



# Market Bulletin

Mike Strain DVM, Commissioner



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*There are more than 64,500 gas pumps, 20,000 commercial scales, 6,600 grocery scanners and 3,300 taxi cab meters in Louisiana*

*... and LDAF Weights & Measures inspectors check every last one of them annually to make sure they're accurate. The first weights and measures law was enacted in 1799; National standards were set in place in 1905 ... Louisiana's inspectors make sure you get what you pay for.*



## How much does it weigh?

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said the week of March 1-7 has been designated Weights and Measures Week by the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM).

"Louisiana's citizens are fortunate that we strictly enforce our weights and measures guidelines," Strain said. "A strong state weights and measures program is vital for business to ensure their measuring devices are accurate in order to maintain customer confidence."

The annual tribute marks the 204th anniversary of the signing of the first weights and measures law in the United States in 1799. The NCWM began in 1905 when various stakeholders collaborated to set national standards for voluntary adoption and implementation by the states.

Strain said more than 40 Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) inspectors check every commercial measuring device in the state annually, including taxi cab meters, supermarket price scanners, scales, grocery and meat market scales, fluid metering devices and fuel dispensers. If consumer complaints are received, inspectors re-check the devices.

The inspectors work in the Office of Agro-Consumer Service's Division of Weights and Measures. Benjy Rayburn is the assistant commissioner of LDAF's Agro-Consumer Services office. Todd Thompson is the weights and

measures director and Danny McCartney is the assistant director.

In addition to the inspectors, the Metrology Laboratory within the LDAF Division of Weights & Measures uses weight standards that are certified annually to be traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The state's Retail Motor Fuel Laboratory also checks fuel octane levels and other specifications to ensure that consumer fuels meet the standards set by the American Society of Testing and Materials.

Kurt Floren, Chairman of the National Conference on Weights and Measures, said the theme for the week is "Taking Measure of Our Worth."

"The investment in regulatory oversight varies among states, but, on average, is about 70 cents per resident per year," Floren said. "It's time for taxpayers and legislators who represent them to realize that

they, as consumers, stand to lose much more than that in a single trip to the store or gas station without regulation."

Floren, who is also director of Weights and Measures of Los Angeles County, California, said regulatory officials and business operators alike worry that history could repeat itself as funding for regulatory oversight decreases.

"We could be returning to 1905, before there were standards of accuracy and fairness for the marketplace," Floren said. "It was a time when dishonesty and inaccuracy were all too common and honest businesses found it difficult, if not impossible, to compete fairly."

Most consumers take for granted that they get what they pay for, Strain said.

"Weights and Measures Week is a reminder that equity in the marketplace exists largely through the efforts of inspectors working behind the scenes," Strain said.

Strain said he is not worried about Louisiana's system but Floren has concerns that some states may reduce their oversight because of shrinking budgets.

"We used to worry about our ability to keep up with new marketplace technologies, such as bar code scanners, wireless measuring devices and interfaced computer systems," Floren said. "Now, many See *Weights & Measures*, page 20



**Steve LeBlanc (above) of Tony's Seafood in Baton Rouge weighs boiled crawfish. Consumers trust the merchant to make sure the scale is accurate. An LDAF inspection sticker on the scale means the measuring device has been checked by Weights and Measures inspectors. Taxi meters (top left), 1,000 pound weight standards and scales that weigh yogurt treats at self-serve counters are all verified by weights and measures standards.**

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# Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

## Natchez man arrested / dates set for seedling sale

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said a Natchitoches Parish man was arrested on theft charges Jan. 31 in Morganza by Louisiana Brand Commission Inspector Johnny Steib and Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Detective Josh Adams.

Steven Leslie Jones, 32, of Natchez, Louisiana, was arrested after his truck was photographed by a hidden camera at a Pointe Coupee Parish crime scene.

Jones allegedly stole horse feed, welding equipment and power tools from a farm shed in Pointe Coupee Parish.

The farmer reported the theft to the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office on Jan. 26. Because the crime was farm related, the Livestock Brand

Commission was contacted Jan. 27. The farmer provided investigators with photos taken from a hidden camera he had located near the shed.

Jones turned himself in at the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office Jan. 31 and was arrested.

Authorities recovered all of the farmer's equipment, including an air framing gun, impact wrench, reciprocating saw, floor jack, welding leads, battery chargers and seven bags of horse feed.

Also recovered were two welding machines and two saddles stolen from a Baton Rouge residence.

The estimated value of the items taken in the Pointe Coupee theft was \$1500.

### Annual LDAF seedling sale set

In other news, Strain said the LDAF's Annual Shade Tree Seedling Sale will be held at various district forestry offices and locations throughout the state the week of Feb. 27 through March 2.

Both hardwood and pine seedling packets are available for sale.

Hardwood seedling packets contain six seedlings each and may be purchased for \$5. Hardwood species available are baldcypress, red maple, blackgum, sawtooth oak and sycamore, but the available species may differ from location to location. Pine seedling packets contain 20 loblolly seedlings and are \$5 each.

All seedlings are bare-root and

come with planting and care instructions. They are available on a first-come basis and cannot be reserved in advance.

The dates are Feb. 27 - March 2 in **Hammond** at 47076 North Morrison Blvd., 985- 543-4057; Feb. 27 - March 2 in **Clinton**, 10221 Williams Drive, 225-683-5862; Feb. 27 - March 2 in **Opelousas**, 1638 Creswell Ln, Suite 1, 337-948-0230.

In **Oberlin**, the dates and location are Feb. 27 - March 2, 9418 Hwy 165, 337-639-4978.

**Baton Rouge**, Feb. 28 - March 1, 5825 Florida Blvd, 225-925-4500;

In **Natchitoches**, Feb. 28 - March 1, 150 Pilgrims Rd., 318-357-3126;



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**Monroe**, Feb. 28 - March 1, 754 Hwy. 80 East, 318-345-7595; in **Jena**, Feb. 28 - March 1, 215 Hangar Rd., Trout; 318-992-1400.

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Values are in tons unless otherwise noted

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

Bermuda Small Square.....	Premium.....	\$160-\$300
Bermuda Large Rounds.....	Premium.....	\$67-\$67
Bermuda Mid Round.....	Premium.....	\$100-\$110
Bahia Large Round.....	Premium.....	\$87-\$87

### Texas Weekly Hay Report, Feb. 10, 2012 East Texas,

Coastal Bermuda Small Squares.....	Good/Premium.....	\$300-\$360
Large Rounds.....	Good/Premium.....	\$200-\$240



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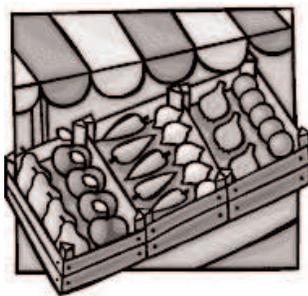
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# Visit your local farmers market

## 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 - earl 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.

## **IBERIA PARISH**

### New Iberia

Teche Area Farmers Market  
Main St. Bouligny Plaza  
Tues. 3-6 p.m., Sat. 6-10 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

### 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.-9 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.

## **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

### Breaux Bridge

Pont Breaux Farmers Market  
1800 Rees Street  
10 a.m.-noon  
1st Sat. of the month

## **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

## **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.

## **ALLEN PARISH**

### Oberlin

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

### Kinder

Kinder Farmers Market  
1st Ave. & Lambert Parke  
Every Saturday 7a.m.-noon

## **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

## FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

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**Steel building** truss built to specifications, all material used will be new sch. 40, 4" pipe welded, \$20/ft. C. Laborde; 985-507-7321.

