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AG Industry OF THE MONTH BEEF/CATTLE

Raising cattle is one of the oldest agricultural enterprises in Louisiana, dating back to the early 1700s. The first cattle arrived here after trappers diminished the deer population. Our state's earliest cattle breeds were longhorn Spanish cattle, Red Poll, and the milking Shorthorn. After World War I, cattlemen began specializing in some of the beef breeds they saw overseas during the war.

Today, Louisiana's cattle industry continues to grow, and cattlemen raise lean, quality beef to meet consumers' demands. Louisiana's livestock sector contributes over \$2.5 billion to the state's economy, with beef and dairy serving as foundational pillars. While beef cattle are raised statewide, commercial cow-calf operations and forage-fed production dominate, heavily leaning on Brahman crossbreeds to thrive in the heat. Louisiana cattle are predominantly crossbred—Bos indicus (such as Brahman) crossed with British breeds like Angus and Hereford—to produce animals that are heat-tolerant,

disease-resistant, and yield high-quality beef (e.g., Brangus, Braford).

Most people think of beef as a hamburger, a steak, or a delicious roast for a satisfying, nutritious meal. But some edible products are not so obvious. Did you know that the gelatins in products such as ice cream and yogurt are made from cattle bones? Even inedible by-products of beef cattle are used to feed other animals. Beef fat, protein, and bone meal are used in feeding poultry, pork, dairy cattle, and domesticated fish.

Items manufactured from inedible beef by-products surround us in our daily environments. The soap you washed your face with this morning, the baseball equipment in the closet, even the sheetrock in the walls of your home—all of these contain beef by-products. By-products are used in all types of mechanical items we use to get where we are going.

The medical world also relies on many beef by-products for the pharmaceutical wonders it produces and uses. Cattle have many similarities in their organic chemical structures to humans. Our bodies will readily accept a medication or treatment containing these animal components.

The beef industry is an active part of our economy. By-products serve as a source material for hundreds of other industries. In other words, without beef as a renewable resource, not only would the butcher be out of work, but also many other businesses.

Key Sectors in Louisiana

Beef Cattle Sector

The Louisiana beef sector is a major contributor to the state's agricultural economy, generating over \$400 million annually. Most production comes from commercial cow-calf operations, which raise calves for sale at weaning. Louisiana's long growing season allows operations like stocker and backgrounding to use both winter and summer forages to grow cattle before they are shipped to out-of-state feedlots.

The beef cattle industry is comprised of several key sectors that work together to produce beef for consumers:

Sector Breakdown:

- Seedstock: Seedstock producers breed registered purebred bulls and cows to provide high-quality breeding animals

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Leaders, innovators and champions honored at third annual LSU AgExcellence Awards

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The LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture hosted the third annual LSU AgExcellence Awards Ceremony, presented by A. Wilbert's Sons, on May 1, at the South Stadium Club in Tiger Stadium. The event was led by Senior Vice Chancellor and Dean Matt Lee and emceed by State Rep. Dixon McMakin, the Voice of Tiger Stadium, and celebrated individuals whose leadership and service advanced agriculture, research, education and communities across Louisiana.

AgExcellence brought together honors from across the LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture, including alumni recognition, faculty and student awards and innovation through patents.

Over the past year, the LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture gained momentum, rising to No. 12 nationally in agricultural sciences research expenditures and recording a 26% increase in applications to the College of Agriculture.

"Everything we do comes back to people," Lee said. "From research to outreach, it's the dedication of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters that makes real impact possible. Tonight was a chance to celebrate that teamwork and the progress it's bringing to Louisiana agriculture."

The AgExcellence Awards recognized outstanding leadership, advocacy, partnership and commitment to Louisiana agriculture. The 2026 recipients are:

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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, MAY 13, 2026

Bermuda Large RoundPremium..... \$200/ton

Bermuda Medium RoundPremium..... \$160-\$200/ton

Bermuda Small SquarePremium..... \$280-\$440/ton

SOUTH TEXAS BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, MAY 15, 2026

Bermuda Large RoundGood..... \$75/ton

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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, 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 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, Downtown Sat 8AM-12PM Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ● Pennington Biomedical (Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ● 7711 Goodwood, Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct- Dec Red Stick Farmers Mobile ● Market, ExxonMobil YMCA, 7717 Howell Blvd, 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, 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, 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, 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, Sat 8AM-12PM LAFOURCHE Lafourche Central Market 4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, 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, 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-Fri10AM-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, Wed 3-6PM Cabrini Farmers Market 2211 Texas Ave, 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, Sat 8AM-12PM German Coast #2 ● West Bank Bridge Park 13825 River Rd, Wed 1-5PM ST. HELENA St. Helena Parish Farmers ● Market, 6032 LA-10, Fri, 8AM-1PM ST. LANDRY St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St, Hwy 190, 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, 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 ● Downtown Hammond Pavilion 213 SW 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, 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, Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out
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AGRITOURISM

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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

BEES

SCALES - Any person selling goods by weight or creating packages of commodities to be labeled by net weight must use a legal-for-trade scale. This scale must be registered annually with LDAF Weights & Measures.

PACKAGE LABELING: Any person who is pre-packaging goods for sale must ensure they label each package with the name of the commodity in the package, a Net Quantity Statement, and the name and place of business of the manufacturer, distributor, or seller.

Contact LDAF Weights & Measures at 225-925-3780 or weightsinfo@ldaf.state.la.us for more information.

WANTED: Land to place beehives on in Avoyelles, Rapides or Grant. Judd Decuir, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-0888.

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

One pure Angus cow, not registered, born 2023, we have her weanling calf to look at for sale separately, exposed to a pure Angus bull since 4/17/2026, he is registered, \$3,700. Duane Scott, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 359-7535.

Three registered Angus cows, born 12/2022, have weanling calves to view, sold separately, exposed to registered Angus bull since 4/17/2026, \$3,700 each. Duane Scott, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 359-7535.

Register Angus Bull, several calves to show off of him, born 10/21/2023, sire DB Iconic G95, call or text for pictures, \$5,700. Duane Scott, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 359-7535.

BRAFORD

F1 tiger stipe heifers, 2-3 years old, exposed to bulls 1/18/26 until 5/4/26, couple chocolates the rest are striped, some are 5/8-3/8 crosses, all are gentle, dehorned, 3 rounds of working with wormer and shots, some are huge, \$4,500-\$5,000, take 5 or more from 20 head. Chris Douget, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 224-2896.

BRANGUS

One cross-bred Brangus/Angus 14-month-old heifer, Sire was an F1 Brangus, she will be a good one, \$3,000. John Rougeou, Boyce, Rapides Parish; (318) 955-8811.

One cross-bred Brangus/Angus 15-month-old bull, Sire was an F1 Brangus, he will be an excellent addition for your herd, \$3,500. John Rougeou, Boyce, Rapides Parish; (318) 955-8811.

WANTED: Two Brangus Bulls, either virgins or young, willing to travel. Lawrence "Bubba" Blunt Jr, Grand Cane, DeSoto Parish; (318) 422-1530.

CHAROLAIS

Breeding age Charolais bulls, \$6,000 per bull. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Registered Charolais bulls, performance and semen tested, 16-18 months old, guaranteed, \$7,000 and up. Coy Fitch, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (337) 276-5991.

DEXTER

Dexter cows for sale, \$1,200 each. John O'Bryant, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 630-5843.

HEREFORD

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

ZEBU

5-year-old AMZA registered bull, also have an exposed heifer for sale, text for pics and information, call for pricing. Crystal Frederick, Mire, Acadia Parish; (337) 288-1139.

