Year In Review

2017 Highlights

As always, it was a very busy year at the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. This is a snapshot of accomplishments in 2017:

**NASDA**

In September 2017, Commissioner Mike Strain ended his term as leader of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). As NASDA president, Strain was and remains a major voice at the national level regarding agriculture policy. During that time, Strain was invited five times to meet with White House officials, including President Donald J. Trump, and represented the Nation’s agricultural producers at several meetings which included discussing infrastructure challenges and ways to improve reducing permitting time to move projects along more quickly; increasing infrastructure spending while restoring accountability in how infrastructure funds are spent; and allowing state and local governments more flexibility to develop infrastructure free from federal impediment. Strain also led the discussion on the need to invest in mechanisms to bring products to market such as waterways, railroads and highways. Inland waterways and ports are an essential lifeline which move eighty-five percent of grains destined for the global marketplace. Strain explained the need to work cooperatively to improve the dilapidated waterways system which is failing food producers. Congress must prioritize funding for these critical infrastructure projects.

Strain and White House officials also discussed the need for interconnectivity in rural America so everyone has better access to technology.

**Equine Herpes**

2017 also began with a major threat to the billion dollar horse racing industry when there was an outbreak of the Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) virus at the New Orleans Fair Grounds Racetrack. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry worked with Fair Grounds officials and the USDA to put biosecurity measures in place to protect the horses and the deadly disease was contained.

The horse industry provides some money toward research conducted by the LSU AgCenter.

**LDAF and U.S. Secret Service Collaboration on Skimmers**

Credit card skimmers installed inside gasoline pumps throughout Louisiana have continued to be a risk to citizens. This is a growing problem nationwide. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has made a strong effort through the Weights and Measures Division (LDAF-WM) to locate and remove credit card skimming devices from retail motor fuel dispensers. In this effort, routine inspections include checking specifically for such devices. This year, inspectors checked approximately 2,828 stations statewide and found 85 skimmers.

Commissioner Mike Strain has collaborated with the U.S. Secret Service to protect consumers from credit card theft. The U.S. Secret Service protects the integrity of our currency and investigates crimes against our national financial system committed by criminals within the United States and around the world. Criminals are utilizing advances in technology to prey upon financial institutions and consumers throughout Louisiana and the country. These illegal devices lead to millions of dollars lost annually due to compromised bank card numbers being fraudulently used for goods and services.

So far, 85 skimmers inventoried two-thirds have been forensically analyzed according to Lou Velez with the U.S. Secret Service. More than 9,000 bank card numbers have been found which represent more than $4.5 million dollars in potential fraud loss to financial institutions and consumers throughout Louisiana. In addition, several criminal groups residing in other states have been identified and are expected to be federally prosecuted in the near future. The successful partnership has proven not only to be a proactive tool in combating financial crime, specifically gas pump skimming fraud, but also providing protection to Louisiana consumers.

**Hurricane Harvey**

Louisiana is certainly no stranger to emergencies, particularly hurricanes. When our neighbors in Texas were inundated with rainfall during Hurricane Harvey in September, and evacuees arrived in Louisiana, the LDAF and its non-governmental organization partners assisted by sheltering 490 pets in Alexandria and Haughton. The LDAF Incident Management Team worked in Baton Rouge to coordinate these efforts.

Meanwhile, the LDAF has acquired an $80 thousand donation from the Banfield Foundation to build a second mobile pet shelter for emergency situations.

**Office of Soil & Water Conservation Bayou Mallet Water Quality Project**

Bayou Mallet, a small rural waterway flowing through St. Landry and Acadia Parishes, is located in the headwaters of the Mermentau River Basin and flows through some of southwest Louisiana’s most fertile rice, crawfish and grazing land. In 2014, the LDEQ’s ambient water quality monitoring data indicated that Bayou Mallet was cloudy and full of bacteria, with agriculture the suspected cause.

Through the Agricultural Nonpoint Source pollution management program, the LDAF Office of Soil and Water Conservation immediately began monitoring the water quality along the bayou, and by encouraging active participation from area landowners, soon began concurrent monitoring and implementation. See Review, cont’d. on page 19.
Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

Strain: Lift these burdensome restrictions; Louisiana is ready to do business in Cuba

On December 17, 2014, the U.S. announced its decision to normalize relations with Cuba after half a century of isolation.

The restoration of diplomatic relations between our two countries – and a new policy of engagement – has opened opportunities for U.S. businesses, stimulated growth in Cuba’s private sector and strengthened human rights on the island.

As a result of these policy changes, most of which President Trump kept intact, American businesses have benefited and the lives of the Cuban people have improved. For the most part, Louisiana farmers have been left out of these developments.

While there is some confusion surrounding current Cuba regulations, there are numerous avenues to legally export to the island. American companies including Marriott, Google and FedEx are taking advantage of the recent relaxation of trade restrictions by quickly moving into the Cuban market.

Due to U.S. law that was passed long before the restoration of diplomatic relations, American agricultural producers face significant obstacles to selling food to Cuba that other U.S. industries do not.

In 2000, Congress allowed for export of agricultural goods to Cuba – but with significant restrictions – prohibiting private financing. Cuba is required to pay cash in advance for purchases U.S. agricultural commodities.

Anyone who has ever exported commodities knows that this is not how business is done. As a result of these restrictions, U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba have dropped every year since 2009. As long as U.S. agricultural producers are prohibited from offering private financing, it will remain virtually impossible for Louisiana farmers to compete for Cuban market share.

Cuba relies on agricultural imports to feed its population of more than 11 million people and a growing number of international tourists. With an average of $2 billion annual agricultural imports, Cuba is a significant potential export market for Louisiana farmers.

We produce many of Cuba’s top farm imports such as soybeans, rice, poultry, and feed grain; but in 2016, Louisiana farmers sold less than half their projected export potential to Cuba.

Cuba is the western hemisphere’s largest per capita rice consumer. The island imports more than $170 million annually in rice from halfway around the world and virtually none of it comes from Louisiana farms.

Commodity prices are dropping and farmers are bringing home 46% less income each year to support their families than they were three years ago. This strain on the farm economy is felt across all sectors of the industry and the small communities across Louisiana.

At the same time, there is a market only 90 miles off our shores that could give Louisiana farmers much-needed boost. Louisiana’s strategic position as a Gulf port state would allow it to reap additional benefits from the shipping industry.

Cuba Trade Magazine estimates that if this prohibition on offering financing for the sale of agricultural commodities was repealed, allowing unfettered agricultural trade with Cuba, Louisiana could sell up to $302 million to Cuba each year, grow the economy and create jobs across the state.

This would be a much-needed source of new revenue for a state experiencing a $1 billion budget shortfall.

A bill in Congress, the Cuba Agricultural Exports Act, would repeal the restriction on financing and allow Louisiana farmers to sell its agricultural products to the island without one hand tied behind their backs.

Our businesses, our farmers, and our families deserve the freedom to buy, sell, and travel wherever they wish. To our representatives in Washington: lift these burdensome restrictions; Louisiana is ready to do business in Cuba.
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. -2 p.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

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

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

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

CADDJO 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

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**MARKET BULLETIN**

**CATTLE**

Attention: Bull sellers and buyers. All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 24 months for sale must be certified in Louisiana. Bulls must be vasectomized, all non-virgin bulls and bulls must have a valid trichomonads test from an accredited veterinarian. Bulls may be sold. Bulls must be a registered breeder and the breeders signed by the breeder. For more information, contact the LDAF Animal Health Services and Food Safety at 225-925-3900 or visit the website at www.ldaf.state.la.us.

