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Price verification inspections protect consumers



LDAF Weights and Measures Program Manager Milton Hunter verifying prices as part of a price verification inspection.



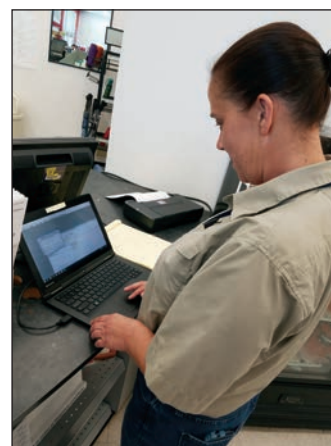
LDAF Weights and Measures Division agricultural inspector Fred LaRue works with the scanning manager to determine prices at a retail grocery store in New Orleans

By Bobby Fletcher, Ph.D.

Many Louisiana stores use electronic scanners to compute sales at the checkout counter, which is linked to a computer where product prices are stored. Scanners are either hand-held or on the counter and the clerk runs the scanner over the price tag. The scanner reads a code on the product and the computer displays the price.

Louisiana consumers are to be charged the price that is advertised, posted, or displayed for an item offered for sale. Weights and Measures employees inspect scanners annually to verify that prices charged for scanned items reflect the advertised, posted, or displayed price for those items. When a scanned item produces a price that is either over or under the advertised, posted, or displayed price, it is considered an error.

“The Weights and Measures Division of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is charged with the responsibility to verify the accuracy of scanners and electronic pricing systems in all



LDAF Weights and Measures Division inspector Laura Oliver prepares a price verification report for a retail store owner.

retail stores. It is one more thing we do to protect the consumer,” said Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. The goal of the program is to maintain customer confidence in retail pricing practices and technologies and provide economic benefits for both the consumer and businesses.

Louisiana Law (LRS 3:4607) requires Weights and Measures inspectors to inspect and test all electronic barcode scanning devices to ensure that prices are posted for items offered for sale and the prices are accurate.

Below are the subsections (A and B) of the Weights and Measures Division that relate to barcode scanners.

§117. Bar Code Scanning Devices and Labels

A. The price of a commodity or item offered for retail sale which is labeled with a computerized bar code label shall be plainly displayed, either by a price marked in English on the package
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containing the individual commodity or item, or by a placard or card placed on the shelf in front of the commodity or item which is clearly visible and legible.

B. The price displayed on the shelf, commodity or item required by Subsection A of this Section shall be precisely equal to the price actually charged by the seller.

To help defray the cost of these inspections, Louisiana law and regulations allow the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) to charge an annual fee for

registering these devices. Effective July 1, 2017, the Weights and Measures Division of LDAF is fully self-funded through fees and fines using no state general funds to operate.

Each year a Weights and Measures Division inspector will conduct a price verification inspection (PVI) to determine that at least a 98% accuracy rate is met. If the PVI results in an accuracy rate below 98%, additional inspections will be conducted. After two failing inspections, a formal warning letter may be issued.

If the location remains out of compliance, the business may be brought before the Weights and Measures Commission and civil penalties may be imposed. We strive to protect all consumers to ensure that equitable transactions occur throughout Louisiana, our PVI process is critical in making sure that happens through our 42 inspectors statewide.

For more information, contact the Weights and Measures Division of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry at 225-925-3780.

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USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Hay Prices

Values are in tons unless otherwise noted


Alabama SE Hay Report, Sept. 21, 2017

Bermuda Small Square.....Premium.....	\$180-\$300
Bermuda Large Round.....Premium.....	\$133.37-\$133.37
Bermuda Mid Round.....Premium.....	\$90-\$130
Bahia Small Square.....Premium.....	\$200-\$200
Bahia Mid Round.....Premium.....	\$100-\$100
Mixed Grass Mid Round.....Good.....	\$75-\$75

East Texas Weekly Hay Report, Sept. 22, 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

ACADIA PARISH

Iota
Iota Farmers Market
Gazebo on Main St.
2nd & 4th Sat., 8 a.m.-noon
Closed in Jan.

Crowley
Crowley Farmers Market
Located at Tractor Supply
1st Sat., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed in Jan.

Rayne
Rayne Farmers Market
Frog Fest Pavilion,
210 Frog Festival Dr.
2nd Sat., 8 a.m. - 2p.m.