OTHER

Brangus 2-year-old cow with heifer, Charolais x Angus 2-year-old bred, Angus Hereford 2-year-old with beef, \$3,250-4,500. Jane Veazey, Grand coteau, St. Landry Parish; (832) 451-2890.

DOGS

One seven-month-old Brindle Mountain Cur squirrel dog, male, \$700. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

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.

Rat Terrier pups, born 3/7/2026, small type, shots and wormed, \$300. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Jack Russel Terrier pups, born 3/26/2026, shots and wormed, call for pricing. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Full-blooded German Shepherd puppies, born 3/03/2026, wormed and 1st set of shots, call for pricing. Chris Edwards, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 481-8294.

AKC German Shepherd female puppy, 4-months-old, family companion and home security, call or text for more information, \$1,800. Barry S Fank, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 249-9276.

Registered Basset Hound puppies, shots and wormed guaranteed, \$700. Suzanna McAlister, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 507-0877.

AKC German Shepherd puppies, 1st shots and wormed, \$200. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

Toy Poodles, \$400. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

7 weeks old 5/8 Jack Russell and 3/8 Rat Terrier puppies, two males, two females, third generation chicken and livestock raised, \$100. Frank Henry, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 962-1582.

Mini Australian Shepherd, \$150. Olivia Smith, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 849-5323.

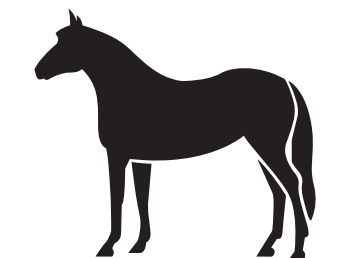
AKC Belgian Malinois Pups, both parents are working K9s, these pups will be great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

DOMESTIC BIRDS

Baby Mallards, \$4 each, Dominique baby chicks, \$2 each. Natalie Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-0382.

Plumhead Parakeets, young or breeders, \$200 and up. Sam Moran, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 223-2689.

Grey Java Sparrow, \$50 per pair, White Java Sparrow, \$60 per pair pick up at farm only. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.



Female and male peacocks, white, pied, and blue, 1-year-old to over 3-years-old, \$100 to \$150. Dale G Fontenot, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 287-5145.

Ring Neck Doves \$25 per pair, plenty available, \$25 per pair. Fran Shuler, Boyce, Rapides Parish; (318) 446-4846.

Bourke Parakeets, normal split to blue and opaline, four pair available, shipping available, call for pricing. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 817-9456.

One pair of Green-Wing doves (Emerald doves), \$350. Tommy, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 939-3040.

One pair Ultimate Red Diamond doves, \$100. Tommy, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 939-3040.

HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers, or persons selling on 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 and Running bred Quarter horses, \$2,500 to \$3,000 for Weanlings, Yearlings and older, \$3,500 and up, Broodmares ultrasound safe and full, \$6,000. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Standing at stud, Smooth Tag is solid black AQHA stud, sired by Hashtags, NCHA region 6 four year old non-pro champion, \$1,200. Chuckie Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 637-7538.

Quarter-Horse Gelding Leo bloodline, 19-years-old, well-mannered no bad habits, excellent health letter by veterinarian, anyone can ride, pleasure, trail, or cattle, \$1,500. Linda Duhon, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 577-2823.

Tobiano Quarter and Draft cross, 22-years-old, 16 hands tall, weighs 1,300 pounds, ridden on horse trails, sweet personality and comes when called, \$2,800. Wanda Grass, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-2805.

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.

Indian Fantails, \$15 each. Sam Moran, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 223-2689.

POULTRY & FOWL

Three-month-old Pullets, Barred Rock, Buff Orpington, and others, \$14. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-0889.

Roosters, 3-months-old, Austrolop, Rhode Island, and cross, \$10. Dale Falcon, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 278-5567.

Guineas, all colors and ages, \$18 up to \$20 for adults. Sam Moran, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 223-2689.

Roosters, hatched late December, \$6, Americana Rooster, 1-year-old, \$15. Tracey L Wagley, Glenmora, Rapides Parish; (318) 664-5131.

Young pullets and roosters, some purebred, some mixed breed, baby chicks to 5-months-old, \$5 and up. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

Peafowl, males and females, India Blue and White, also selling baby guineas, \$100 and up. Becky, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 451-3554.

Button quail, King Quail, 15 plus varieties, pairs \$20-\$25, hatching eggs \$0.50 each, will ship, Coturnix Pharaoh quail, many nice rare colors, NPIP approved, \$0.25 each. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Four Rhode Island Red Roosters, approximately 1-year-old, \$8 each. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Coturnix quail, butcher age males \$2, fertile eggs \$4/dozen, text or leave a message please. Steven Coco, Singer, Beauregard Parish; (337) 563-9553.

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

English Cornish chickens, dark and red/white-laced Cornish, dual purpose for meat and laying, roosters, hens, and chicks available, \$5-\$25. Shane, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-3646.

Barred Rock female chicks \$10 each. Larry, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 354-5358.

WANTED: Red Golden Pheasant males. Sam Marshall, Campti, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 521-0879.

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

RABBITS

Large breed, New England, Californian, colored and mixed, different sizes, also San Juan available, \$15 and up. Dale Falcon, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 278-5567.

For sale, 99 rabbits, 8-weeks-old, \$10. Rabb, Kelly, Caldwell Parish; (512) 415-0794.

New Zealand bunnies, white, red and white, solid black, and black and white, \$20 each. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

Purebred New Zealand, California, and Texas A&M bucks, does, and youngs, ages 5-weeks to 5-months-old, \$20-\$45. Michael Beard, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-7036.

SHEEP & GOAT

Katahdin and Katahdin/Dorper lambs, ewe lambs for sale, call for pricing. Robert Knott, Leconte, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-5107.

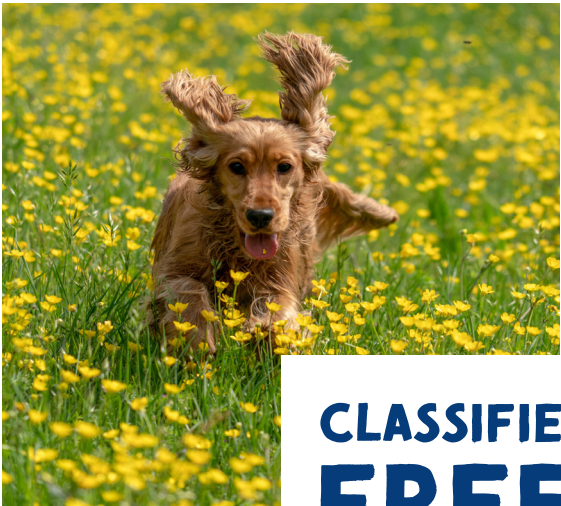
Two Registered Katahdin Ram lambs, born March 2026, taking deposits now, will be castrated in June if no deposits to hold, current pics on our Facebook farm page SDM Katahdin Farm, \$500 each. Shelly Monceaux, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-9524.

Mini-Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf / Pygmy, Mini Alpine bucklings, all spotted and blue eyes, born early March, perfect for small to medium sized pets, lawn mowers, and breeders, extremely sweet and well socialized, ready for new pastures, call for pricing. Kim, Bogalusa/ Sun/ Bush, Washington Parish; (985) 789-9692.

