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## Lights...Camera...Action!

Rodney Ray recently wrapped filming of *Cowboy and Indiana*, a faith-based movie which the Monroe native wrote, directed and produced.

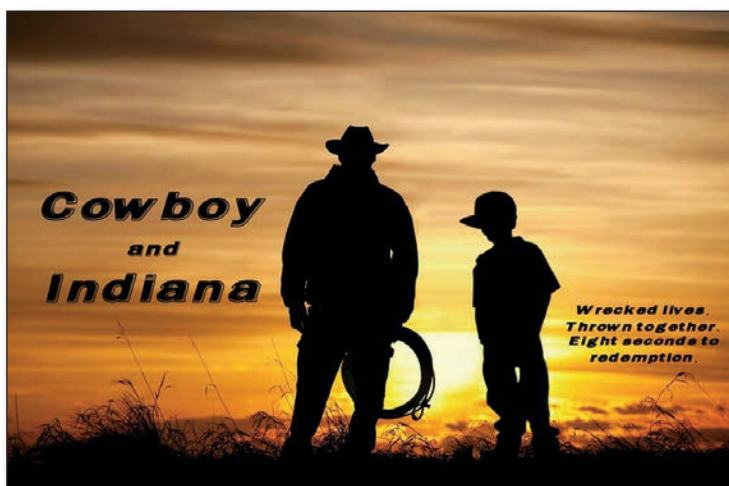


Photo courtesy Rodney Ray, R-Squared Productions.



Filming of *Cowboy and Indiana* at the Monroe Civic Center arena.

By Veronica Mosgrove

"This bull is mean, but I love him!" exclaimed movie director Rodney Ray about one of the stars of his newest faith-based film. While Seven Dust the bull is a member of the cast of Ray's newest movie, he is also a star on the rodeo circuit and is currently ranked number five in the world by the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) organization. "I try to be authentic in every way when I'm making a film," added Ray.

This is Ray's fifth faith-based movie filmed in his hometown of Monroe, La. The film, called *Cowboy and Indiana*, was written, directed and produced by the Monroe native.

"It's all about a positive message," said Ray as we sat in the Monroe Civic Center arena as he was getting ready to film a bull riding scene.

Ray, who is a land surveyor by profession, started making films in 2008. "I only do faith-based films. I just try to keep it real. I typically do not have a large budget so I have to do a lot with a little, but I work to make it a quality production," he added. And having a mean bull in the movie is about as real as it gets.

The story line of *Cowboy and Indiana* is about a former champion bull rider named Tulsa who battled

addiction. Indiana is a young African-American boy growing up in a tough and violent neighborhood. The lives of Tulsa and Indiana unexpectedly cross paths and the two develop an unlikely bond. Meanwhile, Tulsa prepares to take on a champion bull in the climactic "Million Dollar Challenge."

"We are living in a world with so much racial tension these days. We tend to hang out with people who are like us; but when you cross paths with someone who seems so different, you find out just how similar we are and how we can help each other," said Ray.

Ray said he chose the topic of bull riding because it brings excitement to the screen. When Ray reached out to members of the PBR organization, many signed on because of its message of redemption.

"He's an amazing storyteller and self-taught movie maker," said Ray's wife, Jill. "Faith-

based means telling the world about Jesus Christ, even if it's telling it through a bull riding movie," she added. Jill made it a point that being changed through



Director Rodney Ray, third from left, with the *Cowboy and Indiana* cast members Kenneisha Thompson (Velena, Indiana's mom), Taylor Girard (Tulsa Hughes), Lynn Andrews (Marcus Cruz), Evan Horsley (Indiana) and Niki Spiridakos (Amanda Shaw). Not pictured is cast member Rif Hutton who plays Buck Porter. Photo courtesy Rodney Ray, R-Squared Productions.

