



LOUISIANA MARKET BULLETIN

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AG Industry OF THE MONTH

We are thrilled to introduce an enlightening new series, "Ag Industry of the Month" (A.I.M.), set to spotlight the dynamic world of Louisiana agriculture. Each month, A.I.M. will take an in-depth look at a different sector, revealing the stories and innovations that characterize the featured industry.

According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, Louisiana is home to 25,006 farms covering 7.98 million acres of farmland. Of these, 9,548 farms focus on crop production, while 15,458 focus on animal and aquaculture production. The state's agricultural endeavors are supported by 42,551 producers, including 13,778 new and beginning producers, showcasing a vibrant and diverse community.

The goal of A.I.M. is to enhance understanding and appreciation for the varied agricultural sectors that not only support but also enrich Louisiana. We will examine the crucial roles these sectors play in the state's economy, culture, and history. Whether you are a seasoned farmer, an aspiring agri-preneur, or simply curious about Louisiana's rich agricultural landscape, A.I.M. invites you to embark on this enlightening journey with us!

A few key segments to look forward to:

Economic Impact

In today's economic climate, understanding the numbers is crucial. Agriculture is a cornerstone of Louisiana's economy, contributing over \$12 billion dollars annually. From the Mississippi River ports that export Louisiana's products globally to local farmers' markets brimming with fresh produce and employing thousands across a variety of industries, every aspect of this sector fuels the state's economy.

Farmers Interviews

Hear what local farmers have to say about the various industries we will highlight and their insights/advice for anyone looking to get involved. We believe that the voices of those who work the land every day are crucial in understanding Louisiana's agricultural landscape. Through conversations, farmers will share their experiences, challenges, and successes.

Innovative Practices

Louisiana's agricultural sector is at the forefront of innovation, with technology and research paving new pathways for sustainability and efficiency. From precision farming techniques that optimize crop yields and minimize environmental

impact, to the development of resilient crop varieties tailored to withstand the region's unique climate challenges, innovation is driving progress. These advancements are not only preserving the state's agricultural heritage but also setting the stage for future growth.

LDAF Involvement

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) plays a crucial role in supporting the state's agricultural landscape. From administering programs to enforcing regulations, LDAF ensures the health and safety of animals, plants, crops, land, and forests. Throughout this series, you will learn how LDAF supports the highlighted industries and contributes to the overall success of Louisiana's agriculture.

We hope you're as excited as we are to explore Louisiana throughout the "Ag Industry of the Month" series. This promises to be an enlightening adventure, uncovering the stories, innovations, and communities that make up the backbone of the state's economy and culture. Stay tuned, and don't miss out on the opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation for the people and practices that sustain agriculture in Louisiana.

AG Industry OF THE MONTH

SNEAK PEEK!

The first industry is the largest animal agricultural industry in Louisiana, with over 1,800 total producers and production reported in 36 of 64 parishes.

Can you guess what it is? Follow us on all social platforms to be the first to know.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

**MIKE STRAIN, DVM
COMMISSIONER**

Cold Weather Tips

With increased potential for winter weather this coming weekend in parts of the state, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., urges livestock and pet owners to take necessary precautions to protect their animals. This is also the time to protect plants, pipes, and, of course, people.

“When we see temperatures start to dip below freezing, it is important to take precautionary measures and to do so safely and correctly. For example, while antifreeze is commonly used, not many people realize the risk it can pose to our pets. Dogs and cats will drink it if it is left out as it tastes sweet; however, it is highly toxic to them. If you drain any of the fluid from your tractor in preparation for the weather, be sure to dispose of it properly. We know how to do these things, but let’s make sure we are doing them the right way,” said Strain.

Here are some cold weather tips for livestock, pet, and plant owners:

Livestock:

- Owners should check their livestock and look for signs of stress, illness, or injury.
- Pay close attention to the young and older animals as they are more susceptible to problems during frigid conditions.
- Provide plenty of hay, feed, energy supplements, and water.



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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WEEKLY HAY REPORT, JANUARY 8, 2026

Bermuda Large Round	Premium.....	\$200/ton
Bermuda Medium Round	Premium.....	\$150-\$200/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Premium.....	\$280-\$440/ton

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, JANUARY 9, 2026

Bermuda Large Round	Good.....	\$90-\$115/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Good.....	\$10-\$12/ton



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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET



- ACADIA**
Rayne Farmers Market
Frog Fest Pavilion,
210 Frog Fest Dr
2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM
- ALLEN**
Oberlin Farmers Market ●
228 West 6th Ave
Wed 9AM-1PM
- ASCENSION**
Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market
39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales
Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM
April-Aug, Oct-Dec
- Riverside Farmers Market of ●
LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd
Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun
10AM-2PM
- ASSUMPTION**
Barcelo Gardens Farmers ●
Market, 211 Franklin Ave,
Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM
- AVOUELLES**
Marksville Farmers Market
122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun
- BEAUREGARD**
DeRidder Farmers Market ●
206 N. Washington Ave
Daily 7AM-6PM
- BOSSIER**
Barksdale Market
3226 Barksdale Blvd
Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun
- Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM
- Bossier City Farmers Market
2950 E Texas St
Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov
- CADDO**
Greenwood Farmers Market ●
William Peters Town Park,
9381 Greenwood Rd
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug
- Shreveport Farmers Market
River front at Festival Plaza
Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug
- CALCASIEU**
Cash & Carry Farmers Market ●
801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake
Charles, Corner of Broad &
Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM
- Charlestown Farmers Market
Bilbo St. behind old City Hall
Sat 8AM-12PM
- Iowa Farmers Market
115 N. Thompson,
Sat, 9AM-1PM
- Lake Charles Farm & Table
Market
110 W Pine St, Lake Charles
Tuesdays 3pm-6pm
- Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters,
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy
Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct
- CALDWELL**
Columbia Farmers Market ●
Main Street
Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July
- CLAIBORNE**
Harvest Time Homer ●
W Main & N 2nd St
Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct
- CONCORDIA**
Delta Farmers Market ●
405 Carter St, Vidalia
Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze
- EAST BATON ROUGE**
Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ●
Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge
Sat 8AM-12PM
- Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ●
Pennington Biomedical
(Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM
- Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ●
7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge
Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-
Dec
- Red Stick Farmers Mobile ●
Market, ExxonMobil YMCA,
7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge
Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-
Nov
- Zachary Famers & Artisans ●
Market, Memorial Park
Sat 10AM-2PM
- EVANGELINE**
Ville Platte Farmers Market
East Main St, May-Aug, Fri
4-6PM
- GRANT**
Colfax Farmers Market ●
8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov
- IBERIA**
Delcambre Farmers Market ●
605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330)
1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec
- Da Berry Fresh Market ●
520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia
Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM
- Teche Area Farmers Market ●
102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza
Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM
- IBERVILLE**
St. Gabriel Farmers Market
3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74
3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM
- JEFFERSON**
Rotary Grand Isle Farmers
Market, Oak Lane
2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM
- Gretna Farmers Market ●
Huey P. Long Ave
Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM
- Harahan Farmers Market ●
501 Oak Ave @ Wilson &
Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM
- Crescent City #1
2614 Jefferson @ Maine St.
(Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul
- Crescent City #2
325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy.
@ the Lake (Bucktown)
Fri 3-7PM
- Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ●
Market, 3000 Downs Blvd,
Metairie
Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM
Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM
- JEFFERSON DAVIS**
Coushatta Farmers Market
Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton
1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun
- Main Street Farmers Market
1333 Elton Rd, Jennings
Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec
- Welsh Farmers Market
103 W. Grove St
Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept
- LAFAYETTE**
Acadiana Farmers Market ●
801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St,
Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round
- Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea
Market, 3011 NW Evangeline
Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun
10AM-5PM
- Farmers & Artisans Market ●
Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St,
Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM
- LAFOURCHE**
Lafourche Central Market
4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland
Sat 9AM-12PM
- LASALLE**
Olla Town Square Market ●
2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM,
May-Aug 11
- Town of Tullos Farmers' Market
Corner of S Main & Park St
Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28
- LINCOLN**
Ruston Farmer's Market ●
220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM
- LIVINGSTON**
Four Seasons Farmers Market ●
Sat 8AM-12PM
- Livingston Farmers Market
215 Florida St, Denham Springs
Sat 7AM-12PM
- MADISON**
Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ●
404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65
Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec
- Tallulah Farmers Market #2
Court House Square
Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec
- MOREHOUSE**
Morehouse Parish Market
305 E Madison, Bastrop
Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM
- NATCHITOCHES**
Natchitoches River Front, Sat
8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov
- Natchitoches Farmers Market
Mobile Market #1 (City Park)
Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,
Oct-Nov
- Natchitoches Mobile Farmers
Market #2 (Riverbank)
Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,
Oct-Nov
- ORLEANS**
Barcelo Gardens ●
2301 Gallier St,
Sat 10AM-1PM
- Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — UPTOWN New
Orleans, 200 Broadway
Tues 8AM - 12PM
- Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — MID-CITY New
Orleans, Lafitte Greenway
Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway
Thurs 3PM - 7PM
- Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — CITY PARK New
Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium
Marconi @ Navarre
Sun 8 AM - 12PM
- OUACHITA**
Monroe Farmers Market ●
1200 Washington St
Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov
- W Monroe Farmers Market ●
1700 North 7th St
Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct
- RAPIDES**
Alexandria Farmers Market ●
2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM
- Boyce Farmers' Market
627 Pacific Ave, Thur 3-6PM
- Cabrini Farmers Market
2211 Texas Ave, Alexandria
Sat 9AM-12PM
- RICHLAND**
Delhi Farmers Market
1104 Broadway St
Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov
- ST. CHARLES**
German Coast #1 ●
St. Charles Parish Library,
160 West Campus Dr,
Destrehan
Sat 8AM-12PM
- German Coast #2 ●
West Bank Bridge Park
13825 River Rd, Luling
Wed 1-5PM
- ST. HELENA**
St. Helena Parish Farmers ●
Market, 6032 LA-10,
Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM
- ST. LANDRY**
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St, Hwy 190,
Opelousas, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-
11AM, Apr-Nov
- Eunice Farmers Market
Second St & Park Ave
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov
- ST. MARTIN**
Stephensville Market Rec Park
3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City
2nd Sat, 10AM
- ST. MARY**
Berwick Town Market
Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St
3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun &
Sept-Dec)
- ST. TAMMANY**
Abita Springs Art & Farmers ●
Market, 22049 Main St
Sun 11AM - 3 PM
- Covington Farmers Market ●
609 North Columbia St
Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM
- Mandeville Trailhead Market ●
675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM
- Pearl River Farmers Market
& Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41
1st Sat 8AM-2 PM
- Camellia City Farmers Market ●
2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking
Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM
- TANGIPAHOA**
Hammond Market ●
Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave,
Sat 8AM-12PM
- TENSAS**
St. Joseph Tailgate Market
Gazebo on Plank Rd
Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day
- TERREBONNE**
Cajun Farmers Market of ●
Houma, Naquin St & Martin L
King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM
- VERMILION**
Abbeville Farmers Market ●
Magdalen Sq, Abbeville
Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19,
Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM
- Kaplan Farmers Market
Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave
2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM
- VERNON**
Leesville Farmers Market
S. 3rd St
Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM
- WASHINGTON**
Franklinton Farmers Market ●
Washington St & 15th Ave
Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM
- WEST FELICIANA**
St. Francisville Market ●
9961 Wilcox St
Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall
- WINN**
Winn Farmers Market ●
301 West Main, Winnfield
Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out

