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Mike Strain DVM, Commissioner



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2016 Louisiana Farm Bureau Queen

Yimmi Fontenot of Jeff Davis Parish was named 2016 Louisiana Farm Bureau Queen, Saturday, June 25 during Farm Bureau's 94th Annual Convention.

The brown-eyed, brunette captured the title after competing with 27 other parish queens.

Fontenot said she wants to focus her year on advocating for the Louisiana agricultural industry while educating others.

She also was named Miss Congeniality, the only award determined by the contestants themselves.

Fontenot is the daughter of John and Joanna Fontenot, of Laccssine. She plans to attend Blinn College in the fall, majoring in Agricultural Business. Camila Carrera, of Pointe Coupee, was named first runner-up in the contest. Second runner-up in the competition was Heidi Bieber, of Evangeline Parish.

The Louisiana Farm Bureau Queen's Contest is sponsored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Women's Committee, and concluded the youth events in a week jam-packed with activity during the organization's annual meeting.



Pictured from left are Louis, Jackie and Dwayne David, and Becky and Sid Servat. Their family farm was one of the 17 recognized as a Louisiana Century Farm.

Going Back to the Farm...

By Veronica Mosgrove

Century Farm inductee Dwayne David fondly remembers his days on the family farm in Vermilion Parish. "It's the core of the family. It's how we grew up and where we began. It's the essence of the farm family," said David.

David's family is one of 17 honored June 24, 2016, at the 94th annual Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation convention in New Orleans for owning and operating their farms for at least 100 years. The David farm was established in 1908 and has farmed rice, soybeans and crawfish for four generations. "The original farm house my great grandfather built still sits on the property."

The Century Farm program is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and the Louisiana Land Bank.

"It's an honor to recognize the land and families who have maintained the land and active operations for more than a century. It's quite impressive," said Dr. Rogers Leonard with the LSU AgCenter. "With so many challenges, it's tough to keep something 100 years."

"Other generations had a dream when they bought their land. They dreamed not only to benefit themselves but also future generations," said Stephen Austin with Louisiana Land Bank.

For Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., reminisced about growing up on his family farm which he still owns.

"I'm sure you all know the song 'The House That Raised Me' well, I always go back to the farm that raised me. When I stand there, I feel the generations that built me. The day I graduated from vet school, I went back to the farm," said Strain.

Strain is a sixth generation farmer. He choked up as he remembered those nightly phone calls from his late father whom he would discuss the farm. The crowd echoed his emotion as he spoke.

"These farms – they are who we are. When I need strength, I always go back to the farm," said Strain.

The 2015 inductees of the Century Farm Program:

- Boeuf Prairie Farm, *Franklin Parish*
- Boddie- Collins Farm, *Lincoln Parish*
- The Bowden Place, *Franklin Parish*
- George Bowe Estate, *Morehouse Parish*
- Butler, McInnis and Brown Farm, *Sabine Parish*
- Cinclare Plantation, *West Baton Rouge Parish*
- David Farm, *Vermilion Parish*
- N. B. Dailey Estate, *Franklin Parish*
- Davis Family Farm, *Bossier Parish*
- E. J. Gay P&M Co., LLC, *Iberville Parish*
- Estate E & A Richard, Inc., *Lafourche Parish*
- E. T. Farm, *Evangeline Parish*
- H & E Farms, *DeSoto Parish*
- Doris Power Driever-Dodson Ranch, *Red River Parish*
- Rhodes – Bennett Farm, *Union Parish*
- Troy Webb, *Sabine Parish*
- Wildwood Planting Co., LLC, *Assumption Parish*

The Century Farm application can be accessed at www.lsuagcenter.com. Questions and completed applications should be sent to:

Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry
 Attn: Lillie Adams Wiley
 740 Covington Road, Haughton, LA 71037
 Phone: (318) 949-3225 Fax: (318) 949-6648
 Email: ladams@ldaf.la.gov

Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

Owner claims abandoned cattle, authorities continue to search for thieves

Baton Rouge, La. (June 28, 2016) – Investigators said a trailer load of cattle found along I-12 heading east near Hammond, La. Monday, June 20, 2016 were stolen from an Iberville Parish cattleman.

Authorities added the trailer carrying the cattle was also stolen property from another Iberville Parish farmer.

The 18 Brangus heifers were returned to their owner Wednesday, June 29.