**American Blue**

American Blue bull, 3 yrs., 1500 lbs., calves to show, $1500. Roger West, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-938-1586.

**ANGUS**


(4) reg. Angus heifers, 12-14 mos., high quality replacements, performance tested, EPDs & DNA, reg. #18835126, 18835127, 18836465 & 18812077, avg. wt. 935 lbs., all inoculations, $1450-$1625. Joan Comeaux, Scott, Lafayette Parish; 337-873-6948 or 337-896-2926.

Reg. Angus bull calf, 10 mos., born 2/2/17, reg.# #18877150, performance tested, birth wt. 65 lbs., 205 wean. wt. 760 lbs., current wt. 965 lbs., thick, wide & slick haired, all inoculations, $1875. Vernal Comeaux, Scott, Lafayette Parish; 337-873-6948, 337-896-9296 or cunmi@bellsouth.com.

Reg. Angus cow/calf prs., calves 2 mos., cows ready to breed back, $1300/1-up. Dave Lacour, Robert, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-345-0441 or 225-924-2478.

Reg. virgin Angus bulls, 18 mos.-2 yrs., $1800/1-up. I.D. Lacour, Robert, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-345-0441 or 225-924-2478.


**BEEFMASTER**


**BRAFORD**

(10) Braford heifers, open, 850 lbs., bangs vac., gentle, $1250/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville, Ville Platte; 337-893-6743.

Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, 12 mos. & up, all vac. & wormed, home raised, $1500/1-up. Lloyd Savell, Florien, Sabine Parish; 318-568-7378 or 318-508-2923.

Pb Braford bull calf, born 6/14/17, dehorned, wormed & vac., $750. Murrell Hoffpaur, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-258-1383.

**BRAHMAN**

Pb red Brahman bull calf, born 4/20/17, dehorned, wormed & vac., $750. Murrell Hoffpaur, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-258-1383.


(9) Brauns heifers, 18 mos., exposed to Angus bull, wormed and ready, $1300/1 or $11,200/call. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-572-2870.

(14) Badlands bullocks, stout, fleshy & good bone, out of F1 cows & Brangus bull, $975/1 will sell any number. Philip Watts, Livingston, Livingston Parish; 225-445-3298.

(30) bred Braungus heifers, 22 mos., bred to LBW Angus bulls, big & gentle, $1850/1. Leonards, Bathelelter, Pointe Coupee Parish; 235-718-2057.

**CHAROLAIS**

Char. bulls, $3500/1; Char. cows, $3000/1; Char. cow/calf pairs, $3600/1. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-948-6511 or 337-331-3151.

(10) Char. crossbred heifers, gentle, due in December, very good quality, bred to proven lbw pb Braungus bull, $1500/1 nego. Adel Murphy, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-912-7306.

**HEREFORD**

(2) polled Hereford bulls, 2 yrs. in Jan., breeding Wabash & Zurish, $2000/1. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-256-5447.


Hereford bull, 4 yrs., F1 cert., MJ Grandview Key 16F, $2500 BF Rambo, [VLF,HYF,IEF] reg. #43105601, not cert., (100) semen straws, $5/1. M. Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-353-0818.

Hereford bull calves, 8-10 mos., just weaned, polled & horned, great EPDs, super thick & gentle, shots & wormed, $1500/1-up; heifer calves, $1500/1. Laura Hughes, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-933-2997.

(3) horned Hereford bulls, DH Domino & DH Advance bloodlines, shots wormed, lbw, gentle, horns tipped & elec. fence trained, $3500/1. Lennie Wales, Hammond, Livingston Parish; 225-294-3198.
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Dairy Steers

HORSES, MULES & JACKS
All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission basis.
Every time you submit an advertisement one of the following must be provided. 1. All listings of horses, mules or jacks must be accompanied by a COPY of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infections Anemia (E.I.A.) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale on all horses, mules, and jacks, except nursing foals. (OR) 2. A signed statement from the seller stating that he will furnish the buyer with a negative Coggins at the time of sale.

HORSE, MULES & JACKS
Reg. 12 yr. old blk./wh. mare, (2) blue eyes, beautiful conformation, halter broke only, $1000. Larry Fontenot, Ragley, Beauregard Parish; 337-302-4526.

Brink & wh. saddle horse, 10-yr. old geld., has been ridden in Ark., Tenn. & Miss., 15.1 hands, needed experienced rider, $1800. Jeannie Rotolo, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-630-8538.


Paint geld., 14 yrs., 38”, gentle, great riding pony, $700; lead line pony, $35, 15 yr. old geld., gentle, can be led or ponied, $200. Rebecca McLindon, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 985-237-3950.

AQHA wean-aged horses, Mr. San Peppy, Peppy San Badger, Doc O’ Lena bloodlines, high percent- age, $500-$1000/1. David Yount, Couchatta, Natchitoches Parish; 337-471-3681 or 337-332-3565.


BAY john, mule, 12 yrs., 16 mos., handles & rides easy, w/farrier, gentle, $1800. Ken Francios, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-523-6680.

15 yr. old bay geld., 16 hands, nice handle, big motor, rates #4 on up, $2750. Glenn Schexnaydre, Darrow, Ascension Parish; 225-806-0214 or 225-806-2231.


Reg. miniature donkeys, (1) pr., red, mamma & baby, spotted jennies, all very gentle, loves attention, $1500/pr. Robert Dankin, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-992-0957.

Arabian mares in foal, strain Egyptian & Egyptian related, $1500/1-up. Don Stoute, Opolous, St. Landry Parish; 337-351-3815 or donstoute7@gmail.com.

2009 AQHA reg. Appendix bay mare, granddaughter of Shining Spark & Aigua Baron, nice con- form, good feed, only halter broke, will make exc., broodmare, never bred, pics. avail. upon request, $250. Sarina Lurette, Bourg, Terrebonne Parish; 985-665-9103.

Working QH & TW weans. & yrlas., 2-yr. old, under saddle & broodmares, Doc O’ Lena, Gay Bar King, Poco Bueno, Cody, Hancock & Peppy San, frost branded, $1500-$58500/1. Fred Rodosta, Opolous, St. Landry Parish; 337-948-6511 or 337-331-3151.

Playguns Hickory ‘08 bay mare, AQHA reg # 5154315, granddaughter of SR Innovator on top and Playgun on bottom, $1000. Ted Briley, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-3040.


Parkman’s Playgun ‘03 gray mare, AQHA reg#4387444, own daughter of Playgun, $3500. Ted Briley, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-3040.


Team of wagon horses, 14 yrs., gray mare & sorrel geld., $1500. Jeff Istre, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-322-9446.

AMERICAN SADDLE HORSE
American saddle horse mare, about 13 yrs., $1500 blk. & wh. $1000 neg. Ronnie Prather, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-264-5455.

Standard donkeys, jack & jenny, 13-14 mos., gentle, good pasture guardians, $100/both. Clinton Twilley, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 225-910-0549.

2013 reg. AQHA blue roan mare, sire Lil Spoon out of Smart Little Skeeze x bad dam, pro started, 12 mos., sound & stout, lots of cow. Sherwood Pore, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-7828.


APHA TW geld., 10 yrs., gentle, no buck, loads, easy keeper, 15 hands. David Burulson, Hornbeck, Vernon Parish; 337-410-0072.

Dapple gray mare, 6 yrs., gentle, no buck, easy keeper, handmade saddle, must see, horse only, $1000. David Burulson, Hornbeck, Vernon Parish; 337-410-0072.