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CLASSIFIED AD CATEGORIES

AGRITOURISM

ANIMALS

- Bees
- Cattle
- Deer & exotics
- Dogs
- Domesticated birds
- Horses, mules, & jacks
- Pigeons
- Poultry & fowl
- Rabbits
- Sheep & goats
- Swine

AQUACULTURE

EQUIPMENT

- Contractor equipment
- Equipment services for hire
- Hay equipment
- Lawn equipment
- Pickers & harvesters
- Planting & tillage
- Trailers & wagons
- Other ag equipment

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER

FOOD

- Eggs
- Fruits & vegetables
- Honey
- Jams & jellies
- From the farm

HAY & GRAIN

HOBBIES & LEISURE

- Crafts & woodwork
- Sewing & fabrics

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

- Fishing & tackle
- Guns & accessories
- Leases & memberships
- Miscellaneous hunt/fish/camp

LUMBER & SAWING

PLANTS & GARDEN

- Seeds, flowers, & ornamentals
- Trees & fruiting vines

REAL ESTATE

SERVICES

- Equine services
- Farm services
- Livestock boarding
- Nuisance animal removal
- Stallion service

TRACTORS

VEHICLES

- ATVS
- Boats
- Farm trucks



DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

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FOR SALE/WANTED (CIRCLE ONE)

Category _____ Name _____
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AGRITOURISM

Mobile Petting Zoo, birthday parties, special events, we bring the fun to you, book now, message us on Facebook. Henry Farm Petting Zoo, Buddy Henry, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-0904.

1.5-mile scenic woods trail, catch and release fishing, kayaks, waterfall, cave, etc., picnic areas, group parties, churches, schools, playground, games, golf cart rides for elderly, flowering plants and signage throughout, professional photographers welcome, like us on Facebook. The A Maze Ing Trace Trails, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-4478.

ANIMALS

CATTLE

ATTENTION bull sellers and buyers: All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 18 months for sale in Louisiana must have a current negative trichomoniasis test from an accredited veterinarian before they may be sold. Virgin bulls must have a breeder's certification of virgin status signed by the breeder, the breeder's agent, or an accredited veterinarian. For more information, contact LDAF Animal Health Services and Food Safety at (225) 925-3980 or visit the LDAF website at www.ldaf.la.gov.

REMINDER: Have all your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age been vaccinated against brucellosis? For information, contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, parish Cattlemen's Association, or parish Farm Bureau.

ANGUS

PB Black Angus Heifer
6-months-old, \$1,400. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

25 cows out of a black Angus herd, buyer chooses the cows, \$3,000 a head. Paul Fussell, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 229-5212.

Four registered Black Angus Bulls for sale, good EPDs. Creep feed and Russell Bermuda hay, 3-15 months old, \$4,500 each. Rhett Dugas, Lone Pine, Evangeline Parish; (225) 571-6386.

Three registered Black Angus heifers for sale, two 6-months-old, one 8-months-old, \$2,700 each. Rhett Dugas, Lone Pine, Evangeline Parish; (225) 571-6386.

4 Registered Black Angus Virgin Bulls out of Proven Top AI Genetics (JB Ego, Kenny Rogers, Poss Maverick), bulls have been raised on grass with limited feed, gentle, heavy muscled, big boned, sound footed and easy to handle, one bull is 15 months old and three bulls are 12-months-old, all vaccinations, call or text for pictures or more info, \$6,000 and up. Zack Jongbloed, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 499-6365.

BRAHMAN

Red Brahman bull, 4-year-old Trish and semen tested by LSU, very gentle, top bloodline, \$4,200. Evert Talbot, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 978-1798.

Red Brahman bull, 3-years-old, very gentle, top bloodline, virgin, \$3,200. Evert Talbot,

Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 978-1798.

BRANGUS

Brangus yearling heifers on feed, \$3,000 each. Bryan Payne, Broussard, Lafayette Parish; (337) 349-4173.

DAIRY

Jersey heifer 12-month-old, open, \$1,600. Harry DeBusk, Dry Prong, Grant Parish; (318) 446-1012.

HEREFORD

Registered Miniature Herefords, call for pricing and availability. Blaire LeBlanc, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 931-3450.

Two young horned Hereford bulls, both dark red, with good bone and feet, will make a nice herd bull for comm herd, both are off my two donor cows which are available for viewing here at the farm, \$3,000 each. Damon Kirk, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 709-8101.

SANTA GERTRUDIS

Santa Gertrudis heifer, red beauty has a top-notch bloodline, date of birth is July 2025, waiting for new home to send in her registration, contact me for more information and/or pictures, parents on site in Livingston, call for pricing. Joseph Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907-5792.

Santa Gertrudis Bull, handsome guy is friendly with people and heifers, has an excellent bloodline, born April 2022, will bring his registration with him, contact me for more

information and/or pictures, call for pricing. Joseph Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907-5792.

DOGS

Beagles, pair of first-class males ready to go, come and watch them run in my pen, satisfaction guaranteed, \$400 each. Albert Poche Sr., Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 974-7888.

Rat Terrier puppies, call for pricing. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Registered Golden Retriever, 10-months-old, call for pricing and more information. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

AKC Belgian Malinois Pups, both parents are working K9s, these pups will be great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

AKC European German Shepherd Pups, well socialized, easily trained, great bloodlines, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

ABCA registered Border Collie pups born Christmas Eve, smooth coat black and white and red and white, chili top and bottom, \$500. Drake Daigneault, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 677-1889.

NRTA Reg. Rat Terrier puppies, farm dogs, DNA testing, vet health certificate cleared by parents, call for availability, \$600 and up. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 588-5757.

Great Pyrenees Puppies to be born soon, will have all shots wormed, \$100 deposit, \$250 each. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

AKC German Shepherd Puppies, born December 13, solid black and sables, call for more information, pictures, and videos, \$1,200. Mr. Fank, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 249-9276.