Katahdins sheep-flock reduction, KHSI-100% registered RR, breeder flock breeding ram, five breeding ewes, rams, lambs, ewes, lambs, Midwest champion bloodlines, excellent genetics, prices varies. Ricky LoBell, Galvez, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-9219.

Katahdin males and females for sale, ready in a month, call for pricing. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 651-5164.

Boer bucklings, 3 to 5-months-old, \$150, two-year-old Boer/ Saanen male herd goat \$200. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.



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York, Hamps and crosses, priced according to size and quantity purchased. Audrey Wilson, Summit, MS; (601) 248-0881.

Purebred American Guinea Hogs, nice red meat marbled, very docile males and females, 10 available, 4 girls and 6 boys, born 3/10/2026, \$65 males and \$75 for females. Sandy mire, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-1819.

2 3/8-inch tubing, tested to 6,000 pounds, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

Hobart 230 amp welder with 10kw ac power, runs and welds no issue, 205 hours, \$3,800. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

2010 3-wheel forklift, Moffett brand, off road, good tires and everything works, \$10,000 OBO. Adam Sr, New Orleans, Orleans Parish; (504) 382-3686.

for quote. Patrick, 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.

AQUACULTURE

Beautiful outdoor pond goldfish/ Shubunkin, nice size, rare all black, all white, and some mixed color, \$3 each. Pat Breaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 258-6707.

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.

3,000 gallon fiberglass tank, used for raising catfish, no longer need, \$5 OBO. Pearl Bellelo, Maringouin, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 931-6551.

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 Helminger, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-5767.

Skidsteer land clearing, mulcher or brush cutter services \$150 an hour with 4 hour minimum, call or text for more information. Chris Fontenot, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 337-3761.

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.

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

HAY EQUIPMENT

John Deere 335 Round Baler, hydraulic tie, used last season, 5-wheel Tonutti Rake, 9ft hay tedder, Landpride 3-prong hay spear, \$5,000. Tracy, Effie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 451-7737.

2022 John Deere R280 disc mower, 5 disks, 8-foot mower, like new, cover guard, clean under-carriage, Tonutti hay rake RTP8, needs work, \$12,500 for both. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

338 John Deere square baler, \$13,000. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

8-wheel R20 rake \$1,500. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

Vermeer M7050 cutter \$3,500. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

Vermeer fluffer TE170, \$2,000. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

Grappler, \$1,500. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

Old fluffer, call for pricing. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

Case Skidsteer, rubber tire with tracks OTT, 2,500 hours, \$19,500 or trade. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

PZ Holland fluffer, \$750. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

John Deer 458 round baler, mega-wide pickup 4X5 rolls, net wrapped or string, no scratches or dents, ready to go to the field, text for pictures, call for pricing. Steve, Vernon Parish; (337) 208-6464.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

Kubota ZD321 Diesel, 52" HD commercial deck-runs and starts as should, good machine. Will send video if needed, \$4,500. Ray Bushnell, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 515-2294.

Heavy duty 3ft steel roller, homemade, heavy and well built, text for pictures, \$250. Lawrence Ryder, Leonville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.

WANTED: TroyBilt tiller, horse model, 7-8hp, prefer electric start but not required, send pictures and call. Joel Ducote, Plaquemine, Iberville Parish; (225) 776-0761.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

844 JD 8-row corn header under shed, \$3,000 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-plow gangs with shields, \$800. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

John Deere 215 Dise plow 15ft, \$3,500. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

3pt hitch pallet carrier platform, like new, \$300 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

12ft Finishing plow, leave message, \$1,500 OBO. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

Spin ditchers and other implements for sale, call for pricing. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

Four wavy and two fluted planter coulters with hubs and bearings, shed kept, off of JD 7100 planters, \$30 each. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

JD 7100 8-row planter, 3-bushel, hoppers, medial bean meter, spray rig on rear extra part, \$1,500 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

JD Maxi-Merge Plus Vacu Meter planter, plants 30Ft, 3 bushel hoppers, under shed, \$27,000. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

40ft grain trailer with roll tarp, kept under shed, \$1,500 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

7ft X 28ft Donahue equipment trailer, new floor, \$3,500. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

One 1,000-gallon aluminum tank on a S+N Sprayer Co trailer with 5.5hp Honda Jagger pump, all hose and connections, \$4,000 for complete set up. LA Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-5980.

Red Diamond 35ft all-steel 3-axle auto transport, hauls two 1-tons, ideal for hauling hay, \$4,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Homemade tilt trailer for hauling lawn mowers, \$500 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Top Hat gooseneck dump trailer, 12,000lb, \$5,500. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

CM 16' aluminum stock trailer with side door, great condition, \$9,500. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

Three-Horse Sooner Horse Trailer with ramp, new tires, great condition, leave message if no answer, \$6,500. Bill Krielow, Roanoke, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 753-2202.

WANTED: Cotton trailers or Crawfish trap trailers made from cotton trailer. H. Leblanc, Larose, Acadia Parish; (337) 359-7204.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Fimeo 200gal 3pt sprayer, 21ft spray boom, also equipment with boomless spray nozzle, \$1,800. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.



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12ft Bush Hog rigid back 3pt rotary cutter, working condition, needs repair on deck, \$2,000. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

Durabuilt Pasture Puncher, 10ft, good condition with hydro cylinder, \$7,500. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

7ft Bush Hog, working condition, deck needs work, \$700. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

Case 1999 3950 25ft disk 9-inch spacing, \$14,000. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

5ft house bushhog, fair condition, \$500. Chris Normand, Pineville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 730-8001.

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

Two complete INT engines, \$1,500. Charles R Jarreau, Lakeland, La, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

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

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

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

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

Kubota KX41 excavator, \$15,000. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

John Deere Backhoe Attachment #47 with 20-inch bucket, mounting brackets and hardware, used on John Deere 4200 through JD 4600 series tractors, low hours of use, out diggers bent, \$2,200. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

DEK brand portable generator, 5650-watt run, 7060 surge, new capacitor, \$325. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

Bushhog, 5-feet, used, \$1,500. Wayne Prats, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

Draw bar for Reynolds scraper, was on JD tractor \$250. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

Four JD5203 rims with turf tires, \$500. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

JD quik hitch CatIII, \$300 each. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

12yd dump truck body on truck frame to be pulled with 150 HP tractor, \$2,500 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

Four grain carts, one 150 bush, one 200 bush, one 250 bush, one 400 bush, make offer. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

Behlen 750 bushel grain dryer, electric, 3hp, \$5,000 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

Manual Hydraulic hose making press with dies, \$450. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

26-gallon ATV boomless spot sprayer, two nozzle boom, used once, cost \$400, asking \$200. Oran Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-0973.

3-point ditcher, \$500. Oran Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-0973.

Two new 13.6-38 BKT RT135 tires and tubes on John Deere rims and cast center #F1500R sand blasted and painted, \$1,500. Myron Sieren, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 462-8469.

2-3/8 and 2-7/8 oilfield tubing \$40 and \$45 respectively, 3/4 sucker rods, \$7, to be picked up near Crowley. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

Used 10" John Deere MX10, needs some repair, \$3,500. Richard Burlette, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-2589.

5ft LandPride Rotary Cutter, \$2,400. Richard, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-2589.

WANTED: John Deere or New Holland green chopper. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

WANTED: 4 to 5ft long piece 36-inch or 48-inch steel pipe with a wall thickness of 3/8-inch or better. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

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

Four Horse saddles and three horse blankets, \$75 per saddle, \$50 per blanket. Wanda Grass, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (986) 537-3280.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

New 5/5ft 2-inch roll of schedule 80 cpvc, \$1,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Four antique horse collars, early 1900s, \$75 each. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Four Scythes, antiques, \$85 each. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Honda Black Max 7,000W generator, \$600 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Antique wood heater Papa Bear, open to offers. Samuel Roland, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 445-3244.