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# Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

## LDAF accepting Specialty Crop Multi-State Program applications

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is accepting 2017 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program (SCMP) grant applications. The SCMP offers grants to project partners to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops by funding collaborative, multi-state projects that address regional or national level specialty-crop issues including: food safety; plant pests and disease; research; crop-specific projects addressing common issues; and marketing and promotion. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA-AMS).

"With this particular grant program, the application process is a little different," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said. "Only participating state departments of agriculture submit applications for multi-state partner projects to the USDA for consideration."

Multi-state partners are encouraged to develop projects that bring together teams to research and develop solutions to certain specialty-crop issues that cross state lines and address the needs of specialty crop growers.

Applications from multi-state partner projects must be submitted to the LDAF, a participating state,

or any other participating state by 5 p.m. Eastern time, September 25, 2017. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding. A complete list of participating states that can accept applications may be found at [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scmp/states-contacts](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scmp/states-contacts).

Examples of project partners include but are not limited to, the following entities:

- Non-participating state departments of agriculture
- Participating State departments of agriculture, but only if they have more than an administrative role in the project
- State agencies such as state

departments of public health, state departments of natural resources, etc.

- Tribes
- Land grant or state universities or colleges
- Specialty crop producer organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Federal entities such as USDA agricultural research stations, and Agricultural Research Service research centers

The minimum project award is \$250,000 and the maximum award amount is \$1,000,000. SCMP projects must be completed within 3 years.

To view the Request for



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Proposals, visit [www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/SCMPREA2017.pdf](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/SCMPREA2017.pdf). For additional information, contact Michelle Estay at 985-345-9483.

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### USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Hay Prices

*Values are in tons unless otherwise noted*

**Alabama SE Hay Report, Aug. 24, 2017**

Bermuda Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$180-\$300
Bermuda Large Round.....	Premium...	\$133.37-\$133.37
Bermuda Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$110-\$130
Bahia Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$200-\$200
	Fair.....	\$160-\$160
Bahia Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$100-\$100
Mixed Grass Mid Round.....	Good.....	\$75-\$75

**East Texas Weekly Hay Report, Aug. 25, 2017**

CoastalBermudaSmallSquare.....	Good/Premium.....	\$7-\$9/per bale
	Fair/Good.....	\$5-\$6/per bale
CoastalBermudaLargeRounds.....	Good/Premium.....	\$50-\$70/per roll
	Fair/Good.....	\$40-\$50/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. 2nd Sat., 8 a.m. - 2p.m.</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>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>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>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><b>CALCASIEU PARISH</b> <u>Lake Charles</u> Charlestown Farmers Market Bilbo St. behind old City Hall Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, year round</p> <p><u>Lake Charles</u> Cash &amp; Carry Farmers Market 801 Enterprise Blvd. Corner of Broad &amp; Enterprise Tues., 4-6 p.m., year round</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.</p>	<p>Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, April-Oct.</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>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>GRANT PARISH</b> <u>Colfax</u> Colfax Farmers Market 8th St. near Pecan Festival Building Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, Tues 3-5:30 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 Bayou Carlin Cove 605 S Railroad St. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., First Sat.</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><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><u>Welsh</u> Welsh Farmers Market 201 South Elms St. Tues. 4:30-6:30 p.m., May- Oct.</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><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>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>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>NATCHITOCHE 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>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>New Orleans</u> Marketplace at Armstrong Park 700-900 block of N. Rampart St. Thurs. 3-7 p.m., year round</p> <p><u>New Orleans</u> Sankofa Farmers Market</p>	<p>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><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>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><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>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><u>Covington</u> Covington Farmers Market #2 419 North New Hampshire Wed. 10 a.m.- 2 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>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>TERREBONNE PARISH</b> <u>Houma</u> Cajun Farmers Market of Houma Naquin 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 Farmers Market</u> Magdalen Sq., downtown Abbeville Dates TBA, 8 a.m. -1 p.m.</p> <p><u>Erath</u> Erath Farmers Market City Park Dates TBA , 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><u>Kaplan</u> Kaplan Farmers Market Turnley Park, 119 N. Irvin Ave. 2nd Sat, 8 a.m.-noon, year round</p> <p><u>Gueydan</u> Gueydan Farmers Market 600 Main St. 1st &amp; 3rd Sat. 8 a.m.-noon Jun-Thanksgiving</p> <p><b>VERNON PARISH</b> <u>Leesville</u> Main Street Market Sat. 7 a.m. until, 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>WEBSTER PARISH</b> <u>Minden</u> Market on Turner's Pond 301 Lakeshore 1st &amp; 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. -1 p.m., July-Oct.</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>WINN PARISH</b> Winnfield Winn Farmers Market 301 West Main Tues. &amp; Fri., 7:30-11 a.m. May-Aug.</p>
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# Coming Your Way