Mini horses, solid colors & paints, $500/1; bred, $750/1. Shelia Wills, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-824-5197 or 337-789-6169.

Bik. Paso Fino TW mix geld., will be 2 yrs. in April, leads, loads, sweet, gentle, $500. Cynthia Cloud, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 504-858-0096.

Spunk rideable 26 yr. old draft mix geld., $300; 7 yr. old Paso Fino TW mix geld., sorrel, beautifully gaited, experienced rider needed, $750. Cynthia Cloud, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 504-858-0096.

Wanted: mini donkey jenny or jack. Roland Fontenet, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-5120.

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APHC blk. homozygous App. stallion, 16 hands, guaranteed color, 5 panel negative w/leopard gene, modern breeding, 77% FPD, $300/$55 mare care. Ben Branch, Springfield, Grant Parish; 318-664-2871.


(3) Foundation QH stallions, Pepsi, Pepsi San x Doc Bar, $800/$10 mare care; Hancock, Doc O’Leana x Hancock,
EQUINE SERVICES

Fletcher's Farrier Service, trimming or shoe needs, serving central La. James Fletcher, Pollock, Grant Parish; 318-541-9016 or 318-541-9087.

Rachel Bertrand breaking & training performance horses, gentle handler, every horse deserves a great start, safe facility, fresh calves, pro cutter & speed event training. Rachel Bertrand, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-384-6997.

Horseshoeing & trimming, professional & reliable service, over 20 yrs. of experience. Ron Justice, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-519-1203.


ADGA reg. Nubian, Lamancha & crosses, '17 kids, does & young bucks, $175/1 up. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-519-0231.

(2) reg. fb Dorper ram lamb, excel. bloodlines, show quality, weaned & ready to go, without papers, $400/1 up; w/papers, $500/1, can send pics. Leroy Arzene, Eunica, Acadia Parish; 985-665-9775.

Boer goat kids, born in 2017, traditional color wh. / red head, healthy & beautiful, $250/1. Wayne or Pam Webster, Welch, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-734-3626.

Reg. Texel proven ram, Texel breed is fast growing, terminal sire in the U.K. they add muscle to your lamb crop, he is 200 lbs., $550. Matthew Givens, Sun, St. Landry Parish; 337-257-1229.

Nigerian dwarf male goats, 3 mos., $1001/Sandra Darbonne, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-692-0316.

Kadathin comm. ewes, 11 mos., from reg. ram, healthy, wh., ready to breed, $175/1 or $480/3. Tom Barry, Eunica, Acadia Parish; 337-457-9544.

(2) Boer bucks, 6 mos., 88%, $300-$400/1. Paul or Sue Campbell Beauxbridge St, Martin Parish; 337-845-9981 or Evenningshadeboergoats.com.

Fb Boer paint doe, disbudded, no horns, born March 2017, pet, show or future breeding, $450. R. Richard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-896-6264.

(2) pb male Dorper shear, blk heads. Ibys Sonnen, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-942-5081.

Dorper blk.-head ram, 10 mos., $250. Blake Bertrand, Vilette Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-7416.

Wanted: Gulf Coast ram around 1 yr. old. Dot Fisher, Sikes, Winn Parish; 318-628-2081.


Australian sheepdog pups, great for Christmas and after, great color & markings, wormed, very healthy, tails docked, parents on site, working dogs, $275-$300/1. Nicole Snoddy, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-459-4814.

Agricultural Services

Cuttin' or shoe needs, serving Dupre, Washington, St. Landry Parish; $1000/$7.5 mare care. Jeff Stallions standing at stud, surrounding states. CDL certi-830-317-6104.

Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 337-585-3891.

Justice, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-353-0818.

Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-353-0818.

Peponita Figure Four 4/20/11, reg. #5403078, bay roan, barrel pole & team roping horse, $200/8, $5 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-353-0818.

Buddy, born 7/3/12, reg. tW studs, $200/$8 mare care, health cert, $2000/$1000, $7.5 mare care. Jeff Dupre, Washington, St. Landry Parish; jefdupre4@gmail.com or 337-585-3891.

Wyo Blue Buddy, born 7/3/12, roan stallion, reg. #5505700, roping, barrel, foil & cow horse, $200/$8 mare care, health cert required. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-353-0818.


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Dorper sheep, blk.-head ram, 10 mos., $250. Blake Bertrand, Vilette Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-7416.

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DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Doves, ringneck, pied & tangerine, $8/1; white & tangerine pearl, $10/1, other colors available, lots of young birds to choose from. Jim Bearb, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-298-7800 or 337-896-3475.

India blue peacocks, ‘17 hatch, $50/1; breeding pairs, $250; pea-cocks, $100; peahens, $175, worming & care instructions included. But Matheron, Bell City, Calcasieu Parish; 337-274-1342.

Lovebirds, peach-face mutations, opalines, $20-$30/1. Donald, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-466-3749.

Peafowl, India blue male, ‘15, $150; juvenile males & females, ‘17, $50/1. Robert Church, Scott, Acadia Parish; 337-780-8888.

Peafowl, India blue or wh/hk-shoulder chicks & adults, $50/1-up. Simone Little, Morse, Acadia Parish; 337-783-5747.

Bourke parakeets, lutino, rubino, fallow, blue, violet, opaline & normal, some young, some proven prs., $60-150/1. Ralph Bourque, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-534-7334.

TurnX incubator w/turner 125, large acrylic cage 100, small acrylic cage 45, double carry cages, 20-30 house shape cage 45. D. Gardner, Greenwell Springs, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-202-6753.

(3) female hogs, may be bred, (1) male Yorkshire hog, $150-$200/1 or $600-all. Cynthia Cloud, Pineville, Vernon Parish; 504-812-8018.

(2) female hogs, ‘17 hatch, blue, white & red, $45/1; $15/1-up. L. Mercer, Mangham, Richland Parish; 318-417-1376.

Mandarin ducks, 20 avo, each $30. David Brown, Ragley, Allen Parish; 214-244-0350.

(20) red sex-link laying hens, $20/1. Richard Satterley, Melville, St. Landry Parish; 337-566-3708.

Chukar partridges, ‘17 hatch, full grown, $8/1; $25/1 or $200/all. Garrie Landry, Franklyn, St. Mary Parish; 337-578-2311.

Young, large, mature Toulouse geese, $40/1. Wayne or Pam Webster, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-734-3626.

(100) Bobwhite & TN red quails, female & male prs., $10/1. Lynn Mercer, Mangham, Richland Parish; 318-248-3275 or 318-417-1376.

2016 Western & Bourbon red turkeys, males & females, older, $45/1; baby, $20/1. L. Mercer, Mangham, Richland Parish; 318-248-3275 or 318-417-1376.

(10) Guineas, 4 mos., all pears, $15/1. Dana Unger, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 985-705-4291.

Mallard ducks, $20/1 or $40/pr. Beth Lister, Arnaudville, St. Mary Parish; 337-379-2486.

Chickens, $10/1; (2) roosters, $15/1. Beth Lister, Arnaudville, St. Mary Parish; 337-298-4386.

Good quality Muscovy ducks, (4) drakes, $10/1; (7) hens, $15; ducklings, $5/1-up; wild-type breeder ducks, $25/1. Penny Baker, DelRider, Beauregard Parish; 337-396-5051.

(1) trio or (2) prs. of young birds, Old English bantam pr or trio. Ray Vidrine, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-4220.

Wanted: silver or B red Phoenix standard chickens. Penny Baker, DelRider, Beauregard Parish; 337-396-5051.