**Metal building**, 40'x60'x16', will load, \$14,000. Doug Morrison, Thibodaux; 985-438-9576.

**Log barns** of split logs, (2) 15'x15' barns w/walkway in center, 100-yr. old, heart pine foundation, to be moved, \$4000 obo. Miles McNeely; 337-353-7465.

**Metal buildings**, pole barns, garages, carports, agricultural buildings, catch pens, pipe & wire fencing, additions & repairs, custom built, free estimates. Mackie McMillan; 225-921-6749.

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## FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

**1992 Chevy** ¾ ton pick-up w/air compressor, tool box & hand tools, \$3500. David E. Roy, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-563-8170.

**Steel flat bed**, 8'x16', diamond plates, headache rack, \$2200. Terry S. Hebert, Kaplan, Parish; 337-652-4428.

**1997 Ford** F-350 truck, 7.3 diesel 4-door Dually, 150,000 miles, auto 2-wh. drive, \$6500. J.C. Bissell, Mansfield, Desoto Parish; 318-872-9099.

**2003 GMC** Sierra farm truck, 1500 extended cab, auto., \$8000. W. L. Lewis, DeRidder, Vernon Parish; 337-463-8318.

**5th wheel** tailgate for '06 Chevy 2500 or 3500, \$100. Arthur, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-202-7599.

**2001 Chevy** Silverado Z71 for parts, wrecked, motor, trans., 240,000 miles, good cond., \$1000 obo. Gordon Coates, Springfield, Livingston Parish; 225-294-3300.

**Hyd. lift** for truck, 400 lb. capac-

ity, \$50. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock, Grant Parish; 318-765-9415.

**1996 Dodge** Laramie Cummings diesel, 104,000 miles, fully loaded, B & W turnover, ball gooseneck hitch, very good cond., \$5500; 16' gooseneck stock trailer, \$1750 or \$6500/all. Marvin Carter, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-442-1717.

**1983 Chevy** 4-spd. trans. w/205 transfer case, excel. cond., \$350. Jerry W. McNeal, Center Point, Avoyelles Parish; jmc902@bellsouth.net or 318-253-8210.

**1985 Chevy** 1-ton flat bed truck, 4 spd. trans., diesel 6.2J engine, selling for parts only, \$575. J. McNeal, Center Point, Avoyelles Parish; jmc902@bellsouth.net or 318-253-8210.

**1971 Chevy** 1 ton flat bed dump truck, runs good, \$1500. R.L. Venson, Boyce, Rapides Parish; 318-308-0889 or 318-793-2845.

**1999 GMC** pick-up truck, auto trans., rebuilt w/5000 miles, cash, \$600. Floyd Cowart, Holden, Livingston Parish; 225-567-3236.

**2002 Dodge** 250 w/long bed, V-8, trade for livestock trailer or \$4000. Starks Johnson, Big Lake, Cameron Parish; 337-598-2912.

**Jeep wrap** around bumper, custom made, 1 5/8" pipe & tube turns over hood & fenders, 65"x28" high, 4" channel base & hitch, CJ5/CJ7, \$295. M. Barr Perry, Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish; 985-863-5886.

**Bed extender** for full size truck, \$20; black tool box for full size truck, \$50. Charles Romero, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-660-4747.

**15" wheel** and tire off Chevy truck, good cond., \$20; (4) 15" trailer tire & rims, 5 hole, \$40/all. Charles Henry, Dry Creek, Allen Parish; 337-224-5497.

**2008 Titan** truck, 33,000 miles, book value \$17,500, obo. Tony Templet, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-356-2094.

**Wanted:** 1984-89 Isuzu pick up truck, doesn't have to have engine or trans., need for restoration project. Howard Champagne, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-394-9266 or 337-201-6190.

## TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

**246 Rayne** grain cart w/roll tarp, new tires, excel. cond., \$2200. Trent Clark, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-308-2263 or Kent, 318-359-5556.

**Small pony** cart w/harness, almost new, \$600. Charles McTire, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-445-9152.

**1996 Interstate** 24TDT pintle hitch tilt deck trailer, (2) 12,000 lb.

axles, 24K capacity, new axles & elec. brakes, tires 90%, excel. shape, \$6000. Johnny D. Johnson, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-573-3968.

**30' Donahue** utility trailer, deck slides flat to the ground for loading, tandem axle, 2" ball hitch, \$1400. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-8499.

**Tilt trailer**, 5'x8', new 6-ply tires, treated 2"x8" flooring, great cond., \$375. L. Humphries, Norwood, East Feliciana Parish; 225-683-6677.

**Rabbit transport** trailer, bumper pull travel trailer, holds 280-300 rabbits, twin axles, 22'x7' w/14 holes, fair shape, \$1600. J. Sweat, Sugartown, Beauregard Parish; 318-358-5205.

**1975 20'** Hanover trailer, sides, top & new floor, good rubber, new paint, \$2700. John L. Sanders, Oak Grove, West Carroll Parish; 318-428-4391.

**Trailer frame** w/single axle, springs & wheels, \$250. Alvin Berry, Grayson, Caldwell Parish; 318-649-5021 or 318-381-5029.

**Large metal** pen, slides into 16' flat trailer to haul livestock, well built, \$700. Darren St. Pierre, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-235-0148.

**2003 Sundowner** 2-horse bumper pull slant trailer, clean, excel. shape, barn kept, lights, \$9000. Mickey Mizell, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-351-2138.

**2005 timpte** hopper bottom trailer, 42' long, 96' wide, 66" high, roll tarp, air ride, excel. cond., \$25,000. Thomas Descart, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-1180.

**Gooseneck trailer**, 25' w/5' dove tail, 8'x2" wide, \$3800; '01 dump trailer, 14'x8'x2', \$7800. Alton Laborde, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-715-7772.

**Solar powered** wagon, 6'x15' w/harness & (2) mule, toilet, barbeque pit, generator & wire for night riding, \$6000. Eddie Pourcio, Sunset, Acadia Parish; 337-331-3313.

**2000 16'** Texas Lowboy bumper pull trailer, good cond., \$900. Al D. Cormier, Ragley, Beauregard Parish; 337-842-1974.

**20' tongue** trailer w/8' cage for animals, wagon goes in back, \$1500; 12' covered wagon w/wooden wheels, \$1500 nego. Donald Meyers Sr., Perry, Vermillion Parish; 337-652-9522.

**Slide-into** flat trailer, large metal cage for hauling livestock, 16' x 6' 7" wide & 6'7" high, \$3400. R.A. Ducote, Glynn, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-627-4881.

**Shop-made** hay trailer, hauls 8 large rd. bales, gooseneck hook-up, \$900. Algy Irvin, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish; 985-448-1101.