## Fairs & Festivals

**Louisiana Chicken Festival** will be held Sept. 29-30 in Dubach, La. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/LouisianaChickenFestival](http://www.facebook.com/LouisianaChickenFestival) or call 318-777-1964.

**Shrimp & Petroleum Festival** will be held Aug. 31 - Sept. 4 in Morgan City. For more information, visit [www.shrimppandpetroleum.org](http://www.shrimppandpetroleum.org).

**Gueydan Duck Festival** will be held Aug. 24-27 in Guydan, La. For more information, visit [www.duckfestival.org](http://www.duckfestival.org)

**Andouille Festival** will be held Oct. 13-16 in Laplace. For more information, visit [www.andouillefestival.com](http://www.andouillefestival.com).

## Bird Events

**Acadiana Bird Fair** will be held Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 at the Lafayette Event Center, 4607 Johnston St., Lafayette. Admission is \$4 for adults and children under 6 years enter free. For more information, call 337-212-6581.

## Tractor Events

**Bastrop Tractor Pull**, presented by Boeuf River Antique Tractor Pullers, will be held Sept. 30 at the Morehouse Activity Center, 9555 Marlatt St., Batrop. Registration is at 8 a.m., pulls begin at 9 a.m.

**LATC** will host an antique tractor show and pull at 10 a.m. Oct. 21, 2017 at the Jena Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Skeet Cooper at 318-419-2294.

## Education & Workshops

**Feliciana Wildlife Expo** will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Bob R. Jones Idlewild Research Station, Clinton. Learn about food plots for deer, feral hog toxicants and butchering techniques, snakes of Louisiana, 4-H shooting sports, whitetail diseases and deer netting. The event is free to the public and food will be available for purchase. For more information, call 225-683-5848.

**Northeast Louisiana Beef/Forage Field Day** is set for 9 a.m. - noon on Sept. 21. The event will be held at Goldmine Plantation. For more info, contact Keith Collins at 318-728-3216.

**USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics, Physiology Laboratory and the Louisiana State Beekeepers Assoc.** will hold the 21st Annual Field Day Oct. 21 at the laboratory, located at 1157 Ben Hur Road, Baton Rouge, 70820. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. with presentations and activities scheduled from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be a series of talks in the morning from members of the La. Beekeepers Assoc. and the USDA-ARS staff about beekeeping and research being conducted at the USDA lab. In the afternoon, there will be break-out sessions for beginners to

more experienced beekeepers. A non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$30 is required for attendees 12-years old. Children 11 and under must remain with their parents at all times. Pre-registration ends Oct. 11. Visit [www.labeekeepers.org](http://www.labeekeepers.org) for a printable registration form or register online and submit payment via credit card or paypal. For more information, contact Dr. Frank Rinkevich at 225-276-3998 or [frank.rinkevich@ars.usda.gov](mailto:frank.rinkevich@ars.usda.gov) or Sandra Hineman at 225-767-9280.

