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INSPIRED BY THE MUSES

In Greek mythology, the Muses were sister-goddesses, the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne (“Memory”). They embodied the arts, such as writing, music, poetry, and dance, and were considered the source of creativity, wisdom, and insight. Artists and thinkers depended on them for inspiration.

Here in the real world, inspiration can be found much closer to home, even in the small town of Greensburg, one of the oldest in Louisiana. In celebration of Black History Month, we’re proud to spotlight the family behind Muse 3 Farm. In this case, it’s four Muse brothers... Burnell, Allen, Christopher, and Mittie. They didn’t wait for inspiration from on high to strike. Somewhere deep down, they’ve always known this is right where they wanted to be.

Standing on what’s now their family farmland, Allen says it’s always been his dream to return to the place he was born. “When I was a little guy, I used to walk this land. We didn’t own it, but I always had a vision that one day I’d love to.”

The farm’s name pays homage to their father, Columbus Bruce (C.B.) Muse. As the third son of his family, C.B. used M3 as his cattle brand. At some point, all of his sons moved away from home, but they’ve now made their way back to the same land to spend more time together as a family. “We just want to sustain the land that sustained us while we were growing up,” says Chris.



That’s exactly what they’re doing... with the help of the whole family, including Chris’s son Nicholas, an Animal Science graduate of Southern University who currently works as a parish extension agent for the Southern University AgCenter.

Muse 3 Farm comprises over 206 acres, half of which is dedicated forestland with both loblolly and longleaf pine. The other half is devoted to grazing land for cattle, lamb, goats, and sheep. It’s here that, according to Chris, they let nature do what nature’s supposed to do. “The same way I like being on the farm,” says Chris, “we let the animals enjoy being on the farm.”

Being able to sustain the land has come from learning, training, trying new things, and bringing that experience back to other farmers in the area. “We attend a lot of conferences and work with a lot of different groups, local and national,



to understand the latest technology, the latest principles,” says Chris. “That way we can give farmers around here an honest answer, right? If they’re gonna implement something, it has to work. And to me, it has to be something that they’re gonna feel good about.”

The farm recently transitioned from a cow-calf operation to their own private beef label. Now, they offer their beef products at the St. Helena Farmer’s Market and through several other channels, including the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS), a USDA program administered through LDAF that’s not only good for their local community, but also their bottom line.

“I’m really proud that we have been able to get our ground beef into two local school systems... the Zachary Community School District and our St. Helena Parish School District,” says Chris. “It feels good to know that our local kids are eating products that are grown locally, and it’s a blessing for the farm.”

Chris praises the program for being geared toward small farmers, and he hopes to help others to participate. “Without the program, it would be much more difficult to get into those avenues,” says Chris. “The program incentivizes school districts and food banks to purchase locally, especially from underserved producers.”

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Inaugural Louisiana Ag Week coming up March 18-22

Louisiana Ag in the Classroom (AITC) is observing the first Louisiana Ag Week next month, and we're excited to celebrate the contributions of agriculture to our everyday lives.

The goal of Louisiana Ag Week (March 18-22, 2024) is to share how food and fiber products are produced, promote the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. Together, let's cultivate a deeper understanding, appreciation, and vibrant future for Louisiana agriculture!

Get ready to sprout your creativity and curiosity during the inaugural Louisiana Ag Week. This week-long celebration isn't just about exploring the roots

of agriculture — it's about celebrating its vibrant present and growing its future one seed at a time. Here's what's in store!

Dig into the heart of Louisiana:

- Uncover the journey of your food: From planting seeds to processing and packing, discover the incredible story behind your everyday meals.
- Meet the faces behind the fields: Connect with farmers who dedicate their lives to nourishing our communities.
- Explore the future of farming: See how innovation and technology are revolutionizing agriculture, ensuring a sustainable and secure food supply for generations to come.