ALLEN PARISH

Oakdale
Oakdale Farmers Market
Hwy 165 S, next to Burger King
Wed. 3-6 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-noon
Year round

Oberlin
Oberlin Farmers Market
228 West 6th Ave.
Wed. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round

AVOYELLES PARISH

Marksville
Marksville Farmers Market
122 E. Mark St.
Sat. 8-11 a.m., June

BEAUREGARD PARISH

DeRidder
DeRidder Farmers Market
206 N. Washington Ave.
7 days, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Year round

Ragley
Ragley Farmers Market
Ragley Historical Square, Hwy. 12
Sat. 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.,
During peak growing season

BOSSIER PARISH

Benton
Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson
Sun. noon-4 p.m., May 21-July 23

Bossier City
Bossier City Farmers Market
Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., April 1- Nov. 25

CADDO PARISH

Greenwood
Greenwood Farmers Market
William Peters Town Park
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, June-Aug.

Shreveport
Shreveport Farmers Market
River front at Festival Plaza
May 30-Aug. 29, Sat. 7 a.m.-noon

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles
Charlestown Farmers Market
Bilbo St. behind old City Hall
Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, year round

Lake Charles
Cash & Carry Farmers Market
801 Enterprise Blvd.
Corner of Broad & Enterprise
Tues., 4-6 p.m., year round

CONCORDIA PARISH

Vidalia
Delta Farmers Market
405 Carter St. - Old Courthouse
Wed. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June-1st freeze

Moss Bluff
MB Farmers & Crafters Market
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.

Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, April-Oct.

DESOTO PARISH

Mansfield
DeSoto Farmers Market
DeSoto Parish Ext. Office
Sat. 8 -11 a.m., May -June

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
Fifth St. & Main St.
Sat. 8 a.m.- noon, year round

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 8 a.m.-noon, April- Dec.

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #3
7248 Perkins Road
Thurs. 8 a.m. - noon, year round

Zachary
Zachary Famers Market
City Hall side parking lot
Sat. 8 a.m.- 12 p.m., year round

EVANGELINE PARISH

Ville Platte
Ville Platte Farmers Market
704 N. Soileau
June to Aug., Fri. 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

GRANT PARISH

Colfax
Colfax Farmers Market
8th St. near Pecan Festival Building
Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, Tues 3-5:30 p.m.
June-July

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia
Teche Area Farmers Market
Main St. Bouligny Plaza
Tues. 2:30-6 p.m., Sat. 7-11 a.m.
Year round

Delcambre
Delcambre Farmers Market
Bayou Carlin Cove
605 S Railroad St.
9 a.m.-1 p.m., First Sat.

JEFFERSON PARISH

Gretna
Gretna Farmers Market
Huey P. Long Ave.
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,year round

Jefferson
Pop's Neighborhood Farmers Market
805 Central Ave.
Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., year round

Kenner
Rivertown Farmers Market
410 Williams Blvd.
Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round

Westwego
Westwego Farmers & Fisheries
484 Sala Ave. at 4th St.
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,year round

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH

Elton
Coushatta Farmers Market
Hwy. 190 & Pine Street
1st Sat. 7:30 a.m.-noon., Oct.-June

Jennings
Main Street Farmers Market
Founder's Park on Main St.
Sat. 7 a.m.-10 a.m., May - Nov.

Welsh
Welsh Farmers Market
201 South Elms St.
Tues. 4:30-6:30 p.m., May- Oct.

LAFAYETTE PARISH

Lafayette
Acadiana Farmers Market
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.
Tues., Thurs., Sat., 5-10 a.m.,
Year round

Lafayette
City Garden Market
Heymann Blvd., Oil Center
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round

Lafayette
Freetown Mid-Week Market
421 E. Convent St
Wed. 2-6 p.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat

Lafayette
Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea Market
3011 N.W. Evangeline Trwy.
Sat.-Sun. 8-5 p.m., year round

Lafayette
Farmers & Artisans Market
Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St.
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Raceland
Lafourche Central Market
4484 Hwy. 1 at U.S. 90
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round

Thibodaux
Thibodaux Main Street Market
Jean Lafitte National Historic Park
Sat. 7-11 a.m.
April-July, Sept-Dec.

LINCOLN PARISH

Ruston
Ruston Farmer's Market
Railroad Ave at Monroe Street
Sat. 8 am-noon, Apr-Aug./Sept.-Dec.