One male CKC Pomeranian puppy, all shots, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

WANTED: Looking for someone in Sabine Parish with a squirrel dog to hunt with to train my dog. Raymond Sonnier, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (318) 645-7426.

DOMESTIC BIRDS

Galvalume sheet metal nesting boxes, customized sizes, trays for rabbit cages, bird cages, etc., available, also wood duck boxes, please call or text for pricing. Andy Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 254-4414.

Scarlet Chestnut parakeets, female only, DNA tested, \$150 each. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 817-9456.

Australian Crested Doves, \$300 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Greenwing Doves, \$300 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Zebra Doves, \$200 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Nuremberg Larks, \$50 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Fancy colors of Coturnix Quail, \$10 each, Hatching eggs, \$0.50 each. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

65-inch double rolling metal bird cage with detachable rolling stand and Plexi glass, storage shelf, perches and food containers, \$200. Jimmy Bearb, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 298-7800.

Six young golden pheasant males only (no females available), 8-months-old, pickup only, \$50 each. Vince Jordan, Winnfield Louisiana, Winn Parish; (318) 628-7636.

PIGEONS

Racing homing pigeons different breeds: Blue Bars and Blue Checks speed birds (Janssens), Black Eagles, Red and White and Black and White Blue Check Grizzle Trenton Birds and Muelemans, \$20 each. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 873-8440.

POULTRY & FOWL

Black Sex Link pullets, 4-months-old, \$25 each. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

Jumbo pharaoh and colored quail also have eating and hatching eggs available bird's all sizes, bird's \$1.25-\$6.00, eating eggs and fertile eggs call for pricing. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

Barnyard mix standard layer breed chicks, \$2. Justin Lester, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 228-5034.

Trio Peacocks, two pied bundle, one Indigo male, \$500 for all three. Matt Bordelon, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (318) 613-5683.

African Geese looking for new home, \$50 each. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

Jumbo Pharaohs Coturnix, females, \$4 a bird, \$48 per dozen dressed, fertile eggs, \$0.20 and pickling eggs, \$0.15 a piece. Shane Beard, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-3646.

Brahma Roosters, buff, light, dark, splash, \$10. Sherry T Edwards, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 481-8294.

Jumbo white & brown Pharaoh quail all size birds \$1.25 to \$5.00 each. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 296-6021.

Non-fertile quail eggs \$0.15 ea. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 296-6021.

Fertile quail eggs \$0.20 each. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 296-6021.

Guineafowl, \$5. Truman Lively, Winnsboro, Franklin Parish; (318) 729-0226.

WANTED: Mille Fleur chickens or chicks. Greg, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 776-1185.

HORSES, JACKS & MULES,

All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers, or persons selling on a commission basis. For all horses, mules, or jacks (except nursing foals), seller must provide to the buyer at the time of sale a copy of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale.

Foundation bred Quarter horses, imprint as foals, freeze branded, vaccinated, Negative Coggins, \$1,000 for Weanlings, \$2,500 Yearlings, 2 1/2 \$3,000 and up. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Registered Half American Quarter Horse, sire is Peppinita Figure Four, \$2,500. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

New one-horse buggy with top and a new set of harnesses, \$4,000. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

WANTED: Will pay cash for mini burros for my wife. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

RABBITS

Meat rabbits all sizes California, New Zealand, Rex, checkered giant, mixed breeds, \$10 and up. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

San Juan and Tennessee Red Back mix, \$25 each, Holland Lop's with pedigree papers, \$100 and up. Godfred Schexnayder, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (985) 859-8230.

SHEEP & GOAT

Three Nigerian dwarf females, two are pregnant, one has set of twins, call for pricing. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Nice strong 2 yr old Boer/ Saanen herd goat, pictures upon request, call or text for more information, \$225. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Four brush goats, one Wether, three nannies, \$50 each, with 2-year-old female Great Pyrenes for additional \$100, she's a protector. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 588-5757.

Nigerian goats, 2-month-old males and females, pictures upon request, call for pricing. Katherine Clayton, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 719-0231.

Male Boer Goat, 3-years-old, gentle picture upon request, please leave message if no answer, \$225. Pamela Dunn, Lena, Rapides Parish; (318) 419-7264.

Large male Brush goats, 2 to 4 years old, big horns, \$150 to \$200 each. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

Four Nigerian dwarf goats, one male 2-years-old, one female 2-years-old, and set of twins, 2-months-old, \$100. Tyler Deville, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 305-5733.

Nine goats, four babies, \$40, four females, \$50, one male, \$60. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-6200.

SWINE

Pig Big Net, must supply own T-posts and installation, District will be on site for assistance of installation, \$100 deposit. Mitzi

Dohrman, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; (337) 893-5664.

AQUACULTURE

Steel Pipe, 12-inch, 14-inch, 16- inch, 20-inch, 24-inch, 30-inch, 36-inch, 48-inch, call for pricing. Dan Roque Jr, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 201-1715.

Pond stocking, channel catfish, \$0.40/1, Copper nose bluegill, \$0.35/1; Louisiana bluegill, \$0.35/1; hybrid bluegill, \$0.40/1; red-ear bream, \$0.40/1; black crappie, \$0.45/1; bass, \$1.25/1; fathead minnows, \$14/lb. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; (318) 465-2350.

Five-inch crayfish trap tops with rods, brand new, 35 tops, \$100 for all. Jackie Moses, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 729-5756.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2 3/8-inch tubing, tested to 5,000 pounds, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Sea Can storage unit, \$1,500. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

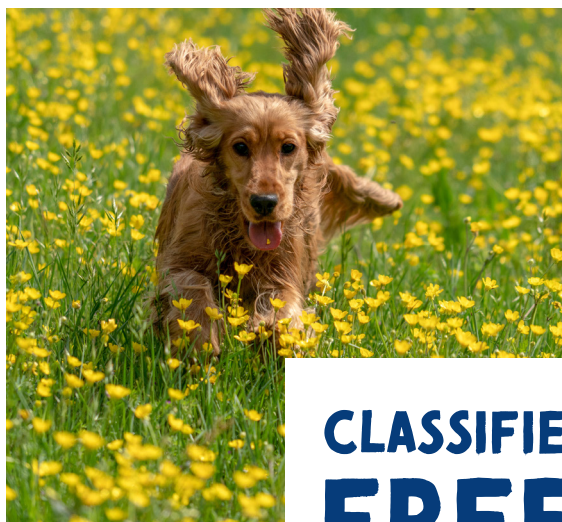
Unused 5 and 3 inch diameter X 21 feet in length steel pipe, no longer needed, only 5 pieces left, \$250/\$200. Nick, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 313-0763.

Ingersoll Rand one-inch drive, 6-inch shaft with truck lug socket, impact, barely used, \$250 firm. S Webb, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 254-2265.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Dozer and excavator work services, land clearing, limestone, dirt, ponds, crawfish ponds, roads, house pads, culvert settings, and level work, call for quote. Chad Helming, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-5767.

Land prepared, cleared, contoured, fields mowed, mulched, cultivated, and drained, trees removed, arenas and gravel roads reconditioned 8" deep, install and repair ponds, streams, roads, walls, fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.



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Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$200 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Mobile welding, dirt work, track hoe, handyman, custom plowing, plumbing, demolition, property clean up, call for quote. Patrick, none, Acadia Parish; (337) 246-3112.

Land clearing, excavator and dozer work, house pad, culverts, pond, excavation, bull dozing, site preparation, dirt hauling, grading and more, call for quote. Stephen, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 938-6836.

HAY EQUIPMENT

Frontend, attaches to bucket, pretty new loader, RD bale spear, good shape, \$125. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Rear C3-PT round bale mower, \$200. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Kuhn Hay Cutter, 8ft, used very little, great condition, \$4,500. John Bazer, Batchelor, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-9703.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, \$4,000 OBO. Joseph, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

John Deere R280 Disc cutter, 5 discs 8ft mower, like new, excellent cover guard, used once, \$15,000. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Tonutt, hay rake, good condition, RTP8 8-wheel,

needs some repair, \$1,200. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Rear Hay spear, galvanized, great shape, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

Plantation Bells, complete and incomplete, \$400 and up, depending on size. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Aluminum fence for sale, \$15 and up. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-prow gangs with shields, \$800. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

Four bottom John Deere breaking plow, \$2,400. Russel Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Four-Horse trailer, one front door in front and one small door on left side, gate in the middle, damaged top, will need tarp, pictures available, \$800 or best offer. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Gooseneck trailer, heavy duty, \$800 or best offer. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Draw-Tite trailer hitch for 1997 and newer Dodge 1-ton trucks, bolts to frame, \$125. S. Webb, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 254-2265.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Four rolls of galvanized chain link fence, two rolls 6ft and two rolls 5ft, \$35 per roll. A.J. Planche Jr, Marrero, Washington Parish; (504) 491-9817.

