



# Market Bulletin

Mike Strain DVM, Commissioner

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Labor Day is Sept. 3



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## By the numbers

Year	# of Adult Beef Cows
2011	561,627
2010	558,459
2009	602,450
2008	615,782
2007	621,405
2006	475,301
2005	597,362
2004	642,972
2003	641,231
2002	632,887
2001	651,126

Source: LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Summary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



## Cattle sales lower than normal

By Veronica Mosgrove

Cattle sales in Louisiana are on the decline. While this fact may be a reflection of the multi-year impact of droughts, floods, higher costs of fuel, higher feed and fertilizer prices, it does not mean Louisiana is out of the cattle business. Robert Joyner with the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association maintains that, "We are raising more pounds of beef which translates into heavier calves. People still want beef because it's a wholesome food."

The fact is for the first six months of this year, Louisiana sale barns ran 18,295 fewer cattle than during the same time period last year, according to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Livestock Brand Commission. This is a decrease of approximately 15 percent.

Higher cattle prices also slow down the expansion of business. Heifer calves to replace a cow in the herd are reportedly on the high end. Once the cattle are bred and calves are on the ground, it could be three years before money is made. While a cow and her calf once sold for \$1200, now they can go as high as \$1500-\$1800." This reflects higher earning potential, but it also means the cost to get into the cattle business is higher than it's ever been.

"The uncertainty is not knowing how long the cattle market will be high. There's still a huge demand for

beef. I think the demand is outreaching supply," said third generation cattleman and sale barn operator Mike Dominique. He added that while his numbers aren't way off from what he sold last year, he is seeing lower numbers at his barns in Baton Rouge, Carencro and Opelousas. "In the first half of the year, we sold a lot of cull cows. We're killing so many cows that we're not catching up with the calves," said Dominique.

Dr. Ross Pruitt with the LSU AgCenter says while Louisiana isn't experiencing a drought this year, it was a different story in 2011 when hay was limited. "Conditions were worse in Louisiana last year. The decline in cattle sales this year is largely attributable to the volume that was sold in 2011 and how long it takes to restock herds. Because of the drought last year in Louisiana and nationally this year, pasture conditions have been near impossible to expand the U.S. beef cow herd. For the first time since 1962, we're under 30 million beef cows nationally and will struggle to increase above that number for the next couple of years," said Pruitt.

From January to June of this year, 126,898 head of cattle were sold in Louisiana sale barns. During the same period a year earlier, 145,193 head were sold in *See cattle, continued on page 20*

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# Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

## Strain cautions citizens to prepare for flu season

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) are monitoring reports of influenza virus H3N2v from county fairs in other states. These illnesses have been associated with swine exhibitors and people closely linked to swine at the fairs.

From July 12 to August 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a total of 153 humans infected with H3N2v which is a variant of the respiratory disease caused by Type A influenza viruses. One (1) case of the virus has been detected in Hawaii, one (1) in Illinois, 120 cases in Indiana and 31 in Ohio. All cases are associated with exposure at county fairs, with the exception of the case in Hawaii which involved a person in contact with pigs on her family's farm.

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said, "While rare, pig influenza can spread from pigs to people and vice versa. That's why this increase in cases is of concern. With the fall livestock exhibits at festivals and fairs coming up here in Louisiana, we urge anyone dealing with pigs to take precautionary measures to ensure their safety."

"All of these affected people had contact with pigs. We urge everyone to use precautionary measures such as washing your hands frequently if you are in contact with pigs and informing your doctor if you have influenza-like symptoms," said Dr. Frank Welch, medical director for the immunization program with DHH.

Livestock show facts and safety tips:

Animals can infect people with what are called zoonotic diseases caused by infectious agents that can be transmitted between animals and

humans

Influenza viruses are not transmitted by food; you cannot get influenza from eating pork or pork products

Swine are susceptible to influenza and are commonly infected with strains that people are not susceptible

To reduce the spread of influenza from swine to people:

Wash your hands often with soap and running water before and after exposure to pigs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Never eat, drink or put things in your mouth in areas where pigs are located, and don't take food or drink into these areas.