**Louisiana Farm to School Conference** will be held Oct. 24 at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge. The conference will focus on farm to school activities, networking and increased awareness. Farm to school programs are important for schools to respond to the growing demand for locally sourced foods, increase the amount of Louisiana-grown products in school lunchrooms and expand marketing opportunities. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2wbGzMM>. The cost is \$24 per person. A limited number of waivers are available for those who need them to ensure participation of everyone that may be interested.

## Burden Museum & Gardens Fall events

The cooling temperatures of fall create an ideal time to visit Burden Museum & Gardens, located at 4560 Essen Lane, just off Interstate 10 in Baton Rouge.

**The Children's Garden Series at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens** on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Children will hear about bees and plants that attract pollinators to their yards. Children ages 6-12 can participate in fun, interactive activities and learn about gardening. An adult must accompany each child. Children will receive snacks and garden take-home crafts. Attendance is limited to 20-30 participants, and reservations are required in advance by contacting Angie Wall at [angwall@cox.net](mailto:angwall@cox.net). Admission is \$15 per child.

**Harvest Days at the LSU Rural Life Museum** on Oct. 7-8 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Living history demonstrations will interpret activities that took place on Louisiana farms and plantations during harvest time in the 1800s. Activities will include open-hearth cooking, soap making, boat building, hands-on activities for the kids and wagon rides. Regular admission.

**Corn Maze Festival at the LSU**

**AgCenter Botanic Gardens** on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visitors will wander through the corn maze, visit a farm animal petting zoo, paint a pumpkin, climb a hay mountain, travel a kids zip line, take a hayride and shoot a giant slingshot. Visitors may purchase hamburgers, popcorn, snow cones and drinks. Admission is \$10 per person; children 3 and under admitted free. Pumpkins for painting will be on sale for \$5.

**Wine and Roses in the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens** on Oct. 12. Enjoy an elegant evening of dining under the stars and among 2,000 roses. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music on the great lawn. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. in the Rose Garden. The evening will feature a fashion show of flowers presented through a collaboration of horticulture students from Mendel University in the Czech Republic and the LSU School of Apparel and Design. Admission is \$125 per person for dinner and fashion show or \$35 for dessert and fashion show. Reservations may be made by calling 225-763-3990, option 6.

## Livestock Sales & Shows

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Reeves Auction and Livestock** every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Located at 100 Sale Barn Rd. (old barn in DeQuincy) Includes general merchandise and poultry. For more information, call Danny Reeves at 337-309-9679.

# Coming Your Way

## Horse Events

**Bogalusa Cow Sorting** 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 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).

**Christian Youth Bull Riders & Rodeo** will hold events Sept. 15 and Oct. 20. All events are held at the Cross Branded Cowboy Church Arene, 6906 Hwy. 28 East, Pineville. Books open at 6 p.m., rodeo begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call Perry or Cathy Moses at 318-466-9188, 318-792-8600 or 318-308-3220.

**Churchill Saddle Club's Sunday**

**Fundays** show dates are Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 29 (Halloween Theme), Nov. 19 (Turkey Run) and Dec. 3. All shows are held at the Churchill Arena, Avondale, La. Shows begin at 10 a.m. For more information, visit [www.churchillsaddleclub.club](http://www.churchillsaddleclub.club) or call 504-402-9033.

**Deep South Stock Horse Show Assoc.** shows will be 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 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** Tuesday

**Night 4D Barrel Racing** events are Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21. Events are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, [www.louisianalittlebritches.com](http://www.louisianalittlebritches.com).

**Louisiana Stock Horse Association** shows will be Sept. 15 in New Iberia (La. Equine Council Ranch Riding Clinic & Contest); Sept. 16 in New Iberia; Oct. 21 in New Iberia and Nov. 18-19 in Deridder (LaSH Finals). 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 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  
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## LDAF accepting organic cost-share rebate applications

Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said Louisiana agricultural producers and handlers who have either obtained or renewed USDA organic certification may qualify for reimbursement for their certification costs through a cost share rebate program.