Eggs, green, brown & wh. & eat or hatch, sm., med. & lg., chickens run free, dark yolks, $1.5-$3/doz.; $2.5-$3.5/1. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-370-3479.

Farm fresh brown eggs, $2/doz. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

Fresh from the farm, brown eggs, $2/doz.; duck eggs, $2.25/doz.; duck bantam eggs, $1.25/doz., all free range & grain fed. K. Baldassaro, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-795-1441 leave message.

Pickled quail & chicken eggs, multiple flavors from plain to spacy, 1/2 pint; 6; pint; $12; fresh yard eggs, $3/doz. Mike Tanner, Livingston, Livingston Parish; 225-290-6318.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

SWINE

(3) female hogs, may be bred, (1) male Yorkshire hog, $150-$200/1 or $600-all. Cynthia Cloud, Pineville, Vernon Parish; 504-812-8018.

ASH Hog Farm, Happy, healthy, tasty hogs, pastured Hereford Heritage hogs, quality hogs, breeders, feeders, gilts, burros & boars, $200/1. Cody Angelette, Lockport, 985-496-9056.

Feeder pigs, roasting pigs, feeder pigs, blue butt, Duroc, New Hampshire, live or dressed, your choice, $1/lb. Todd Lawrence, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-366-5505.

Grain-fed roasting pigs and/or feeder pigs, 50-125 lbs., Berkshire / Wattle cross / Hampshire / Wattle cross, $1/lb. Earl Mitchell, Hornbeck, Vernon Parish; 318-308-8090 or 318-201-6103.

TEXAS RED-BACKED BIRDS, excelf. runners for training, avail. year round, $15/1. Larry Loyd, Folson, St. Tammany Parish; 985-796-5502.


New Zealand & California cross cheekerol giants & chocolate New Zealand, 8 kms, $10/1-up. Dennis Lavernege, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

Californias, New Zealand, red New Zealand, Flemish, lionheads, Netherlands, Holland mix, Dutch/mix, meat/breed stock, $15/1-up. Rickey Pender, Colfax, Grant Parish; 318-627-3086 or 318-451-9771.

B-Island Farm, Holland lops, $30/1-up. New Zealand, high quality pedigree, $15/1-up. Dot Brewster, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-795-8810.

Megan’s Mini Farm, mini rex rabbits, Holland lops, lion heads, Netherland dwarfs & New Zealand, all ages & colors, show quality, $200/1-up. Megan Bergeron,
Livonia, Point Coupee Parish; 225-233-2008.

50% Tennessee red-back, 50% Florida wild cottontail; 50% Texas red-back, 50% Florida wild cottontail, 6-8 wks. old, $15/1. Godfried Schexneyer, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; 337-859-2830.

(2) lg. dbl. breeding rabbit hutches, 200+ hogs up & pregnant. $50/1 (f) & $25/1 (m). Nancy Fontenot, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-376-6156.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Pond stocking, blue catfish, 45¢/1; channel catfish, 30¢/1; coppernose bluegill & L. bluegill, 25¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 30¢/1; red ear bream, 30¢/1; blk. crappie, 45¢/1; bass, 70¢/1; fathead minnows, $12/bag, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; 318-377-1525.

Never used, raft type aquaculture systems, complete w/styrofoam rafts, air stones, pumps, fish tank, etc. sold as systems or as parts, $50/per item & up. Tom Wylie, Rayville, Richland Parish; 318-334-0415.

DEER & EXOTICS

NOTICE: Effective November 19, 2012 LDAF has suspended the inspection of the following captive cervidae: rocky mountain elk, red deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, white-tailed deer and Sika deer into Louisiana.

Any person who keeps, breeds, raises, contains, harvests, sells, slaughters, buys, exchanges, transports or transfers ownership of any type of farm-raised alternative livestock (deer and/or exotics) for commercial purposes shall obtain a farm-raising stock (deer and/or exotics) for commercial purposes. The farm-raising of alternative livestock (deer and/or exotics) in Louisiana may be imposed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) prior to engaging in such activity. For more information, contact the LDAF Office of Animal Health at 225-925-3980.

Each time an ad is submitted for farm-raised alternative livestock (deer and/or exotics), it must be accompanied by a LDAF issued permit number.

Fallow red deer & axis deer for sale, will del., $3000/1-up. Vincent Brocato, Montgomery, Grant Parish; 318-646-1040.

FARM SERVICES


Duck & goose field/pond preparation, rolling, smashing or cleaning vegetation or rice stubble for hunting, will travel. Leighton Rabalais, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-517-5224.


Cattle penning, working & hauling from pasture to stockyard, portable equip., large or small herd, problem cattle, 50 yrs. experience, will travel. Terry or Jason, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-789-1927 or 337-322-7601.

Hensgens Fencing services, all your fencing needs from residential to ranching, build any type for horses, cattle or goats, catch pens & corrales, privacy & custom wood fences & dog kennels. Nick or Joe, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-581-8188 or 985-992-9119.

Mobile welding services, handy man & carpentry work. Bart, Welsh, Evangeline Parish; 337-526-8825 or 337-526-8826.

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Cattle services, timed AI or natural, 33 yrs. experience. D.L. Brasseaux, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; 337-802-5218 or 337-463-8889.

Restore pastures & fields, mow, cult., reduce compaction, contour, plant, install drainage, ponds, roads, paths, walls & fences, harvest & tit trees & stumps. attic Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-634-0074.

Barn & barayard services, repair barn/fence, clean-up, clean-out barn area, bush hog/push to barn, 50 mile radius. John Marcantel, Mattie, Allen Parish; 337-207-9706 after 4 p.m.

Wanted: small farm work, farm, yard, livestock, gardening, stock & stable too, 5-6 days a week, min. 4.5 hrs. day, $15/hr rengo. K. Baldassaro, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-795-1441 leave message.

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Professional hog removal, free services to $2 million insurance provided to landowners. L. state licensed, state-wide services. David Braun, Greenwell Springs, East Baton Rouge Parish; www.hogbiz.com or 225-805-8246 or 337-853-9953.

Bever Removal Done Right, SWLA, references avail., price varies by job. Jeff Aguillard, Elton, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-842-7466.

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**Market Bulletin**

**Fertilizer**

Chicken fertil., prices vary.
Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-553-0818.

Ag lime, $25/ton within 100 mile radius. Brent Duncan, Franklin, Washington Parish; 985-515-6655.

Fert., dry, cod. powder, like dirt, horse & chicken mixed, $50/50 lb feed bag; trac. scoop, $15/l; pure chicken fert., $5-5/gal..bucket, you supply the buck. avail. yr. round. Lisa Lyon, Welch, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-370-3479.

**Bee's and Honey**

Remove honey bee swarms or infestations, free. Carl Riché, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; 318-446-5916.

Flow Hive $350, bottom boards, $14/l; telescoping cover winn/cover winn. $30. Harry Vermaelen, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-201-5632.

New crop honey, $14/qt.; bees wax, (1) lb. block, $10/l. Robert Taylor, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-969-4647.

Fresh local pure honey, pt., $7/l; qt., $14/l; comb honey pt., $8/l. Keith Juneau, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-240-7467.

Fresh local honey, 12 oz. honey bear, $3/l; 24 oz. honey bear, $5/l; qt. jar, $12/l; gal. jar, $40/l. Gary Bonnette, Boyce, Avoyelles Parish; 318-793-9063.

**Trees and Fruiting Vines**

Any person who intends to grow, buy or sell trees, shrubs, ornamental plants, grass sod, or plants shall obtain a license or permit, from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF), prior to engaging in such activity. For more information, contact the LDAF Horticulture and Quarantine Programs Division at 225-952-8100 or email at horticulture@ldaf.state.la.us.