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) 758-4504.

Five sturdy steel red horse or livestock panel, 5X12-feet, \$75 each. Wanda Grass, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-2805.

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.

WANTED: 8ft hydraulic pull type disk. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

Metal building, already down, 24X40FT with metal for three extra bays, roll up door and windows, call for pricing. Vince Larussa, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-4571.

100 percent Cyprus wood barn with loft, around 2,500 sqft, serious inquiries only. Laszlo, St. Joseph, Tensas Parish; (504) 496-1319.

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Ag Lime, \$35 per ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

Mulch for sale, \$5 per yard. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

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

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

Rabbit manure compost, five- gallon bag, \$15. Sherry Kitchens, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (225) 422-9208.

FOOD

EGGS

Clean farm fresh eggs, \$4 per dozen. Rogers, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-1995.

Fields and pastures mowed, mulched, cultivated, contoured, aerated, and drained, trees removed, recondition arenas and gravel roads 8” deep, install and repair ponds, culverts, roads, walls, and fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

Handyman, sewer, water and air testing, fencing, bushhogging, concrete pouring, drainage and roofing, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Cut The Bull, Certified Bovine Artificial Insemination, Seymore’s Artificial Insemination. Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907- 5792.

WANTED: Home gardeners/ famers to sell produce at the Baker Farmer Market(4th Saturdays). C. Reuben Walker, Baker, Louisiana, East Baton Rouge Parish; (337) 344-8634.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA WYO-Blue Buddy, born July 03, 2012, team roping head horse or to pin your cattle with, kids can ride, blue roan stallion, Reg. #5505700, health cert. and neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

AQHA horse, “Peppinita” Figure Four, #5403078 BD, foundation bred stud, 4/20/11, bay roan, health cert. & neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

TRACTORS

Kubota L179, bushhog, \$3,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Kubota L345, needs body work, \$4,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

White tractor 2155 with cab and air, 160HP with new allied loader, hay spear, 1,600 hours, \$12,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

John Deere 770 tractor, 4WD, 25hp, 1,200 hours, \$6,000. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

4000 Ford 1963 with loader bucket/hay spear 4-cyl gas 4 -speed hi/low power steering, 3pt hitch works, 540 PTO 620hp, tires fair, needs seat and draw bar, \$3,000. William Myers, Boutte, St. Charles Parish; (770) 468-8204.

Kubota M9000, 4WD, cab, low hours, four new tires, leave a message if no answer, \$18,500 OBO. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

MF35 Tractor, runs, needs work on carburetor, power steering line busted, 3-point lift only up or down, leak back tire, \$1,200. Randy Turner, Boyce, Rapides Parish; (318) 787-5860.

JD 5065E 4WD tractor with loader, 1,700 hours, \$25,900. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

JD 4115 with loader, 60” belly mower, 4WD, \$10,900. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

4840 J D tractor, runs, \$5,000 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

11L-15 8-ply 5 rib implement tires, \$40. 12.5L-15 12-ply 5 rib implement tires, \$50, these tires are brand new, been in storage, Have multiple. Ben Clark, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 527-9764.

XR 404GHLS, good condition, 46HP, canopy, kept under shed, hydro stat, 2,000 hours, call for pictures, \$15,500. Eddie Underwood, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 312-3796.

WANTED: Ford Cub International tractor for parts, need the attachment for plows, but will buy all. Ray Reynolds, Roseland, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 247-2927.

WANTED: Massey Ferguson 245 dead or alive. Cecil Gassiot, Woodworth, Rapides Parish; (318) 715-4678.

VEHICLES

ATVS

Four golf cart tires, brand new, located in Dry Creek Louisiana, call or text me for more information. Abigail Grace, Dry creek, Beauregard Parish; (318) 229-1918.

Kawasaki 3010 Mule, \$4,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

1992 Yamaha Moto 4 80, shaft drive. 3-speed transmission, electric start, \$1,000. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

2004 Yamaha Grizzly 4-wheeler, excellent condition, low hours, \$2,000 OBO. Adam Sr, New Orleans, Orleans Parish; (504) 382-3686.

BOATS

Sea Hunt Boat, 2015, 24ft, Yamaha 300, low hours, garage kept, call for pricing and more information. Vince Larussa, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-4571.

FARM TRUCKS

1996 Ford F250 7.3 used filter assembly, diesel, complete, \$150. Charles Longino, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 715-4814.

1996 Ford 7.3 diesel, new vacuum pump, \$100. Charles Longino, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 715-4814.

2007 Toyota Tundra, 210k miles, one owner, \$12,500. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

1999 Ford Ranger, good farm truck, runs good, A/C and radio, some body damage, looking for trade. Patrick,

Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

2007 F350, 4-door work truck, runs and pulls,163k miles, \$3,800 OBO or trade. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

Homemade Aluminum bumper, off of 1994 Ram 1500, fits different models, \$300. Bobby Reynolds, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 244-0069.

2014 Ford F150, single cab, long bed, 5.0 V8, 4X4, 9000lb winch, dent on passenger side, 150,000 miles, \$9,000. Mike Dupre, bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

International 110 truck, not sure year model, does not run, \$500. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

2018 GMC Yukon XL, one owner, well cared for, garage kept, 176,000 miles, new transmission, \$15,500. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

1976 Mack 300 with Hobb Aluminum hopper bottom trailer, \$10,000 OBO. Rodney Courville, Maringouin, Iberville Parish; (225) 572-9411.

WANTED: One rim for 2006 Ford Ranger, 15-inch rim. Tony Barron, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 288-6730.





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EPA Grant for Farmer-Led Conservation On Working Lands

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Gulf of America Division announced up to \$50 million in new grant funding to improve water quality, habitat, resilience, and environmental education by demonstrating innovative practices on America’s working lands. The Farmer-to-Farmer grant program provides targeted support to farmer-led and farm-focused organizations operating within the Gulf of America watershed, encompassing EPA Regions 3 through 8. The agency expects to make 20 to 30 awards, totaling \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million, each with a five-year project period.

Farmers are often the first line of defense in reducing nutrient nonpoint source pollution across working lands. Farmers have pioneered innovative practices and leadership models and can share what works with their peers. By funding new techniques and emphasizing data collection and farmer engagement, the Farmer-to-Farmer grant program helps producers test, validate, and scale regenerative practices.

Regenerative agriculture can play a pivotal role in improving water quality and habitat. As defined in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Regenerative Pilot Program, conservation management strengthens natural resources through improved soil health, water management and ecological vitality to support the productivity and prosperity of American agriculture and communities.

“Farmers are among our nation’s most effective stewards of the land and conservators of our natural resources,” said EPA Region 4 Administrator Kevin McOmber. “Farmer-to-Farmer project grants allow recipients to incorporate best practices and techniques that provide meaningful assistance in protecting the Gulf of America watershed.”

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now posted on www.grants.gov and <https://www.epa.gov/gulfofamerica>. Applications are due on June 19.

Eligibility:

Applicants may include nonprofits, conservation districts, tribes, state/local governments, and universities.

For-profit farms/businesses are usually not eligible as primary applicants but may participate as paid partners or sub-recipients.

Individual farmers may participate by partnering with an eligible entity such as a conservation district, nonprofit or cooperative.