They were housed at Amite Stockyard as the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Brand Commission and law enforcement looked for leads in this theft of livestock and farm crime.

“Because these cattle were

not branded, it took us longer to identify who owned these heifers. We encourage all livestock owners to properly identify their animals with official ear tags or brands,” said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M.

“Farm equipment such as trailers must also be properly inventoried so identification can be made in theft cases.”

Anyone with information is asked to call the LDAF hotline at 855-452-5323 or Iberville Parish Sheriff’s Office.

A reward up to \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this crime through the LDAF Livestock Crime Stoppers Program.



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Alabama SE Hay Report, June 30, 2016

Bermuda Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$180-\$300
	Good.....	\$160-\$160
Bermuda Large Rounds.....	Premium.....	\$133.33-\$133.33
Bermuda Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$100-\$130
	Good.....	\$70-\$75
Bahia Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$240-\$240
	Fair.....	\$160-\$160
Bahia Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$100-\$100
Wheat Straw Small Square.....	Fair.....	\$180-\$180

East Texas Weekly Hay Report, July 1, 2016

Coastal Bermuda Small Squares.....	Good/Premium.....	\$231-\$297
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ACADIA PARISH

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

ALLEN PARISH

Oakdale
Oakdale Farmers Market
K&R Furniture parking lot, Hwy 165
Wed. 2-6 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-noon
Year round

Oberlin

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

AVOYELLES PARISH

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, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., year round

Ragley

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

BOSSIER PARISH

Benton
Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson
Sun. noon-4 p.m., May 15-July 10

Bossier City

Bossier City Farmers Market
Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot
Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., April - Dec.

CADDO PARISH

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

Shreveport

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

CALCASIEU PARISH

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

Lake Charles

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

Lake Charles

LeBleu Settlement Farmers Market
2110 Claude Hebert Road
Thurs. 4-6 p.m.

CONCORDIA PARISH

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

Moss Bluff

MB Farmers & Crafters Market
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.

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

DESOTO PARISH

Mansfield
DeSoto Farmers Market
DeSoto Parish Ext. Office
Sat. 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- Dec.

Baton Rouge

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

Zachary

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

EVANGELINE PARISH

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

GRANT PARISH

Colfax
Colfax Farmers Market
8th St. near Pecan Festival Building
Sat. 8-10:30 a.m., Tues 3-6 p.m.
June-July

IBERIA PARISH

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

Delcambre

Delcambre Farmers Market
Delcambre Shrimp Fest Grounds
8 a.m.-1 p.m
April 20, May 11 & June 1

JEFFERSON PARISH

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

Jefferson

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

Westwego

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

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH

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

Jennings

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

Welsh

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

LAFAYETTE PARISH

Lafayette

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

Lafayette

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

Lafayette

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

Lafayette

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

Lafayette

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

LAFOURCHE PARISH

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

Thibodaux

Thibodaux Main Street Market
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. 8 am-noon, May-Aug./Oct.-Dec.

LIVINGSTON PARISH

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

MADISON PARISH

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

MOREHOUSE PARISH

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

NATCHITOCHE PARISH

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

ORLEANS PARISH

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

New Orleans

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

New Orleans

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

New Orleans

Marketplace at Armstrong Park
700-900 block of N. Rampart St.

Thurs. 3-7 p.m., year round

New Orleans

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

OUACHITA PARISH

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

West Monroe

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

RAPIDES PARISH

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

Alexandria

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

ST. CHARLES PARISH

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

Luling

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

ST. LANDRY PARISH

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

Eunice

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

Washington

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

ST. 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

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

Covington

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

Covington

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

Folsom

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

Mandeville

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

Pearl River

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

Slidell

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

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

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

TENSAS PARISH

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

TERREBONNE PARISH

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

UNION PARISH

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

VERMILION PARISH

Abbeville Farmers Market
Magdalen Sq., downtown Abbeville
June 18, July 16, 30, Aug. 20
8-1 p.m.

Erath

Erath Farmers Market
City Park
April 23, May 14, June 11
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kaplan

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

Gueydan

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

VERNON PARISH

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

WASHINGTON PARISH

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

WEST FELICIANA PARISH

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

WINN PARISH

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

Coming Your Way

Other Happenings

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

Erath Farmers Market & Festival will be held at the Erath City Park from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Market dates are May 14, June 11, 26, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. For more information, call Donald Menard at 337-522-2338.