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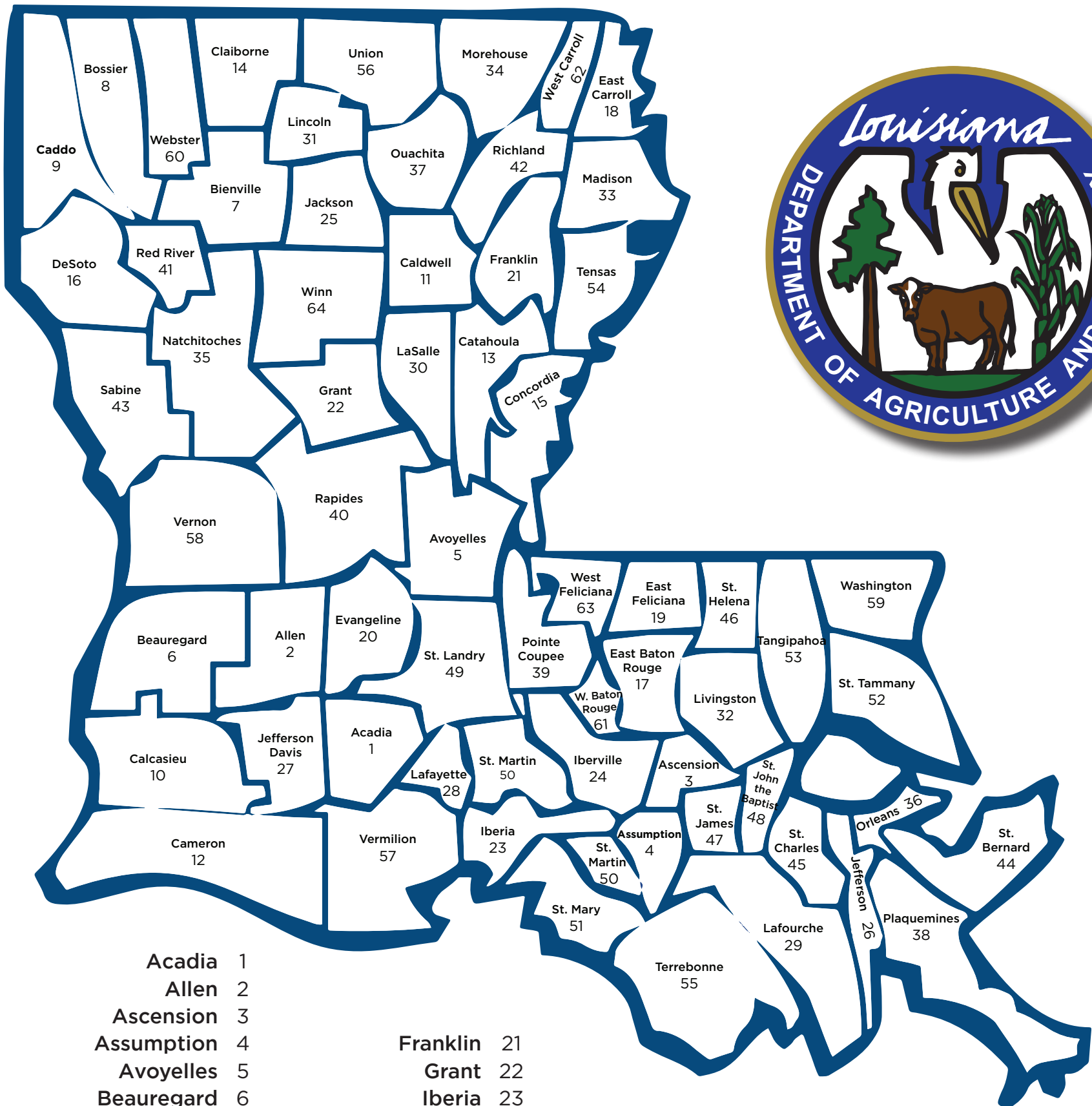
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CATTLE

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

Reg. High Quality Black Angus bulls, breeding age, 18 months, EPD and DNA tested, pasture conditioned on ryegrass, semen tested and all vaccinations, ready for late March, April & May 2024, 1,400-1,700 lbs., FREE delivery within 50 miles, \$3,250 and up. Zachary Comeaux, Scott, Lafayette Parish; 337-288-6526, 337-896-9296, 337-873-6948.

2 PB 8-month-old Angus bulls for sale, \$800 each. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; 985-515-8883.

Registered virgin 2-year-old Angus bulls, \$3,500. Earl P. Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-5503.

Registered Black Angus Bulls, A I sired with Top genetics that are low in birth weight, high milk, high weaning and yearling weights, 18 months old as of Feb. 2024, pasture raised with limited feed, all are vaccinated, vet checked and ready for service, Pictures and videos available, call for pricing. Jeff Corbello or Mike Jongbloed, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-842-3070 or 337-302-7481.