LIVINGSTON PARISH

Denham Springs
Livingston Farmers Market
215 Florida St.
Sat. 7 a.m. - noon, year round

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah
Tallulah Farmers Market
404 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 65
Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 8 a.m. - noon,
May-Aug., Oct.-Dec.

MOREHOUSE PARISH

Bastrop
Morehouse Parish Farmers Market
305 E. Madison
Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m.-5p.m., year round

NATCHITOCHE PARISH

Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Downtown riverbank
Sat. 8 a.m.-noon
April-July, Oct-Nov

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market #1
700 Magazine St.
Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, year round

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market #2
Uptown Square, 200 Broadway
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m, year round

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market #3
3700 Orleans Ave.
Thurs., 3 - 7 p.m., year round

New Orleans
Marketplace at Armstrong Park
700-900 block of N. Rampart St.
Thurs. 3-7 p.m., year round

New Orleans

Sankofa Farmers Market
3819 St. Claude Ave.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., year round

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1013 Washington St.
Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-1 p.m.
June-Aug.

West Monroe
West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m, year round

RAPIDES PARISH

Alexandria
Inglewood Harvest Barn Market
6233 Old Baton Rouge Hwy.
Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., year round

Alexandria
Alexandria Mid-Week Market
2727 Jackson St.
Tues. 3-6 p.m., year round

ST. CHARLES PARISH

Destrehan
German Coast Farmers Market 1
Parking lot of Ormond Plantation
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round

Luling

German Coast Farmers Market 2
12715 Hwy. 90 (St. Charles Plaza)
Wed. 3 - 6 p.m., year round

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St., Hwy. 190
Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 6:30-11 a.m.
April-Nov.

Eunice

Eunice Farmers Market
Second St. & Park Ave.
Wed. 3:30-6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.

Washington

Washington Farmers Market
Town Pavilion
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., year round

ST. MARY PARISH

Franklin
Franklin Farmers' Market
306 Willow St.
Sat. 8 a.m.-noon,
Tues. 2 p.m.-6 p.m., year round

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Abita Springs
Abita Springs Farmers Market
22049 Main Street
Sun. 12-4 p.m.

Covington

Covington Farmers Market #1
609 North Columbia (City Hall)
Sat. 8 a.m.-noon, year round

Covington
Covington Farmers Market #2
419 North New Hampshire
Wed. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., year round

Folsom

Folsom Community Farmers Market
Railroad Avenue
3rd Sat., 9 a.m - 1 p.m.
March-Nov.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead Market
675 Lafitte St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round

Pearl River

Pearl River Farmers Market
67518 Lou Rd.
1st & 3rd Sat., 8 a.m.-til, year round

Slidell

Camellia City Farmers Market
333 Erlanger, Old Towne Slidell
Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., year round

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond
Hammond Farmers Market
2 West Thomas St.,
Sat., 8 a.m. - noon, year round

TENSAS PARISH

St. Joseph
St. Joseph Tailgate Market
Gazebo on Plank Road
Sat. 8-11 a.m.,
Memorial-Labor Day

TERREBONNE PARISH

Houma
Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
Naquin St. & Martin L. King Blvd.
Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-6 p.m., year round

UNION PARISH

Farmerville
Farmerville Farmers Market
407 South Main St.
Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., year round

VERMILION PARISH

Abbeville Farmers Market
Magdalen Sq., downtown Abbeville
Dates TBA,
8 a.m. -1 p.m.

Erath
Erath Farmers Market City Park
Dates TBA , 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kaplan

Kaplan Farmers Market
Turnley Park, 119 N. Irvin Ave.
2nd Sat, 8 a.m.-noon, year round

Gueydan

Gueydan Farmers Market
600 Main St.
1st & 3rd Sat. 8 a.m.-noon
Jun-Thanksgiving

VERNON PARISH

Leesville
Main Street Market
Sat. 7 a.m. until, year round

WASHINGTON PARISH

Franklinton
Franklinton Farmers Market
1500 block of Washington St.
Daily, year round

WEBSTER PARISH

Minden
Market on Turner's Pond
301 Lakeshore
1st & 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. -1 p.m.,
July-Oct.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH

St. Francisville
St. Francisville Farmers Market
agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)
Thurs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,
May-1st freeze

WINN PARISH

Winnfield
Winn Farmers Market
301 West Main
Tues. & Fri., 7:30-11 a.m.
May-Aug.