Bird Shows & Events

Bird Fair and Sale will be held 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on July 16 & 17 at the Lions Club, 750 East Pine Street in Ponchatoula. Come talk to breeders and see exotic birds of all sizes including: finches, parakeets, lovebirds, cockatiels, macaws, cockatoos, African grays, Amazons and more. Avian surgical sexing will be offered on Sun. Admission is \$5 per person, weekend passes are \$8 and free admission for children under six. For more information, www.totaltat.com.

Vendors Wanted

The Ruston Farmers Market is seeking vendors for the 2016 season. The Ruston Farmers Market is a direct-sales venue for Louisiana farmers, growers and producers of local value-added products. Ruston Farmers Market is the recipient of a USDA AMS grant created to promote farmers markets. There are fun activities for our customers such as a loyalty program, music and children's art activities. The market is authorized to accept Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons and SNAP/EBT. To become a vendor, visit www.RustonFarmersMarket.org/vendors.html or call our market manager at 318-210-8907.

Education & Workshops

4-H and FFA youth from throughout Louisiana will compete in the 47th Annual LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA State Horse Show on July 9-13 at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales.

Contestants can participate in riding events in the western division, hunter division, speed division and ranch division. In addition, 4-H youth will compete in public speaking, demonstrations, quiz bowl and horse judging, which provide an opportunity for youth to develop skills in communication, analytical thinking, character building and equine science.

The Gerry Lane Premier Exhibitor program is open to exhibitors in grades nine through 12 and includes a resume, test, judging, a skill-a-thon and an interview. An awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 11. More information is available from Dwayne Nunez at 225-578-2255 or dnunez@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Northeast Louisiana Rice Field Day will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on July 13. The field day will start in the Oak Ridge Area and conclude at noon at the Rayville Civic Center. For more information, contact Keith Collins at 318-728-3216.

Dean Lee Research and Extension Center Row Crop Field Day will be held from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on July 14 at 8105 Tom Bowman Drive, Alexandria. There will be a tour of crops with presentations from specialists assigned to particular crops and a presentation on weed control. Lunch will be served to all attendees. For more information, contact Daniel Stephenson at dsteph6@lsu.edu.

Sugarcane Field Day will be held

from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. July 20 at the Sugar Research Station, 5755 LSU Ag Road, St. Gabriel. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the station, field tours start at 9 a.m. An indoor program begins at 11 a.m. LSU AgCenter scientists discuss research findings and recommendations with growers, processors and others associated with the Louisiana sugarcane industry. For more information, contact Patrick Bollich at 225-642-0224 or pbollich@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Black Farmers Field Day is set for July 22 at Harper Armstrong's farm at 5821 Mer Rouge Road in Bastrop. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8:30 a.m. Attendees will be able to view soybean, corn and sunflower test plots.

Adam Tullos, an extension associate in Wildlife and Fisheries at Mississippi State University, will share information on using land for recreational purposes like hunting, fishing and agritourism. He will also demonstrate use of food plots in the field. AgCenter agritourism coordinator Dora Ann Hatch will discuss using land for recreation to generate supplemental income. She will talk about how the agritourism limited liability law can protect landowners when injuries occur through no fault of the landowner on agritourism operations. AgCenter weed scientist Daniel Stephenson will talk about controlling ryegrass and pigweed, and AgCenter engineer Stacia Davis will talk about irrigation. Lunch will be provided after the program at the AgCenter office in Bastrop.

For more information on the field day or to register, contact Odis Hill at Odis_hill@suagcenter.com, 318-281-5741 or 318-237-3517 cellphone.

Fresh produce farmers, packers, distribution centers

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is able to provide fresh produce farmers, packing facilities and distribution centers in Louisiana with basic Good Agriculture Practice/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) audits, as well as, GAPs Harmonized audits (with or without the Global addendum).

GAP audits are a voluntary for hire service that certifies a producer's efforts to provide safe, quality product free from contamination to the consumer. For more information or to schedule an audit, contact Audrey Carrier at our Hammond office at 985-543-4024 or email acarrier@daf.state.la.us.