**20' hay** trailer w/3 axles, heavy-duty, needs work, road-worthy, \$600. Dodd, Singer, Beauregard Parish; 337-853-2875.

**Homemade** 4'x8' box trailer

w/elec. winch for dumping, \$600. J.P. Hebert, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; 337-578-0415.

**Boat trailers**, custom made, 4" channel frame, rubber dipped, painted, winch, lights, 13" new tires, 16'-18' boat/flat V-bottom, ball hitch & chains, \$495. M. Barr Perry, Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish; 985-863-5886.

**(2) 4'x8'x18"** all steel body, 5000 lb. cap., hyd. lift, 2-wheels, trac. drawn, hose connects to trac., needs some work, \$300/1 or \$500/all. M. Barr Perry, Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish; 985-863-5886.

**Metal cattle** trailer w/wood floors, 4 ½' x8 ½' w/spare, good cond., \$500; (2) metal wheels, \$100. Herman Vidrine, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-315-0440 or 337-984-1870.

**20' cattle/stock** trailer, gooseneck, new floor & lights, needs minor work, hauling cattle & horses now, older model but solid, \$2500. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-652-6200.

**Mule wagon** w/6'x8' bed, all treated wood, 1 or 2 horse convertible, drag & hyd. breaks, 13" tires, \$1500 obo. David Fields or John Waters, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-396-7875 or 318-557-2656.

**28' gooseneck** stock trailer, homemade living quarters w/shower, 2 horse stalls in rear, as is, \$2000. D. Fields or J. Waters, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-396-7875 or 318-557-2656.

**4-horse** straight load WW trailer, 4 new tires, new floor boards, light wires & light pkg., reinforced floor brackets, red bumper pull steel w/some rust, \$2000. David Grass, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-373-2805.

**2000 16'** bumper pull trailer, Texas brand, lowboy, good cond., \$1000. Al Cormier, Ragley, Beauregard Parish; 337-842-1974.

**(4) new '10** Kawasaki T-Rex UTV, front 26"x8"x12" tires/rims, rear 26"x10"x12" tires/rims, \$275/all. Justin Bissell, Mansfield, Desoto Parish; 318-872-9099.

**Alum. sulky** homemade trailer, 64" wide, sits 4 people, tailgate, 2 sets of handle bars, fits any size horse, adjustable wheels & seat to weight balance the horse, \$1000. David Granger, Maurice, Vermillion Parish; 337-501-7896.

**16' covered** S&H bumper pull stock trailer, divided center gate, 4 new tires, some rust, \$1500. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-5888.

**12' gooseneck** flatbed, \$1300. Dale Bertrand, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-351-2484.

**Wanted:** horse pulling mini wagon w/rubber tires & brakes, does not need to be complete. Don Andrepond, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-580-8474.

**Wanted:** 16'x17' equip. trailer, will trade 10' stock trailer in fair

cond. Charles Abrams, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-878-4255.

**Wanted:** wagon w/rubber tires, 4'x8' single horse pull. John O'Neal, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-433-1856.

**Wanted:** equipment hauler trailer. Glenn Gremillion, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-4906.

## FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

**38' arena** light pole, galv. w/steps & cross arms, \$1000 obo. Dennis Britt, New Orleans, Orleans Parish; 228-363-2855.

**Horse walker**, 5 horses & 16 arms, 1 hp drive motor, \$1500. Pat Roberts, Folsom, St. Tammany 17.

**Older Power** River squeeze chute, works great, \$750. Jerry Salisbury, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-325-6736.

**6" water** pump w/Detroit engine on trailer, \$1750; (30) cast iron closing wheels for JD 1700 planter, \$27.5/1 or \$750/all. Brett Clark, Melville, St. Landry Parish; 337-592-0288.

**(2) 25 gal.** automobile or tractor butane tanks, very good cond., \$35/1. Jerry McNeal, Center Point, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-8210.

**Hot Heels** roping dummy, perfect for training young ropers or young horses, barn kept, like new, \$2000. Jeff LeBlanc, Welsh, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-368-9773.

**Grist mills**, hand operated, can be converted to operate w/elec. motors, makes corn chips, chicken scratch or corn meal, depending on size, cash only, \$125-\$250/1. Kenneth Boone, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-9015 or 337-948-1352.

**Power unit** for wells, used to flood crawfish/rice fields, Case IH Cummins engine 6591T, 195 hp, 5310 hrs., excel. cond., \$8000; drive gear-De' Ram drive, model F100A, 6.5 ratio, hp 100 @1760 RPM, SF 1.5, 1 rotation, \$2000. Jessica Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-371-6972 or 337-360-2145.

**(250) 12"** pipe, 10,000' wall carbon steel pipe, 28'-30' long, \$12/ft.; (219) new 8" wall carbon steel pipe, 2000' avail., \$7/ft.; pipe 36", (375) wall carbon steel pipe, 30', 40' & 50' long, great culverts, \$45/ft. Joey or Chris, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-749-8727.

**Blacksmith coal**, \$40/100 lb. sack. Buddy Leonard, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-892-1137.

**500' of** cattle pen, galv. bridge rails, 4'-10' pipe gates, \$4000. Barry Darbonne, Broussard, Lafayette Parish; 337-319-7283.

# Livestock Market Reports

**Kinder Livestock Auction held 10-14-11**

\*\*\*no new reports available\*\*\*

**Cattle Receipts: 1316**

Boner cows (80-85% lean 850 lb.-1200 lb.).....\$32-\$68 per cwt  
 Bulls (1500-2000 lbs.).....\$62-\$78 per cwt

Feeder steers (cwt)	Feeder heifers (cwt)
200-300 lbs.....\$115-\$160	200-300 lbs.....\$105-\$145
300-400 lbs.....\$110-\$150	300-400 lbs.....\$102-\$135
400-500 lbs.....\$105-\$120	400-500 lbs.....\$100-\$128
500-600 lbs.....\$105-\$130	500-600 lbs.....\$100-\$120
600-700 lbs.....\$102-\$124	600-700 lbs.....\$97-\$117

Cow/calf pairs 2-4 yrs: Replacement &/or feeder cows 1-4 yrs:  
 \$700-\$1150 range \$500-\$1100 range

Cow/calf pairs 5-7 yrs: Replacement &/or feeder cows 5-7 yrs:  
 \$650-\$1000 range \$450-\$1000 range

**Mansura Auction held 10-14-11**

\*\*\*no new reports available\*\*\*

**Cattle Receipts: 1112**

Boner cows (80-85% lean 850 lb.-1200 lb.).....\$32-\$68 per cwt  
 Bulls (1500-2000 lbs.).....\$62-\$78 per cwt

Feeder Steers (cwt)	Feeder Heifers (cwt)
200-300 lbs. \$115-\$160	200-300 lbs. \$105-\$145
300-400 lbs. \$110-\$150	300-400 lbs. \$102-\$135
400-500 lbs. \$105-\$135	400-500 lbs. \$100-\$128
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**Have A Heart** cages, 36"x12"x12 1/2", 36"x14"x14", 16"x6"x6", \$90/all. Patsy Cook, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-892-7058.