Coming Your Way

Fairs & Festivals

Old Farmers Day and Horse Pulling Contest will be held on Oct. 21 & 22. Old Farmers Day is a family festival with the purpose of reenacting and demonstrating how our forefathers lived, worked, and enjoyed life. Located 2.5 miles North of Loranger, gates open at 9 a.m. each day with activities and horse demonstrations beginning at 10 a.m. A Teamsters Contest will be held Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, in addition to demonstrations, a horse and mule pulling contest will begin at 1- 3 p.m.. For more information, call 985-878-2360 or 985-878-9343

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

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., Bastrop. 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

Longleaf Field Day will be held 9 a.m. -3 p.m. on Oct. 19. The field day will begin at the Kisatchie Ranger District headquarters, La. Hwy. 117 near Provencal, La. in Natchitoches Parish. Landowners will learn about longleaf pine and federal and state agencies will provide information on financial assistance programs offered to landowners interested in planting and managing longleaf on their land. Registration is required and will include a guided air-conditioned bus tour, speakers and a barbecue lunch for \$10. Continuing Forestry education credits can be earned by attending this event. For further information, contact Chris Rice at crice@tnc.org at 318-237-5569.

Acadiana Cattle Producers Fall Field Day will be held 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the UL Lafayette Cade Farm, 1178 W.J. Bernard Road, St. Martinville. Topics will include: "Shrink" demo - Understanding impacts of management on shrink in weanling beef calves; Successful Bermuda grass planting methods demo; Products for extended fence line weed control, Smutgrass control demo; Dealing with abnormalities in newborn calves; Hay production - Quality vs. Quantity, What you need to know; Cattle Market update; Master Farmer Program update. Approved for Master Farmer Phase II credit. No pre-registration required and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact James Leleux at 337-893-8334 or Stan Dutille at 337-291-7090.

USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics, Physiology Laboratory & the La. 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., presentations and activities from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. TA non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$30 is required for attendees 12-years old and up. Children

11 and under must remain with their parents at all times. Pre-registration ends Oct. 11. Visit www.labeekeepers.org for a printable registration form or register online and submit payment via credit card or paypal. For more info, contact Dr. Frank Rinkevich at 225-276-3998 or 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.

La. Beefmasters Breeders Assoc. will hold its annual Cowboy Classic sale at 10 a.m. on Nov. 4 at the new Burton Coliseum rodeo arena in Lake Charles. Included in the sale will be open, bred, pairs, 3/N/1s and a small selection of young bulls for commercial and purebred breeders. For more information, contact Mike Deville at 337-351-2938, Dwight Bertrand at 337-368-9112 or Anthony Mihalski at 210-648-5475.

La. Beekeepers Assoc. will hold its 56th Annual Convention Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Country Inn and Suites in Pineville, 2727 Monroe Hwy. 165. Online pre-registration runs through Nov. 1-14 and can be done through the La. Beekeepers website at www.labeekeepers.org. For additional convention-related information, contact Jennifer Brown at 601-493-3447.

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.

Advertising events in the Market Bulletin is easy and free!

Just email, fax or mail us your event, date, time, location and any other details. To ensure timely publication, submit your event at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

Mail: 5825 Florida Blvd., Suite 2001,
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Email: marketbulletinads@ldaf.state.la.us
Fax: 225-923-4828.

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.

Cotton Country Open Horse Show Assoc. next show will be Oct. 21. All shows are held at the Northeast Louisiana Exhibition Center in Ruston. For more information, visit the website at www.ccohsa.com.

Christian Youth Bull Riders & Rodeo next event will be 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 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 or call 504-402-9033.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Assoc. shows will be 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.

Jeff Davis Riders Club show is 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 information, call Cathy Meche at 337-526-2281 or visit 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.

Louisiana Stock Horse Association shows will be 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 or call Judy Weisgerber at 337-238-0193.

Livingston Horse Show Assoc. shows will be 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 or call 225-664-3150.

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.

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 are \$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.

Haints, Haunts & Halloween at the LSU Rural Life Museum on Oct. 29 from 3:30-6 p.m. Enjoy the sights, sounds and activities of an old-fashioned country fair. While on the museum grounds, children can enjoy and participate in storytelling, cake walks, pumpkin decorating, games and trick-or-treating. Recommended for children 2 to 9 years old. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 2 and under free. Halloween costumes are optional.