Livestock Sales & Shows

Louisiana Beefmaster Breeders Assoc. will hold its Cowboy Classic Beefmaster Sale at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 5 at the Burton Coliseum rodeo arena in Lake Charles. Included in the sale will be open heifers, bred heifers, prs., 3/N/1s and a small selection of bulls bred for our area. For questions concerning the sale, please call Mike Deville at 337-351-2938, Dwight Bertrand at 337-368-9112 or Sale Manager Anthony Mihalski at 210-415-0888 or 210-648-5475.

Reddell Chicken Auction will be held every Saturday located at 3029 Old Hwy 13 in Mamou. General merchandise starts at 8:30 a.m. and the chick sale begins at noon. For more information, 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.

Opelousas Poultry Swap and Sales every 1st Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Tractor Supply, Hwy. 190. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. For more information, call Larry at 337-945-2804.

Acadia Parish Rice Arena Auctions are held on Thursdays at the Acadia Parish Rice Arena in Crowley, 159 Cherokee Dr. at 6:30 p.m. Dealers and consignments welcome; small farm animals & barnyard fowl, bagatelle, new and used merchandise. For more info, call 337-783-1442 or 337-384-4500.

Fairs & Festivals

Antique Days of Ruston Festival annual antique tractor show & pull will be held Aug. 13 at the North Louisiana Expo Center in Ruston. For more information, call Bill Little at 318-381-6115. Vendors and RV hookups, call Angela Manning at 318-243-4941.

Coming Your Way

Horse Events

Bogalusa Cow Sorting Events are held at the Crain Arena, 12159 Hwy. 1075, Bogalusa unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Troy Crain at 985-516-7507 or Blake Chiasson at 985-285-0892 or email sorting@3DOTS.us.

Cotton Country Open Horse Shows will be Sept. 16-17 and Oct. 14-15. All shows are held at the Northeast Louisiana Exhibition Center in Ruston. For more information, contact Lori Shankle at 318-548-0280, Karen Frye at 318-361-0977 or hOrseladykkf@gmail.com. Visit the website at www.ccohsa.com.

Christian Youth Bull Riding and Rodeo will be held July 15 and Aug. 19 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 17 and Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. All rodeos will be held at Cross Branded Cowboy Church Arena, 6906 Hwy. 28 E., Pineville, La. For more

information, call Perry or Cathy Moses at 318-466-9188 or 318-305-3445 or email pmheader1@bellsouth.net.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Assoc. will be Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 5. All shows will be held at the Greenwell Springs Park, 7550 Shady Park Drive, Greenwell Springs unless otherwise noted. For more info, visit www.dsshsa.org.

Jeff Davis Riders Club will hold rodeos Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 15, 22. Rodeos begin at 9 a.m. and are held at the Crowley Rice Arena. Books close at 11 a.m. for all classes except exhibition. For more information, call Cathy Meche at 337-526-2281 or Tommy LaCasse at 337-853-9701 or visit www.jeffdavisridersclub.org.

Louisiana Little Britches 4-D Barrel Racing Rodeo Events begin at 5 p.m. and are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more info, www.louisianalittlebritches.com.

Louisiana Stock Horse Association shows will be held June 25 in DeRidder, July 30 in West Monroe, Sept. 10 in DeRidder, Oct. 15 in New Iberia and Nov. 19-20 LaSH Finals in DeRidder. Each show begins at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.louisianastockhorse.com or call Judy Weisgerber at 337-238-0193.

Livingston Horse Show Assoc. Shows will be held Aug. 6, 20, Sept. 3 and Oct. 15, 29. are held at South Park Arena in Denham Springs unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.lhsa.webs.com.

Accepting applications for organic cost-share rebate program

Baton Rouge, La. (June 29, 2016) – Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said Louisiana agricultural producers with USDA organic certification may qualify for reimbursement for their certification costs through a cost share rebate program.

The program will reimburse up to 75 percent of certification costs, or up to \$750 per year per certification category. The rebates are available to cover certification expenses incurred between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

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

Aug. 15, 2016.

The program is funded through USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

The 2016 cost share application is available at www.LDAF.la.gov. Reimbursements will be on a first-come, first-served basis, based on receipt of the completed application

packet, until available funding is exhausted.

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

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

Diseases, insects featured at pecan growers meeting

Choosing the proper fungicide and alternating among those in different chemical groups are important considerations in managing diseases in pecan trees, experts told the audience at the Tri-State Pecan Growers Convention on June 17.