Registered Black Angus Bull, 2 yrs old, virgin bull, Great Bloodline! Sired by Greenline

Manning 8006, serious inquiries only please, \$3,000. Shannon Dinger, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-351-1159.

Reg. Black Angus bull, 6 years old, calves to show, \$1,800. John Collins, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-548-3761.

Registered Black Angus, low birth weight bulls available, Pasture raised, limited feed, ready for heavy service, Will have EPD's on all bulls, \$2,500-\$3,000. Errol Aymond or Jacob Brown, Effie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-1206 or 318-541-0050.

BEEFMASTER

Beefmaster cow/calf pairs, 4-6 years, exposed back to registered Beefmaster bull, \$3,000-\$3,500/pair; registered bulls, polled and ready for service, \$2,500, all gentle, raised on farm, and on health protocol by licensed vet. Roy, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-563-4566.

8 Beefmaster heifers, 11 months old, gentle, on feed, and vaccinated, \$10,000 for all 8 or will sell individually. Seth Woods, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; 337-304-1877.

BRAHMAN

One 2-year-old Brahman bull and one 3-year-old Brahman bull, good disposition, pure bred, call for pictures, \$2,500 each. Wayne Cantrell, Morgan City, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-3731.

7-year-old grey registered Brahman bull, very gentle, have to see to appreciate, great bloodline, call for more info, \$2,500. Bradley Cormier, Acadia Parish; 337-250-1340.

23-month-old virgin registered grey brahman bull, must see to appreciate, \$3,000 OBO. Bradley Cormier, Acadia Parish; 337-250-1340.

Reg. gray Brahman heifers, easy calving and gentle, bloodline JDH Mr. Manso 854 and Maddox 684, \$2,000/each. Eric Wingate, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-257-9071.

Red Brahmans, P.B. heifers, 13-15 months, \$1,500, 16-18 months, \$1,800, bulls, 16-17 months \$1,950, all grain fed with rye grass, very gentle, top bloodlines. Evert Talbot, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-978-1798.

BRANGUS

Golden certified F1 Brangus Heifers, 14 months old, \$1,800 each. Philip Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; 985-637-7538.

2 Registered Brangus Bulls, 16 months old, \$2,500 each. Orenthas Clark, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish; 985-351-9540.

2 Reg. Brangus Bulls, 1 born 5-14-22, \$2,800, 1 born 2-15-22, \$3,000, Semen tested, good bloodline, can send pictures. Ronlad Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; 985-291-5204.

BRAUNVIEH

2- Reg. Braunvieh bulls, 7-mths old, sired by the calving ease specialist, MHF Xerox, one traditional coloring and one is chocolate coloring, \$1,600/each. Alvin Williams, Angie, Washington Parish; 985-570-3224.

CHAROLAIS

Charolais heifer, ready to breed, extra gentle, \$1,300. Joseph Jarreau, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-261-2077.

Charolais bulls, \$4,400, Charolais cows, \$3,300; pairs \$4,000, Charlangus cows, \$2,200, pairs \$2,800, Open Charolais heifers, \$1,600, Charlangus heifers, \$1,300. Dr. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

HEREFORD

2 Hereford heifers, ready to breed, extra gentle, 850 pounds, \$1,300 each. Joseph Jarreau, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-261-2077.

4-year-old registered Herford bull, dog gentle, was show bull, great bloodline, call for more info, \$2,000. Bradley Cormier, Acadia parish; 337-250-1340.

Registered Polled Hereford bulls, 15 months, several to choose from, excellent blood lines, extremely good epds, long, thick and very docile, all fertility tested and sound breeders, \$3,000 and up. Brent, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-2194.

Registered Hereford cow & unregistered Bull calf, this is her first calf, \$2,500. Mitch Johnson, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

3 Registered Polled Hereford bulls, 22-24 months old, excellent quality, \$3,000-\$3,500. Jim Fannin, Jonesboro, Jackson Parish; 318-259-4535.

Bred Hereford cows, 3 and 4 year olds, some due Feb. of 2024, others fall of 2024, Hereford/Angus bulls, reg. paper go with cows, dark red and medium frame, hand fed and gentle, starting \$1,800 per head and up, call or text. Damon Kirk, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-709-8101.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND

Baby Scottish Highland calves, boys \$1,000, girls \$4,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-548-5050.

I am selling 600-800-pound Scottish Highland bulls for, \$2.25 per pound on the hoof, 97% fat free beef, the most delicious beef in the world. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-548-5050.