**Westerbeke** 7.5 kw diesel generator, no control panel, needs some work, removed from marine vessel, \$600. Billy Bergeron, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-277-5071.

**(2) hay rings** for horses or cattle, new, \$400. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-328-2198.

**48" attic fans**, \$75/1. B.G. Denton, Jena, Lasalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

**(2) pr.** of Piper Cub airplane, alum. tear drop wheel covers, late '40's, no dents, original paint, \$435 obo. M. Barr Perry, Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish; 985-863-5886.

**Heavy-duty** metal steps with 4'x4' landing pad, great for mobile home, \$150. Darren St. Pierre, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-235-0148.

**Shop-made** squeeze chute w/factory made auto-catch head gate, needs minor repair, \$600; (50) 3 1/2" top wood post, \$1/1; rebar & insulators for 3 hot wires, enough for 3/4 mile of fence, \$200. Ben Baggett, Mittie, Allen Parish; 337-370-8254.

**(2) 16"** Chevy dual wheels, \$20/1; B&D model 200 Workmate, \$30; oxygen/acetylene 3/16" twin welding hose, 75¢/ft.; 6"-12" line pipe, different lengths, \$2.50/ft.-up. Morris Pitre, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-543-7289.

**300 gal.** fuel tank on skids, \$300. Hershel Frazier, DeQuincy, Calcasieu Parish; 337-786-2237.

**2003 ATV** 4 wd, front & rear rack, 2000 lb. winch, good cond., \$3000. Allie Dupuis Sr., St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-373-3831.

**Shop Fox** metal lathe, model 1016, 10"x20", 1-yr. old w/manual, like new, \$900. Norris Baudoin, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-652-5775.

**Ranchers Pride** bulk feeders, 2 axles, 3500 lbs., 7000 lb. capacity, used 2 seasons, \$1600; stationary 4500 lb. bulk feeder, 11 gal. steel, painted, \$400. Philip Istre, DeQuincy, Calcasieu Parish; 337-764-5512.

**Cattle feeders**, 4x8, deer feeders, 3x6, salt trough, 4x4, feeders 4x6 feeders w/treated wood & 2" skids, metal tops built on skids w/galv. nails & screws, del. a load 6 or more, \$225-\$250/1. S.W. Gourdon, Goldonna, Natchitoches Parish; 318-357-0616 or 471-4204.

**55 gal.** plastic drums w/gasket clamp lids, good for grain & water storage, \$15/1. Larry Haik, Slidell, St. Tammany Parish; 228-669-3897.

**Windmill wheel**, aeromotor, 8' diameter, new, (6) 3 sail assemblies to be bolted together, \$800. T.W.

Casselman, Jeanerette, St. Mary Parish; 337-276-5477.

**Custom made** wooden deer self-feeder on skids, never used, 1000 lb. capacity, \$425. J.C. Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-6182.

**Squeeze chute**, heavy-duty, never used, \$1950. Philip Watts, Livingston, Livingston Parish; 225-686-1306.

**20 kw** Tiger Power residential PTO generator, purchased 9/17/08, 2-yr. warranty remaining, trailer mounted, cash, \$3400. Harry DeBusk, Dry Prong, Grant Parish; 318-899-3317 or 318-446-1012.

**Head gate** and 3 butt stops, good cond., \$150. James Boudreaux, Belle Rose, Assumption Parish; 225-473-7635.

**(2) 25 gal.** automobile or tractor butane tanks, very good cond., \$35/1. Jerry W. McNeal, Center Point, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-8210.

**Superior 6-horse** walker, forward & reverse, very good cond., \$4500. Glen Leger, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-5158 or 337-948-3344.

**Heavy duty** hay fork, \$200; 16 sucker rods 5/8", \$10/1. Lloyd Ardoin, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; 337-599-2345.

**McCulloch gas** generator, perfect engine, low hours, not in good cond., \$95. Stanley Kent, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-802-9928.

**ATV tires & front rack**, like new, (2) 25x8x12 tires, \$100; (2) 25x10x12 tires, \$100; large factory front rack, \$50. Larry Landry Sr., Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; 985-688-2669.

**Heavy-duty** livestock panels, 10', \$57.5/1; 12', \$67.5/1; 4' bow gates, \$95/1; 10' bow gates, \$135/1; 10' gate panels, \$135/1; portable livestock feeders, \$2250. Jimmy Carriere, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-298-5943.

**Sucker rods**, 3/4", 7/8" & 1", \$10.5/1, \$11.5/1, \$12.5/1. T.L. Enright Sr., Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish; 318-282-6299.

**New 8"** pump, 20' long on wheels, \$3500; 10' long plow, \$800. Jessie Credeur, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-250-0199.

**Head gate & 3 butt stops**, good cond., \$150. James Boudreaux, Belle Rose, Assumption Parish; 225-473-7635.

**Squeeze chute & head gate**, \$600. Clarence Shields, Vidalia, Concordia Parish; 318-452-0576.

**Large metal** pen welded together, slides onto 16' flat trailer to haul livestock, \$1500. R.A. Ducote, Glynn, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-627-4881.

**2008 450** Yamaha Grizzly 4-wheeler, excel. cond., under shed, used 500 miles, \$4000 nego. Eddie Ballance, Simsboro, Lincoln Parish; 318-263-2846.

**(12) rolls** + lot galv. chain link fence, 4'-7' high, \$345 obo; (7)

galv. chain link gate panels, 6'x6', \$45/1 or \$300/all. M. Barr Perry, Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish; 985-863-5886.

**Farm or corral** gates, different sizes, 5'-12' wide, \$50-\$75/1. John Sylvester, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-363-7064.

**Livestock gates** made from 2 3/8" drill pipe & sucker rods, different widths from 5'-12', pre-hung, very good cond., \$50-\$100/1 obo. John Sylvester, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-363-7064.

**Drill stem** pipe, 2 7/8", good cond., del. avail., per joint, \$30/1. Jason Newchurch, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-235-5071.

**250 gal.** syrup trough on skids, \$125; wooden salt & mineral trough on skids, \$50. Glynn Hardy, Olla, LaSalle Parish; 318-495-5578.

**9 yd. Ashland** ejector style dirt pan w/front dolly, can be transported on a gooseneck trailer, very good cond., \$7850. Roy Marcantel, Kinder, Allen Parish; 337-390-9034.

**Cattle head** gate, like new, never used, \$300. Stanley Kent, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-802-9928.

**Lamco deer** feeders, galv. metal, like new, holds 500 lbs. of corn, \$375. James Stacy, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; 318-352-3692.

**Sears stackable** washer/dryer, like new, wh., 24" width, 23 1/2" deep & 70 1/2" tall, \$600; 30 gal. wet/dry Shop Vac, never used, in box, \$45; Lifestyle 2808 treadmill, \$75. Janice Pitre, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-543-7289.

**Horse stalls**, 12'x12', precast concrete walls bolts together, never used, \$1200/1. Owen Begnard, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-278-7713.

**Coleman Powermate** elec. generator, 4000 watts, 8 hp, Briggs & Stratton engine, \$200. Claude Sellers, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-856-4839.