John Deere Bush Hog MX10, pull-type, very good condition, 3-years-old, kept in shed, no hard use, cut approximately 75 acres, new one is \$13,000 asking, \$10,000. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

19 1/2ft Triple K Field cultivator with drag pipe, good condition, \$700. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Set of tires and tubes, 20.8-38, \$500 for both or \$300 for one. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Three Grain carts, 2-tristate 260 and 350bu, Rayne grain 250bu, all for \$2,700. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Two combine seves for JD 95, \$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

JD 7700 combine final drives 8-hole, \$500 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

LT275 X 70 X 18 Mickey Thompson tire, \$70. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Two 10-ply 265X75XR16 Kleverm/t kenda, \$40 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

13' Foot Taylorway Field Cultivator Fair Cond. \$500. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

15ft stalk chopper, 3PT, heavy duty, good condition, \$1,999. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Fifth-wheel hookup, \$100. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

Land leveler 30ft long, 17ft wide, 3 blades, \$1,500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

Rayne Plane level plow, 5 blades each side, \$500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

4-inch pipe 20ft long, cutting fee is extra, \$15 per foot. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Jambalaya Pot 9 1/2 gallon Pot, text for info, \$175. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

17-gallon Jambalaya Pot, \$275. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

25-gallon Jambalaya Pot, \$400. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

30-gallon Jambalaya Pot, \$500. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Cast Iron sausage stuffer, \$150. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Aluminum Coffee Pots different sizes, \$20 and up. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Fiberglass tank, \$100. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Fire Pit 3' x 18" deep, \$200 or best offer. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Two house jacks, \$100. Gary Hebert, Sr., Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Cast iron sausage stuffer, \$150. Gary Hebert, Sr., Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Plastic tanks on metal stands, 150-gallon, \$150, 350-gallon, \$100, 500-gallon, \$350, six foot screwtop 3/4 outlet. Mike Tarver, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 256-2182.

Fifth-wheel, top shape, no rails, good shape, \$300. Paul David, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 540-2805.

Loftness Flail cutter, pull type, cutting width 180 inches, can send pics, call for pricing. Paul Newton, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 447-6136.

Gearbox for 5ft bush hog, call for pricing. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

Strongway 60" acreage rake, 6 rake wheels with extra rake wheel, height and width adjustable, used one time, cost over \$400, selling at \$280. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

John Deere Backhoe Attachment #47 with 20" bucket, mounting plates, used on 4200 thru 4600 series





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John Deere tractors, \$2,500. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

5ft hp box blade, good shape, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

5ft SAT AMCO disc, needs attention, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

JD 709 bush hog, needs deck work, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

Scoop, good shape, 3pt hitch, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

Disk hillers, 3pt, 3-blade, solid bar, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

One-point sub-soiler, 3ph, solid bar, HD, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

3pt hitch herd seeder, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

Jem-Esp bag filler on large wooden box 86-inches X 96-inches, slant bottom, \$1,750. Truman Lively, Winnsboro, Franklin Parish; (318) 729-0226.

Push bar came from 1486IH Tractor, weighs 1,146 pounds, \$750. Truman Lively, Winnsboro, Franklin Parish; (318) 729-0226.

2 7/8 oilfield tubing available, to be picked up near Crowley, \$40 per joint. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: Log splitter to hook up to tractor. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

FARM AND LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Cages of all sizes, \$15 and up. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Fan, 4 or 5-inch, good shape, pretty new motor, handle on it and wheels, kept inside, \$350. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Metal Lifetime farm gates, 6ft,10ft,12ft, \$40-\$100. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 509-5812.

Hay spear, fits on frontend loader bucket, \$100. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 509-5812.

Craftsman 10-inch table saw, \$150. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 509-5812.

2-axle trailer mounted hydraulic seed mixer and loader, used to

mix chemicals and auto load seed hoppers on planters, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Seven-gallon wine carbo, \$60, used wine bottles, \$1 each or 12 for \$10. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

3,000-watt sport generator with cart, \$75. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

Large Okra cutter, \$300. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

Nose Bucket 24-inch X 16-inch X 60-inch welded to skid steer quick connect back panel for easy connection, please call or text for pictures and details, \$1,150. Daniel Norton, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 413-7727.

Livestock brass brands, all numbers, 4-inch size with 42-inch handles, great shape, \$300. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (512) 673-3362.

Cyclone fence, 6 rolls 45 ft, \$65. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

4ftX8ft Chicken tractor on wheels with chickens, feeders, waterers, nests, make offer. Marie Stewart, Sarepta, Webster Parish; (318) 658-4355.

Tee posts, 6 1/2 foot, \$3 each, corner posts 4-inch pipe, 8ft, nine of them, \$20 each. Pierre

Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (337) 277-8297.

Canopy top outside porch swing with cushions and papasan swivel chair with cushions, great condition, open to offers. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Lincoln electric Ark welding machine with Victor cutting torch and gauges, barely used, don't have use for it anymore, \$850 OBO. Strat L Marcantel, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 396-0518.

42ft X 8ft concrete culverts, \$350 each. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

Galaxy Earthpro Radial Tubeless Tractor tire, barely used, very good condition, 280/85r, hub Id 26-inches, placed 2 new tires on the tractor, pictures available, \$350 negotiable. Zachary Comeaux, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 288-6526.

WANTED: One or more 18.4-38 R2 bias rear tractor tires, one or more 18-4-42 10-hole wheel with or without tire. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

TACK

Hand braided nylon cow whips \$50/up, repair whips too. Billy Anderson, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 592-2431.

Handmade Champion roping saddle, 16" seat, excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-1822.

Kid's saddle, very good shape for its age, \$50 OBO. Paul David, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 540-2805.

Two-wheel pony cart and harness, \$400. Scott McDowell, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 623-2935.

FERTILIZER

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Chicken litter or ag lime spreader, we spread it all over LA, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Ag Lime, \$32 per ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

Free horse manure, excellent fertilizer for gardens, will load in your pickup or trailer with tractor. Lloyd Caballero, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (337) 781-2580.

Garden Compost, \$20 per scoop. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

FOOD

EGGS

Fertile Celadon Blue Coturnix Quail Eggs \$12.00 per dozen. Jumbo Brown Pharaoh Quail Eggs - Fertile \$0.20 each, Non-fertile \$0.15 each. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish (337)296-6021. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 296-6021.

FROM THE FARM

Several varieties of blue and white sugarcane, excellent for chewing and syrup making, you cut at the farm, .50 cents per stalk. Gerald Burns, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 937-3112.

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Mayhaw juice for sale, frozen, undiluted, and deep red, makes beautiful jelly, \$12 per quart. Caroline Ancelet, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 781-2396.

Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Avoyelles and Orleans varieties, available in 40 lb. boxes, call for more information, \$25. Joey Dugas, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-3120.

HAY & GRAIN

Hay, barn held, 100 round bales, name your price, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$15, need gone ASAP! Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Hay, Hybrid Bermuda, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, very tight, baled 9/10/2025, \$33 per bale. Norman Young, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 303-3385.

Around 60 square bales of mixed hay stored inside 2024 crop, \$3 per bale. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Taking orders for 2025 Bermuda square bales, email or text, big_country1967@yahoo.com, \$6 per bale in the field, \$7 per bale in the barn. Bob Murphy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 230-5634.

Hay, good quality, fertilized, weed free, net wrap, baled dry, not rained on, \$45 per bale. Christian Cook, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 663-0197.

Russell Bermuda 5X5 round bales, \$40 each, Russell Bermuda 2025 square bales, \$9, bundle of 21 for \$189, 2024 square bales, \$7, bundle of 21 for \$147. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

5x5 round bales, Bahia grass, well fertilized, under barn, \$55, square bales, \$8, Bermuda square bales \$9. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

2025 Bahia Hay, fertilized, horse hay, round bales, \$45, square bales, \$6.50, cow hay, round bales, \$30, cured without rain, stored in barn. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, plastic wrapped for storing outside or transport, \$35 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

4x5 Bahia Round Bales, quality hay, barn kept, \$45, ten or more rolls, \$40 each. Shannon Dinger, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-1159.

Bahia hay 2025 net wrap in barn, \$30 per bale, 2024 mixed Bahia grass hay in barn, 4X5 net or string wrap, \$20 per bale. Tommy Ponthier, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-4519.

MIX 30 Liquid Cow Feed, \$1.95 per gallon delivered. Kevin Tyler, Pine Grove, Livingston Parish; (225) 337-3312.

