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## the Hanley's "Dress it Better"



By Veronica Mosgrove

Photos courtesy of Hanley's Foods

Any salad lover typically has a favorite salad dressing. In the Greater Baton Rouge area, it's hard to find someone who does not like a sensation salad. For Richard and

Kate Hanley, they often wondered why no one ever bottled their favorite sensation dressing.

"There are recipes, but we could never buy a bottle of sensation. So

we started talking about it and that's where it all began," said Richard.

The Hanley's loved it so much they started experimenting with their own recipe and hosted salad parties at their home for friends to test their creations. "It's Louisiana. It's not hard to get people over for a party. Our friends were very willing to critique our version of the sensation salad dressing," added Richard.

A trip to the Red Stick Farmers Market in Baton Rouge proved successful. They sold out of their dressing in two hours. "It was a hit. We looked at each other and said, 'Let's do this. We are all in.'" said Richard. Richard and Kate started working out of a food incubator in Norco, La., but a push to put a food incubator on LSU's campus was key to moving their business forward in this leap of faith in which they were embarking.

The LSU AgCenter repurposed some equipment and the Poultry building and share the space with the Pilot Plant professors. "It's very expensive to build a commercial kitchen. I tell everyone just starting out in the food business

to try the LSU AgCenter Food Incubator first," said Sandoz. Sandoz primarily works with small business owners and helps them get their products in local grocery stores and farmers markets

they moved their product from the Farmers Market to local grocery stores. "If it were not for the food incubator, we would not be here, right now. Plus, we have a unique situation in which our family owned grocery stores were willing to try new products," added Richard.

The Hanley's would personally visit groceries and pitch their product. They even handed out samples to shoppers. In the meantime, they continued to work long hours to hone their craft. Kate says she knew those long hours would pay off one day. "I always say, 'We're going to live like no one else, so we can live like no one else'," added Kate.

As their sensation dressing grew in popularity, these two risk takers did not stop there. In five years, they're now making 150 gallons a week for each of their five different salad dressings: Sensation, Strawberry Vinaigrette, Avocado, Ranch and Creole Ranch. All dressings are made with natural and local ingredients. "From the farmer's market, we started going home with carts of strawberries. *See Dressing, cont. on page 16*



Richard and Kate became permanent fixtures at the LSU AgCenter Food Incubator after quitting their day jobs- Richard was in advertising and Kate was a nurse. With the help of Sandoz,

# Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

## Utah man arrested in La. on timber theft-related charges

Baton Rouge, La. (March 22, 2017) – Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said LDAF enforcement agents arrested a Utah logger on charges of timber theft by fraud.

Julian Scott Smith, 44, of Heber City, Utah was arrest and booked into the Union Parish Detention Center on March 20.

Smith is charged with theft by fraud in the amount of \$123,531.39. Bond was set at \$25,000.

LDAF enforcement agents said while operating as Buckwater Timber Co.

in Monticello, Ark. Smith was hired to log a 400-acre tract of timber in Union Parish over a three-year period. During this time, Smith reportedly withheld payments for 67 loads of timber and altered total tonnage from tickets to reflect a lower weight on documents provided to

landowners.

The investigation reportedly revealed that Smith used the illegally obtained timber proceeds for his own personal finances.

“Before contracting with someone to cut timber, do your homework,” Strain said. “Always get

references, ask friends or neighbors and call our office to be sure you are dealing with a trustworthy individual or company.”

Strain advises anyone who suspects timber theft to contact the Office of Forestry at 225-925-4500.



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#### Alabama SE Hay Report, March 23, 2017

Bermuda Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$180-\$300
Bermuda Large Rounds.....	Premium.....	\$73.33-\$133.33
Bermuda Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$90-\$130
	Good.....	\$80-\$80
Bahia Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$240-\$240
Bahia Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$120-\$120
	Fair.....	\$70-\$70

#### East Texas Weekly Hay Report, March 24, 2017

Coastal Bermuda Small Square.....	Good/Premium.....	\$231-\$267, \$7-\$8/per bale
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# Visit your local farmers market