**Wanted:** used milking machine for (1) cow, w/or w/o vacuum equip. Harry Debusk, Dry Prong, Grant; 318-899-3317.

**Wanted: 12'** used tin, approx. 200 sheets. Frank Edwards, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-507-0242.

**Wanted:** cattle chute, good cond., reasonably priced, palpation cage also. Joshua Lewis, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-803-1357.

**Wanted:** 4'x12' culvert or pipe up to 16'. Tony Barcellona, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-654-6228 or 225-278-4718.

**Wanted:** 300' of 2", 3" or 4" thin wall PVC pipe, within 100 miles of Hammond. Lee Cook, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-7043.

**Wanted:** corral panels to make a 120' rd. pen. Sherwood Poret, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-7225.

# What's Happening

## Bird Events

**Acadiana Bird Club Bird Fair** will be held April 21-22 in the Crown Room of the Lafayette Event Center, 43607 Johnston St., in Lafayette. For more information, visit [acadianabirdclubinc.com](http://acadianabirdclubinc.com).

**Ponchatoula Bird Fair & Sale** will be held July 14-15 at the Lion's Club, 750 East Pine St., in Ponchatoula from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Avian surgical sexing on Sunday. Weekend pass admission is \$6.50, \$4/one day pass. Children 6 & under free. For more information, visit [Totaltat.com](http://Totaltat.com).

## Dog Events

**South Louisiana Retriever Club Field Trial** will be held Feb. 24 in N o r c o . For more info, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Ouachita Valley Dog Training Club Agility Trial** will be held March 3-4 in West Monroe. For more info, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Dallas-Ft. Worth Dachshund Club Field Trial** will be held March 3-4 in Downsville. For more info, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Louisiana Capital City Obedience Club Herding Trial & Test** will be held March 3-4 in Covington. For more info, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Northwest Louisiana Shetland Sheepdog Club Obedience & Rally** will be held March 10 in Haughton. For more info, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

**Greater Amite River Beagle Club Field Trial** will be held March 10 in Amite. For more info, visit [www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm](http://www.infodog.com/panels/la.htm).

## Education & Workshops

**Forest Landowners Legal Risk Workshops:** risk information on managing for forest landowners and foresters in Ark. & Louisiana from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Topics include wildlife management, insurance, leasing contracts, landowner liability and agritourism. Feb. 24, Southwest Research & Extension Center, 362 Highway 174 North, Hope, Ark.; March 16, Shreveport Holiday Inn, 5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport; April 13, Monticello, Ark. Speakers from Ark. Forest Resources Center, Ark.Cooperative Ext. Service, LSU AgCenter & National Agr Law Center. \$20/per. or \$30/cple registration covers lunch. For more information, call Rusty Rumley at 479-575-2636 or [rrumley@uark.edu](mailto:rrumley@uark.edu).

**Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program Clean Up Bayou Lafourche** will be held March 31. Volunteers and Captains needed. For more information, call Joseph Dantin at 985-449-4715, 985-228-0358 (cell) or email to [joe@btnep.org](mailto:joe@btnep.org).

**SW LA Beekeepers Association: Splitting Hives** will be held March 5th at the War Memorial Civic Center, 250 W. 7th St., DeRidder from 7-9 p.m. For more information, please contact Keith Hawkins at 337-463-7006 or email [khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu).

**SW Louisiana Forestry Association: Hunting Lease Workshop** will be held March 24 at the War Memorial Civic Center, 250 West 7th St., DeRidder, from 2 -6

p.m. For more information, call Keith Hawkins at 337-463-7006 or email to [khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu).

**SW Louisiana Forestry Association Annual Meeting & Forestry Forum** will be held March 17 at the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Longleaf from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics include mineral & pipeline leasing, longleaf pine, economic opportunities, selling small tracts and how to register your land as a movie site. Cost is \$25 per household. For more information, call Keith Hawkins at 337-463-7006 or email to [khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:khawkins@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 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.

## Horticultural Events

**Jonquil Jubilee Festival** will be held March 3 in Gibsland. Music, arts & crafts, historical tours and lots and lots of daffodils. For more information, call 318-843-6228 or visit [www.jonquiljubilee.com](http://www.jonquiljubilee.com).

**Louisiana Nursery Festival** will be held March 16-18 in Forest Hill. Free admission. Local nurseries will sell plants and provide gardening tips. Food vendors, garden items, lawn and garden equipment and arts & crafts. For more information, call 318-748-6300 or visit [www.louisiananurseryfestival.com](http://www.louisiananurseryfestival.com).

**Second Saturday Plant Sale** program will be held March 10 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 e-mail [dgraham@parkwaypartners.org](mailto:dgraham@parkwaypartners.org).

**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. Special Arts Market will be held the first three Saturdays of Dec. For more information, contact Copper Alvarez at 267-5060 or visit [www.breada.org](http://www.breada.org).

## Tractor Shows

**International Harvester Chapter 31 State Antique Tractor, Engine & Truck Show**, May 4-5, Washington Parish Fairgrounds, Franklinton. Featured equipment is IH, but all makes are welcome. Kiddie Tractor Pull, Chain in the Box, Skillet Throw (Ladies only), Blindman's Bluff, Egg Crackin', Trailer Backing, Barrel Roll, Slow Race and Swap Meet. For more information, visit, [www.ihc31.com](http://www.ihc31.com).

**North Louisiana Sweet Potato Festival Tractor Show** will be held March 28-31 at the Courthouse Square in Oak Grove. For more information, call 318-428-8289 or <http://westcarrollchamber.com>.

## Cultural Events

**Frisco Fest** will be held March 10-11 at the San Francisco Plantation Grounds in Garyville. Local & regional artists, woodworkers, stained glass, jewelry and Cajun products, arts & crafts, plants, flowers, kids' activities area, LSU Ag Master Gardeners, Creole & Cajun cuisine. Cruisin' the Plantation Car Show, Chef's Choice Cook-Off, zydeco music. For more information, call 985-535-

2341 or visit <http://sanfranciscoplantation.org>.

**North Louisiana Sweet Potato Festival** will be held March 28-31 at the Courthouse Square in Oak Grove. Carnival, arts and craft show, antique car and tractor show and live music at the Lingo Center. For more information, call 318-428-8289 or <http://westcarrollchamber.com>.

# What's Happening

## Horse Shows, Rodeos & Trail Rides

**Cory Bourque Natural Horsemanship** clinics will be held March 3-4 & April 14-15 in Abbeville. More dates TBA. Space is limited, auditors welcomed. For more information, call Cory at 337-298-3073 or Nicole 337-280-3222 or email corybourquenaturalhorsemanship@yahoo.com.

**Cory Bourque Natural Horsemanship Colt Starting Clinic** will be held March 24-25 in Abbeville. Space is limited, auditors welcomed. For more information, call Cory at 337-298-3073 or Nicole 337-280-3222 or email corybourquenaturalhorsemanship@yahoo.com

**Louisiana Stock Horse Association Horse Show** 2012 events will be held March 10, DeRidder; March 24, Lake Charles; April 28, New Roads; May 26, DeRidder; June 16, New Roads; July 18, New Iberia; Sept. 1, West Monroe; 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 or

www.louisianastockhorse.com.