The program will reimburse up to 75 percent of certification costs, or up to \$750 per year per certification category.

The rebates are available to cover certification expenses incurred between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

"Earning the USDA Organic certification for an agricultural product has a number of benefits like adding value and consumer



confidence; however, the certification can be a costly and lengthy process," Strain said.

Applications must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m.) Oct. 2, 2017.

The program is funded through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The 2017 cost-share

application is available at [www.LDAF.la.gov](http://www.LDAF.la.gov). Reimbursements will be on a first-come, first-served basis, based on receipt of the completed application packet, until available funding is exhausted.

For more information, contact Jeremy Hendrix at 225-952-8155.

Additional information is available from the USDA National Organic Program website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>



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ones faith does not mean you have attained perfection. “Nothing is wrapped in a bow.”

Ray and his wife have spent many years giving back to their community by serving as mentors to those in need. They say as long as they are making a positive impact on people, they will continue this calling.

Ray says he maintained a “wholesome” movie set. That was also important for one of PBR’s founders Cody Lambert, who said he supported the film because of its faith-based message and the positive impact it can have on families who have ups and downs.

Lambert served as an adviser on the film and also portrayed himself in the movie.

“I fed my family on the PBR circuit. If I did not do well, I did not get paid,” said Lambert who rode professionally for 17 years. He added, if he did not earn it, he did not want it. “It’s a job that is based on how you produce,” said Lambert.

Lambert knows that bull riding is exciting and a favorite event on the rodeo circuit. The combination of danger and adrenaline, plus the fact that it is not something everyone can do, draws a big crowd. “When you get

on that bull, you’re on your own. It is not a team sport. You have to be 100 percent committed if you want to do well in this sport,” said Lambert. Justin McBride, J.W. Hart, Chris Shivers and some longtime bull fighters such as Frank Newsom are also a part of the film.

Keeping things local was also very important to Ray. “With the exception of our lead actors and the bull riding professionals, all of our hires are local,” said Ray. Between the beauty of Louisiana and the amount of support he gets from the area, Ray felt it

necessary to stay home.

Ray’s company, R-Squared Productions, has produced other faith-based films which include: Mumbai Baby (short film), Desires of the Heart (short film), Flag of My Father, and New Hope.

*Cowboy and Indiana* is slated to be released in theatres in the spring of 2018. Ray added that is when viewers will be able to witness how a cowboy and a young boy from two different worlds come together to give each other strength and find Jesus and inner peace in the process.

## Soil tests dig deep to improve plant health

### LSU AgCenter Report

Every day, LSU AgCenter extension agents see failing plants, trees or grasses brought to them in search of a fix.

“The plant is just sitting there,” said Lee Rouse, LSU AgCenter horticulture agent in East Baton Rouge Parish. “It’s not growing. It’s not flowering. It’s not fruiting. It’s not performing some task it was meant to do. What is wrong?”

“Typically, the first question is, ‘Have you had a soil test?’” Rouse said.

Soil tests by the LSU AgCenter Soil Testing and Plant Analysis Lab on the LSU campus analyze the soil nutrient content and whether it is acidic or alkaline so experts can recommend any fertilizers and treatments needed to grow certain plants, trees or grasses.

The analysis can pinpoint the exact needs of the soil, Rouse said, so instead of treating plants with a general fertilizer that provides a broad range of nutrients, a gardener can use what is needed.

“You may need those nutrients,” Rouse said. “You may not. You just don’t know until you get a soil test.”

As summer ends, Rouse recommends testing soil in preparation for fall gardens and the tree and shrub planting season coming in December. Although some amendments added to the soil will become available to plants quickly, others need months. Elemental sulfur, for example, takes two to four months to become active, Rouse said.

“Now is a great time to get your soil tested,” Rouse said. “You have enough time to pull the tests, send them off and get the results and make the necessary changes.”