Mayhaw, fig, pecan, Leland Cypress & blackberry vines, $15/l; 25/l; 50/l. Joe Devall, Eros, Jackson Parish; 318-249-4512.

Blueberry bushes, high bush & rabbit eye, $2.5/l-$5/l, depending on quantity purchased. Mike Talley, Sun, St. Tammany; 225-916-0182.

Sago palms, $10-25/l; red bird of paradise, $25/l; red palms, $5-20/l; Japanese palms, $5-20/l; pomegranate, $10-18/l; figs, purple, La. LSU, $15/l; honey dew, $15/l; sweet lemon, Meyers lemon, $18/l; Celeste fig, $15/l; sweet kumquat, $15/l. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, 70601, Calcasieu Parish; 337-478-7075.

Wanted: chironia orangelo citrus tree, citrullus lanatus, grapefruit - orange cross. A.J. Baham, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; 337-828-7038.


**Sweet Potatoes**

Sweet potatoes, Beauregard, 45 lb. box, $15/l. Becky Dugas, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-6840.

**Jams, Jellies & Preserves**

Fig preserves, $7/lpt.; $13/qt. Gary Marcantel, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-580-3742.

Mayhaw, huckleberry, purple hull pea, local honey, fig preserves, peach preserves & much more, jellies, $5; preserves pint, $6/l; quart, $12/l. Dana Guilfoyl, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-582-3330.

**Hay & Grain**

(80) mixed grass 4x5 bales, fert. & sprayed; (100) bales of Bahia. Brenda Webb, St. Landry, Evangeline Parish; 318-613-3477.

2016 & 2017 mixed bahia 5x6 rolls, $15/l-up. David Yount, Couchatta, Natchitoches Parish; 318-471-3681 or 318-332-3565.

Sqa. bales, $5/l; 4x5 rolls, $35/l; 4x5 rolls, $45/l; 4x5.5 rolls, $55/l, fert. & put up w/no rain. Danny Schlesseman, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-517-8341.


2017 Bermuda mixed, 4x5 rd. bales, $10/l; ‘17 Bahia, in barn, 4x5 bales, $35/l. Ralph Racca, Broussard, Lafayette Parish; 337-789-1024.

**Argentine Bahia**

4x5 rd. bales, fert., limed, stored in barn, $40/l. Jerry Dunhon, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; 337-853-4360.

**2017 Mixed Bahia**


**2017 Mixed Grass, string tied rd. hay bales**

$4x5, $30/l or $50/l. Allen Prados, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-967-0006.

120 rolls of mixed grass hay, primarily Bahia grass, 5x4' rolls, cut & rolled, mid Oct., $30/l or $25/l if all are taken. Mike Smith, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-58-1409.

2017 mixed grass hay, 5x6 rolls, wrapped, $30/l. Loura Frye, Natchitoches Parish; 318-332-8672 or 318-332-7841.

**Bermuda Bahia**

4x5 rolls, no rain, in bales 4x2 or 4x1 or 40/l more. J.L. Williams, Spearsville, Union Parish; 318-778-3248 or 870-510-4606.

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4x5 ft, no rain, in bales 4x2 or 4x1 or 40/l more. J.L. Williams, Spearsville, Union Parish; 318-778-3248 or 870-510-4606.

**Bermuda Hay**

4x5, 5x6 rolls, $5x5, $50/bale. sq. bales, $5. Anthony Santangelo, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-351-3926 or anthony.santangelo@icloud.com.

**Bermuda Bahia**


**Bermuda Hay**

4x5 cover edge net wrapped, $30/l, discounted price for (10) or more bales. Ricky Guilbeaux, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-280-0569.

**Jiggs**

4x6 rd. bales, $45/l. Ricky Deville, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-789-4095.

4x5 Mixed grass, string tied rd. bales, baled this month, $20/l, will del. for additional cost. Edwin Smar, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-912-2374.

**Bermuda Bahia**

4x5 rolls, twine wrapped, $25/l; net wrapped, $30/l, mixed grasses, $20/l, quantity discounts on over 50 rolls. Christine Carter, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-448-7028 or 318-419-8513.

**Bermuda Hay**


**Argentine Bahia**


**Bermuda Bahia**

4x5 rd. bales, fert., $28/l; mixed grass, 4x5 rd. bales, del. avail., $20/l. Kendall
soil test at LSU soil lab, cured w/o 4x5 net wrapped, fert. & limed to del. avail., $35/1. Homer Dutsch, Prigeon Fontenot, Jr., Rayne, rd. bales, in field  $20/1; sq. bales, 807-4046. or 337-543-8158. St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889 3106. Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-658-526 1560. Arkansas Parish; 337-831-3758. 4x5 Bahia rd. bales, $25/1. Jeremy Duplechian, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-824-2989 or 337-224-0447.

Alicia Bermuda 4x5 net wrapped rd. bales, in barn, $45/1; 4x5 Bahia rd. bales, $25/1. Jeremy Landry, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-519-3155.

(400) 2017 Argentina/Bahia rd. bales, 4x5, fert. & limed, horse hay, in barn $40/1. John Briscoe, Elton, Allen Parish; 337-526-1560.


2017 Argentine & Bahia hay, limed & fert. to soil test, sq. bales, $6/1; 4x5 rd. bales, $47/1, '16 hay also avail. Vernon Russell, Cheshbrough, Tangipahoa Parish; 987-748-6488.

2017 Bahia & mixed grass, 4x5 rd. bales, in field $20/1; sq. bales, in barn, $3.51/1; in field, $3/1. Prigeon Fontenot, Jr., Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-230-1027.

2017 mixed grass, del. avail., $20/1; Bahia hay, del. avail., $30/1. Wendell Middlebrooks, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-658-3106.

2017 Bahia & mixed grass, 4x5 rd. bales, $20/1. Keith Guillory, Calcasieu Parish; 337-884-5072.

2017 4x5 rd. bales, good quality, $25/1. Greg Laffleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889 or 337-543-8158.

2017 Bahia 4x5 rolls, no rain, $20/1. Carlos Guillot, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-5770 or 318-359-6764.

2017 Bahia cow or horse hay, rd. bales, good quality, cured w/o rain, del. avail., $35/1. Homer Dutsch, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 985-807-4046.

2017 Pensacola/Bahia rd. bales, 4x5 net wrapped, fert. & limed to soil test at LSU soil lab, cured w/o rain, stored in barn, $50/1. Melvin Husser, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-7958 or 985-517-1792.

Non-GMO corn, $35/drum. William Autonberry, Eros, Jackson Parish; 318-249-4512.

2000 lb. super bags of pasture wheat, $350/bag. Brett Clark, Melville, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-2229.

2004 Ag-co GT-75, American made, 75 hp diesel, 2 wd, canopy top, front-end loader, 7’ bush hog, less than 300 hrs., excell. cond., $17,000. Bubba Burch, Lafayette, Louisiana Parish; 337-344-5389.


Farrall 100 garden trac., $3800. fertilizer & seed hopper w/planter included & a couple of plows. Daryl Burnthorn, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-335-6649.

1953 Ford golden jubilee, restore, $4000 obo. Lurry Laborde, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-0989.

Ford 3600 loader, 7900 Kubota loader, 28 hp, $6900. Joe Major, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-945-6960.

Int. Farmall 140 trac., red, includes disc, rig, riddle, mudder buster, bush hog, 16’ dbi, axle trailer w/5’ sides, red, completely refurbished. excell. cond., $7550. Joey Hammonds, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-542-7601.