WANTED: Anyone in need of round bales, I have about 12 acres to cut and bale for free. Angie Brown, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 382-4225.

HOBBY & LEISURE

CRAFTS AND WOOD WORK

Cypress wood duck nest boxes, \$55 each, predator guards, \$30 each. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-7295.

1920s- 30s cast iron telephone poles, quantity of three, extremely rare, \$800. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Quart jars, \$12, \$10 per case, Pint jars, \$10 and \$8 per case, with tops, cheaper if all taken. Doris Ann Collins, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 305-3380.

Two metal adjustable cushion stools, one black and one reddish orange, black recliner, open to offers. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

5ft TV cabinet with sliding doors, brand new, grey/silver color, open to offers. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

SEWING AND FABRICS

Sears shop table saw, belt drive with stand, 2-horse motor, good condition, \$275. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Kel-Tec 380 red laser, \$320. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Winn Mod 77 22LR, \$300. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Colt Pre Woodman 22LR, \$900. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Hi-Point 45acp, \$200. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Inland M-1 Carbine 30cal., \$1,100. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Olympic AR-15, \$750. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Springfield M1 Garand with bayonet and 570 rounds 30-06 in clips, \$2,000. G Naquin,

Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Savage Model 16, 223 caliber, stainless, 345 rounds ammo, like new, Burris 3X9X40 scope, \$550 for rifle, \$600 with case. Lynn Guthrey, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 499-7837.

Sig Sauer P-938, new, 6 magazines, case and box included, must leave message, \$500. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

Smith and Wesson M&P 9 M2.0, new, full size, 3 magazines, case and box included, must leave message, \$400. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

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LSU AgCenter researchers report progress in roseau cane restoration

LSU AgCenter scientists are seeing promising results in their ongoing efforts to restore roseau cane stands in coastal Louisiana, a critical step in protecting the state's fragile wetlands.

The research team, led by AgCenter entomologist Rodrigo Diaz, recently visited Pass-a-Loutre Wildlife Management Area at the mouth of the Mississippi River to monitor restoration trials planted since 2022. This region, characterized by expansive mudflats, presents unique challenges for establishing roseau cane, a plant vital for stabilizing riverbanks and reducing erosion.

"Thanks to a dedicated team, we've been planting roseau cane every year in plots of varying sizes," said Diaz. "It's not an easy task, given the logistics of transporting crews to remote locations and working in deep mud."

During the December visit, researchers observed strong establishment in most plots and noted that trials planted in spring 2025 are thriving. To measure growth, the team deployed a drone equipped with a lidar sensor to estimate plant height and biomass — key indicators of restoration success.

"All of this started from cut stems just a few months ago," Diaz said. "Seeing these stands take hold is an early Christmas gift for our team."

Roseau cane (*Phragmites australis*) plays a vital role in Louisiana's coastal ecosystem, helping to anchor soil and reduce erosion along the Mississippi River Delta. However, in recent years, roseau cane dieback has threatened these benefits, prompting AgCenter researchers to investigate causes and develop restoration strategies.

The dieback phenomenon, first observed in 2016, has been linked to an invasive scale insect and other stressors. Without healthy stands of roseau cane, Louisiana's wetlands

become more vulnerable to erosion and storm surge, accelerating land loss in a region already facing severe coastal challenges.

Diaz is part of a multidisciplinary team of researchers that has received more than \$8 million since 2018 for research projects focused on understanding dieback and developing management tools for roseau cane.

The AgCenter's restoration trials aim to identify effective planting techniques and management practices to reestablish roseau cane in affected areas. Researchers plan to set new plots in spring 2026 and continue monitoring growth and resilience.

By Tobie Blanchard, LSU AgCenter



Established roseau cane stands near Pass-a-Loutre. Photo by Rodrigo Diaz

Will Land Values Remain Resilient in 2026 in The Face of a Farm Crisis?

Land Values to Stabilize in 2026

After years of steady growth, the U.S. agricultural land market is shifting and stabilizing. That's according to analysis from Farmers National Company.

Colton Lacina, senior vice president of real estate operations, says: "When we look to 2026, we look for the market to remain stable. We don't see anything on the horizon that would indicate large fluctuations in land values. There are some macro influential factors that we are watching — whether that's grain prices, the 2026 crop and also interest rates."

He says this isn't a sign of collapse, but a recalibration that reflects current commodity prices, input costs and regional production conditions.

"We aren't anticipating the market to fall out, but we are with prolonged compressed margins in the commodity sector. We are anticipating the growth to slow down," Lacina points out.

Land Market Still Resilient

Still, the resilience of land values has been a welcome surprise to Lacina and his company.

"I think it has been somewhat surprising. I think it comes down to, fundamentally, supply and demand. Our supply has continued to be, throughout the last 18 months, historically low, and demand has remained stable. So, that really props up the resiliency of the market," he adds.

That's good news with four-year lows in grain prices, and particularly for farmers who own their land outright. That value is what's keeping many of them in business with negative profits.

Regional Differences Emerge

Although land values are still high historically, current signs indicate a more complex market — driven by local and regional factors rather than nationwide trends. Of the eight regions Farmers National Company serves, Lacina says some are faring better than others.

"The core Midwest, the I-states and eastern Nebraska have remained much more stable than say the Southern regions where different commodity types or crop types,

being cotton or rice, are seeing a little more weakness there. We've also seen marginal land slide," Lacina says.

Farmers Still Main Buyers, But More Conservative

Lacina says active farmers remain the largest group of buyers, yet many are more cautious — weighing profitability concerns against long-term ownership goals. They focus on high-quality land within their established areas.

"In areas that we saw good yields in 2025, we're seeing that translate into higher land values in areas that were impacted on yield. Producers being our largest buying sector, they are being more conservative and really analyzing those purchases," he explains.

One bright spot has been increased value for range and pasture land with high cattle prices. Additionally, Lacina says they only expect land rental rates to cool by about 1.5% in 2026.

By Michelle Rook, AgWeb

Pasture mealybug, a new invasive pest, confirmed in Louisiana

LSU AgCenter researchers have confirmed the presence of a new invasive insect in Louisiana sugarcane fields. The pasture mealybug was detected in Vermilion and Iberia parishes late last year, raising concerns among growers, ranchers and researchers.

Blake Wilson, AgCenter entomologist, said the insect was observed by crop consultants Nick Daigle and Ryan Viator, who noticed a yellowing canopy in commercial sugarcane fields. AgCenter researchers collected specimens from the Vermilion Parish fields.

"Specimens were sent to U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, where scientists with the National Identification Services were able to confirm the species identification based on morphological characteristics and genetic comparison with specimens collected from Texas," Wilson said.

Fields in Louisiana where the pasture mealybug was detected showed severe yellow canopy syndrome and suffered severe yield loss, Wilson said.

"The pest status of *H. summervillei* in sugarcane is not well understood. Evidence from Australia has noted that both nymphs and adults are found on the leaves and roots of sugarcane," Wilson said. "Only the nymphs are thought to feed. This feeding may be

associated with yellow canopy syndrome, but the mealybug has not been identified as the direct cause of the symptoms."

Sugarcane fields in St. Landry Parish also expressed yellow canopy symptoms, but Wilson said it is not known if the pasture mealybug was present there.

The insect was detected in Texas, where pasture dieback was reported in 22 counties, last year as well. As the name suggests, the pasture mealybug is known to kill various species of pasture grass used in livestock production.

"Early symptoms of infestations in pasture grasses cause discoloration ranging from yellowing to reddening," Wilson said.

AgCenter researchers will conduct surveys to determine where the pasture mealybug may be in Louisiana sugarcane fields and pastures.

Potential host plants include all species of pasture and turfgrasses in addition to sugarcane. Suspected infestations of pasture mealybug should be reported to Wilson (bwilson@agcenter.lsu.edu) for sugarcane and Ed Twidwell (etwidwell@agcenter.lsu.edu) for pasture.

By Tobie Blanchard, LSU AgCenter



A sugarcane field in Vermilion Parish shows sign of yellowing canopy syndrome. The invasive insect pasture mealybug was detected in these fields and could be causing the yellowing. Photo by Blake Wilson



Pasture mealybug, *Heliococcus summervillei*, colony on a sugarcane leaf. The invasive insect was detected in Vermilion and Iberia parishes last year. Photo by Blake Wilson

Producer Spotlight



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STEEN'S MIXED NUT BRITTLE

Submitted by Steen's Syrup | www.steensyrup.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 c Steen's Cane Syrup
- 1 c cane sugar or white sugar
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 c mixed nut pieces

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grease a baking sheet and set aside.
2. In a heavy saucepot, melt the butter. Add syrup and sugar.
3. Stir to blend well over medium heat. When the mixture reaches 270 degrees on a candy thermometer (soft crack stage), remove from heat.
4. Quickly stir in soda and nuts.
5. Pour the mixture evenly onto the baking sheet, spreading the nuts quickly and evenly with a silicone spatula.
6. Allow the mixture to cool completely. Surface will be shiny.
7. Break into pieces and store in an airtight container. Yields 1 pound of candy.