<p><b>ACADIA PARISH</b>  <u>Iota</u>                      Iota Farmers Market                      Gazebo on Main St.                      2nd &amp; 4th Sat., 8 a.m.-noon                      Closed in Jan.</p> <p><u>Crowley</u>                      Crowley Farmers Market                      Located at Tractor Supply                      1st Sat., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.                      Closed in Jan.</p> <p><u>Rayne</u>                      Rayne Farmers Market                      Frog Fest Pavilion,                      210 Frog Festival Dr.                      Dates TBA</p>	<p><b>DESOTO PARISH</b>  <u>Mansfield</u>                      DeSoto Farmers Market                      DeSoto Parish Ext. Office                      Sat. 8 -11 a.m., May -June</p> <p><b>EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH</b>  <u>Baton Rouge</u>                      Red Stick Farmers Market #1                      Fifth St. &amp; Main St.                      Sat. 8 a.m.- noon, year round</p> <p><u>Baton Rouge</u>                      Red Stick Farmers Market #2                      8470 Goodwood Blvd.                      Unitarian Church Parking Lot                      Tues. 8 a.m.-noon, April- Dec.</p> <p><u>Baton Rouge</u>                      Red Stick Farmers Market #3                      7248 Perkins Road                      Thurs. 8 a.m. - noon, year round</p> <p><u>Zachary</u>                      Zachary Famers Market                      City Hall side parking lot                      Sat. 8 a.m.- 12 p.m., year round</p>	<p><b>LAFAYETTE PARISH</b>  <u>Lafayette</u>                      Acadiana Farmers Market                      801 Foreman Dr. &amp; Dulles St.                      Tues., Thurs., Sat., 5-10 a.m.,                      Year round</p> <p><u>Lafayette</u>                      City Garden Market                      Heymann Blvd., Oil Center                      Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round</p> <p><u>Lafayette</u>                      Freetown Mid-Week Market                      421 E. Convent St                      Wed. 2-6 p.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat</p> <p><u>Lafayette</u>                      Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea Market                      3011 N.W. Evangeline Trwy.                      Sat.-Sun. 8-5 p.m., year round</p> <p><u>Lafayette</u>                      Farmers &amp; Artisans Market                      Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St.                      Sat. 8 a.m. - noon</p>	<p><u>New Orleans</u>                      Sankofa Farmers Market                      3819 St. Claude Ave.                      Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., year round</p> <p><b>OUACHITA PARISH</b>  <u>Monroe</u>                      Monroe Farmers Market                      1013 Washington St.                      Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-1 p.m., June-Aug.</p> <p><u>West Monroe</u>                      West Monroe Farmers Market                      1700 North 7th St.                      Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m, year round</p>	<p><u>Folsom</u>                      Folsom Community Farmers Market                      Railroad Avenue                      3rd Sat., 9 a.m - 1 p.m., March-Nov.</p> <p><u>Mandeville</u>                      Mandeville Trailhead Market                      675 Lafitte St.                      Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round</p> <p><u>Pearl River</u>                      Pearl River Farmers Market                      67518 Lou Rd.                      1st &amp; 3rd Sat., 8 a.m.-til, year round</p> <p><u>Slidell</u>                      Camellia City Farmers Market                      333 Erlanger, Old Towne Slidell                      Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., year round</p>
<p><b>ALLEN PARISH</b>  <u>Oakdale</u>                      Oakdale Farmers Market                      Hwy 165 S, next to Burger King                      Wed. 3-6 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-noon                      Year round</p> <p><u>Oberlin</u>                      Oberlin Farmers Market                      228 West 6th Ave.                      Wed. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round</p>	<p><b>EVANGELINE PARISH</b>  <u>Ville Platte</u>                      Ville Platte Farmers Market                      704 N. Soileau                      June to Aug., Fri. 5 p.m.-7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>LAFOURCHE PARISH</b>  <u>Raceland</u>                      Lafourche Central Market                      4484 Hwy. 1 at U.S. 90                      Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round</p> <p><u>Thibodaux</u>                      Thibodaux Main Street Market                      Jean Lafitte National Historic Park                      Sat. 7-11 a.m., April-July, Sept-Dec.</p>	<p><b>RAPIDES PARISH</b>  <u>Alexandria</u>                      Inglewood Harvest Barn Market                      6233 Old Baton Rouge Hwy.                      Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., year round</p> <p><u>Alexandria</u>                      Alexandria Mid-Week Market                      2727 Jackson St.                      Tues. 3-6 p.m., year round</p>	<p><b>TANGIPAHOA PARISH</b>  <u>Hammond</u>                      Hammond Farmers Market                      2 West Thomas St.,                      Sat., 8 a.m. - noon, year round</p> <p><b>TENSAS PARISH</b>  <u>St. Joseph</u>                      St. Joseph Tailgate Market                      Gazebo on Plank Road                      Sat. 8-11 a.m.,                      Memorial-Labor Day</p>