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- Public Policy Leader Award: Troy Romero**
- Public Policy Leader Award: Commissioner Mike Strain**
- Industry Leader Award: American Sugar Cane League**
- Community Partner Award: Jeannette Guillory Thomason and the H. Allen and Jeannette Guillory Thomason Foundation**
- Champion Award: Angela Mayeux-Hebert and RoyLee Hebert**
- The LSU College of Agriculture Alumni Association’s Outstanding Alumni Awards recognized graduates and supporters who demonstrated exemplary leadership and made significant contributions through their careers and service to the College of Agriculture. The 2026 recipients were:
- Friend of the College of Agriculture Award: C.A. “Buck” Vandersteen**
- Early Career Outstanding Alumni Award: Matthew Landry**
- Outstanding Alumni Award: Steve Linscombe**
- Outstanding Alumni Award: James “Jim” R. Monroe**
- The ceremony also highlighted academic excellence and leadership within the College of Agriculture:
- Legacy Educator Award: Jong Hyun Ham**
- Emerging Faculty Leader Award: Jonathan Richards**
- Outstanding Graduate Student: Dablieny Garcia Souza**
- Outstanding Graduate Students: Bhupesh Dhaka**

- Outstanding Undergraduate Student: Corinne Bosch**
- Outstanding Student Leader: Madelyn Phillips**
- K.C. Toups Memorial Les Voyageurs Award: Shaohannah Martin**
- Funding Catalyst Award: LaHouse Research and Education Center**
- High-Impact Publication Award: Ezgi Özcan**
- Patents often take years to develop and showcased faculty members’ dedication and perseverance. Facilitated by the LSU AgCenter Office of Sponsored Programs and Intellectual Property, patents protected and helped commercialize groundbreaking discoveries. Several of the innovations recognized during the program were featured for attendees to experience firsthand, highlighting the connection from research to consumer impact. Patents Recipients in the LSU AgCenter:
- Don La Bonte, Arthur Villordon, Tara Smith, Jeffrey Gregorie and Imana Power; Sweet Potato Cultivar: LA 18-100, called ‘Avoyelles’**
- Jacob Bursavich, Logan Daigle and Benjamin Seago; Central Venous Cannulation Device and Method**
- Daniel Swale and Lane Foil (posthumous); Method for Controlling Hematophagous or Sap-Feeding Arthropods**
- Steve Linscombe; Rice Cultivar: DG245L**
- Adam Famoso and Steve Linscombe; Rice Cultivar: CLL17**
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- Adam Famoso; Rice Cultivar: Addi Jo**
- “As a company rooted in agriculture, we understand the critical role education and research play in shaping the future of our

industry” A. Wilbert’s Sons CEO Klein Kirby said. “AgExcellence is one of our favorite events because it honors the students, faculty, researchers and partners whose work matters today and prepares the next generation of leaders to make a lasting impact.”

Lee extended deep gratitude to the sponsors, including presenting sponsor A. Wilbert’s Sons LLC; Louisiana Pest Management Association; Elizabeth and David Means III; Zen-Noh Grain Corporation; Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation; CGB Enterprises; First South Farm Credit; LSU College of Agriculture Alumni Association; Campus Federal; American Sugar Cane League; Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association; Erica and Ken West; and Greta and Lee Foster.

By: Mary Lang, LSU AgCenter





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HAMBURGER STEAKS & GRAVY

<https://skinnyroux.com/hamburgersteaksandgravy>

INGREDIENTS

- Beef Patties: 1.5 to 2 lbs ground beef (seasoned with salt, pepper, or Cajun Blaze seasoning)
- The Gravy Base: 12 cups Beef broth (adjust ratio to 1 jar of Skinny Roux if making a smaller batch)
- The Roux: 1 jar of Skinny Roux (Almond flour and Avocado oil base)
- Vegetables: 2-3 yellow onions (sliced) and 1-2 boxes of sliced mushrooms
- Optional: 1 stick of butter (for sautéing vegetables)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the Patties: Season your ground beef generously. Form them into oval or round steaks. Sear the patties on a flat-top griddle or in a large skillet until they are browned on both sides and cooked through. Set the patties aside.
2. Sauté the Vegetables: In a large pot (like a Magnalite), melt a stick of butter or use a bit of oil. Toss in your sliced onions and mushrooms. Sauté them until the onions are soft, translucent, and beginning to caramelize.
3. Build the Gravy: Pour your beef broth into the pot with the vegetables. Open your jar of Skinny Roux, give it a good shake to ensure it's well-mixed, and add it to the broth.
4. The Simmer (Trust the Process): Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. As the Skinny Roux heats through, it will begin to thicken and darken the broth into a rich, savory gravy.
5. Combine and Serve: Once the gravy has reached your desired consistency, add the cooked hamburger steaks back into the pot. Let them simmer in the gravy for about 10-15 minutes to soak up the flavor.

ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS with BACON and BALSAMIC

<https://pecanoil.com/blogs/pecan-oil-recipes/roasted-brussels-sprouts-with-bacon-and-balsamic>

INGREDIENTS

- 32 ounces Brussels Sprouts, ends removed and halved
- 1 tablespoon Kinloch Pecan Oil
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 8 ounces thick cut Applewood Bacon
- 1 tablespoon Kinloch Balsamic Vinegar

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. In a medium mixing bowl, toss the Brussels Sprouts with the pecan oil. Spread evenly on a large baking sheet - Brussels Sprouts should not overlap or be too crowded. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper. Place the baking tray in the oven on the middle rack. Roast for 20 - 25 minutes, stirring halfway through, until the Brussels Sprouts are cooked and golden brown. While the Brussels Sprouts are roasting, cook and crumble the bacon. Remove the bacon from the grease using a slotted spoon. Set aside 1 teaspoon of bacon grease. Whisk together the reserved bacon grease and the balsamic vinegar. Toss with the cooked Brussels sprouts and the crumbled bacon. Serve immediately.



PECAN'S DIRTY BEIGNETS

<https://dtbspiceco.com/blogs/recipes/pecans-dirty-beignets>

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Can of biscuits
- Oil for frying
- DTBSpiceCo Cajun Sweetness

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oil in a deep fryer or in a large pot on the stove to approximately 350 degrees. Flatten biscuits with the palm of your hand & cut each biscuit into triangles. Place the biscuit dough into the hot oil. Fry until the dough is golden brown on all sides, then remove. Place a generous amount of DTBSpiceCo Cajun Sweetness into a stainless-steel mixing bowl. Place hot beignets into the mixing bowl with the Cajun Sweetness & swirl the beignets around until completely coated.

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for cow-calf operations. These producers maintain pure herds registered with breed associations and sell animals, semen, or embryos through live or online sales. Only about 6% of U.S. beef cattle producers are seedstock operations.

- **Cow-Calf:** Most Louisiana producers operate commercial cow-calf herds, selling calves after weaning. Retaining heifers for breeding is common, but finishing calves to maturity is rare.
- **Stocker/Backgrounder:** Stockers buy weaned calves and graze them for several months, supporting their growth on pasture or stored forage. Some may offer a mixed ration to help calves transition to feed bunks. The goal is to promote uniform gain and reduce stress before calves are sent for finishing.
- **Feedlot/Finisher:** Although most Louisiana calves are shipped out of state for finishing, this sector feeds cattle to market weight on grain-based diets before processing.
- **Packer:** Once cattle reach market weight, they are processed at packing facilities, where beef is graded and packaged. Larger packers sell to distributors and retailers, while some consumers buy directly from smaller facilities.