About 160 pecan producers and other industry representatives attended the convention, said Stephen Norman, president of the Louisiana Pecan Growers Association, which hosted the meeting.

The convention serves growers in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi, Norman said.

"Several diseases have the potential to infect pecans," said LSU AgCenter plant pathologist Randy Sanderlin.

Scab disease is the most common, Sanderlin said, followed by anthracnose, neofusicoccum, sooty mold as a result of honeydew from yellow aphids, and bacterial leaf scorch, which could be confused with the effects of pecan scorch mites.

"Even when there is no crop on the trees, growers should apply fungicides to protect

leaves from pathogen infection at least through mid-June," he said.

"After mid-June, the use of fungicides when there is no crop on the trees may not provide much value in the current year," Sanderlin said. "However, the condition of the foliage this year will affect crop production for a least the next three years."

It's important to know the different fungicides, said Katherine Stevenson, a plant pathologist with the University of Georgia.

For scab disease in particular, alternating fungicides with different modes of action is important to avoid creating fungicide resistance in the pathogen, she said.

"Select the frequency and timing of applications, and know management options," Stevenson said.

When it comes to controlling insects, having the proper pH in mix water is important to the success of insecticides, said AgCenter entomologist Dennis Ring.

Ring presented several examples of how the effective control of various insecticides is reduced by mixing them in water with the

wrong pH.

Water pH can be changed by adding a buffer, but "add buffers little by little to reach the optimum pH in the spray water," he said.

The primary concern with insects is those that feed on nuts, and a secondary concern is those that feed on leaves. "We need leaves on trees as long as we can into December to make food for next year," he said.

"Identify the problem and know how many insects are present, when to treat and the treatment required," Ring said.

Pecan weevil is the most-damaging late-season pest. Use cages to collect and measure weevil populations, he said.

AgCenter pecan specialist Charlie Graham talked about the new FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and how it may relate to pecan growers.

Because pecans are rarely consumed raw by a majority of Americans, the crop is exempt from the regulations. "This is something we have to monitor over the next several years," Graham said.

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New rice technology featured at field day

By Bruce Schultz
LSU AgCenter

Scientists at the LSU AgCenter H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station talked about their work to help get a new rice technology on the market during a field day on June 29.

More than 500 people attended the event, the 107th annual field day for the station.

Steve Linscombe, station director and rice breeder, said he has been working on the herbicide-resistant Provisia project for less than four years, and it should be available for commercial production by 2018.

Linscombe said Provisia seed from two lines that were grown in Puerto Rico are now being grown on 50 acres on the station's South Farm.

The technology will be a good complement for Clearfield rice to manage red rice and other wild, weedy rice, he said.

Eric Webster, AgCenter weed scientist, said he is working to see how the Provisia herbicide reacts when tank mixed with other herbicides. "Every herbicide you could spray on a rice crop, we have mixed it with Provisia," he said.

Herbicides such as propanil, RiceBeaux, Grasp and Grasp Xtra, can become ineffective when they are mixed with Provisia.

Jim Oard, AgCenter hybrid rice breeder, said his hybrid rice program includes a Provisia line. "So far the material looks quite good," he said.

Dustin Harrell, AgCenter rice research agronomist and rice specialist, said his research includes determining the optimum amount of fertilizer to use with Provisia. Enough is needed to get the maximum yields, but too much can cause problems such as lodging, he said.

Harrell also talked about his work to increase second-crop or ratoon yields. Cutting stubble after harvest to an 8-inch height can increase yields by five barrels an acre, he said.

He also tested the use of gibberellic acid to increase yields on the first crop.

Ben McKnight, LSU doctoral

student in weed science, said his study of benzobicyclon shows the product works well on aquatic weeds, but it requires water to be effective. "If you lose the flood, you lose your herbicide," he said.

The new herbicide Loyant is good on barnyardgrass, sprangletop and alligator weed, he said. Availability is expected in 2018.

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Manoch Kongchum, AgCenter agronomist, discussed his project for testing different flood systems, including no flood, intermittent flood and conventional flood. The project is aimed at improving water use efficiency and gathering data for greenhouse gas research.

Mike Stout, AgCenter entomologist, said 2016 has been one of the worst years for insects in rice. The South American rice miner has infested fields across south Louisiana, but most of the fields have recovered. The insect was first found in Louisiana rice in 2005, but its occurrence since then had been infrequent until this year.