Never take toys, pacifiers, spill-proof cups, baby bottles, strollers or similar items into areas where pigs are located.

Avoid close contact with pigs that look or act ill. Avoid contact with

pigs if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms. Avoid contact for seven days after symptoms begin or until you have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, whichever is longer.

Watch your pigs for signs of illness and call a veterinarian if you suspect they might be sick.

Children younger than five, people 65 and older, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic medical conditions are at high risk from serious complications if they get influenza. These people should consider avoiding exposure to pigs and swine barns this fair season, especially if sick pigs have been identified.

LDAF Office of Animal Health and Food Safety is working with LSU AgCenter to take a proactive role in surveillance at local shows and fairs to limit human exposure to infected animals.



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Symptoms typical of the flu include runny nose, sore throat, eye irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. A seasonal flu vaccine will not protect people against H3N2v, but there are influenza antiviral drugs that can treat human H3N2v illness as well as infection with seasonal influenza viruses.

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### Alabama SE Hay Report, Aug. 9, 2012

Bermuda Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$200-\$260
Bermuda Large Rounds.....	Premium.....	\$100-\$100
Bermuda Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$100-\$160
	Good.....	\$60-\$100

Bahia Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$200-\$200
	Fair.....	\$140-\$140

Bahia Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$50-\$50
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### East Texas Weekly Hay Report, Aug. 10, 2012

Coastal Bermuda Small Squares.....	Good/Premium.....	\$230-\$265
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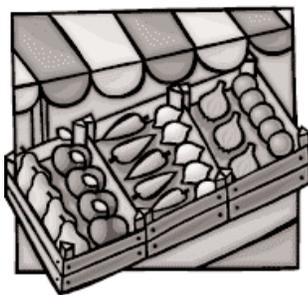
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## ACADIA PARISH

Iota  
Iota Farmers Market  
Gazebo on Main St.  
1st & 3rd Sat., 7-10 a.m.

## ALLEN PARISH

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

## AVOYELLES PARISH

Moreauville  
WestMar Farms Dairy Market  
851 Couvillion Street  
Thurs. 2-6 p.m.

## 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 a week, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Year round

## DeRidder

Azalea Street Marketplace  
Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds  
Exhibit Hall  
1st weekend of the month  
Fri. noon-6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,  
Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Jan.-Sept. & Nov.-Dec.

## Ragley

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

## 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  
Oct. 22-Nov. 19  
Sat. 8 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

## Moss Bluff

MB Farmers & Crafters Market  
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, April-Oct.

## DESOTO PARISH

Mansfield  
DeSoto Farmers Market  
10117 Hwy 171, DeSoto Parish  
Ext. Office  
Sat. 7:30 -11 a.m., May 7 -June 11

## 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 - early Dec.

## Baton Rouge

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

## Zachary

Zachary Farmers 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.

## IBERIA PARISH

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

## JEFFERSON PARISH

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

## Harahan

Harahan Farmers Market  
6437 Jefferson Hwy. (behind City Hall)  
2nd & 4th Saturday  
9 a.m. - noon, 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

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

Open Air Farmers Market  
800 East Broussard Rd.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round

## Lafayette

Freetown Mid-Week Farmers Market  
Vermilion & Johnston St.  
Wed. 3-7 p.m.

## Lafayette

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

## LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux  
Thibodaux Main Street Market  
314 St. Mary St. at 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. 7:30 a.m.- 11:30, April-Oct.

## 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.  
Fri. 2-5 p.m., year round except Feb.

## New Orleans

Lower 9th Ward Sankofa Farmers Market  
5500 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

## 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.

## Washington

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

## ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville  
St. Martinville Creole Market  
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.  
Sat. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
May-Dec.