**Deep South Stock Horse Show 2012** events will be held March 10, 25, April 7, May 5, 19 at Greenwell Springs Park in Greenwell Springs. Beginners welcome. For more information, call Jenny Redhead at 225-665-2382, e-mail to jennyredhead@bellsouth.net or www.DSSHSA.org.

**Bogalusa Team Sorting** will be held March 2 & 16 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 April 6, 20; May 5, 18; June 1, 15; July 6, 20; Aug. 3, 17; Sept. 7, 21; 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.

**Washington Parish Horseman's Association Horse Shows** will be held March 10, 31 at the Bogalusa Community Arena, 20239 Airport Rd., in Bogalusa at 1 p.m. Future dates are April 14, 28; May 12, 26 rain-out dates. For more information, call 985-515-7610 or 985-516-4544.

## Livestock Sales

**Open House, Bull Sale** will be held March 3 at the LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Research Center in Alexandria at 9 a.m. 18 Angus, 2 Brangus and 15 Charolais performance-tested bulls available for viewing and sale by private treaty. For more information, call Sid DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu.

**Louisiana Angus Association Annual Female Sale** will be held March 10 at noon at the LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Research Center in Lecompte. 60 Angus female lots will be offered. For more information, call 662-837-4904 or alb@albauction.com.

**22nd Annual Bayou Classic Polled Hereford/Hereford/F-1 Cattle Sale** will be held April 7 at noon at the Dean Lee Livestock Sale complex, DeWitt Center, in Alexandria. Sponsored by the Louisiana Polled Hereford Assoc., the sale offers 60 lots, including cow/calf prs., bred & open heifers, breeding age bulls, black baldies & F-1 cattle. For more information & catalog requests, call Chris Lewis at 985-516-7643 or Dr. Ronnie Bardwell, Sale Chairman, at 225-222-6372.

**Louisiana Tech Univ. Farm Production Sale** will be held May 5 in Ruston at 1 p.m. Quarter horses, Brangus heifers, steers, hogs, goats & lambs. For more information, call Dr. Gary Kennedy, Dept. of Agricultural Sciences, at 318-257-3275 or visit www.livestocksale.latech.edu.

**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.

## Show Arenas, Barns, etc.

**Acadia Parish Rice Arena**, 159 Cherokee Drive, Crowley. 337-783-1442, 337-384-4500 or ricearena@appj.org.

**Clinton Covered Arena**, 14730 Hwy. 10, Clinton. 225-572-9229 or visit 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.

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

**Terbonne Livestock Agricultural Fair Association Arena**, 221 Moffet Rd., Houma. 985-665-1005 or www.terbonne-livestock.org.

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

**Bogalusa Community Arena**, 20239 Airport Rd., Bogalusa. www.bogalusaarena.com.

**D'Arbonne Range Riders Arena**, 202 Rodeo Rd., Farmerville. darbonnerangeriders.com.

**Assumption Parish Ag Complex & Arena**, 119 Robin St., Napoleonville. www.assumptionla.com/AgComplex

## Sporting Clays Shooting Events

**Louisiana Sporting Clays Association Shoots** - Feb. 25, GOL, Maurice; Feb. 25, Wilderness, Lafayette; March 1-4, Cajun Elite, Jennings; March 2, GOL, Maurice; March 2-3, Wilderness, Lafayette; March 10, Wilderness, Lafayette. For more information, visit www.lsca.info.

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To ensure timely publication, submit your event at least six weeks prior to the event.



**Cattle theft and other agricultural-related crimes?**

**Call 1-800-558-9741**

**Forestry related crimes?**

**Call 225-925-4500**

er, slides onto 16' flat trailer to haul livestock, \$1500. R.A. Ducote, Glynn, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-627-4881.

**2008 450 Yamaha Grizzly 4-wheeler**, excel. cond., under shed, used 500 miles, \$4000 nego. Eddie Ballance, Simsboro, Lincoln Parish; 318-263-2846.

**(12) rolls** + lot galv. chain link fence, 4'-7' high, \$345 obo; (7) galv. chain link gate panels, 6'x6', \$45/1 or \$300/all. M. Barr Perry, Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish; 985-863-5886.

**Farm or corral gates**, different sizes, 5'-12' wide, \$50-\$75/1. John Sylvester, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-363-7064.

**Livestock gates** made from 2 3/8" drill pipe & sucker rods, different widths from 5'-12', pre-hung, very good cond., \$50-\$100/1 obo. John Sylvester, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-363-7064.

**Drill stem pipe**, 2 7/8", good cond., del. avail., per joint, \$30/1. Jason Newchurch, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-235-5071.

**250 gal. syrup trough** on skids, \$125; wooden salt & mineral trough on skids, \$50. Glynn Hardy, Olla, LaSalle Parish; 318-495-5578.

**9 yd. Ashland ejector style dirt pan** w/front dolly, can be transported on a gooseneck trailer, very good cond., \$7850. Roy Marcantel, Kinder, Allen Parish; 337-390-9034.

**Cattle head gate**, like new, never used, \$300. Stanley Kent, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-802-9928.

**Lamco deer feeders**, galv. metal, like new, holds 500 lbs. of corn, \$375. James Stacy, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; 318-352-3692.

**Sears stackable washer/dryer**, like new, wh., 24" width, 23 1/2" deep & 70 1/2" tall, \$600; 30 gal. wet/dry Shop Vac, never used, in box, \$45; Lifestyle 2808 treadmill, \$75. Janice Pitre, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-543-7289.

**Horse stalls**, 12'x12', precast concrete walls bolts together, never used, \$1200/1. Owen Begnard, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-278-7713.

**Coleman Powermate elec. generator**, 4000 watts, 8 hp, Briggs & Stratton engine, \$200. Claude Sellers, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-856-4839.

**Wanted:** used milking machine for (1) cow, w/or w/o vacuum equip. Harry Debusk, Dry Prong, Grant; 318-899-3317.

**Wanted:** 12' used tin, approx.

200 sheets. Frank Edwards, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-507-0242.

**Wanted:** cattle chute, good cond., reasonably priced, palpation cage also. Joshua Lewis, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-803-1357.

**Wanted:** 4'x12' culvert or pipe up to 16'. Tony Barcellona, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-654-6228 or 225-278-4718.

**Wanted:** 300' of 2", 3" or 4" thin wall PVC pipe, within 100 miles of Hammond. Lee Cook, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-7043.

**Wanted:** corral panels to make a 120' rd. pen. Sherwood Poret, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-7225.

## LUMBER & SAWING

**Sawmilling services**, on or off-site avail., prices per board foot based on type of tree. Tony Fontenot, Duson, Lafayette Parish; 337-873-3807 or 337-280-3326.

**Barn dried cypress**, 20-yrs. old, 8"10" & 11" wide, 10'-12' long, \$1/brd/ft. Hans Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-240-4815.

**Kiln drying services**, 20¢/brd/ft. Bart Anderson, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-654-3236.

**Seasoned split firewood**, will load, \$100/truck load. Bart, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-654-3226.