HONEY BUFFALO WINGS

Submitted by Slap Ya Mama | www.slapyamama.com



INGREDIENTS

- 24 chicken wings and drumettes
- Slap Ya Mama Original Blend seasoning
- 1 c Slap Ya Mama Wing Sauce
- 3/4 c honey
- 3/4 c lightly packed browned sugar
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp corn starch
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Coat the chicken wings with Slap Ya Mama seasoning.
2. Air fry the wings until the internal temperature reaches at least 165°F. For extra crispy skin, cook until the temperature is 190-200°F.
3. In a bowl, combine Slap Ya Mama Buffalo sauce, honey, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, corn starch, garlic powder, and onion powder. Whisk until fully mixed.
4. Transfer the cooked wings to a skillet in batches, coating them in the honey buffalo sauce. Flip until fully coated.
5. Serve the wings immediately. Alternatively, toss the wings in a large bowl with the sauce for easy coating.

VEGGIE PASTA SALAD

Submitted by Cousin Boudreaux's Cajun Foods | www.cousinboudreaux.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1-3/4 c cooked elbow macaroni
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 3/4 c Italian salad dressing
- Mayonnaise to coat
- 3/4 tsp pepper
- 1 pack of Cousin Boudreaux's Veggie Dip

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add macaroni, tomato, Italian dressing, pepper, and coat mixture with mayonnaise.
2. Sprinkle Veggie dip mix over salad until you achieve the texture and taste you like.

Entomologists Battle Pests in Soybeans

Louisiana State University AgCenter entomologists are focusing on several fronts to protect soybean plants from insect pests, thanks to support from the Louisiana Soybean and Grain Research and Promotion Board.

Jeff Davis has multiple projects that approach control of stink bugs and lepidopteron defoliators in different ways.

One ongoing project is testing new and improved insecticides and their applications. Davis said lately that means testing more natural products that use biological control methods and can go through testing by the Environmental Protection Agency more quickly than synthetic insecticides.

“We do efficacy trials. We are trying to get ahead of the game so when they do make it to the growers, we have some good information,” Davis said.

Davis also is keeping a close eye on the brown marmorated stink bug. This insect first showed up in Louisiana in 2021, and it hasn’t moved much from Iberville Parish where it was first detected.

Unlike the redbanded stink bug, which feeds primarily on soybeans, the brown marmorated stink bug will infest soybeans, corn, cotton, fruits and vegetables and can be found in people’s homes and in gardens.

“Anything you may have in your garden will also be building those populations,” Davis said. “We’re putting out traps around the state to see if it moves.”

Methods used to control the redbanded stink bugs will also control the brown marmorated.

Soybean growers asked Davis to investigate whether stink bugs feeding on soybean pods is leading to seed decay seen in some fields. Davis said over the past five years whenever a hurricane or heavy rain occurs near harvest, growers see a lot of seed decay.

“Any feeding can cause a wound on the pod and that creates an opening for disease to come in, just like if you have an opening in a screen on your house you might have mosquitoes and termites come in,” he said. “So, we are looking at does stink bug feeding, probing on those pods, cause more seed decay and can we prevent it.”

Davis is working to determine if timely insecticide applications or insecticides with a fungicide can decrease seed decay. He also is seeing if applying harvest aids near a rain fall leads to seed decay.

The fourth area of focus for Davis is to determine how areas in conservation stewardship programs adjoining cropland may harbor pests.

“Growers came to me and asked questions about if they participate in these conservation stewardship programs does that affect insect populations,” Davis said.

Davis is using a mark and capture technique to detect insect movement from the conservation areas into fields. Davis sprayed the conservation areas near fields with egg whites, which act as a natural biomarker on insects. He then came back and did insect sweeps at different lengths starting with the conservation areas and moving into the fields. Analyzing the captured insects, he could see the amount of movement.

“I’m not saying we aren’t seeing any movement, but it’s not as much as I thought, and they are not providing that much of a detriment to our growers,” he said.

AgCenter field crops entomologist James Villegas is also helping growers battle insect pests in their fields.

Farmers and insect scouts started seeing redbanded stink bugs early this year in their fields. Villegas said they had hoped the late cold snap would have decreased

the population, but it seemed to have little effect.

He is conducting research on insecticidal seed treatments for early season soybean pests. He said results of those studies haven’t been as consistent as he would like, but in good conditions, it appears that seed treatments are not needed.

“If we plant right after wheat or in a weedy field, then we get a lot more benefit from these seed treatments,” Villegas said.

Villegas also is collaborating with researchers at other universities in the Midsouth to look at different combinations of insecticides and whether they are still working effectively against redbanded stink bugs.

“The other states really rely a lot on the data coming from the Midsouth group, especially the data coming from Louisiana because normally we have higher infestations than, for example, Mississippi or Arkansas,” he said.

New this year is Villegas’ work with sprayer drones. He is working with AgCenter engineer Randy Price to build drones that can carry insecticides and spray small research plots.

“I want to see what the role of sprayer drones could be, particularly in integrated pest management,” he said.

Villegas or research assistants often walk research plots with backpack sprayers. Sprayer drones would allow insecticides to be applied even when fields are too wet to traverse. He is hoping to create standards for sprayer drones and help answer questions that are starting to arise as consulting companies start to offer sprayer drone services.

By Tobie Blanchard, LSU AgCenter

Cold Weather Tips

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- Be sure to check water troughs as they can ice over.
- If possible, make adequate shelter available. Even a windbreak will minimize exposure to cold winds.

Companion animals

- If possible, keep all companion animals indoors. If this is not an option, make sure a dry shelter is available and have warm blankets for your pet.
- Provide adequate food and water. Monitor water bowls as they can freeze during cold weather.
- Consider a sweater for your short-haired dog.

- Outdoor cats searching for warmth will sometimes crawl underneath the hood of a vehicle. Bang on or open the hood of your car so any animal in there trying to stay warm can get out before you crank up that engine. Cats can be injured or even killed when the car is started.

Plants

- Move all plants in containers and hanging baskets inside. If this is not possible, group them in a protected area and cover them with plastic.
- Larger plants can be covered with fabric or plastic.
- Thoroughly water plants if the soil is dry.

- Plants growing in the ground should be mulched with dry material such as pine straw and leaves.

“Remember, your mulch should be two to four inches thick. Spreading mulch too thick can cause roots to grow shallow and make them more susceptible to death during extended dry periods. You should also avoid mounding the mulch around the base of the plant. The mulch should extend a couple of inches from the base of the plant and be higher on the outside edges to help insulate the plant as well as hold and distribute water,” said Strain.

Learn more at https://youtu.be/gzoul7_c2HU.

Protecting the Pollinators That Feed the World

35% of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators to reproduce. That's one out of every three bites of food eaten. Pollinators contribute \$23 billion worth of agricultural products. However, across the country, commercial beekeeping operations reported an average loss of 62% in commercial honey bee colonies between June 2024 and February 2025.

"Honey bees are the pollinator backbone of the United States agricultural sector, as well as the world. Without the pollinators, we don't have food," said Kevin Langley, Vice President of the Louisiana Beekeepers Association and a 1987 LSU graduate.

Louisiana plays a crucial role in beekeeping, pollination, and food consumed throughout the nation and the world.

"Our bees are transported around the U.S., called migratory beekeeping, and pollinate almonds in California, fruits and vegetables on the East Coast, citrus in Florida, and apples in Washington state," said Langley.

A collaboration between LSU and the USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit is at the forefront of research and discovery aimed at improving the health of honey bees.

"Here at the USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit, we really focus on making honey bees healthier using their own traits and behaviors, and how management might change depending on the types of bees that were used," said Michael Simone-Finstrom, Research Molecular Biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or USDA. "We're working on managing healthy bees, developing healthy bees that are great for the industry, great for food production, and great for beekeepers."

"The USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit is one of the most important bee labs in the entire world, and it's located right here in Baton Rouge," Langley said. "It's one of Louisiana's best-kept secrets for more than 97 years, with some of the best scientists in the world collaborating with LSU, from postdoctoral students to undergrads, to help solve the honey bee problem."

Researching a Honey Bee Threat

Since 2017, the USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit and researchers with the LSU AgCenter have been leading a major effort to take on one of the biggest threats to honey bee health: the parasitic varroa mite.