<p><b>AVOYELLES PARISH</b>  <u>Marksville</u>                      Marksville Farmers Market                      122 E. Mark St.                      Sat. 8-11 a.m., June</p> <p><b>BEAUREGARD PARISH</b>  <u>DeRidder</u>                      DeRidder Farmers Market                      206 N. Washington Ave.                      7 days, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Year round</p> <p><u>Ragley</u>                      Ragley Farmers Market                      Ragley Historical Square, Hwy. 12                      Sat. 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.,                      During peak growing season</p>	<p><b>GRANT PARISH</b>  <u>Colfax</u>                      Colfax Farmers Market                      8th St. near Pecan Festival Building                      Sat. 8-10:30 a.m., Tues 3-6 p.m.                      June-July</p> <p><b>IBERIA PARISH</b>  <u>New Iberia</u>                      Teche Area Farmers Market                      Main St. Bouligny Plaza                      Tues. 2:30-6 p.m., Sat. 7-11 a.m.                      Year round</p> <p><u>Delcambre</u>                      Delcambre Farmers Market                      Delcambre Shrimp Fest Grounds                      8 a.m.-1 p.m                      April 20, May 11 &amp; June 1</p>	<p><b>LINCOLN PARISH</b>  <u>Ruston</u>                      Ruston Farmer's Market                      Railroad Ave at Monroe Street                      Sat. 8 am-noon, Apr-Aug./Sept.-Dec.</p> <p><b>LIVINGSTON PARISH</b>  <u>Denham Springs</u>                      Livingston Farmers Market                      215 Florida St.                      Sat. 7 a.m. - noon, year round</p> <p><b>MADISON PARISH</b>  <u>Tallulah</u>                      Tallulah Farmers Market                      404 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 65                      Tues., Thurs. &amp; Sat., 8 a.m. - noon,                      May-Aug., Oct.-Dec.</p>	<p><b>ST. CHARLES PARISH</b>  <u>Destrehan</u>                      German Coast Farmers Market 1                      Parking lot of Ormond Plantation                      Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round</p> <p><u>Luling</u>                      German Coast Farmers Market 2                      12715 Hwy. 90 (St. Charles Plaza)                      Wed. 3 - 6 p.m., year round</p> <p><b>ST. LANDRY PARISH</b>  <u>Opelousas</u>                      St. Landry Farmers Market                      952 East Landry St., Hwy. 190                      Tues., Thurs. &amp; Sat. 6:30-11 a.m.                      April-Nov.</p> <p><u>Eunice</u>                      Eunice Farmers Market                      Second St. &amp; Park Ave.                      Wed. 3:30-6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>TERREBONNE PARISH</b>  <u>Houma</u>                      Cajun Farmers Market of Houma                      Maquin St. &amp; Martin L. King Blvd.                      Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-6 p.m., year round</p> <p><b>UNION PARISH</b>  <u>Farmerville</u>                      Farmerville Farmers Market                      407 South Main St.                      Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., year round</p> <p><b>VERMILION PARISH</b>  <u>Abbeville</u> Farmers Market                      Magdalen Sq., downtown Abbeville                      Dates TBA,                      8 a.m. -1 p.m.</p>
<p><b>BOSSIER PARISH</b>  <u>Benton</u>                      Benton Farmers Market                      495 Simpson                      Sun. noon-4 p.m., May 21-July 23</p> <p><u>Bossier City</u>                      Bossier City Farmers Market                      Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot                      Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., April 1- Nov. 25</p>	<p><b>JEFFERSON PARISH</b>  <u>Gretna</u>                      Gretna Farmers Market                      Huey P. Long Ave.                      Sat. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,year round</p> <p><u>Jefferson</u>                      Pop's Neighborhood Farmers Market                      805 Central Ave.                      Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., year round</p> <p><u>Kenner</u>                      Rivertown Farmers Market                      410 Williams Blvd.                      Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round</p>	<p><b>MOREHOUSE PARISH</b>  <u>Bastrop</u>                      Morehouse Parish Farmers Market                      305 E. Madison                      Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m.-5p.m., year round</p> <p><b>NATCHITOCHES PARISH</b>  <u>Natchitoches</u>                      Cane River Green Market                      Downtown riverbank                      Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, April-July, Oct-Nov</p> <p><b>ORLEANS PARISH</b>  <u>New Orleans</u>                      Crescent City Farmers Market #1                      700 Magazine St.                      Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, year round</p>	<p><u>Washington</u>                      Washington Farmers Market                      Town Pavilion                      Sat. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., year round</p> <p><b>ST. MARTIN PARISH</b>  <u>St. Martinville</u>                      St. Martinville Creole Market                      Evangeline Blvd. &amp; Main St.                      Sat. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May-Dec.</p> <p><u>St. Martinville</u>                      Bayou Teche Market                      203 New Market St.                      Sat. 7 a.m.-11 a.m., year round</p>	<p><b>WASHINGTON PARISH</b>  <u>Franklinton</u>                      Franklinton Farmers Market                      1500 block of Washington St.                      Daily, year round</p> <p><b>WEST FELICIANA PARISH</b>  <u>St. Francisville</u>                      St. Francisville Farmers Market                      agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)                      Thurs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May-1st freeze</p>
<p><b>CADDO PARISH</b>  <u>Greenwood</u>                      Greenwood Farmers Market                      William Peters Town Park                      Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, June-Aug.</p> <p><u>Shreveport</u>                      Shreveport Farmers Market                      River front at Festival Plaza                      May 30-Aug. 29, Sat. 7 a.m.-noon</p>	<p><u>Westwego</u>                      Westwego Farmers &amp; Fisheries                      484 Sala Ave. at 4th St.                      Sat. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,year round</p> <p><b>JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH</b>  <u>Elton</u>                      Coushatta Farmers Market                      Hwy. 190 &amp; Pine Street                      1st Sat. 7:30 a.m.-noon., Oct.-June</p> <p><u>Jennings</u>                      Main Street Farmers Market                      Founder's Park on Main St.                      Sat. 7 a.m.-10 a.m., May - Nov.</p>	<p><b>NATCHITOCHES PARISH</b>  <u>Natchitoches</u>                      Cane River Green Market                      Downtown riverbank                      Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, April-July, Oct-Nov</p> <p><b>ORLEANS PARISH</b>  <u>New Orleans</u>                      Crescent City Farmers Market #2                      Uptown Square, 200 Broadway                      Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m, year round</p> <p><u>New Orleans</u>                      Crescent City Farmers Market #3                      3700 Orleans Ave.                      Thurs., 3 - 7 p.m., year round</p>	<p><u>St. Martinville</u>                      Bayou Teche Market                      203 New Market St.                      Sat. 7 a.m.-11 a.m., year round</p> <p><b>ST. MARY PARISH</b>  <u>Franklin</u>                      Franklin Farmers' Market                      306 Willow St.                      Sat. 8 a.m.-noon,                      Tues. 2 p.m.-6 p.m., year round</p> <p><b>ST. TAMMANY PARISH</b>  <u>Abita Springs</u>                      Abita Springs Farmers Market                      22049 Main Street                      Sun. 12-4 p.m.</p> <p><u>Covington</u>                      Covington Farmers Market #1                      609 North Columbia (City Hall)                      Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, year round</p>	<p><b>WASHINGTON PARISH</b>  <u>Franklinton</u>                      Franklinton Farmers Market                      1500 block of Washington St.                      Daily, year round</p> <p><b>WEST FELICIANA PARISH</b>  <u>St. Francisville</u>                      St. Francisville Farmers Market                      agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)                      Thurs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May-1st freeze</p>
<p><b>CONCORDIA PARISH</b>  <u>Vidalia</u>                      Delta Farmers Market                      405 Carter St. - Old Courthouse                      Wed. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June-1st freeze</p> <p><u>Moss Bluff</u>                      MB Farmers &amp; Crafters Market                      Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.                      Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, April-Oct.</p>	<p><u>Welsh</u>                      Welsh Farmers Market                      201 South Elms St.                      Tues. 4:30-6:30 p.m., May- Oct.</p>	<p><u>New Orleans</u>                      Marketplace at Armstrong Park                      700-900 block of N. Rampart St.                      Thurs. 3-7 p.m., year round</p>	<p><u>Covington</u>                      Covington Farmers Market #2                      419 North New Hampshire                      Wed. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., year round</p>	<p><b>WINN PARISH</b>                      Winnfield                      Winn Farmers Market                      301 West Main                      Tues. &amp; Fri., 7:30-11 a.m. May-Aug</p>