JD 950-1010 harrow w/6’ Land Pride finishing mower, $6300. Jean Trahan, Delcambre, Iberia Parish; 337-685-2220.

JD 4300 4 wd, shuttle shift w/5’ shreder, very good cond., $7500. Errol Aydon, Eiffel, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-1206.

JD 7410, $20,000. Brett Clark, Melville, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-2228.

1990 JD 4840 trac., cab, air, duals, new power shift trac., $20,000; ‘90 JD 5202 trac. w/duals, motor runs well, clean, $7000. Claudia Morgan, Delhi, Richland Parish; 318-341-4807.

4020 JD trac., power shift, $6500; 310 A JD rubber tire backhoe, $3500. Nolan Ortega, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-2900.

JD 4640 trac., LED lights, rear tires inside 95%, duals 10%, front tires 95%, new paint, rocks, hid. pump, damper, quick hitch, clutch, front power shift pack, field ready, $14,500. Preston Hutson, Bossier, Bossier Parish; 318-347-2008.
**MARKET BULLETIN**

**FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS**

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<td>Miller AC/DC welder, gas tungsten or shielded metal arc (tig-stick) torches, foot throttle, ground lead, new for $1700/225 amp Lincoln welder w/50' leads, $100. Thomas Landry, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-422-6247.</td>
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<td>1994 backhoe, 55SD clam bucket, fork lift racks, rebuilt, shift lever, new, in good shape, $8000. Ronald Gope, Schriever, Terrebonne Parish; 985-859-7630.</td>
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<td>Kelly backhoe, 5500. Charles LaHaye, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-523-3717 or 337-363-2643.</td>
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<td>Cat 312 hyd. excavator, 3600 hrs., cleanout bucket, thumb, good undercarriage, $25,000.</td>
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<td>JD120C excavator, 5500 hrs., excell. cond., $52,500; Volvo EC55B excavator, 4390 hrs., cab, a/c, blade, 70% undercarriage, 54 hp, 12,000 lbs., $23,500; JD 75CLGP dozer, hydостatic trans., canopy, sweeps, $33,500. Elwood Arcement, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; 985-209-2228.</td>
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<td>3 pt. hay cutter, 11', 110&quot; wide, auto, never wrecked, no rust, runs well, $9000 obo. Sarina Livette, Bourg, Terrebonne Parish; 985-665-0680.</td>
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<td>2009 Ford F650, Cummins diesel, Allison auto, 11' CM flatbed w/gooseneck &amp; receiver hitch, 33K miles, good tires, strong, solid truck, very clean, ready to work, $30,000. Raymond Fontenot, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; <a href="mailto:farm1@cox.net">farm1@cox.net</a> or 713-446-4385.</td>
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<td>12' JD 630 breaking plow, $4500; 14' drag harrow, $950; 10' Buhler angle blade, 3 cyl. w/tilt wheel, $4500; 40' 1&quot; beam, cotton wagon, $1500; 20' cotton wagon, $650; Hardee ditch bank mower, $1700. Jack Kibodeaux, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-207-1510.</td>
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<td>JD 6' finishing mower, rear discharge, like new, $11000 obo. Dan Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-788-0240 or 337-250-5524 call 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>2008 JD 946 mow conditioner, good cond., $14,000; 20' 2015 Bush hog brand bush hog model 12820R1, good cond., $18,000. Lee Weeks, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-442-6398 or <a href="mailto:lweeks@inglewoodfarm.com">lweeks@inglewoodfarm.com</a>.</td>
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**CUTTERS & MOWERS**

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<td>Frontier hay spears, fits 55 hp Kubota trac., used 1 season, $500. George Snyder, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5757.</td>
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<td>Case IH M922 hay cutter, 93&quot;, shed kept, excell. cond., $7500. Kevin Guiullin, Opelousas, Louisiana Parish; 337-308-1198.</td>
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<td>2009 Vantage 300 welding machine, 4 cyl. Kubota, engine, soldcraper spooling, steady arch, no aluminum trans., Profax alum. gun &amp; setup w/leads, used flux core box w/4 guns, 3&quot;, 6&quot; &amp; 6&quot; - 12&quot; bevellers w/swappable parts, $9000 obo. Sarina Livette, Bourg, Terrebonne Parish; 985-665-0680.</td>
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<td>1993 Blazer Cheyenne, 180K miles, 350 cu. in. throttle bod, 4 wd, auto, never wrecked, no rust, runs well, $9,500 obo.</td>
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<td>2002 Freightliner 18-wheeler w/28' alum. dump trailer, ready or farm use, $28,000. Algy Irvin, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish; 985-448-1101.</td>
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TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

Pintle hitch flatbed trailer, dovetail w/flip-up ramps, 24', (2) 10,000 lb. axles, $3500. Paul Lee, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; 985-516-7705.

Gosseens, shop built, 8' x 24' heavy duty flatbed w/dovetail, (2) fold down ramps, (3) 7000 lb. axles, (4) new electric brake kits, (6) 10-ply tires w/90% tread, (1) spare tire, good flooring, new paint, DOT inspection sticker, $4250 obo. Roland Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-599-2021.

(2) wagon wheels, 39" diameter, good cond., $100. A.J. Bradley, Transylvania, East Carroll Parish; 318-552-6265.

36" Pace American closed car trailer w/inside, 3 doors, insulated w/panel, exc. shape, jack, 2 5/16" ball, 3 axles, $14,000; mule JD wagon & bed, $700. A.J. Bradley, Transylvania, East Carroll Parish; 318-552-6265.

2002 WW 2-horse stall load alum. trailer w/weekend pkg. living quarters, new tires, exc. jack, awning, shower, microwave, ac, water heater & sink, exc. cond., $9000 obo. Kathy Matthews, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; 225-634-1111 or 225-405-7415.

2009 WW bumper pull 3-horse stall trailer, w/tack and dressing room, exc. cond., new tires, kept in barn, $6500. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-328-2198.

Roadrunner high-speed header transport trailer, can haul up to 35' header, $4750 nego. Ronnie, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-264-5453.

(2) 150 bu. grain cart, $200/1; (2) 10,000 lb. axles, $6500. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-328-2198.

CRAFITS & WOODWORK

(12) like new polyethylene plastic gourds for purple martins, $100; new, $230, (4) metal poles, free. John Fuschler, Laplace, St. John the Baptist Parish; 985-652-2126.


Squirrel feeders, I gal., treated, $20/1; cypress wood duck nest boxes, cypress, $30/1. Gary Marcantel, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-380-3742.

Cypress wood duck nesting boxes from the wood duck man, 30 yrs. of experience, $30/1; predator guards, $18/1. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-230-7295.

Squirrel feeder, $20; 10 lbs. non-GMO corn on cob. William Autunberry, Eros, Jackson Parish; 318-249-4512.

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FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES


(35) joints of 2 3/8" seal lock tubing that was tested to 6000#, excellent for flowline, for water line, etc., $50/joint; 2-axle 700-700 gal. nurse tank trailer & pump, $2000. Bobby Gene Denten, Jena, La Salle Parish; 318-992-4504.

(12) iron wagon wheels, some large, hay rake wheels, $600/1; (9) complete hay rake, $250. Ed Durr, Arinite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-746-5556.

Rd. pen, 50' diameter, $1000. Roy Firmin, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-772-2640.

55-gal. 1/2 plastic cistern feed troughs, $10/1. George Snyder, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5575.