Geographical Concentration: Beef cattle are produced throughout nearly every parish, with the largest numbers in northern and central Louisiana and the Florida Parishes.

Dairy Sector

Louisiana's dairy industry represents a highly concentrated, specialized segment of agriculture focused predominantly on fluid milk production. Local herds consist primarily of Holstein and Jersey cows.

Production Scope: The state maintains approximately 50 to 60 Grade "A" dairy

farms that produce hundreds of thousands of pounds of milk daily.

Geographical Concentration: Over 90% of the state's dairy farms and cows are clustered in the southeastern region, specifically in the "Florida Parishes," which include Washington, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena parishes.

Commissioner Quote.

"Louisiana's livestock sector is a cornerstone of our agricultural heritage and rural economy. Our cattle and dairy producers exemplify dedication, stewardship, and innovation, raising high-quality beef and dairy products that feed families across the state and beyond. By supporting our local cattlemen and investing in this vital sector, we preserve tradition, grow rural communities, and ensure its place at the heart of Louisiana agriculture."

LDAF involvement

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) regulates, promotes, and protects the state's beef, cattle, and dairy sectors. Its core responsibilities span enforcing animal health and biosecurity protocols, ensuring the safety and labeling of meat and milk products, and administering industry-specific promotion and marketing boards.

Beef Industry Council: The Louisiana Beef Industry Council administers the requirements of the federal "Beef Promotion and Research Act and Order" within the state of Louisiana with the goal of improving producer profitability by expanding consumer demand for beef and strengthening beef's position in the marketplace.

Dairy Industry Promotion Board: The Dairy Industry Promotion Board is tasked with promoting Louisiana dairy to local consumers and may levy an assessment on all milk solids, milk fats, or fluid milk components sold. The assessment is paid by each dairy producer and used to develop promotional

and educational programs and implement advertising to increase the understanding and consumption of dairy.

Dairy Stabilization Board: Created in 1974, the Dairy Stabilization Board helps stabilize the Louisiana dairy industry to ensure an adequate supply of healthy, wholesome dairy products. The board prevents persons, partnerships, and corporations from using unfair methods of competition, unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and disruptive trade practices in the sale of milk and milk products. The board also investigates complaints of violations of Dairy Stabilization Board regulations, audits the financial records of processors, distributors, and retailers, and determines the costs of manufacturing, selling, and delivering dairy products.

Livestock Brand Commission: Livestock Brand Commission personnel investigate all agricultural crime in Louisiana, including livestock thefts (cattle, equine, hogs, emus, ostriches, turtles, sheep, and exotics), farm machinery and equipment; maintain brand records and publish a book of brands every 5 years.

Meat & Poultry Inspection (MPI) program: The Meat & Poultry Inspection (MPI) program is responsible for ensuring that the state's commercial supply of meat and poultry is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled.

TERMS TO KNOW

Bull - an uncastrated male bovine animal

Cow - mature female bovine animal

Dam - female parent of a calf

Heifer - young female bovine animal that has not borne a calf

Polled - cattle that naturally do not have horns

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AgCenter heirs’ property education initiative strives to help rural communities

When Leah Carter visits rural towns across Louisiana in her role as the LSU AgCenter’s community and economic development specialist, she makes it a point to ask residents what issues they believe are holding their communities back.

People respond with the same answers over and over: Blighted housing. Run-down downtowns. A lack of economic opportunity and civic pride.

As Carter has learned, a common thread binds these problems together in many communities. Properties — whether vacant land, houses or commercial sites — often have sat in states of decay for years not because there’s no interest in cleaning them up, but because it’s unclear who owns them.

“Sometimes the properties are owned by someone out of state,” Carter said. “And so you may have this dilapidated building, and no one knows what to do. Some people don’t even realize that they own property.”

Many of these parcels of land and buildings were once owned by someone who died without a will or informally handed the property off to a family member. That leads to a legal scenario known as heirs’ property, or undivided property that is inherited by multiple heirs — none of whom can legally claim ownership.

“A lot of people think if land is passed down in the family, then it’s their land,” Carter said. “But ‘family land’ is not a legal term. It belongs to all of the heirs of the property.”

Left unresolved, heirs’ property can end up involving dozens of grandchildren or great-grandchildren of the original owner — all of whom have a stake in the property as fractural owners.

That makes for a significant amount of confusion when someone — perhaps assuming they are the rightful owner — wants to sell the property, request disaster assistance, apply for a loan or sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture farming grants.

“You’re not able to tap into some of those resources that could boost your economic situation,” Carter said.

It’s also difficult for large groups of distantly related heirs to agree on who’s responsible for upkeep, fueling the cycle of blight that plagues communities across Louisiana.

In 2019, the state was estimated to have at least 175,000 parcels of heirs’ property, Carter said. She wants to get more of those fields, homes and businesses back into commerce.

“You’re talking about a financial asset that can change the lives of a family and change the community as well,” she said.

With help from AgCenter agent Ana-Alicia Gouge, partners at the Southern University Ag Center and grant funding from the Southern Rural Development Center, Carter recently launched a training series that teaches Louisiana residents how to prevent and remedy heirs’ property. An inaugural session was held in Ville Platte in April, and another took place in Lake Providence in May.

The AgCenter is working in those towns on broader community and economic development initiatives through another SRDC grant project, called Providing Resources and Opportunities through Partnerships, or PROPEL.

The heirs’ property training stresses the importance of writing a will.

“Some people may not want to talk about it because, ultimately, you’re talking about death,” Carter said. But, she added, a will is the best defense against complicated heirs’ property situations — and discussions can be framed as a way to ensure the wellbeing of the family and their community down the road.

The program also educates people about what to do if they find themselves as a fractural owner of heirs’ property. Carter said tracking down all the heirs is the first step; sketching out a simple family tree is a good start. Property tax records at the parish tax assessor’s office can reveal additional clues, as can conversations with relatives and neighbors.

From there, a fractural owner has a few options, including buying out the other heirs or creating a trust for the property. Both typically require working with an attorney.

Carter is eager to bring the training to other areas of Louisiana. For more information or to request a session, contact her at LeahCarter@agcenter.lsu.edu or visit www.LSUAgCenter.com/CED.

By: Olivia McClure, LSU AgCenter

Franklin Parish community outreach event held to help teach minority farmers

A community outreach event was held on May 13, at 10 a.m. to help educate framers in Franklin Parish. Organizers said tghe event’s goal is to give insight on a better understanding of accessing programs through the department of agriculture.

The event was put together by the NAACP and Divine True Gospel Outreach Ministry Church. Louisiana parishes are in such a severe drought, community members say events like this are needed.

Community members say small and minority farmers in Louisiana say rising costs for fertilizer, equipment, chemicals and seeds are making it difficult to turn a profit.

Horace Robinson, a farmer and NAACP member, said expenses have created significant challenges for agricultural producers.

“Right now the problem is fertilizer cost is very high, equipment cost is very high, and the chemicals and seeds and everything is

very expensive,” Robinson said. “So this is really, it’s really challenging to be a profitable farmer.”

Community officials say “I think it made it difficult for us because we have taught the whole world on how to grow corn and how to grow crops,” Robinson said. “And so now we got to really compete.”

The USDA and other officials spoke on farmers’ eligibility for loan requirements, disaster relief, crop assistance and farm ownership programs.

Officials then discussed assistance programs for different types of producers, including support for no-till practices, cover crops, irrigation, livestock water systems and fencing.

Community officials said agricultural awareness was the goal for the event and said this will not be the last gathering.