# Coming Your Way

## Fairs & Festivals

**Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival** will be held April 7-9, 301 N. 6th St. in Ponchatoula. The parade rolls at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, parade winners will be announced 1:45 a.m. The Strawberry Strut 10K, 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run begins at 7:30 a.m. on Sun., April 9. For more information and a complete listing of events, visit [www.lastrawberryfestival.com](http://www.lastrawberryfestival.com) or call 1-800-917-7045.

**Franklin Parish Catfish Festival** will be held April 8 in downtown Winnsboro. For more information, visit [www.franklinparishcatfishfestival.com](http://www.franklinparishcatfishfestival.com)

**Lecompte Pie Festival** will be celebrated April 21-23 on the grounds behind the Old Lecompte High School in Lecompte. The festival offers lots of food, a parade, carnival rides and, of course, pies. Admission is \$3. For more information, visit [www.asliceoflouisiana.com](http://www.asliceoflouisiana.com).

**Scott Boudin Festival** will be held April 21-23 along Lions Club Rd., Scott, La. There will be great food and entertainment with a family friendly environment. For more information, visit [www.scottboudinfestival.com](http://www.scottboudinfestival.com) or call 337-233-1130.

**Etouffee Festival** will be held April 29 at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 370 Main Street, Arnauville. For more information, visit [www.johnfrancisregis.net](http://www.johnfrancisregis.net)

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Email: [marketbulletin@ldaf.la.gov](mailto:marketbulletin@ldaf.la.gov)  
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## Education & Workshops

**22nd Annual Louisiana Mayhaw Conference and Field Day** will be held Sat. April 8 at the C. Woodrow Dewitt Livestock Facility, 100 Gregg Marshall Drive, Alexandria. For more information, contact W. Lee Wise at 318-576-3220.

**2017 Wheat and Oat Field Day** will be held from 8:30-noon on April 19 at the Macon Ridge Research Station, 212-A Macon Ridge Road, Winnsboro. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by field tours at 9 a.m. The program will end with a sponsored lunch at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Donnie Miller at 318-435-2157.

**Southern Christmas Tree Growers**

**Association will host a Christmas Tree Grower Workshop** April 22, 2017 at Rosebud Christmas Tree Farm in Walnut Grove, Mississippi. The pre-registration deadline is April 18. For information and registration, visit [www.SouthernChristmasTrees.org](http://www.SouthernChristmasTrees.org).

**Northeast Research Station Pest Management and Crop Production Field Day** will be held June 20 at the Northeast Research Station, 4589 Hwy. 605, St. Joseph. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by field tours at 9 a.m. The program will end with a sponsored lunch at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Donnie Miller at 318-766-3769.

## Livestock Sales & Shows

**Louisiana Tech University will hold its Farm Production Sale** at 1 p.m. on May 6 in Ruston. There will be Brangus heifers, cow/calf pairs, black baldy heifers, steers, horses, hogs and more available for sale. For more information call Dr. Gary Kennedy at 318-257-4287 or visit [www.livestocksale.latech.edu](http://www.livestocksale.latech.edu).

**Louisiana Beefmaster Association (LBBA)** will hold its annual Rose Capital Classic Sale at 10 a.m., April 1 at the State Fairgrounds in Shreveport. Included in the sale will be open heifers, bred females, pairs and a small number of excellent bulls for the commercial cowman. For more information, contact Ray or Alma Fulco at 318-933-8626 or Anthony Mihalski at 210-648-5475 or 210-415-0888.

**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](mailto: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.

**Denham Springs Poultry Swap** will be held every 2nd Sat. from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Tractor Supply on Florida Blvd., only healthy animals, no dogs or cats. For more information, call Daniel at 225-665-9042.

**Opelousas 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, bagatelle, new and used merchandise. For more info, call 337-783-1442 or 337-384-4500.

## Dog Events

**Louisiana Cattledog Assoc.** will hold playday event April 29 at the Yambilee building in Opelousas. Event begins at 8 a.m. All breeds of dogs are welcome as well as all levels of competitors from beginner to professional. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Grant Parker at 225-413-7425.