## St. Martinville

Bayou Teche Market  
203 New Market St.  
Sat. 7 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

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  
Every third 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

## Slidell

Camellia City Farmers Market  
Robert & Front St.,  
Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., year round

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond  
Hammond Farmers Market  
Railroad and Morris  
2nd & 4th Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
March-Dec.

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

## VERMILION PARISH

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 sold out, year round

## WASHINGTON PARISH

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

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH

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

## WINN PARISH

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

# What's Happening

## Goat Events

**Louisiana Meat Goat Association Fall Show** will be held Nov. 10 at the Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley. Two ABGA sanctioned goat shows in one day. For more information, visit [www.lameatgoat.net](http://www.lameatgoat.net).

**Southwest Louisiana Meat Goat Show** will be held Nov. 24 at the Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley. Two ABGA sanctioned goat shows in one day. For more information, visit [www.lameatgoat.net](http://www.lameatgoat.net).

## Dog Events

**Ouachita Valley Dog Training Club Rally and Obedience Trials** will be held Aug. 25-26 in Monroe. For more information, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Basset Hound Club of Bayou country, Bayou Kennel Club, Boston Terrier Club, Chinese Shar-pei Club and Vicksburg Kennel Club** will host a variety of dog events in Monroe from Aug. 31- Sept. 3. For more information, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Pontchartrain Hunting Retriever Club** will hold hunting tests Sept. 29 at the Bonnet Carre Spillway, Norco. For more information, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Morehouse Beagle Club** will hold field trials at the Morehouse Beagle Club in Farmerville. For more information, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

## Bird Events

**Bird fair and show** will be held Nov. 3-4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lion's Club in Ponchatoula, 750 East Pine St. Meet breeders and see exotic birds of all sizes. Cage, food and toy distributors will also be on hand. Admission is \$4 for adults and children under six enter free. For more information, visit [www.totalat.com](http://www.totalat.com).

## Education & Workshops

**Rapides parish 4-H Rabbit Clinic** will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Louisiana National Guard Armory, 5500 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. Open to all Central La. 4-H members. Learn about rabbit health, grooming, tattooing, showmanship and more. For more information, call Mr. Joel at 318-442-2325 or Ms. Tammy at 318-446-1970.

**What's Killing Our Trees workshop** will be held from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Lake D'Arbonne State Park, 3628 Evergreen Road, Farmerville. Join LSU AgCenter tree experts to learn about the top 10 tree problems for 2012 and spotting drought damage. Early registration is \$90 per person if you register on or before Sept. 14. After Sept. 14 registration is \$140 per person. To pay online with a debit or credit card, go to [www.lsuagcenter.com/arborist](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/arborist). For more information, email Hallie Dozier at [hdozier@AgCenter.lsu.edu](mailto:hdozier@AgCenter.lsu.edu).

**Baton Rouge Arts Market** will be held the first Saturday of the month at the corner of Fifth and Main St. in Baton Rouge. Regional crafts from more than 60 artists and craft vendors. 7 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Kathy Scherer at 225-344-8558.

**Fresh From the Market Cooking Demonstration** every Saturday at 10 a.m. at Main Street Market in Baton Rouge, 501 Main Street. Chef Celeste Gill and local chefs demonstrate using local ingredients for seasonal recipes. For more information, contact Copper Alvarez at 225-267-5060.

**Clinton Market Day** is held the first Saturday of the month in the Courthouse Square and Main Street in Clinton. Free to vendors; 8 a.m. - until. Crafts, locally grown produce, antique items, horse-drawn carriage rides. For more information, call Carol Shirley at 225 603-9003.

## Fairs & Festivals

**Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival** will be held Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 in downtown Morgan City. The oldest chartered festival in Louisiana features an arts and crafts show, culture and heritage exposition, live music, children's activities, blessing of the fleet, parade, 5K run/walk and more. For more information, call 985-385-0703 or visit [www.shrimp-petrofest.org](http://www.shrimp-petrofest.org).

**Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival** will be held Sept. 14-15 along the banks of the Cane River Lake in downtown Natchitoches. The festival celebrates the local culinary staples with a variety of music and a meat pie-eating contest. For more information, visit [www.explore-natchitoches.com/events-and-festivals/](http://www.explore-natchitoches.com/events-and-festivals/)

**24th Louisiana Chicken Festival in Dubach** will be held Sept. 22 – 29. The festival features a beauty pageant, baby photo contest, "Strut Your Stuff" talent contest. Sat., Sept. 29 is the big day. There will be arts and crafts booths, food vendors, local entertainment, cooking contest, parade and much more. For vendor information, contact Judy

Beavers at 318-777-8540. For general information about the festival, call 318-777-1964 or visit [www.drabo.org](http://www.drabo.org)

**18th Annual Roberts Cove Germanfest** will be held Oct. 6-7 from on the grounds of St. Leo IV Catholic Church on Hwy. 98 in Roberts Cove. Follow the signs from I-10 exit 87. The event will feature traditional German foods as well as German cultural activities, folklore, music, dancing. Also, the Antique Tractor Club will display their antique tractors and the Blacksmith Assoc. will demonstrate old time blacksmith skills. For more information, visit [www.robertscovegermanfest.com](http://www.robertscovegermanfest.com).

**3rd Annual Czech Kolin Kolache Festival** will be held Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Kolin Lodge Hall, 119 B. Miller Road off Hwy. 107, Pineville. Admission is free. There will be homemade meat pies, fresh baked kolache with many toppings, nitz, apple strudel, pecan rolls, pumpkin rolls and more. Many arts and craft booths, hay ride and games. For more information, call 318-443-9985.

## Horticultural Events

**East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners Day** is the first Saturday of the month at the Red Stick Farmers Market, corner of Fifth and Main St. in Baton Rouge. Master gardeners offer expert advice on seasonal gardening. For more information, contact Copper Alvarez at 225-267-5060 or visit [www.breada.org](http://www.breada.org).

**Second Saturday Plant Sale** will be held Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Parkway Partners Greenhouse, 1137 Baronne St. (corner of Baronne and Clio), New Orleans. Guest speakers lecture on horticultural issues. For more information, call 504-620-2224 or email [dgraham@parkwaypartners.org](mailto:dgraham@parkwaypartners.org).

## Rabbit Events

**Bayou State Rabbit Hunters Federation** annual banquet will be held Sept. 8 at the Erwinville Community Center. For more information, contact Tommy Boudreaux at 225-718-4467 or visit [www.bayoustate-rabbithunters.org](http://www.bayoustate-rabbithunters.org).

**South Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association** will host its 3rd Annual all-breed rabbit show Oct. 6 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the show arena behind the Opelousas Yambilee facility. The public is invited to attend at no charge. Jambalaya plate lunches will be available for \$5. For more information, call Doug Girard at 337-781-2244.

## Commission & Board Meetings

**Structural Pest Control Commission Meeting** will be held Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge. For more information, contact David Fields at [david\\_f@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:david_f@ldaf.state.la.us).

# What's Happening

## Horse Shows, Rodeos & Trail Rides

**Louisiana Stock Horse Assoc. Horse Show** 2012 events will be held Sept. 1 in West Monroe, Ike Hamilton Expo. Future dates include Sept. 22 New Roads; Oct. 13, New Iberia, Nov. 17-18 Finals, DeRidder. Pre-entry closes the Monday before the show. Entry fee. For more information, contact Judy Weisgerber at 877-335-3072, [jweisgerber@hughes.net](mailto:jweisgerber@hughes.net) or [www.louisianastockhorse.com](http://www.louisianastockhorse.com).