Cattle head gate, $450/obo; front counter weights for trac. w/mounting brackets, $500 obo; gates, (2) 16', (1) 12', (1) 8', solid hd. Herb Simon, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-560-5546.

Powder River calf table, $600. Burke Aucourn, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-4817 or 337-826-3968.

15' concrete pipe, 5' long, reinforced, $50; 18" concrete pipe, 8' long, reinforced, $75. Grady Dugas, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-845-4774.

New brand greenhouse, in boxes, never installed, 10' x 27', gal. steel frame, film covering, side curtains, exhaust fan, $2750. Tom Wylie, Rayville, Richland Parish; 338-314-0415.

(5) Brand new plastic livestock tanks, 75-gal., $103/1, 155-gal., $175. Tom Wylie, Rayville, Richland Parish; 318-303-3755.

Food-grade styrofoam rafts for aquaponic or hydroponic systems, (32) 2' x 4', (6) 2' x 2', $15/1. Tom Wylie, Rayville, Richland Parish; 318-303-3755.

(5) pieces heavy gauge railroad steel, 12' long, was a cattle guard, $200/1; James Singleton, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-839-2046.

Pole barn steel trusses, 24' wide, $1900/1; 30' wide, $225/1; 40' wide, $290/1; other sizes avail. Jason Jordan, Dodson, Winn Parish; 318-413-0304.

7/8" sucker rods, $13/1. Mary Dequincy, Calcasieu Parish; 337-873-8386.

Walk-in cooler, 8' x 10', in good shape and runs, $2500. Lance Bearb, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-247-3670.

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

70" diameter galv. rd. pen, 5' tall wall, 125' x 200' 7/8" rod, covered with w/calf chute & shed, $400/100. Ted Breiley, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-3040.

Gallagher equine horse fencing, (2) new rolls, 1000', $100/1; (1) used roll, 1000', $50. Davis Credeur, Scott, Acadia Parish; 337-873-8386.

Used dairy equip., vacuum pump w/low hrs. on motor, $800; receiver, milk pump & pipeline, $350; (8) claws w/shells, $400; (8) Surge VSO take-offs w/stainless steel, 12' long, was a cattle guard, $200/1; James Singleton, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-839-2046.

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1900 old farm house w/tin top to be salvaged, located in East Baton Rouge Parish; if all taken, $350. Houston Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-355-4891.

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10KW MEP003A military generator, 400 hrs., built to run 24/7, diesel, on trailer, runs great, $2000 cash; Southwest squeeze chute palping cage & 16' adjustable width alley with skids on back gate, $2500 cash. Andy Legros, Dequincy, Calcasieu Parish; 337-570-8424.

1988 Toyota 4wd pickup, hunting truck w/heavy duty bumpers, V6, ac/heat, radio & like new Firestone mudlers, $1500 cash. Andy Legros, Dequincy, Calcasieu Parish; 337-570-8424.

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26 gauge metal roofing, $14,000, 50x100x16, all steel structure & fabric material, $5/1. Lee, Husser, St. Landry Parish; 337-845-4817 or 337-826-5887.


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Bob's Tree Preservation, arboretum & nursery tours, over 30,000 trees to view & purchase, miles of walking paths, cabins, catch & release fish ponds. Bob Thibodeaux, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-319-3957.

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Beef Promotion and Research Program
PRIVATE TREATY SALES CHECK-OFF INVESTMENT FORM

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Today’s Date

Seller’s Name

Buyer’s Name

Address

Address

City _______ State _____ Zip _______ City _______ State _____ Zip _______

Seller’s Signature

Buyer’s Signature

Both the seller & the buyer are responsible for making sure that the $1 per head assessment is collected and remitted to the Beef Promotion & Research Board.

Total Number of Cattle Sold: _______________ X $1.00 per Head = ________________

Date of Sale ________________ Person remitting assessment form: Seller ☐ Buyer ☐

State of Origin* ________________ Phone Number: __________________________

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**Venison Jerky**

- 3 tbsps. plus 1 tsp. salt
- 5 tbsps. granulated garlic
- 2 tbsps. white pepper
- 2 tbsps. black pepper
- 2 tbsps. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. onion powder

For Jerky:
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1 cup red-wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 tbsp. granulated garlic
- 1 tbsp. dry mustard
- 1 tbsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tbsp. chili powder
- 1 lb. Venison round

Combine all the seasoning ingredients in a small bowl. In a large bowl combine all the jerky ingredients except venison. Whisk in two tablespoons seasoning and add the venison. Marinate the venison in the refrigerator for 24 hours. Drain the venison and pat dry. Prepare the jerky in a dehydrating machine according to manufacturer's directions.

**Mirliton, Shrimp and Tasso Casserole**

- 6 small mirlitons
- 3 tbsps. butter
- 8 oz. tasso, diced
- 2 med. onions, diced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Place mirlitons in a large pot and cover with cold salted water. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 hour, until fork tender. Drain and let cool. Peel the skin from the mirliton and cut in half top to bottom, remove the seed and mash lightly. Drain off excess liquid. Melt 1 tablespoon of butter in a large pot over medium heat and sauté tasso for 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in shrimp and garlic, sauté for 30 seconds. Add mashed mirlitons and sauté for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, season to taste and let cool. Next, whisk the eggs with the milk and additional salt and pepper. Combine with the cooled mirlitons. Use 1 tablespoon of the butter to coat a 3-inch deep casserole dish and pour the mirlitons mixture into the dish. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For the topping, melt the remaining butter in a medium saucepan, add breadcrumbs, green onions, and salt and pepper and top casserole with mixture. Cover dish with foil and bake for 1 hour. Remove foil and bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until golden brown.

**Creole-Seasoned lamb w/sweet potato hash and brown sugar sauce**

- 4 racks of lamb, Frenched
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup Creole seasoning
- 2 tbsps. olive oil
- 2 tbsps. unsalted butter
- 2 med. sweet potatoes, peeled, diced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 andouille sausage, diced
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup lamb or beef stock
- 2 tbsps. packed light brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Season lamb with Creole seasoning. Heat in a large skillet on medium heat. Add 2 racks and sear on all sides for about 10 minutes. Transfer racks to baking sheet. Wipe out skillet and sear remaining racks in same manner. Bake all lamb racks (2 on a baking sheet) 12 minutes or until medium rare. Transfer lamb to platter and let rest.

Meanwhile place a medium saucepan over high heat. Add butter and melt. Add sweet potatoes and salt and pepper and cook until browned – about 5 minutes. Add sausage and chicken stock and cook until tender and most of the liquid is evaporated – about 8 minutes. Mash potatoes with the back of a spoon. Drain excess fat from skillet and over high heat deglaze with wine. Reduce wine almost completely. Add lamb stock and brown sugar and reduce for 2 minutes. Season to taste. Slice racks and serve with hash and sauce.

**Crawfish Macque Choux**

- 3 tbsps. plus 1 tsp. salt
- 5 tbsps. granulated garlic
- 2 tsps. white pepper
- 2 tsps. black pepper
- 2 tsps. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 lb. small headless shrimp, peeled
- 15 cloves garlic, peeled and diced
- 5 med. eggs
- 2 cups fresh bread crumbs
- 1 bunch green onions, tops only, thinly sliced

Place mirlitons in a large pot and cover with cold salted water. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 hour, until fork tender. Drain and let cool. Place in a large pot and cover with cold salted water. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 hour, until fork tender. Drain and let cool. Drain off excess liquid. Melt 1 tablespoon of butter in a large pot over medium heat and sauté tasso for 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in shrimp and garlic, sauté for 30 seconds. Add mashed mirlitons and sauté for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, season to taste and let cool. Next, whisk the eggs with the milk and additional salt and pepper. Combine with the cooled mirlitons. Use 1 tablespoon of the butter to coat a 3-inch deep casserole dish and pour the mirlitons mixture into the dish. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For the topping, melt the remaining butter in a medium saucepan, add breadcrumbs, green onions, and salt and pepper and top casserole with mixture. Cover dish with foil and bake for 1 hour. Remove foil and bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until golden brown.