SIMMENTAL

Reg. Black Simmental, 7 pairs (2-7 years), 4 heifers, 3 bull calves born 11/23, Cows have all vaccinations and ready to breed back, \$2,200 per pair or \$14,000 for all. Sheila Wittie, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-345-6748.

ZEBU

Reg. mini zebu bulls, cows, calves, show quality, \$500 and up for each. Jerome Hammons, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-508-0800.

DAIRY

1 purebred 18-month Holstein open heifer for sale, very gentle, \$600. Danny LeBlanc, Raceland, Lafourche Parish; 985-686-9796.

WANTED: 1 or 2 Holstein cows with calf. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-548-5050.

OTHER

14 cross bred cows, some Bradford, some Brangus, due to calve in April 2024, must take 5 or more, 2-5 years old,

\$1,800/1. Keith Guillory, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-336-2150.

Registered Maine Anjou bull, solid black, 80# birth weight, super thick, halter broke and very gentle, all shots and wormed, 12 months old, weighs 1,200lbs, delivery available for an additional charge, \$3,000/1. Laura Hughes. Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-933-2997.

4-year Jersey and Jersey/Angus heifer, both gentle, \$2,000. Zula Istre, Gueydan, Vermillion Parish; 337-368-1535.

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.

AQHA Filly, born 3/9/22, Mare T.B. Stallion AQHA AJS Fast Dash, ask for \$5,000 for filly. Steve Vidrine, Evangeline Parish; 337-655-4826.

Young miniature pony for sale, \$600. Shane Gautreaux, Evangeline Parish; 337-466-2915.

AQHA Heck No Cryin, born 4/10/2014, Bayroan color, Tennessee Walker/ Hanoverian, brood mare, \$4,000. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

AQHA Filly DOB 7/10/23, Bayroan color, CJ Heck No Dixie off stud Peponita Figure Four and Heck No Cryin, \$2,000. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

6-year-old mini stud pony, negative Coggins, kid friendly, super gentle, \$600. Scott McDowell, Jena LaSalle Parish; 318-623-2935.

Gaited paint horse 14 hands. Call for price. Robert Amons, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-452-3471.

Two coming yearling colts, great conformation, Halter broke/easily handled, Royal King top and bottom, \$4,000. Vanessa Hogan, Center Point, Avoyelles Parish; 318-541-3923.

Foundation & Running Bred Quarter Horses, Imprint as Foals, Freeze Branded and vaccinated. \$3,500 and up. Fred Rodosta, St. Landry Parish, 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

Heel Horse, 13 years old, good for beginner, no bad habits, negative Coggins provided, \$10,000. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; 318-286-7406.

Beautiful, blue-eyed, cinnamon Appaloosa colt, 11 months old, he's lead and halter broke, starting to put a little weight on his back, call for more information, \$1,500. Earl Jones, Slaughter, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-270-0066.

WANTED: We are interested in a miniature jennet for our granddaughter. James Parish, Ragley, Beauregard Parish; 337-515-5380.

WANTED: Will buy all of your mini horses. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-548-5050.

STALLION SERVICE

Miniature Stud, \$100 breeding fee, \$5 a day mare care. Shane Gautreaux, Evangeline Parish; 337-466-2915.

AQHA horse, Peppi 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.

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

(4) Foundation bred stallions, \$800/\$10 mare care, before coming mares are required to have a negative Coggins test and vet checked ultrasound. Dr. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

AQHA Buckskin Stallion, smart, little, Lena Bloodline, super gentle, \$400 Fee. Joe Kimble, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; 225-326-9112.

AQHA Sizzling Two Hat #6118839 Red Roan Stallion, Neg. Coggins and Health Cert. Required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Josh Himel, Plattenville, Assumption Parish; 225-776-3319.

EQUINE SERVICES

Horse trainer, breaking and training, pro cutter on site, ranch training, speed event training, riding lessons, call for pricing. Rachel Bertrand, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-384-6997.

Professional saddle repair, custom made tack, used saddles for sale, cell phone holders, gun holsters, knife sheaths. Ronney Francois, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-945-3628.

5B Breaking & Training, AQHA Professional Horseman's Team member, specializing in 2-yr. old & problem horses, developing good broke ranch cow horses, 39 yrs. exp. w/references, covered & outside arena. John Brown, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 225-931-9210.

Horse trainer, breaking and training, pro cutter on site, ranch training, call for pricing. Rachel Bertrand, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-384-6997.