## Other Happenings

**Trees and Trails** is an on going activity at the LSU Burden Museum & Gardens, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge. It's a 5-mile system of pedestrian, recreational and educational trails in the Burden Woods, provides opportunities for hiking and interpretive and educational activities for youth and adults. The trail system is open from 8 a.m. to dusk daily.

**Gray TSC Farm Animal Swap, Craft Fair and Farmers Market** will be held every 1st and 3rd Sat. from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Tractor Supply, 3827 West Park Ave, Gray, La. For more information, join the Facebook group "Gray TSC Swap Meet" and message Shari Zeringue.

## Tractor Events

**International Harvester Collectors of Louisiana will hold its 15th Annual Antique Tractor, Engine & Equipment Show** May 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. until dark at the Washington Parish Fairgrounds in Franklinton, La. Setup will be on Thursday, May 4. IHC items will be featured but all makes are welcome. For more info, call 985-732-3950, or email [bhbanks@bellsouth.net](mailto:bhbanks@bellsouth.net). For the arts and crafts booths, contact 985-516-4336.

# Coming Your Way

## Horse Events

**Bogalusa Cow Sorting** events will be April 22 in Madden, Miss., May 13, June 10 and July 8 in Poplarville, Miss. Events are held at the Crain Arena, 12159 Hwy. 1075, Bogalusa unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Troy Crain at 985-516-7507 or Blake Chiasson at 985-285-0892 or email [sorting@3DOTS.us](mailto:sorting@3DOTS.us).

**Cotton Country Open Horse Show Assoc.** show dates are April 22-23, May 20-21, Sept. 16-17 and Oct. 21-22. All shows are held at the Northeast Louisiana Exhibition Center in Ruston. For more information, visit the website at [www.ccohsa.com](http://www.ccohsa.com).

**Deep South Stock Horse Show Assoc.** shows will be April 8, May 13, June 10, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and

Nov. 4. Shows are held at the Clinton Arena, 14730 Hwy. 10 in Clinton unless otherwise noted. For more info, visit [www.dsshsa.org](http://www.dsshsa.org).

**Jeff Davis Riders Club** show dates are April 1, 22, May 6, 21, June 17, Sept. 10, 23 and Oct. 14. Shows begin at 9 a.m. and are held at the Crowley Rice Arena. Books close at 11 a.m. for all classes except exhibition. For more info, call Cathy Meche at 337-526-2281 or visit [www.jeffdavisridersclub.org](http://www.jeffdavisridersclub.org).

**Louisiana Little Britches Rodeo** dates are May 13-14 and May 20-21. Tuesday Night 4D Barrel Racing events are Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 and Aug. 15. Events are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, [www.louisianalittlebritches.com](http://www.louisianalittlebritches.com).

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**Louisiana Stock Horse Association** shows will be May 13 in DeRidder; June 2 Crowley (La. Equine Council Ranch Riding Clinic & Contest); June 24 in DeRidder; July 29 in West Monroe. Shows begin at 9 a.m. For more information, visit [www.louisianastockhorse.com](http://www.louisianastockhorse.com) or call Judy Weisgerber at 337-238-0193.

**Livingston Horse Show Assoc.** shows will be April 8, April 29, May 6, 20, June 3, 17, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 9, 23, Oct. 7, 21 & 28. Shows are held at South Park Arena in Denham Springs unless otherwise noted. Show dates are subject to change. For more information, visit [www.lhsa.webs.com](http://www.lhsa.webs.com) or call 225-664-3150.

## Show Arenas, Barns, etc.

**Acadia Parish Rice Arena**  
159 Cherokee Drive  
Crowley  
337-783-1442 or 337-384-4500 [rice-arena@appj.org](mailto:rice-arena@appj.org).