"It is a big problem for all beekeepers, commercial beekeepers, and small-scale beekeepers," said Joseph McCarthy, an LSU AgCenter Extension Associate. "Many of the issues become more evident when the colonies are overwintered. If a colony is sick or diseased going into the winter, it might not survive in the spring. And that's a big problem for beekeepers who are going to



move their colonies for pollination or use their colonies for honey production, because they then have to spend a lot of money recuperating these colonies, requeening, and resetting up for the next year."

Through a USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant, the team has been developing and testing bees bred specifically to resist the mite, which feeds on both developing and adult bees and spreads harmful viruses.

"This parasitic mite is ultimately responsible for most colony deaths," Simone-Finstrom said. "Overall, colonies have been dying at alarming rates over the last 10 years. This mite was introduced in the 1980s and has been a major driver of colony loss in the industry since its arrival. Our big goals are to develop bees and management techniques that allow the bees to defend themselves against this parasite."

Shaping the Next Generation of Researchers

LSU students are involved in the research conducted at the USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit.

"Research is really a team effort. We can't do it alone. It requires a lot of people with diverse expertise, ranging from undergraduates just starting out to scientists with 30 years of experience. Bringing all these different backgrounds together really does help. No one research project is going to be done by a single person," said Simone-Finstrom.

PhD Student Hasim Hakanoglu chose LSU specifically because of the relationship between LSU and the USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit.

"The lab here is the most well-established, biggest federal honey bee unit, and it has access to a variety of unique bee populations, expertise on cutting-edge research and equipment, and I wanted to use these populations for my research," Hakanoglu said.

Hakanoglu's research is taking a closer look at selective breeding.



"We've been breeding bees for thousands of years. I'm researching how selective breeding shapes certain life history traits or behaviors in honey bees. For example, how long they live, when they stop foraging, and what they forage, from a behavioral aspect. For a genetic aspect, we're looking at how genes are changing in response to the selective breeding that we are performing."

Ally Martin, a PhD student studying entomology, is studying the impacts of natural products on managed honey bee health. Martin studies bee nutrition, immunity, and disease resistance, focusing on natural feed additives that can do more than nourish bees—potentially boosting their immune systems and helping them fight diseases.

"I've been very lucky to be able to work with so many wonderful students, so many professors, and research scientists here at the lab. If I had to pick one word from my experience, it would be collaborative," Martin said.

The collaborative research will lead to healthier bees and crops—and a stronger agricultural future for Louisiana.

"The agricultural industry is a very large industry, and it supports a lot of jobs," McCarthy said. "So, when the agricultural industry is not doing very well, then that could reflect in the jobs that people are able to do and also the food that we're able to consume, as well as a lot of products that may not be directly linked to honey bee, like cattle feed for example. You know, if we don't have honey bees, then maybe we can't feed the cattle we have, and that can have other effects that aren't quite obviously linked to honey bee."

"Unless you have a really poor diet and you prefer not to have nutritious food, it is important to keep these colonies healthy and be able to make agriculture sustainable from the point of view of beekeeping and the production of crops in the future. So, I think it's a very important matter, and it needs to be taken seriously," said LSU AgCenter Extension Associate Paula Castillo.

By Rachel Holland

Farm-Based Baton Rouge Charter School Gains Preliminary Ok to Open in August

A new elementary school, complete with a working farm, is on track to open in Baton Rouge in the fall after winning preliminary approval to operate, despite a negative review by an independent evaluator.

“You will get to know me very quickly. This is something I’m very passionate about, so buckle up,” said founder Sarah Schnauder.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board on Thursday tentatively OK’d the proposed Harvest Commons School in a 6-3 vote while unanimously rejecting a bid to create another elementary school in town to be called Community Roots Leadership Academy.

The board is expected to ratify its choices on Jan. 22 when it holds its regular monthly meeting.

Community Roots Leadership Academy has the right to appeal a denial to the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or BESE. If the appeal is successful, Community Roots would receive a Type 2 charter, which would allow it enroll students from anywhere in Louisiana.

The leaders of both applicants are Baton Rouge residents trying to start their first charter schools. They stand in contrast to the established charter school networks, typically from out of town, who’ve had the most success in recent years getting officials to approve their applications.

Charter schools are public schools run privately via charters or contracts. If it opens in August as planned, Harvest Commons would be one of 11 district-sponsored, or Type 1, charters operating in Baton Rouge. Another 12 Type 2 charters are currently operating their schools in Baton Rouge.

Harvest Commons is planning a K-5 school to open in August with an estimated 180 students. It’s looking to grow and enroll between 320 and 385 students in those same grades by fall 2030. Its charter, though, would allow it to enroll as many as 462 students.

Community Roots is proposing a K-8 school that would open somewhere in North Baton Rouge in fall 2027. It would start with 210 students in those grades and triple in size by fall 2029. Its charter, though, would allow it to enroll as many as 756 students.

Neither has officially selected a site to have school, though Harvest Commons is looking closely at moving into the former South Boulevard Elementary School campus at 802 Mayflower St.

Superintendent LaMont Cole recommended denying both proposed charter schools. He relied on the advice of The Learning Collective, a Los Angeles-based consulting firm. The Learning Collective has a long track record as a third-party evaluator, reviewing charter school proposals in years past in New Orleans and in Jefferson Parish. The firm replaces retired Baton Rouge educator, Mary “Katie” Blunski, who has served in this role for the past decade.

The Learning Collective identified 23 instances where Harvest Commons’ proposal fell short — “Does Not Meet Standard” — while the firm identified 32 such instances with Community Roots’ proposal.

At the meeting, however, board members barely referenced either of those reviews and none posed any questions to the evaluators, who were available remotely.

One thing that set the two applicants apart is that Harvest Commons supporters showed up in force while Community Roots supporters were absent.

Several board members praised the presentation Thursday by Schnauder and other Harvest Commons supporters. They also said they respected their willingness to work with district leaders in the future.

“These ladies showed that they were very interested in becoming part of the East Baton Rouge Parish school system, whatever that looks like,” said board member Carla Powell-Lewis.

Board member Mike Gaudet said Harvest Commons’ challenges reminded him of the negative evaluation that a school he helped form, Thrive Academy, when it successfully landed a charter in 2011 — Thrive later became a state-run school.

“I want to give you guys a chance,” Gaudet said. “I think you deserve a chance to do this.”

Board members Dadrius Lanus, Lewis and Shashonnie Steward voted no to Harvest Commons. Lanus and Lewis said it’s unwise to create new schools at a time when the school system is losing students and closing schools, but they also complimented Harvest Commons proposal. Lewis said he almost voted with them as well.

“Some decisions we make with our hearts, and some decisions we make with our head,” Lewis said. “And this decision has been tugging at my heartstrings all week.”

By contrast, when Community Roots’ application came up, Lewis harshly criticized their absence.

“Why waste our time if you are not going to show up?” Lewis asked.

Reached afterwards, school founder Rochelle Scott said she was told that only the Learning Collective review would be presented to the board, that she would have no chance to make her own case.

“No invitation or opportunity to appear, present, or respond in person was communicated to me prior to the meeting,” Scott said.

Scott, a veteran educator who has served as a principal of an elementary and an alternative school in Baton Rouge, said she’s not ready to say whether she plans to appeal her denial to BESE.

“My commitment to the children and families of East Baton Rouge Parish remains unchanged,” she said.

Schnauder was not initially an educator. She spent her first four years of her career as a production manager at printers in Memphis, Tennessee, and Baton Rouge. In 2015, she founded a summer camp at Jefferson United Methodist Church called Kid-Possible, a camp that continues to this day. She soon after became a pre-k teacher at that church’s preschool.

Schnauder said that patrons of her summer camps asked her to consider starting a school. She said she wanted a place that could educate a broad swath of children.

“So we started talking through what it’s like to have a school accessible to all students,” she said.

Along the way, Schnauder in 2023 formed a still-operating private school called The Link School, which continues to operate on leased space at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. That small school, which is the model for Harvest Commons, has a farm with crops as well as goats and chickens.

Schnauder said she needed a place to amass evidence for the success of her educational approach. She also had hoped the private school could bring in students through Louisiana’s private school voucher program. She said she stepped away from The Link School in August and is no longer involved in its operations.

By Charles Lussier, The Advocate

Red-cockaded woodpecker makes comeback in Louisiana

Biologists track rare bird's recovery in Kisatchie National Forest after decades on endangered species list



The red-cockaded woodpecker, which lived on the edge of extinction for more than four decades, is making a comeback in central Louisiana's Kisatchie National Forest.

Biologists have been tracking the small woodpeckers for years, finding their nests dozens of feet above the ground in the trunks of tall longleaf pines. They use cameras to peek inside the cavities and tag young chicks to monitor their movements.