TACK

Handmade nylon bull whips, \$50/up, repair whips too. Billy Anderson, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-592-2431.

Show supplies, ropes, halters, lead ropes, hay bags etc., make an offer. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-0697.

Circle Y 16" Saddle, Bridle, Breast Collar, Saddle Bags, Girth, Pad, Horse Blanket, Brushes, and Miscellaneous horse items, call or text, \$975 for all. Cynthia Gonzalez, Leesville, Vernon Parish; 337-718-2382.

WANTED: Used mule riding saddle, 16" or 17", prefer endurance saddle, must have mule tree, reasonably priced. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, Richland Parish; 318-381-5532.

SHEEP & GOATS

ABGA registered fullblood doe, Blurred Aurora, add a healthy 2-year-old doe to your breeding program, she has a long body,

square, and feminine, text or email, serious buyers only, \$1,200. Jennifer Wilds, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-360-5454, jenniferawilds@gmail.com.

Katahdin Lambs and Katahdin/ Dorper Lambs, Ewe and Ram lambs for sale, call for pricing. Robert Knott, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; 318-308-5107.

ABGA Registered South African Boer Goat Buck (fullblood traditional), Million Dollar Maxx, Proven Breeder, will add massive size to your breeding program, text or email, serious buyers only, \$2,000. Jennifer Wilds, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-360-5454, jenniferawilds@gmail.com.

9-month-old Katahdin ram, colorful, small horns, \$150. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-1705.

Registered katahdins for sale, 1 ram, 15 ewes, most of them have lambs on their side, will also have young lambs, must see, selling everything, call for pricing. Kevin Broussard, Vermilion Parish; 337-789-7425.

Registered, Fainting goats, female \$300, male \$200. Ricky Deshotel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-4032.

Freezer lambs Barbado/ Katadin mix, ready February, call for pricing. Sandra Castille, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-280-7547.

Cross Katahdin and Barbados Ewes with baby at side, \$150 per pair. Buford Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-461-5282.

Myatonic billy, full blood, no papers, large body, \$200 or BO, Dwarf Nigerian, full blood, no papers, \$100 or BO. Bentley Curry, Rayville, Richland Parish 318-366-3575.

Registered Pygmy Doeling, Born 2/22/22, \$225. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

Spanish cross Doelings, 1yo. Sisters, Very friendly, Sold together, \$250. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

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Kiko-Boer-Spanish Cross babies to bred Does, \$150 and up. Whiskey Creek Farm, Castor, Bienville Parish; 318-423-3506 or 318-413-7781.

St Croix/ Katahdin lambs for sale, rams and ewes \$175 each, lambs born in Aug- October, also have some 4-year-old ewes. Audel Prewitt, Anacoco, Vernon Parish; 337-375-6431.

Katahdin Ram for sale, super easy keeper, stays fat on forage, \$350. Hunter King, St. Tammany Parish; 985-502-1506.

DOGS

AKC Reg Male Border Collie, for stud service ready for breeding, call for pricing and more information. Rob, Allen Parish; 318-335-1414.

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

FREE, 1 red male Shepard, 1 male brown mixed breed, 1 male tan mixed breed, all 1-year-old, friendly, affectionate, protective. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-3826.

3 Female CKC Reg Rough Collie Puppies, Potty trained, clear genetics, gorg., Solid White with black tip ears, Blue Merle, Honey Sable & White, \$900 each. Kimberly Graham, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 985-514-3685.

German Shepherd puppies, born 1/19/2024, call for pricing. Sherry Edwards, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; 318-481-8293.

2 Female and 1 male registered border collie puppies, puppies are from working parents and both sets of parents are on premises, puppies are 10 weeks old and ready for new homes, pictures are available upon request, for more information please call or text, \$600. Greg Powell, Longville, Beauregard Parish; 337-842-5652.

Shitza puppies for sale, three 4-month-old puppies, no papers, \$600, three 2-week-old, 2 girls and 1 boy, \$600 at 2 months old. Cherry Taylor, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-349-7414.

Australian Shepard/Great Pyrenees puppies, born 12/1/2023, \$100 each, all shots & wormed, family pets. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Feist Squirrel dog pups, 8 weeks old, 4 males 1 female, \$75 each. Cody Wilkerson, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-461-1514.

3 Beagles, 1 1/2 years old, all females, \$400 for all three. Cody Wilkerson, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-461-1514.