**Heavy-duty table saw**, on wheels, \$225. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck, Vernon Parish; 337-353-7465.

**Split dry oak, pecan & hackberry firewood**, 4'x8', 18" long, you haul, \$70/1. R.A. DuCote, Glynn, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-627-4881.

**Cypress lumber**, cut to order, \$1/brd/ft. Reese Smith, Dry Creek, Beauregard Parish; 337-375-2550.

**50" circular saw**, only good for knife making or to paint on, has been run into carriage but can be repaired, \$60. Hershel Frazier, DeQuincy, Calcasieu Parish; 337-786-2237.

**T.J.'s portable sawmill**, cuts up to 20' long, 32" end, other lumber avail., \$250-300/thousand bd. ft. T. J. Hyatt, Oakdale, Allen Parish; 337-396-7674.

**Logs to lumber**, your place or mine, 1xs, \$300/1000/bd.ft.; 2xs, \$260/1000/bd.ft.; pine lumber

avail., 1xs, 60¢/bd./ft.; 2xs, 40¢/bd.ft. Glenn Dixon, Albany, Livingston Parish; 225-209-5451 or 504-913-6019.

## CRAFTS & WOODWORK

**5-variable spd. scroll saw**, \$75; single spd. scroll saw, \$50; Ryobi variable spd. mini lathe w/8 piece chisel set, \$150. L. Marks, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-5159.

**Cajun microwave**, small, \$150; medium, \$160; large, \$190; extra-large, \$280; fish cleaning tables, \$180/1. Larry Marks, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-5159.

**Windmills**, 8', 10', 11' & 15' tall, built w/4x4x1/4" treated pine, \$300, \$400, \$500 & \$600. Lyle Talbot, Iowa, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-764-5755.

**Porcelain doll molds**, modern & antique reproduction, misc. doll making supplies, \$35/1-up. Linda Ewalt, Lacassine, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-588-4255.

**5' swing**, treated wood, comfortable, strong, well made, \$175. Larry Fontenot, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-939-8472.

**Beautiful cypress patio furniture**, swings, gliders, rockers, Adirondack chairs & tables, \$150/1-up. Lester Bertrand, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-256-2151.

**Aromatic cedar furniture**, rustic cedar log patio & dinette sets, \$475/1-up; 2'-5' rd. & flat top cedar chest, \$250/1-up; 2", 3" & 4" sq. & rd. post rockers, \$125-\$285/1; 2', 4', 5' & 6' porch swings & glider swings, \$85-\$295/1; baby & used rockers, \$50 & \$60/1; kids & adults picnic tables, \$110-\$295/1. Wayne Schultz, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; www.thecedartrunk.com, 318-613-2281 or 318-776-0531.

## FROM THE FARM

**Fresh '11 gumbo file'**, small jar, \$5/1; large jar, \$8/1. Karla Boquet, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-804-8803.

**Home ground cornmeal** by century old gristmill, 80¢/lb. Tommy Rankin, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish; 318-647-5735 or 318-235-6918.

**Roofing tin**, new, (18) sheets,

18' long x 3' wide, \$300. Earl Zimmer, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-610-2741.

**Champion 400 blower**, \$165; 185 lb. Peterwright anvil, \$490; 4" post vice, \$125; 6" post vice, \$200; 4 qt. sausage stuffer, \$175; 8 qt. sausage stuffer, \$265. Frank Nicosia, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-878-4933.

**Blueberry & mayhaw jelly** pints, \$6/1. Jan Laborde, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-795-9832.

**Handmade soap**, wrapped for Christmas, made from previous oils including palm, coconut, shea butter & coconut milk from goats, \$5/4 get 1 free. Connie Williams, Slaughter, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-658-6060.

**Ruud 40 gal. hot water tank**, older model but never used, mint cond., \$200 nego. Kenneth Tauzin, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; 337-667-6825.

**Fresh gumbo filé**, small jar, \$5/1; large jar, \$8/1. Brenda, Oakdale, Allen Parish; 318-335-1414.

**Wood burning fireplace insert**, like new, \$400; wood burning heater, like new, \$400; assorted wooden doors, some new w/hrs., \$25/1. Pete Stacks, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-623-8713.

**300 gal. & 700 gal. stainless steel milk tanks**, rectangle shape w/lids, \$500-\$900/1. Bill Williamson, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; 318-925-2194.

**(6) heavy-duty sliding glass doors**, \$50/1 or \$250/all; fish cooker w/regulator, \$50. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck, Vernon Parish; 337-353-7465.

**Bread & butter pickles**, 1 pint jar, \$5/1; bread & butter jalapeno pints, \$5/1; jalapeno pepper jelly, 1/2 pint, \$3/1; habanero pepper jelly, 1/2 pt., \$3/1; Cajun salsa pints, \$5/1. Ruby Romero, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-376-7168.

**Fig & blackberry preserves**, pint, \$7.5/1; pepper jellies, 1/2 pint, \$3.5/1; pepper chow-chow, pint, \$5.5/1; 1/2 pint, \$3.5/1. Ruby Romero, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-376-7168.

**Old fashioned lye soap**, many scents, goat milk soap, lip balm, lotions, car air fresheners & sugar scrubs, call for prices. Kristen Johnson, Grant, Allen Parish; 318-634-7381.

**Homemade soap** from all natural ingredients, long lasting, lathers & moisturizes your skin, numerous scents, \$4/bar, large order discounts, free samples. Lori McCallum, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish;

Felicianasoaps@gmail.com or 225-938-8922.

**Fresh goat milk soaps & skin care products**, lavender, honey cream & rosemary soaps, lip balm, facial moisturizer & more. Dawn Rogers, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; www.bainne.webs.com or 985-974-7994.

**Pickled green beans & okra**, spicy & mild, 16 oz. jar, \$4/1. Daniel Lipscomb, Springfield, Livingston Parish; 985-969-2864.

**Mayhaw jelly** pints, \$6/1. R. Mahaffey, Oberlin, Allen Parish; 337-639-4844.

**Assorted homemade jams & jellies**, 8 oz. jar \$4/1; 16-oz. jar, \$6/1. B. Walters, Mount Hermon, Washington Parish; 985-839-5421.

**Wanted:** cane mill w/cooking vat, prefer PTO operated mill, will consider mule drawn. Tammy Ott, Pike County, MS, 601-542-3792.

**Wanted:** large okra cutter. Michael LeJeune, Kinder, Allen Parish; 337-390-9424 or she\_boz@yahoo.com.

**Wanted:** any size old sugar or syrup kettles. Kathy, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-200-3433.

**Wanted:** old syrup kettles, any size, large church bells, stoves, etc. Floyd Foti, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-332-4636.

**Wanted:** small used hand cranked cotton gin. Gwen Landry, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; 337-527-5974.

**Wanted:** 29 gage Galvalume preferred 10' 6" roofing panel, 11 sheets, but will consider any color, (12) perlings 14 gal., 16' long. Nolan Champagne, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-845-4305 or 337-342-9737.