By: Kelly Hunt, KNOE 8

CEMA 216 SOIL TEST TRAINING

“Dig In” to the CEMA 216 soil test with a hands-on training



CEMA 216 soil testing is required for farmers & ranchers participating in the new NRCS Regenerative Pilot Program, and can only be done by people with certain requirements, or someone working under those people.

Learn how to complete a CEMA 216 soil test so you can offer this service to others. More info on LouisianaGLCI.org/blog

Topics Covered:

- Intro to RPP and CEMA 216
- Who is a Qualified Individual?
- Hand-on soil testing procedure
- GPS points
- Paperwork required
- Documentation process
- Approved soil labs



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When: June 8, 2026
Time: 8:30-3:00
Where: 300 Grady Britt Dr, Alexandria, LA
Cost: \$50/person
Register: LouisianaGLCI.org/events

Pre-registration required. Limited seats.

USDA Urges Farmers and Ranchers to Take Action Ahead of the 2026 Hurricane Season

USDA is here to help you prepare for and recover from hurricanes and related tropical weather activity. The 2026 hurricane season begins on June 1, and USDA is asking producers to prepare their operations for potential impacts and explore recovery resources.

Hurricane Preparation

While USDA offers a suite of disaster assistance programs to help you recover, we encourage you to first take precautions to prepare and protect your family and operation:

Develop an Emergency Plan: Make sure your employees and members of your household know your plan, including meeting points, emergency contact lists, and alternate evacuation routes in case of infrastructure damage.

Remove Debris and Secure Large Objects: Minimize the presence of equipment, supplies, and debris that may become airborne during high winds or encountered in floodwaters. Clean out culverts, ditches, and other drainage areas, especially before and during peak hurricane season to reduce water damage.

Document Inventory and Secure Important Records: Documentation is critical for insurance compensation and recovery assistance. We recommend keeping an inventory of farm buildings, vehicles, equipment, and livestock before a disaster occurs. You'll likely need thorough records of any damage and losses sustained on your farm as well as documentation of your cleanup and recovery efforts.

Know Your Insurance Options: Regularly review your insurance policies with your agent to be sure you have adequate coverage, including flood insurance, for your facilities, vehicles, farm buildings, equipment, crops and livestock. Note, there are limitations on how soon insurance coverage will take effect. Generally, insurance policies will not cover damage if the policy was not in place before a disaster.

Gather Supplies: Have drinking water, canned food, a generator, batteries, a flashlight, and fuel available in case you lose power. Have cash on hand in cases of widespread outages, when credit and debit cards may not work.

Access Real-time Emergency Information: Download the FEMA app for free on the App Store and Google Play for safety tips on what to do before, during, and after disasters.

USDA Assistance for Hurricane Recovery

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Risk Management Agency (RMA) offer a

number of options to offset losses and help get you back on your feet. Once you're safely able to assess your operation, contact your local USDA Service Center to report losses or ask questions about available programs.

Risk Protection

If you have risk protection through Federal crop insurance, report crop damage to your crop insurance agent within 72 hours of discovering damage and be sure to follow up in writing within 15 days.

For producers with coverage through RMA's Hurricane Insurance Protection - Wind Index (HIP-WI) and Tropical Storm Option (TS), payments are generally made within weeks following a hurricane or tropical storm. More resources can be found on the HIP-WI webpage.

If you have coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you should report crop damage to your local FSA office and file a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

Disaster Assistance Programs

FSA offers several disaster programs to help producers recover from crop, livestock and infrastructure losses, including low-interest emergency loans.

For livestock producers, FSA's Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) reimburse producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animal death as a result of certain natural disaster events, like hurricanes, or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. LIP is also available to producers who have to sell injured livestock at a reduced rate. For LIP and ELAP, producers will need to provide acceptable documentation of loss or evidence of reduced sales resulting from an eligible adverse event, including a hurricane. More information can be found in the LIP Verifiable and Reliable Documentation and

ELAP Verifiable and Reliable Documentation fact sheets.

The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides cost-share assistance to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes or vines lost during the natural disaster. TAP complements both NAP and crop insurance coverage, which often cover the crop but not the plants or trees.

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) provide financial and technical assistance to restore conservation practices like fencing, damaged farmland or nonindustrial private forests. These programs are administered by FSA state and county committees and county offices. Producers should contact their local FSA county office regarding enrollment periods and eligibility.

FSA also offers a variety of loan options to eligible producers to help meet credit needs. These options include emergency loans, which are triggered by disaster declarations, and offer crucial financial support to help producers recover swiftly and maintain the viability of their operations during and after disaster recovery. FSA loans can replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, or refinance farm-related debts and other needs. For existing FSA loan borrowers, loan servicing options may be available if scheduled payments cannot be made on farm loan debt due to circumstances beyond their control.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to producers through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help producers plan and implement conservation practices on land impacted by natural disasters. EQIP can help address immediate needs and provide long-term support to help you recover from natural disasters and conserve environmental resources. The program can assist with restoring livestock infrastructure, emergency animal mortality disposal, and immediate soil erosion protection.

Louisiana Geaux Book

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry is proud to offer the Geaux Book for farmers, ranchers, and landowners in Louisiana. It's a great place to gather all personal, medical, and business contacts and information in one place. In the unfortunate case of a family illness, storm, or other emergency, you'll have everything you need in a single unified document.

The Geaux Book is a pre-formatted Excel spreadsheet, but it can be easily modified to fit your family's operation. Simply fill out the parts that work for you and add other sections as needed.



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How fire, people and history shaped the South's iconic longleaf pine forests

For thousands of years, one tree species defined the cultural and ecological identity of what is now the American South: the longleaf pine. The forest once stretched across 92 million acres from Virginia to Texas, but about 5% of that original forest remains. It was one of North America's richest ecosystems, and it nearly disappeared.

As part of my job with the Mississippi State University forestry extension, I help private landowners, public agencies and nonprofit conservation groups restore these ecosystems. The forests' story begins before European settlement, when Native peoples shaped and sustained this vast landscape using one of nature's oldest tools: fire.

Longleaf pine trees depend on fire for survival and regeneration. Fire reduces competition from other plants, recycles nutrients into the soil and maintains the open structure of the landscape where longleaf pines grow best. In its open, grassy woodlands, red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, orchids, pitcher plants and hundreds of other species find homes.

Native stewardship

Longleaf pine seedlings spend about three to 10 years in a low, grasslike stage, building deep roots and resisting flames that sweep across the forest floor. Regular, low-intensity fires keep the ground open and sunny, and allow an incredibly diverse understory to flourish: pine lilies, meadow beauties, white bog orchids, carnivorous pitcher plants and dozens of native grasses.

For millennia, Native American tribes intentionally set fires to keep these areas open for hunting, travel and agriculture. This practice is evident from Indigenous oral histories, early European accounts and archaeological findings. Fire was part of daily life – a tool, not a danger.

European settlers arrive

When the first Europeans made it to that part of North America, they encountered a landscape that seemed almost limitless: tall, straight pines ideal for shipbuilding; deep soils in the uplands suited for farming; and understory, the plants that grow in the shade of the forest, perfect for open-range grazing.

Longleaf pine trees became the backbone of early industries. They provided lumber, fuel and naval supplies, such as tar, pitch and turpentine, which are essential for waterproofing wooden ships. By the mid-1800s, the naval industry alone consumed millions of longleaf pines each year, especially in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida.