**Bogalusa Team Sorting** will be held Sept. 7, 21 at the Bogalusa Community Arena, 20239 Airport Rd., in Bogalusa at 6:15 p.m. Arena fees apply, \$5 per ride; concessions available. Future dates are Oct. 5 and Nov. 3. For more information, call Troy Crain at 985-516-7507 or Blake Chiasson at 985-285-0892 or visit [www.bogalusacommunityarena.com](http://www.bogalusacommunityarena.com).

**Livingston Horse Show Assoc. Open Horse Show** will be held Sept. 8 and 22. The shows are held at the South Park Arena in Denham Springs. Halter and timed event competitions begin at 9 a.m. Future dates include Oct. 13 and 27. For more information, call DeLois Senez at 225-664-3150 or visit [lhsa.webs.com](http://lhsa.webs.com).

**SugarSheaux Monthly Open Horse Show** will be held Sept. 15 at the SugArena at Acadian Fairgrounds in New Iberia at 8 a.m. Halter, color, showmanship, English, jumping and other classes offered. Stalls, RV hookups available. Future date is Oct. 20. For more information, call Tim Guidry at 337-365-7539 or [www.sugarena.com](http://www.sugarena.com).

**Deep South Stock Horse Show** 2012 event will be held Sept. 15 at Greenwell Springs Park in Greenwell Springs. Beginners welcome. Future dates include Sept. 29, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17. For more information, call Jenny Redhead at 225-665-2382, email to [jennyredhead@bellsouth.net](mailto:jennyredhead@bellsouth.net) or [www.DSSHSA.org](http://www.DSSHSA.org).

**St. Jude Trail Ride** at Hodges Gardens State Park in Florien will be held Sept. 29. Registration is at 8 a.m. Ride begins at 9 a.m. Lunch available and program by Swaney Creek Drill Team. There will be great prizes and fun for a great cause. Overnight horse camping info is available at [www.crt.state.la.us/parks/ihodges.aspx](http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/ihodges.aspx). For additional information, contact Peggy at 225-933-4200.

**Off Road Trail Ride** will be held Sept. 30 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel Grounds, Hwy. 95/410 St. Julien Drive, Chataignier. Registration will be from 7 until 9 a.m. Ride begins at 9 a.m. Campers welcome but there are no hookups. Restrooms will be provided. Food and drinks will be available. For more information, contact Davis Manuel 337-885-2586 or Susan Brown at 337-885-5565.

**The Louisiana Equine Council (LEC) will host its 5th Annual Fun Ride** trail ride Oct. 13 at Cane Camp in the Kisatchie National Forest. The official guided ride will begin at 9 a.m. on Sat. Bring a saddlebag lunch and drink to enjoy on the trail. Be sure to bring your EIA (Coggins) papers. The event is only open to LEC members. For more info about the trail ride or becoming a member of LEC, call Peggy at 225-933-4200 or visit [www.laequinecouncil.com](http://www.laequinecouncil.com).

**W&L 25th Anniversary Trail Ride** will be held Oct. 6 & 7 at Glen Daigle Farms in Iowa, La. The trail ride will begin at 9 a.m. both days. For more information, call Jeff Miller at 337-764-0032 or Angie Savant or 337-570-7070 or email [wtrailriders4@yahoo.com](mailto:wtrailriders4@yahoo.com).

**Men of St. Joseph's Trail Ride** will be held Oct. 20 & 21 in Iowa, La. The trail ride will begin at 9 a.m. both days. For more information, call Jimmy Armentor at 337-912-0101.

## Livestock & Poultry Sales

**LSU Poultry Farm will hold Broiler Sale** Sept. 12 from 7 am. until 4 p.m. The live birds range in size from 4.5-5.5 pounds and cost \$3.5 each. For more information, call Gerry Romero at 225-505-2957.

**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 information, call 337-783-1442 or 337-384-4500.

## Tractor Shows

**Fall Fest Antique Tractor Show and Pull** will begin a 9 a.m. Oct. 20 at the Jena Fair Grounds in Jena. There will be music, food and fun activities for the whole family. For more information, call 318-992-2206.