"She's in the cavity. There's, oh wow, there's the two chicks there and look at about seven

days old," Matt Pardue, a biologist, said as he examined a nest 25 feet above the ground.

Tagging helps track birds' movements

The biologists carefully extract chicks from their nests for tagging, using specialized equipment.

The tiny plastic tags are color-coded so the birds' movements can be tracked from a distance with binoculars.

Jason Nolde, a biologist, said they have tracked the birds' movements as far as a couple of hundred miles.

Species recovery after endangered listing

The federal government reported that the red-cockaded woodpecker was on the brink of extinction in the 1970s when it was placed on the endangered species list.

The bird's habitat was disappearing as trees were cut for timber, agriculture and development.

Fifty years of forest conservation efforts are now paying off.

There are now five times as many clusters of these woodpeckers compared with the 1970s. In 2024, the bird was downlisted from endangered to threatened.

"The red-cockaded woodpecker is an indicator that we're doing what we need to do with longleaf 'cause that's their preferred pine," Nolde said.

Christian Cobb, a biologist leading the tagging efforts, noted that the parent birds stay nearby during the process but don't interfere.

"They make a lot of noise and kinda act like they're gonna do something, but they never get close to you," he said.

The healthy longleaf pine forests provide the insects the woodpeckers need to feed their young.

"That tree is healthy, it's gonna have bugs, so the healthier they are, the healthier that population's gonna be," Nolde said.

By Dave McNamara

Mardi Gras beads take up to 500 years to decompose, so these LSU students designed a biodegradable alternative

Throwing and catching gold, green, and purple beads is a cherished Mardi Gras tradition, but as it turns out, these petroleum-based plastic beads have a heavy impact on the New Orleans environment long after celebrations have ended.

Traditional Mardi Gras beads are produced from natural gas and oil-derived feedstock and take an estimated 500 years to decompose. And when they do, they release heavy metals and other toxins into the environment. According to Louisiana State University, they can even clog sewer systems across the city.

So, Alexis Strain and Lauren Rogers, two biological sciences students at LSU, teamed up to create a biodegradable alternative.

These efforts started in Dr. Naohiro Kato's lab, where the professor began the work of producing Mardi Gras beads from microscopic algae in 2021. His goal was to get the beads to decompose in months instead of decades, but they were still very expensive to make and scale.

Now, his current team of students has a new approach.

Rogers and Strain are producing the beads using 3D printers with bio-based plastics called polyhydroxyalkanoates. Then, their goal is to have those bio-based plastics degrade with the help of plants and soil bacteria.

They're called PlantMe Beads.

"Developing alternatives for Mardi Gras beads and how we celebrate Mardi Gras is certainly possible," Strain said in a statement for the university. "And using scientific research is one of the ways that we're able to address these problems."

Dr. Kato's team theorized that inserting seeds into the beads could accelerate their decomposition, as the germinated seeds may attract bacteria in the soil that promotes faster breakdown of the plastics.

The beads look like tiny, spherical cages that the seeds can be placed into during production. After celebrations come to a close, the beads can be easily planted in a pot or garden at home and will grow into "Earth-friendly" plants.

So far, sweet pea seeds have yielded the best harvest.

"We can put a little message on it and tell them, 'Hey, take me home, plant me,'" Rogers said. "And they'll start growing it and hopefully see plastic degradation within a month."

While the researchers have proven the concept, the lab team will now focus on optimizing their final product by finding the perfect combination of plant-based polymers to use in the 3D printing process, reducing costs, and scaling production.

Currently, the beads cost 50 cents per strand, making them a competitive alternative to traditional beads.

Another cost- and energy-saving facet of the invention is that they can be created right in New Orleans, instead of being imported.

"I see 3D printing as a potential solution to some broader issues with plastic," Strain explained, "because you can print things that are very specific to your needs without the need for transport and shipping, which can add additional ecological costs."

Dr. Kato said the aim is to mass-produce the PlantMe Beads for Mardi Gras festivities in 2026 and is already in talks with Krewe of Freret parade organizers.

The lab also hopes to make the 3D plans for the beads an open-source resource, so people can 3D print them on their own.

"We hope PlantMe Beads will inspire many to embrace a more sustainable Mardi Gras tradition," Dr. Kato said, "throwing and catching beads that are environmentally friendly."

"We hope that if they get left behind," Rogers added in a video for LSU, "... then it can bloom right there and start degrading."

By Kamrin Baker

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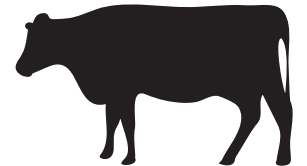
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Anyone seeking to consign animals to sale can contact Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com) or Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com). The consignment deadline is February 15, 2026.



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Crawfish prices high at season's start, expected to drop soon

At Captain Sid's on Lake Avenue, customers are making their way in to get their first crawfish of the season. It's still early, and prices are high — \$8.99 a pound boiled and \$7 a pound for live.

However, for some, these prices aren't a concern.

"When you get them this early, you can expect to pay a little bit more, but when you love the crawfish, you know price is no object," Captain Sid's Seafood customer Berlisha Morton said.

Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain said that higher average prices are normal around this time due to the smaller reserve of crawfish available.

"Of course, it costs more to fish when you have a limited supply. You got to run more

traps and you got to do a lot more to get the crawfish, you know, into the seafood markets or into the restaurants," Strain said.

However, Strain believes the adequate rainfall and 360,000 acres of crawfish farmland across the state will soon bring about a bountiful season.

Captain Sid's Seafood owner Ray Schlaudecker said due to this, prices should begin to drop soon.

"You'll start seeing prices going down weekly, in my opinion. There's just so much crawfish out there. So, we're looking every week to see a decrease," Schlaudecker said. "I would say that prices will probably get down too low for oil, maybe even high threes, and that's really good."

By Rick Gogreve

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Disaster Set-Aside and Distressed Borrower Set-Aside Programs

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers two types of set-aside programs to assist FSA direct loan borrowers. The set-aside programs are intended to help distressed borrowers as well as borrowers impacted by natural disasters.

Disaster Set-Aside Program

The Disaster Set-Aside Program (DSA) assists existing FSA direct loan borrowers who have been impacted by natural disasters. The DSA program provides short-term financial relief by allowing eligible borrowers to delay FSA direct loan payments that are due this year or next year (but not both). You may delay up to one full annual payment per loan and the delayed payment will be moved to the end of the loan term. You will not be required to pay this set-aside installment until the loan's final due date.

The principal portion of the amount set-aside will continue to accrue interest at your loan's existing interest rate.

To be eligible, borrowers must have operated a farm in a county declared a disaster area or a contiguous county at the time of the disaster. In addition, the borrower's inability to make their upcoming payment must be due to the disaster.

To apply for DSA, borrowers must provide their local USDA Service Center with a letter requesting DSA, which must be signed by all parties liable for the debt. The letter must be provided to your local Service Center within eight months of the disaster declaration date. The application process also includes providing your actual production, income, and expense records for the last three years. FSA may also request additional information as needed to make an eligibility decision.

Distressed Borrower Set-Aside Program

FSA Direct Farm Loan Program borrowers whose loans were closed before Sept. 25, 2024, may be eligible for assistance under the Distressed Borrower Set-Aside Program (DBSA). Similar to DSA, DBSA also provides short-term financial

relief by allowing eligible borrowers to delay FSA direct loan payments that are due this year or next year (but not both). You may delay up to one full annual payment per loan and the delayed payment will be moved to the end of the loan term. You will not be required to pay this set-aside installment until the loan's final due date.

An increased benefit with DBSA is that the principal portion of the set-aside will accrue interest at a reduced rate of 0.125% rather than your loan's existing interest rate.

To be eligible for DBSA, the borrower must demonstrate financial distress, but their inability to make the upcoming payment does not need to be due to a disaster.

The DBSA application process is similar to DSA as borrowers must provide their local USDA Service Center with a letter requesting DBSA, which must be signed by all parties liable for the debt. The application process also includes providing your actual production, income, and expense records for the last three years. FSA may also request additional information as needed to make an eligibility decision.

Important Factors for Both DSA and DBSA:

FSA direct loan borrowers are not able to obtain more than one set-aside per loan. Borrowers also cannot obtain both a DSA and DBSA simultaneously on the same loan. In addition, FSA direct loans with less than two years remaining are not eligible for a DSA or DBSA. Other eligibility requirements apply; we encourage you to contact your local Service Center for more information.

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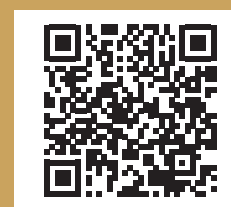
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