- 10 tbsps. unsalted butter
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 celery stalk, diced
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups corn, (4 large ears)
- 2 small tomatoes, chopped
- 1 lb. crawfish tails
- Cooked rice

In a large skillet, melt 2 tablespoons butter on medium heat. Add garlic and cool 30 seconds. Add onion, bell peppers, and celery and cook until wilted, about 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add corn and tomatoes and cook 4 minutes. Add crawfish and cook 2 minutes or until heated through. Add remaining butter, turn off heat and let butter melt. Season with salt and pepper. Serve over rice, serves six.
Clover can improve Louisiana pastures

Bruce Schultz

An LSU AgCenter forage specialist said cattle producers should consider planting clover in pastures because of its advantages as a food source.

AgCenter forage specialist Wink Alison, speaking at the annual conference of the Louisiana Forage and Grassland Council on Dec. 8, said clover can improve pastures because of nitrogen fixation. “It will fix atmospheric nitrogen into a form the plant can use,” he said.

Clover is highly digestible and is higher in total digestible nutrients than most grasses, Alison said. Total season forage production from pastures overseeded with clover can be as high as grass fertilized with 100 pounds per acre of nitrogen.

Clover often lacks the persistence, but some recently released clover varieties had persistence as a selection criteria, he said.

Also at the meeting, Ted Miller, who raises dairy cattle near Baskin, talked about his use of the leader-follower system for controlled grazing.

Pasture planted in clover is first grazed in spring by lactating cows because they have higher nutrient needs. Then, the pasture is grazed by bred heifers in mid-gestation, Miller said.

Open breeding-age heifers are given first priority in the fall, followed by bred cows and heifers.

To avoid using a drill planter, seed is broadcast in late summer where cattle are grazing. “We’re finding that trampling impact is giving us some impressive germination,” Miller said. “We’re learning that cows’ hooves do a good job of planting grass.”

Liza Garcia from the University of Florida gave an overview of her research on pollinators in pastureland.

Bee populations are declining, but the insects can coexist with cattle and pastures. Native bees use the roots of forage plants for nesting, she said.

AgCenter forage agronomist Ed Twidwell told council members about his tour of forage seed production operations in Oregon in May.

The seed operation is highly controlled, Twidwell said, with a certification process to ensure variety integrity and proper germination.

Kevin Norton, state conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said the NRCS partnered with the AgCenter for a $900,000 cover crop study on cropland and pastures.

He said the AgCenter and the Louisiana Master Farmer Program are also working with the NRCS on a series of workshops on soil health. The first two will be held Jan. 23 in West Monroe at the Hampton Inn, and at the DeWitt Livestock Facility at the Dean Lee Research Station on Jan. 24.

Participants will receive credit for Phase 2 of the Louisiana Master Farmer Program. Certified Master Farmers and certified crop advisers who attend will receive continuing education credit.

Norton said Congress is expected to take up the next farm bill after Jan. 1, and NRCS funding for conservation projects are included in the legislation. The current farm bill expires on Sept. 30, 2018.
**Market Bulletin**

**Hereford/F-1 Cattle Sale**
Bayou Classic Polled Hereford/Assoc. will hold the 27th Annual in Jeanerette. For more information, contact Stan at sdutile@agcenter.lsu.edu.  

**Spring Field Day**
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**Reddell Chicken Auction**
will be held every Saturday located at 3029 Old Hwy 13 in Mamou. General merchandising 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, bage-telle, new and used merchandise. For more info, call 337-783-1442 or 337-384-4500.

**Reeves Auction and Livestock**
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**Bouef River Antique Tractor Puller’s Club Pull**
will be held Feb. 10, 2018 at the Morehouse Activity Center, 9555 Marlatt St., Bastrop. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and pulls begin at 9 a.m. New open class any year tractor, 1900-2017. Sled hook fee is $10. For more information, contact Thomas Sitton at 318-237-1426, Richard Wilkerson at 318-282-5527 or visit www.bratp.net.

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**2018 Acadiana Cattle Producers Spring Field Day** is set for March 3, 2018 at the Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette. For more information, contact Stan at sdutile@agcenter.lsu.edu.

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of conservation practices on agricultural land within the Bayou Mallet watershed to improve the water quality.

The practices included in the Bayou Mallet project are irrigation land leveling, grade stabilization structures, conservation crop rotation, residue and tillage management, irrigation water management, nutrient management, pest management, and shallow water for wildlife. These conservation practices are reducing bacteria and sediment laden water leaving rice fields, crawfish ponds and pastures, which in turn reduce turbidity. As a direct result of these efforts, Bayou Mallet water quality impairments are becoming significantly reduced. Voluntary participation by local farmers is very important to the continued success of this project.

**Ag and Forestry Tour**

In November, Commissioner Strain was joined by Governor John Bel Edwards on an Ag and Forestry Tour across the state. The goal was to gather information from farmers about their concerns and share with the governor how the agricultural and forestry industries contribute to the state. Strain will also use this information at the state and federal levels as he works to protect farmers against unlicensed activity and permits. The mobile app allows users to search by business name, business type, and license number. To file a complaint, users can simply fill out the form and tap submit. LDAF has also included the option of adding a picture to the complaint. The mobile app benefits businesses, permit offices, the general public and homeowners who need to verify licenses and permits. Through the app, the goal of the LDAF is to reduce unlicensed activity and increase awareness.

**USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Hay Prices**

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| Hay Type                        | Grade       | East Texas Weekly Hay Report, Dec. 15, 2017 | Good/Premium | $50-$60 |
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| Coastal Bermuda Large Rounds    | Good/Premium|                                               | $50-$60      |
The Louisiana Irrigation Association (LIA) presented Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry’s Horticulture and Quarantine Director Ansel Rankins with an award during its annual meeting on October 26, 2017. The meeting was held at Dukes’ Seafood & Steakhouse on Hwy. 16 in Denham Springs. There were about 82 attendees on hand.

LIA President Chris Friedman presented the Professional of the Year Award plaque to Rankins. The award was presented to Rankins for his many years of professionalism and outstanding contributions to the industry and the LIA.

LIA Executive Secretary Severn Doughty said this was the first time this award has been given since the inception of LIA in 2004. Since rising through the ranks, first as an inspector and currently as director of the Horticulture and Quarantine Programs, Rankins has supported the LIA throughout his LDAF career.

A few of Rankins contributions include: proctoring an Irrigation Association class at the LSU AgCenter; penning articles for the ‘Louisiana Irrigator’ the official LIA newsletter and facilitating the first gubernatorial proclamation declaring July 2014 Smart Irrigation Month in Louisiana and each year since.

“The Louisiana Irrigation Association is very proud of Ansel and all he does for us and the state of Louisiana,” said Doughty. “There is no harder working man than Ansel and Louisiana is very lucky to have him.”

2017 south Louisiana Sneaux Day

Indian Creek Recreation Area, located in Woodworth, Rapides Parish, was covered in a blanket of powdery, white, snow on Dec. 8, 2017. Indian Creek entrance (left), boat launch (top), snow covered trees.

Photos around Baton Rouge.