**Wanted:** old oil cans, 1 qt to 5 gal., old service station signs, Mobil, Sinclair, Texaco, Gulf & Shell. Robert E. Moore, Greenwell Springs, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-261-8962.

**Wanted:** vintage feed sacks. F.L. Miller, Glenmore, Iberville Parish; 318-748-4569.

## FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

**Trac. shed** or hay barn, 50'x100'x15' new, never erected, clear span galv. 26 gal. roof, red iron, can add walls at extra cost, pick-up, \$14,950. B. Dauzat, Effie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-5187.

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# How much does it weigh?

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**LDAF inspectors check commercial scales, fuel dispensers and grocery scanners at least once a year. The vast majority of merchants across the state are in compliance and maintain a 95 percent pass rate for their scales, pumps and scanners.**

jurisdictions worry for resources to simply perform basic tasks of placing test weights on a scale or checking the accuracy of gas pumps.

"It is time to get our word out. Weights and measures has long been the invisible third party in every transaction, but that invisibility produces a lack of awareness of the critical value of our services. Businesses must demand a marketplace in which competitors are accountable.

"Taxpayers and legislators must recognize weights and measures oversight are essential services that benefit everyone through assurance of accuracy in packaged goods, product measurements, and transactions."

The cumulative costs of even tiny measurement inaccuracies can be detrimental to business and customer confidence, Strain said.

"The National Conference of Weights and Measures estimates that an error of slightly more than 1 tablespoon per 5 gallons at the gas pump equals a charge of \$125 million annually that could cost the consumer or the retailer, depending on the direction of the error," Strain said.

The NCWM is a professional nonprofit association of state and local weights and measures officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers and consumers. The organization brings appropriate and varying interests together to keep pace with innovative advancements in the marketplace.

Strain said consumers should call 1-800-247-1086 for questions or complaints about scales or any other commercial measuring devices.

For more information on the LDAF Office of Agro-Consumer Services, visit [www.LDAF.state.la.us](http://www.LDAF.state.la.us).



## **Smokey, Woodsy, featured in forestry appreciation poster contest**

The Baton Rouge Garden Club announced the winners of its Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Feb. 5 at the "Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Awards Ceremony" at Baton Rouge Garden Center in Baton Rouge with family, teachers and Garden Club members attending.

"The poster contest is a great way for the Garden Club to help promote forestry and an appreciation of nature in our schoolchildren," said Clara Earl, President of the Baton Rouge Garden Club.

Guest Speaker Wade DuBea from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry spoke to the students saying, "It's great to get young children involved with forestry. This poster contest will give them a little exposure to nature and help ensure that future generations will be appreciative of forestry and agriculture."

This Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest is sponsored each year by Baton Rouge Garden Club. This year students represented from three schools 1st thru 5th

grade participated. Posters were judged by members of the club and the top four winners following rules for the posters were advanced to compete with other posters in the State.

Certificates & Blue Ribbons were given to the four First Place winners advancing to LGCF State.

The winners were Rainey Estelle Harrison, 1st grade, Parkview Baptist School; Our Lady of Mercy winners: Liza White, 2nd grade, Erica Gioe, 3rd grade; Episcopal School: Halle Sternberg, 5th grade.

Runner ups were Caleb Zeringue, 2nd grade, Maura LeBleu, 3rd grade, Claire Hook, 5th grade from Episcopal School.

In addition to the Garden Club certificates, State Forester Wade Dubea provided gift bags to all winners from the La. Agriculture & Forestry.

Dubea also brought along a surprise visitor in the person of Smokey Bear.

"The kids love to see Smokey Bear. They get a real kick out of it."

# **GOLD PRICES CREATE 'SELLER BEWARE' MARKET**

Record gold prices have created a modern-day gold rush.

Buyers, like the miners of old, are scrambling to rivers made up of citizens eager to cash in on their old jewelry.

But today's gold rush is not restricted to California. It is booming throughout the nation. Some buyers set up shop in a different hotel every weekend, moving from city to city while others move through neighborhoods conducting home "gold parties." Neighbors bring their jewelry to sell while chatting and enjoying refreshments.

"Consumers who want to sell their old jewelry need to keep up their guard and beware of possible scams," Mike Strain said.

As commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF), Strain is the caretaker of the LDAF's Division of Weights and Measures. "Those selling gold jewelry to cash in on high prices may be getting a lot less than they bargained for."

Regulatory officials across the country echo the warning.

"You need to know the purity level before you sell to guard against a reverse 'thumb on the scale' and to have assurance of full payment," said Maureen Henzler, Weights and Measures Program Service Administrator for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. "The purity of gold affects the price paid for an item."

Henzler said some dealers use testing acids to verify karat weight of gold. Acids are typically found in varieties specific to karat values of 10K, 14K, 18K and 24K.

When a specific acid such as 10K acid is applied to gold, the gold will turn brown unless it is the respective karat weight; in this case 10K gold. An unscrupulous gold buyer will intentionally apply a higher grade of acid to a lower grade of gold, such as 18K acid on 14K gold, causing the gold to turn brown and discolor and, subsequently, offer a lower payment.

"Watch and ask the gold buyer what is being done with your jewelry items," said Henzler. "You have a right to know how the gold buyer is determining the purchase price for your items."

Henzler said sellers must know that the scales the buyers are using are accurate.

"Sellers can also be shortchanged through improper use of the scale," Henzler added. "Many gold buyers use scales to determine the weight of jewelry. It is important to know that the scale has been inspected, sealed, and approved for weighing precious metals. Even then, the scale must be level, positioned so the customer can witness the entire weighing process, and protected from influences like vibrations and strong air flows."

Kurt Floren, Chairman of the National Conference on Weights and Measures agreed. "Weights and measures officials throughout the country work diligently to test scales and gas pumps, inspect

packaged goods, and monitor price scanner accuracy in hundreds of thousands of businesses to ensure accuracy and integrity in the marketplace. As transactions such as the buying and selling of gold increase in untraditional, private settings, consumers must be equally diligent in protecting themselves from fraudulent or negligent practices and in reporting

suspicious transaction activities to their local weights and measures agencies."

Floren, who is Director of Weights and Measures for Los Angeles County, California, provided the following tips to consumers dealing with gold buyers:

Get written estimates from two or more dealers that identify the items and their worth in detail.

Closely observe all scale use. It should be level and indicate "zero" before weighing begins. Look for fans or air vents that might affect the weighing process.

Observe the weight displayed

and compare it to any value calculation and receipt.

Sell only to reputable dealers and get a receipt with their contact information.

Ask questions. Leave with your gold if the buyer is hesitant to fully explain what is being done.

"Lastly," said Floren, "if you believe you have been cheated or that there was an attempt to cheat, contact your weights and measures authority immediately."

Strain said the LDAF Division of Weights and Measures inspects every measuring device throughout the state at least once a year.

"If you have any concern about any measuring device in the state, please call our Weights and Measures office at 1-800-247-1086," Strain said. "We want to make sure you're getting paid for what you are offering for sale."

For more information, visit [www.ncwm.net](http://www.ncwm.net) or [www.LDAF.state.la.us](http://www.LDAF.state.la.us).

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