Children's Garden Series at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens on Nov. 4

from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Children will hear how to raise backyard chickens and how they can help their garden. 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. Admission is \$15 per child.

Red Rooster Bash at the LSU Rural Life Museum on Nov. 9 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. The country décor will include roosters, and Western outfits are popular. Guests will enjoy a cocktail hour including the famous "Red Rooster" frozen drink and have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items. A barbecue dinner and live auction will follow. Proceeds will help fund permanent exhibits in the Visitor's Center. Tickets are \$65 per person and \$120 per couple. A sponsorship of \$600 is offered to groups of eight registering together. For more information, call development director Molly Sanchez at 225-765-2437.

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Herbicide task force stresses education for weed control, crop protection

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A Louisiana task force for new herbicide technology recently met to discuss upcoming weed control technologies for crops. The group consists primarily of weed scientists and crop specialists with the LSU AgCenter, pesticide specialists at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, crop consultants with the Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association and commercial pesticide applicators.

Their collaborative efforts are designed to educate farmers and applicators with objective, up-to-date information about new herbicide technologies.

“This is important for creating awareness,” said Rogers Leonard, LSU AgCenter associate vice president and program leader for plants, soils and ag water resources. “We know there are issues with new herbicides, so we’re establishing communications at the highest levels, and then filtering it down to the applicators.”

For the past two years, concerns with off-target movement of auxin (2,4-D and dicamba) herbicides have gained national attention. The task force, created in response to the upcoming introduction of weed control

technologies based on these herbicides, was started in 2015 to educate applicators about issues such as weed resistance and potential drift.

The new herbicide technologies allow 2,4-D or dicamba to be sprayed over the top of selected crops, such as cotton and soybeans for weed management, much like Roundup Ready systems. These are critically important for producers with weed resistance issues, said Leonard.

During the spring, the task force discussed ways to better educate farmers on use of these latest herbicide systems.

LSU AgCenter weed scientists, in agreement with LDAF, decided not to include the technologies in the AgCenter 2017 Weed Management Guide but supported planting the crops so farmers could gain experience and evaluate yield potential of new cultivars, Leonard said.

“They did not have sufficient information to show whether or not the technologies were effective and safe to non-target areas,” he said.

AgCenter research has shown soybeans, and other crops without dicamba resistance,

are extremely sensitive to dicamba off-target movement. Glyphosate products can also pose a risk to non-target crops, according to AgCenter findings.

That’s why the task force committed itself to stepping up efforts to educate farmers and applicators to become more vigilant with stewardship. Some of the important points discussed at the meeting were:

—Thoroughly cleaning tanks according to specifications or using only dedicated tanks for specific pesticides to prevent contamination of non-target crops.

—Carefully following product label directions for pesticide applications.

—Recognizing the potential of high winds that may cause the product to drift.

—Being aware of temperature inversions which could facilitate off-target movement and not spraying at those times.

—Using only approved nozzles and proper application rates.

“Collaboration is the only way to make this work,” said Kim Pope Brown, LSU AgCenter pesticide safety education coordinator and co-chair of the task force. “We have to make sure agriculture is on target, protecting

human health and the environment.”

Participants in the task force were able to hear updates from representatives of Dow, Monsanto and BASF about their latest herbicide control systems.

Dow’s newest technology is the Enlist One control system, using 2,4-D with choline, while Monsanto’s latest introduction is Xtendimax, a dicamba weed control system. BASF highlighted its’ dicamba-based herbicide called Engenia.

Even though Xtendimax and Engenia have been in use since 2017 and Enlist One is slated for potential introduction into the 2018 market, the AgCenter has not made any recommendations on these herbicide systems for the upcoming year, according to Leonard.

“We will continue to educate farmers on the best weed management systems for Louisiana, integrating new technologies, where needed, with older chemistry,” Leonard said.

“In 2017, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry required companies producing these new herbicides to provide stewardship training, and we hope this will continue in 2018.”

LDAF commissioner, staff tour LSU AgCenter's Food Incubator



LSU AgCenter invited Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. and staff to see what has been accomplished since the facility began. The LSU Food Incubator has produced nearly 32 million tons of product, so far, this year. The incubator began in 2014 with the help of a USDA grant that was facilitated by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The Food Incubator helps food producers who need commercial kitchen space and business assistance to produce their products. Hanley's Salad Dressing, currently sold in major grocery stores, is produced at the Ag incubator located in Baton Rouge, La.