**Assumption Parish Ag Complex & Arena**  
119 Robin St.  
Napoleonville  
[www.assumptionla.com/AgComplex](http://www.assumptionla.com/AgComplex)

**Bogalusa Community Arena**  
20239 Airport Road  
Bogalusa  
[www.bogalusaarena.com](http://www.bogalusaarena.com)

**Clinton Covered Arena**  
14730 Hwy. 10  
Clinton  
225-572-9229  
[www.clintonarena.com](http://www.clintonarena.com)

**D'Arbonne Range Riders Arena**  
202 Rodeo Rd.  
Farmerville  
[darbonnerangeriders.com](http://darbonnerangeriders.com)

**Morehouse Activity Center,**  
9525 Marlatt St.  
Bastrop  
318-281-3164  
[www.morehouseactivitycenter.com](http://www.morehouseactivitycenter.com)

**SugArena at Acadiana Fairgrounds**  
713 Northwest Bypass  
(Hwy. 3212) New Iberia  
337-365-7539  
[www.sugarena.com](http://www.sugarena.com)

**Sweetwater Campground & Riding Stables Arena,**  
57056 N. Cooper Road  
Loranger  
985-878-6868  
[www.sweetwatercampground.com](http://www.sweetwatercampground.com)

**Terrebonne Livestock Agricultural Fair Assoc. Arena**  
221 Moffet Rd.  
Houma  
985-665-1005  
[www.terrebonne-livestock.org](http://www.terrebonne-livestock.org)

**Texas Longhorn Rodeo Arena,** 3274 Hwy. 109 S.  
Vinton  
337-589-5647

**Want your arena listed?**  
Fax or email your info to 225-923-4828 [marketbulletin@ldaf.la.gov](mailto:marketbulletin@ldaf.la.gov).

## Census of Agriculture countdown begins

America's farmers and ranchers will soon have the opportunity to strongly represent agriculture in their communities and industry by taking part in the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the census, to be mailed at the end of this year, is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches, and those who operate them.

"The Census of Agriculture remains the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every county in the nation," said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. "As such, census results are relied upon heavily by those who serve farmers and rural communities, including federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations, extension educators, researchers, and farmers and ranchers themselves."

The Census of Agriculture highlights land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures, and other topics. The 2012 Census of Agriculture

revealed that over three million farmers operated more than two million farms, spanning over 914 million acres. This was a four percent decrease in the number of U.S. farms from the previous census in 2007. However, agriculture sales, income, and expenses increased between 2007 and 2012. This telling information and thousands of other agriculture statistics are a direct result of responses to the Census of Agriculture.

Producers who are new to farming or did not receive a Census of Agriculture in 2012 still have time to sign up to receive the 2017 Census of Agriculture report form by visiting [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov) and clicking on the 'Make Sure You Are Counted' button through June. NASS defines a farm as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year (2017).

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture and to see how census data are used, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov) or call (800) 727-9540.

## Fresh produce farmers, packers, distribution centers

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is able to provide fresh produce farmers, packing facilities and distribution centers in Louisiana with basic Good Agriculture Practice/Good Handling

Practices (GAP/GHP) audits, as well as, GAPs Harmonized audits (with or without the Global addendum).

GAP audits are a voluntary for hire service that certifies a producer's efforts to provide

safe, quality product free from contamination to the consumer.

For more information or to schedule an audit, contact Audrey Carrier at our Hammond office at 985-543-4024 or email [acarrier@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:acarrier@ldaf.state.la.us).

Recently, I had the privilege of hearing an amazing speech which shines a spotlight on significant challenges facing the American agricultural industry. The speech was written and delivered by a very talented young lady, Kayleigh Reneau, a high school student and Louisiana Future Farmers of America (FFA) member. She won an award for her speech "A Voice for the Forgotten" that she researched, wrote and delivered for an FFA competitive speech program. I was so impressed, I wanted to share it with you...

*Mike Strain*

**Mike Strain, D.V.M.  
Commissioner**



## A Voice for the Forgotten

By Kayleigh Reneau  
Prepared Public Speaking  
Pearl River FFA Chapter

In 1917 the United States consisted of 48 states, John Rockefeller became the first billionaire, the first female was elected to Congress, and 32 percent of the American population was engaged in farming. Two states and a century later, only 2 percent of Americans are farmers and ranchers, and that number is declining<sup>1</sup>. Our country depends on agriculture to keep us financially stable and to feed not only Americans, but the world as well. Agriculture is the backbone of our nation; however, production agriculture is under attack by the anti-agriculturist groups. Agriculture also faces the obstacles of a declining farming community, an increase of global food demand, and a negative perception of modern agriculture. If we do not protect our farmers and ranchers, where will we be in the next 100 years?