Soil tests can be completed in a week to 10 days. Sampling kits available at nursery retailers and parish extension offices across the state include everything needed to mail the test to the lab — an information form, three plastic bags for soil samples and a prepaid U.S. Postal Service shipping box. Routine tests cost \$10 plus \$6 in postage, which is paid to the lab.

On the soil test request form, clients list what they wish to grow in the soil being tested, and in return, they receive instructions on how to prepare for planting.



**Soil samples that have been dried, ground and prepared for further testing at the LSU AgCenter Soil Testing and Plant Analysis Lab. Photo by Kyle Peveto/LSU AgCenter**

Some of the samples sent to the lab will say something like “Can you tell me what’s good to grow in this soil?” said Michael Breithaupt, AgCenter Soil Testing and Plant Analysis Lab manager, who noted that the lab isn’t able to provide that level of analysis for each customer. “We want to know what you want to grow, and we will tell you what to amend for it,” he said.

While springtime between Mardi Gras and May might be the lab’s peak season, every day is busy, Breithaupt said.

On the first floor of Sturgis Hall at LSU, workers empty dozens of boxes onto a table in the back of the lab each morning and remove small plastic bags of soil. To begin testing, every sample is given a code and then sent through a dryer and a grinder.

Before the soil is analyzed with high-tech equipment like the pH analyzer and the spectrometer, lab technicians rub a bit of the dried, rewetted and ground soil between their

fingers. Machines can’t quite replicate the sense of touch for the texture test, Breithaupt said.

Feeling the texture helps them recommend fertilizers to the client.

“Clay soil will hold onto the fertilizer, but sandy stuff will let it drain,” Breithaupt said.

Additional tests can delve deeper into other plant problems. An optional soil test can analyze the levels of salts, organic matter and a variety of elements in the soil. A water test can determine the mineral composition of irrigation water and its pH level, and a separate plant tissue test analyzes the stems, leaves and roots of a plant.

Last year the soil lab performed 18,005 soil tests for clients that included home gardeners, farmers, nurseries, turf growers and researchers. Hunters and game land managers growing food plots designed to attract deer account for the largest single group with at least 35 percent of the tests,

Breithaupt said.

Once completed and sent to customers, routine reports from the lab give basic advice. For example, they may tell how many pounds of sulfur to add for every 100 square feet to a soil with a high pH so azaleas or other acid-loving shrubs can grow, or they might recommend three applications of potash to a field for alfalfa or a similar annual legume.

Each client’s local AgCenter extension office also receives a copy of the test results. AgCenter extension agents can help answer any questions about the tests, Rouse said.

“The best piece of information on a soil test is your county agent’s phone number,” Rouse said.

The Soil Testing and Plant Analysis Lab recommends these tips for collecting a soil sample:

- Dig straight down a few inches when gathering soil. Do not scoop. “You always want to get to the root zone,” Breithaupt said. “That is the top layer to the roots.”

- Get a soil sample every two to three acres on larger tracts of land. For flower beds in smaller lots, take samples from individual beds because the soil in each bed may differ. “When you are in the city, people bring in soil all the time,” Breithaupt said. “This flower bed might be totally different from this flower bed.”

- Samples must be free of any amendments — no fertilizers or lime. “Either one of those or both of them, your data is skewed,” Breithaupt said. Sometimes gardeners don’t realize that popular treatments, such as Miracle-Gro and Scott’s Turfbuilder Weed and Feed, are fertilizers, he said. If either has been applied recently, give it time. “Wait a few months and let it work its way through the system, then send it in,” he said.

- For each sample, combine two or three spots from the area you wish to be tested so oddities from one scoop of soil do not overly affect the test. “Take here, here and here and put it in a bucket, and that will combine that area,” Breithaupt said.

- Get plenty of soil. “There’s no such thing as too much sample,” Breithaupt said. “Fill those bags up.”