At the same time, livestock, especially hogs, roamed freely and caused unexpected ecological damage. Hogs rooted up the

starchy, above-ground stems of young longleaf seedlings, often wiping out an area's entire year of seedlings before they could grow beyond the grass stage.

Still, even into the mid-1800s, millions of acres of longleaf forest remained intact. That would soon change.

Industrial logging and the collapse of a forest

By the late 19th century, the industrial South entered a new era of logging. Railroads could reach deep into forests that were previously inaccessible. Steam-powered skidders dragged huge logs to mobile mills that could turn thousands of acres of trees into lumber in a single season. Lumber towns appeared overnight, then disappeared once the last trees were cut.

Most longleaf forests were felled between 1880 and 1930, with little thought given to regrowth. Land was cheap, timber was valuable, and scientific forestry was in its infancy. After logging, what was left on the ground at many sites burned in wildfires too hot for young longleaf pines to survive. Some of the fires were ignited accidentally by sparks from railroads or logging operations, others by lightning, and some by people attempting to clear land.

Other parcels of land were overrun by hogs or were converted to farms. Other forestland simply failed to regenerate because longleaf requires both good seed years and carefully timed burning to establish new generations of seedlings. By 1930, the once-vast longleaf forest was effectively gone.

A turning point

The early 20th century brought public debates about fire. National forestry leaders, trained in northern ecosystems where wildfire was destructive, insisted that all fire was harmful and should be quickly extinguished. Southern landowners disagreed. They had long understood that fire kept the woods open, reduced pests and improved forage.

A series of pioneering researchers, including Herbert Stoddard, Austin Cary and others, proved scientifically what Native peoples had practiced for centuries: Prescribed fire is essential for longleaf pine forests.

By the 1930s, prescribed fire began to gain acceptance among Southern landowners and wildlife biologists, and by the 1940s it was recognized by state forestry agencies and the U.S. Forest Service as a legitimate management tool. This shift marked the beginning of a slow recovery of the forest.

Yet, after the logging of old-growth longleaf pine forests ended, foresters faced challenges regenerating the trees. Early planting attempts often failed. The longleaf

species grows more slowly than loblolly or slash pine, making it less attractive to industry.

Millions of acres that once supported longleaf pines were converted to fast-growing plantation pines through the mid-20th century. By 1990, only 2.9 million acres of longleaf pine forest remained.

A new era of restoration

But beginning in the 1980s, research breakthroughs had begun to offer the prospect of change. Studies across the Southeast demonstrated that longleaf pine trees could be reliably planted if seedling quality, site preparation and fire timing were carefully managed.

Improved genetics – for instance, choosing those seedlings more likely to grow straight and tall and those more resistant to disease and drought – and starting seedlings in containers increased survival dramatically.

At the same time, landowners and agencies began to appreciate the benefits of longleaf pines. They are strong enough to withstand hurricanes, resistant to pests and disease, and provide high-quality timber and exceptional wildlife habitat. And they are compatible with grazing, need little to no fertilizer or other support to grow, and are ready to adapt to a warming, more fire-prone climate.

Today, many organizations are restoring longleaf pine trees across national forests, private lands and working farms.

Landowners are choosing the species not only for conservation but for recreation, hunting and cultural reasons.

In many parts of the South, longleaf pines have become a symbol of both heritage and resilience to hurricanes, drought, wildfire and climate change.

The longleaf pine ecosystem is more than a forest: It is the story about how people shape landscapes over centuries. It thrived under Native fire stewardship, declined under industrial exploitation, and is now returning – thanks to science, collaboration and cultural rediscovery.

The future of the longleaf pine forest will depend on continued use of prescribed fire, support for and from private landowners and recognition that restoring a complex ecosystem takes time. But across the South, the open, grassy longleaf pine ecosystems are coming back. A forest once given up for lost is becoming, again, a living emblem of the southern landscape.

By Andrea De Stefano

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2026 Louisiana State 4-H Food Challenge

The State Louisiana 4-H Food Challenge was held Wednesday, May 20th, in Alexandria and the teams brought the heat! The top three teams from each division in Northern and Southern Regionals were invited to compete at state, and we are so proud of their efforts! Special thank you to the Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry's Produce Safety Program for prizes and endless support. Corona Farms showed off and donated their fresh and delicious cauliflower and green beans, and thank you to United Rentals for powering our event with their generators!

Division I Winners: 1st DeSoto Parish, 2nd Acadia Parish, 3rd Evangeline Parish

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2026 Louisiana black bear hunting season set to begin December 5th; Hunting tag lottery to begin in late July

The 2026 Louisiana black bear hunting season will take place from December 5th to the 20th; and this year, bear hunting will be allowed in all seven of the state's black bear management areas. LDWF Large Carnivore Program Manager John Hanks says 42 tags will be tentatively issued for the hunt.

"Depending on where you live at and what type of tag you qualify for, any bear area in the state would have, at least, an opportunity for you to apply for a lottery," Hanks said.

The lottery for the 2026 season will begin in late July.

Louisiana held its first black bear hunting season in more than 35 years in December of 2024. That year, 10 bears were harvested. 16 were harvested last year; and Hanks says with the black bear population continuing to thrive, they've decided to open it up even more.

"The first year was just experimental, and it worked really well. So we expanded a little bit more last year, and it continues to work well, so now we're expanding more," Hanks explained.

Bear area specific population estimates, and vital rate data are used to determine the number of bear harvest permits to be issued. Cubs and females are not legal to harvest.

Hanks says nearly half of the tags that will be issued will be for Bear Management Area 4. Hanks says that's where they are seeing the most interest in a bear hunting season, in northeast Louisiana.

"Everybody that lives out in the rural areas with the bears and have seen them come along in the last 25 or 30 years, and numbers growing and seeing bears more and seeing large bears, are clearly excited about it," Hanks said.

A 300-pound+ bear can provide about 200 plates of food. Bear fat can be used for baking, cooking, making candles and waterproofing boots.

By: Joe Gallinaro, Louisiana Radio Network



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Forest Service Announces Additional 2026 Fee-Free Day on June 6

The U.S. Forest Service announced an additional 2026 recreation fee-free day on June 6 in celebration of National Trails Day, providing no cost use of all standard amenity recreation sites on national forests and grasslands.

National Trails Day was established by the American Hiking Society in 1993 and occurs annually on the first Saturday in June. It brings together federal land managers, partners, and volunteers to celebrate trails and accomplish trail stewardship projects to ensure they are safe, well-maintained, easy-to-follow and accessible.

“We are so excited to invite Americans to visit our national forests free of charge on National Trails Day and view the beauty of our nation in person!” said Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. “We hope families and friends can come together and celebrate this special day and reconnect with our nation’s spirit in this positive setting and learn more about our amazing forest landscapes.”

“For National Trails Day in 2025, Forest Service trail managers, partners, and volunteers hosted 80 events, including 54 stewardship projects, engaging with more than 3,100 volunteers who maintained 173 miles of trail,” said Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz. “We hope those who love Forest Service trails will join us at the trailhead on June 6, whether it’s

volunteering to build new trails, pick up trash near a trailhead, participating in a nature walk, or taking advantage of the fee-free day benefits.”

The Forest Service-managed trail system, at more than 165,000 miles, is the largest public trails system in the U.S. with trailheads in nearly every state making recreation opportunities accessible to hike, bike, ATV, ride horseback, snowmobile, snowshoe, etc. In 2025, volunteers and partners accounted for more than 60 percent of all trail maintenance accomplishments, or nearly 26,000 miles.

For all 2026 fee free days on National Forest System lands, please visit www.fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits.



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