"I believe in the future of agriculture." The world's largest agrarian exporter is our very own backyard. The American agriculture industry plays a huge role in our nation's economy. Farmers, ranchers, and the agriculture industry are keys to keeping our country financially stable. 15% of the U.S. workforce plays an indispensable role in supplying citizens with an affordable and stable food and fiber supply. The average farmer produces enough food to supply 155 people, all while the percentage of the population that participates in farming and ranching is drastically declining<sup>2</sup>.

"I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging." American agriculture and agricultural-related industries are under attack by the anti-agriculturists groups. These groups have a damaging impact on production agriculture through campaigns designed to discredit the American production agriculture community. Special interest groups appeal to the average US citizen using emotions, directed at disgust and outrage, rather than rational responses formed from facts or research. They also use an emotional response to help erode away rights of farmers and ranchers. While there are many anti-agriculturists groups that mislead the public about today's agriculture, one of the most damaging is the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

This organization takes in millions of dollars from US citizens and in turn uses that money to try to destroy our farming rights and by extension our country. PETA has a \$45 million annual budget<sup>3</sup> to help save unwanted pets; however, the money funds campaigns that are used to abolish animal ownership of pets and livestock, to destroy personal property rights, and to promote vegan and vegetarian diets. These campaigns are waged all while PETA has killed tens of thousands of more animals than they have helped to place in homes.<sup>4</sup> While they claim to be trying to help animals they are instead trying to take our farming rights away. Not only do farmers and ranchers have to face attacks on animal production agriculture, but the very basis of agriculture production is now coming under attack in the form of anti farm policy and crop insurance campaigns. Anti-agriculturist groups push misleading information onto the public that effects all farmers, ranchers, and agriculture businesses no matter the scale, crop, region, or business. Crop insurance is an indispensable tool to protect farmers and ranchers by securing their livelihoods from crucial natural disasters<sup>5</sup>. It is crucial that the farm policy is secured from these interest groups because the policy is vital to combat the unfair practices with foreign competitors because their policies are harmful to American agriculture trade. Without farm policies and crop insurance, farmers would not be able to operate and the population of farmers and ranchers would drastically decline. The constant attack on production agriculture will ultimately lead to the reduction in the number of people who are willing not only to farm, but also to resist the constant negative pressures and publicity placed on them by these anti-agriculturists groups.

"I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life." The United States and the world at large are dependent on the United States' ability to create a dependable and affordable agriculture product. With the number of farmers and ranchers sharply declining there has been a reduction in their voice

on legislative matters at both the state and national levels. With the growth of anti-agriculture organizations there has been an increase in the need for legal protection of farmers that are simply trying to perform their jobs. In seeking to protect their farmers, every state has created a right to farm law, with even a few states, such as Missouri and South Dakota, having even adopted a "Right-to-farm" amendment to their state constitutions. These amendments help to slow or stop the number of farmers and ranchers from decreasing due to attacks from well-funded outside groups that push misinformation on the public. False information given to the public can lead to the passing of burdensome and expensive regulations that endanger the food supply and increase food prices. We as agriculturalists need to make sure our farmers and ranchers are protected from anti-agriculturist groups so that jobs will be preserved, farms will be protected and an abundance of food will be supplied.

I believe in the future of Louisiana agriculture. Louisiana agriculture contributes approximately \$13.8 billion annually to our economy<sup>6</sup>. With about one-third of our state dedicated to agrarian uses, Louisiana is a contributing factor to the U.S. economy. The importance of agriculture to Louisiana and the United States is best summed up in a comment by Dr. Mike Strain, the agriculture commissioner of Louisiana, "Before any country can be a great nation, it must first be a nation great in agriculture." Our state and nation depend on our farmers and ranchers. So if we do not stand up for our farmers and ranchers, then who will be there to keep our state economically stable and feed the citizens of Louisiana?

American agriculture is under attack. Not from an invading army, or even an insect that is threatening to destroy crops all over the country, but from within, by citizens that have lost their connection to our agricultural roots. In order to clothe, feed, and provide jobs, it is vital that states take legal action in securing the livelihood of Americans. American agriculture needs to be protected and advocated for our future generations. It's our job to stand up for agriculture in our communities, state and nation. Do you believe in the future of agriculture?

1 Agclassroom.org

2 farmersfeedingtheworld.org

3 peta.org

4 farmersfeedingtheworld.org

5 cropinsuranceinamerica.org

6 lsuagcenter.com/agsummary