## Sporting Clays Shooting Events

**Vermilion 4-H Foundation will host its Annual Sporting Clay Shoot and Youth 7-Position high-low Skeet Shoot** Sept. 8 at G.O.L. Shooting Range in Maurice. For more information, contact Hilton Waits at 337-898-4335.

**Louisiana Sporting Clays Association** Shoots -September Shoot, Southern Shooting Center, Thibodaux, Sept. 1; Shooting For Your Dreams, Wilderness Gun Club, Lafayette, Sept. 1; Mourning Dove, Cajun Elite, Jennings, Sept. 2; September Shoot, Long River Lodge, Melville, Sept. 8; Teal Time, Wilderness Gun Club, Sept. 15; State Warmup, GOL, Maurice, Sept. 16; La. state shoot, Cajun Elite, Jennings, Sept. 21-23; Duck Flights, Tri Parish, Houma, Sept. 29; Matt Miller Memorial Shoot, Cajun Elite, Jennings, Sept. 29. For more information, visit [www.lsca.info](http://www.lsca.info).

## Show Arenas, Barns, etc.

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

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

**M.A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena**, 14506 Scenic Hwy., Baton Rouge. 225-278-6019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Your arena not listed?** Send your contact info to [marketbulletin@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:marketbulletin@ldaf.state.la.us) or via fax at 225-923-4828.

## Bee Events

**USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Laboratory and the La. State Beekeepers Assoc.** will hold its 16th Annual Field Day Oct. 20 at the Baton Rouge lab, 1157 Ben Hur Rd. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. and activities will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Lanie Bourgeois at 225-767-9299, Sandra

Hineman at 225-767-9280 or visit [www.labeekeepers.org](http://www.labeekeepers.org).

**SW La. Beekeepers Assoc.** will host a Fall Maintenance meeting Sept. 3 from 7-9 p.m. at the War Memorial Civic Center in DeRidder. For more information, contact Keith Hawkins at 337-463-7006 or email [khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu).

## JCP launches campaign to raise money for 4-H

### LSU AgCenter Report

The JCP company, also known as JCP, has launched a campaign in Louisiana and across the country to raise money for 4-H and Boys and Girls Clubs of America, according to Dwight Landreneau, associate vice chancellor of the LSU AgCenter, which oversees Louisiana 4-H.

During the month of August, customers at any of these stores will be asked to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar in support of these youth development programs. All of the money raised in Louisiana will be distributed in Louisiana, Landreneau said.



“This is very exciting news to have this well-known and respected company involved in this philanthropic endeavor.

Funding from private industry is becoming even more valuable and necessary as we continue to experience budget cuts,” Landreneau said.

Landreneau said 4-H members from around the state will be visiting local JCP stores to thank managers for their participation.

4-H members are using social media to promote shopping at JCP during August, Landreneau said.



Participants in the LSU AgCenter’s Louisiana Young Agricultural Producers Program gathered recently for their summer institute on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Members of the 2012-2013 class in the program are, front row, left to right, Thomas Forbes Jr., Cody Effler and Emily Schenk; middle row, left to right, Lucas Glaser, Melissa Pierce, Brandon Parrie, Zack Billings and Cole Frey; and back row, left to right, George LaCour III, Mason Matirne, Seth Guillory, Andre’ Lanie and Jamal Livingston. Photo by LSU AgCenter.

## LaYAPP announces 2012-2013 participants

### LSU AgCenter Report

A new group of the state’s youth began the LSU AgCenter’s Louisiana Young Ag Producers Program July 23-27 while another class completed its year-long journey.

Known as LaYAPP, the program is a one-year, intensive classroom and hands-on, mentor-based experience that introduces high school juniors and seniors to the options available to them in the areas of food and fiber production. It is designed to encourage participants to consider the possibilities of careers in agricultural industries.

