruning is optional but does help keep the winter garden looking neat. Damaged tissue that is oozy, mushy, slimy and foul smelling should be removed. This decaying tissue is unhealthy for the plant.

Remove the damaged foliage from banana trees, but do not cut back the trunk unless you are sure it has been killed. It will look brown, feel mushy, be loose in the soil and bleed if punctured. If it’s alive, allowing the trunk to remain increases the chances of fruit production next summer.

Dead leaves on woody tropical plants, such as hibiscus, croton, ixora, cassia, bougainvillea and copper plant, can be picked off to make things look neater. If you can clearly determine which branches are dead, you may prune them back. Try scratching the bark with your thumbnail. If the tissue underneath is green, it’s still alive. If the tissue is tan or brown, the branch is dead. Start at the top and work your way down to see how far back the plant was killed.

This pruning is optional and will not help the plant deal with the damage. Generally, it’s a better idea to delay hard pruning of woody plants until new growth begins in the spring. Then you can more accurately determine which parts have survived the winter and what is dead. Living parts will send out new growth.

Another group of plants that are generally severely damaged or killed by freezes are tender perennial bedding plants such as impatiens, wax begonias, penstas, blue daze, scaevola, periwinkle and coleus. Although it’s nice when they make it through mild winters and provide another year of flowers in our landscape, we must remember these plants are not intended to be permanent.

If, or when, plants have been killed by sub-freezing temperatures, remove the dead plants from the bed and mulch the area to keep it looking neat. You could also prepare the bed and plant hardy cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, diathus, Alyssum, snapdragons or many others, anytime now through early March for an outstanding display this spring.

Remember, there is still plenty of time to see additional – and possibly more severe – freezes before it’s all over. Protect what you can when needed. Don’t be too quick to dig up and remove tropical plants that have been severely damaged and appear to be dead. Sometimes, they may eventually resprout from the base of the plant or the roots in April or May. Despite what comes, remember that our climate encourages rapid growth and recovery.

If worse comes to worse and you do lose some of the tender plants and tropicals in your garden, don’t think of it as a tragedy but as an opportunity. How many of us have filled every square inch of planting space in our gardens, reducing our chances to purchase and plant new types of plants we want to try? When the dead plants are removed, we will have open areas available. Think about that, and the loss might not seem so bad.