Stout said the Mexican rice borer continues to spread eastward in Louisiana, and it's likely in all the rice-producing parishes.

Mo Way, Texas A&M entomologist, said an insect called the rice delphacid was a major problem last year in Texas in the second crop. It has the potential to reduce yields by 20 percent.

Don Groth, AgCenter plant pathologist, said an increased rate of propiconazole, at 9 to 12 ounces per acre instead of the previous recommendation of 8 ounces, is needed to protect plants against.

Timing is critical, he said, with the application time between boot split and 50-70 percent heading. Application after heading is too late.

Tom Allen, Mississippi State University plant pathologist, said sheath blight is the biggest disease problem in Mississippi.

In the hybrid project, Oard said the



LSU AgCenter agronomist Manoch Kongchum, right, hands rice plants to farmers and consultants at the LSU AgCenter H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station Field Day held June 29 as AgCenter rice research agronomist and extension specialist Dustin Harrell, in background, talks about steps that can be taken to increase ratoon rice crop yields. Photo by Bruce Schultz.

AgCenter has signed an agreement with RiceTec to collaborate on conventional hybrid lines. He said hybrid rice has the advantage of increased yield and improved disease resistance.

Oard said the AgCenter hybrid program has two new Clearfield lines with good quality and reduced lodging. Also, the program is working on lines that have different maturity groups to enable farmers to spread out their harvest.

Qi Ren Chu, rice breeder for RiceTec, said hybrids were first developed in 1966. He said about half of the rice grown in China is from hybrids.

Adam Famoso, AgCenter rice breeder, said new genetic marker technology at the station will enable the screening of thousands of lines of rice for desirable qualities in a fraction of the time and expense that were required just a few years ago. The same technology has been used in other crops and animals. "We're in a good position to leverage what they've done in other species," he said.

Jackie Loewer, president of the Louisiana Rice Research Board, said unity among the rice industry

is needed. "Only when people work together is anything positive going to happen."

Loewer presented a check for \$1.65 million for research originating from check-off funds provided by rice farmers who pay 5 cents per hundredweight earmarked for research.

Mike Deliberto, AgCenter economist, said long-grain rice prices are projected at \$11 per hundredweight and medium-grain rice is projected at \$11.30, making both eligible for Price Loss Coverage under the current farm bill.

Deliberto said the 440,000 acres of rice in Louisiana shows a significant decrease of medium-grain acreage by 54 percent and a 36 percent increase in long-grain acreage. Nationwide, rice acreage is 3.1 million acres this year, with the smallest medium-grain crop since 1986.

Jim Guinn, of USA Rice, said the U.S. Food Aid program has the potential to move American-grown rice. Much of the Food Aid rice originates from Louisiana mills, and he said the Wright Co. of Crowley provides the most cost-

effective way to fortify rice with nutrients and vitamins required in food aid rice.

Haiti is the largest market for U.S. milled rice, and exports to that country are 31 percent higher this year, he said.

Guinn said negotiations with Iraq are underway for more American rice to be sold there, and the Cuban market holds enormous potential for Louisiana rice. Other countries are able to sell rice to Cuba on credit, but American companies forbidden to do that by the U.S. government policy.

The pending Trans-Pacific Partnership would eliminate the tariff on Vietnamese rice sold to Mexico, the largest buyer of U.S. rice, he said.

Susan McCouch, a geneticist from Cornell University, said genomic research conducted during the past 25 years is just now having practical applications in plant breeding. The challenge now is to manage the huge amount of information being generated from the genetic work.

"There's too much information for a single individual to make sense of it," she said.

Researchers should consider the "Walmart approach" of using massive computer capacity to analyze and collect data, she said. Advances in life sciences in the coming years will be significant. "I think the things that are coming will be exciting for all of you."

McCouch had high praise for the Rice Research Station. "I really do believe you are one of the premier rice research facilities in the world."

Ronnie Anderson, Louisiana Farm Bureau president, said higher education fared better than other state-funded entities in the past legislative sessions. He said the LSU AgCenter has excelled at meeting farmers' needs, despite past budget cuts.

Rogers Leonard, LSU AgCenter associate vice president, credited AgCenter agents for their work to pass along information from research.

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