“This program is for people with a genuine interest in becoming agricultural producers,” said LaYAPP coordinator Bobby Soileau. “We are giving them the opportunity to learn more about production agriculture through hands-on experience.”

Participants in the program attend two summer institutes on the LSU campus and complete 50 internship hours with a qualified mentor during the school term in which they are enrolled in LaYAPP.

The 2012-2013 group of 13 participants began the program during this year’s

summer program July 23-27 on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. At the same time, the eight members of the 2011-2012 class completed their term.

Paul Coreil, LSU AgCenter vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, said he sees the program as an opportuni-

ty to get young people interested in careers in agriculture and related fields.

“The face of agriculture is changing,” Coreil said. “The number of producers is decreasing, and their average age is increasing, so it is important that we present students with information about careers in production agriculture.”

Coreil also pointed out the importance of agriculture and forestry to rural economic development and the increasing food and fiber demands of a growing world population.

“The demand for food is expected to steadily increase over the next 40 years, which means encouraging career interest in agriculture and forestry is essential to our future,” he said.

In addition to the LSU AgCenter, major sponsors of the program include the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Members of the 2012-2013 LaYAPP class are: Zack Billings, Bogalusa; Cody Effler, Ponchatoula; Thomas Forbes, Jr., Morganza; Cole Frey, Morganza; Lucas Glaser, Torbert; Seth Guillory, Kaplan; George LaCour III, New Roads; Andre’ Lanie, Youngsville; Jamal Livingston, Lafayette; Mason Matirne, St. James; Brandon Parrie, Noble; Melissa Pierce, Kinder; Emily Schenk, Walker.

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Louisiana sale barns. That’s a difference of 18,295 cattle. According to the Livestock Brand Commission Director Carl Bennett, “If this trend continues there could be a reduction of approximately 45,000 – 50,000 head for the year 2012.”

These numbers may or may not be indicative of the state of the cattle business in Louisiana due to the fact there are several avenues to market cattle. Pruitt said, “Internet and video auctions work well for larger producers. The people who are buying from video want trailer loads so if you can’t fill a trailer, then it’s hard to be successful. Direct treaty and sale barns are still where a lot of cattle are marketed because of the size of the operation.”

There may also be fewer cattle producers. The average age of a Louisiana cattle producer is in his 60s. Cattlemen such as Dominique and Tom Ardoin, a fifth generation cattleman in Evangeline Parish, say more often the younger generation pursues careers other than farming and ranching or they focus their production to other lucrative farm crops such as soybeans and corn. For agricultural economists like Pruitt, it’s all in the numbers.

“Let’s think about the investment to farm. The land is the biggest cost. There’s the investment in equipment and cattle. It’s difficult for younger people to get into this business. Also, you get one calf per cow each year so you

have a lot of money tied up,” Pruitt said.

Storms in the past few years have also wreaked havoc on the cattle industry.

“Because of the storms, there is a lot of land that hasn’t gone back to cattle. Also, the land we put cattle on is being eaten up by development. The availability of the pastures to raise cattle just isn’t there like it used to be,” added Dominique.

Corn prices are also up which means feed is higher so the cost of production is up. Some cattlemen, such as Ardoin, are using alternative ways to feed their cattle to get through the hard times and stay in business. “I’m looking for the most efficient cow – which one produces for us and which ones have the best genetics. Also, we have found that adding expired but not spoiled fruits, vegetables and bread to the cattle diet assists in the conversion of forage to meat. Plus, it’s been very economical. The bottom line is producing a pound of beef for the least amount of money to maximize your return. We may be reduced in numbers and cattle producers, but in Louisiana, this industry is not a dying industry but rather an evolving one,” said Ardoin.

Joyner says while the market is on the downturn, Louisiana calves remain in demand. “Our genetics are better than ever. Naturally, the food chain will demand more beef in the next few years.”

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