Anatolian Shepard and great Pyrenees puppies, born 1-27-24, parents on premises, excellent

guard dogs, \$250 each. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

Tri colored Cowboy Corgi (corgi/blue heeler) male, D.O.B.-9/20/23, will be UTD on shots in 3 weeks, ready for new home, sweet fellow and lots of energy, loves to play, \$200. Amber Kibodeaux, Egan, Acadia Parish; 337-458-2503.

8-year-old rip rap female English Pointer, finished hunter, \$1,000, her 4-year-old lemon daughter well started, \$800, both are Elhew on both sides, FDSB registered. David Brabham, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-974-1950.

Great Pyrenees Puppies, born on January 15 on working farm, both parents onsite, Purebred but not registered, puppies will be wormed and UTD on shots, ready for new homes starting March 10 at 8 weeks old, Females (x4) - \$225, Males (x3) - \$200. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

Maltypoo puppies, male and female, \$750 and up. Lester Markham, Imperial Kennels Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-323-9445.

Toy/Mini Australian Shepherd Puppies, born 12/28/23, Located in Eunice, La. Black tri (\$900), Blue Merle(\$1200) and Red Merle(\$1200) available, all have BEAUTIFUL markings, ASDR registered, and parents have clear genetic testing, please call/text for pictures or more info. Christopher Berza, Acadia Parish; 337-305-1276.

Mini Australian Shepherds, black/white, born Dec. 15, 2023, tails docked, vet checked, first shots, 1 male, 2 females, \$250 each. Lisa Smith, Merryville, Beauregard Parish; 337-462-5354.

AKC registered, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, blk/wht male, 2 yr old, love him but can't keep him, \$300. Paul Gil, Patterson, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-6407.

Registered Teddy Roosevelt Terrier, Type B Rat Terrier pups, starting at \$400. Pam Frey, Northeast Louisiana; 318-837-0778.

Reg. Toy Rat Terriers, assorted colors, UTD on shots, worming, \$400. Jerome Hammons, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-508-0800.

WANTED: Miniature Dachshund, red, female, puppy. Horace Crosby, Siloam Springs, AR; 479-215-7266.

SWINE

2 Berkshire/Mangalita gilts, 6 months old, breed or butcher, excellent meat cross, \$300/each. Emmie Chaney, Jackson, East Feliciana; 225-324-0778.

2 female pot belly pigs, about 50 lbs. \$75/1, \$140/for both. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

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Diamond Doves, selling out, \$15 each. Roger Brown, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-277-7290.

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2 pairs of Proven Breeder Scarlet Macaws, about 22-25 years old, large variety; and, NOT pets, will bite if they are given the chance!! Please call for more information and pricing, leave a message and I'll get back to you. Mike Dugas, Assumption Parish; 985-992-0660.

Ring Neck doves, \$5 each, Pure White doves, when available, \$10, minimum order 4 doves. Victor Dugas, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-258-7565.

6 Sun Conures, \$300 and up. Donald Brown, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-466-3749.

Mature Peafowl, \$200 each. Jim Hatfield, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-981-2020.

Java Sparrows, at farm only, \$80 per pair or 3 unsexed for \$100. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; 337-578-2311 or garrie@cox.net.

Canaries \$60 ea, Love Birds \$80 ea, Finches \$10 ea, Parakets \$12 ea. Wayne Weber, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-212-0422.

Peacocks, males and females, assorted colors, \$200 each. Jerome Hammons, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-508-0800.

POULTRY & FOWL

Serama rooster and hen 1-year-old, Rooster has the traditional colors, and the hen is grey with white specs, \$20 for the pair. Brian Clement, Lafayette Parish; 337-962-8290.

Big beautiful white mute swan (male), 4-years old, \$750. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

Pullets, Rhode Island Red, Lavender Orphington, Wyandottes, Leghorns, Bantams, and others, \$10 and up. Greg LaFleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

Silkie Chicks, all colors, all ages, call for prices, \$10 and up. Mike Schexnaydre, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-8123.

Show Quality Salmon Faverolle, hen \$30, rooster \$20, PR \$45. Randy Turner, Boyce, Rapides Parish; 318-787-5860.

Jumbo Pharaoh Quail, mix colors, price depends on age. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

India Blue Peafowl for sale, male \$100, females \$120 and up. Becky Clay, Grant Parish; 318-451-3554.

Adult Lavender Orpington roosters for sale, \$20 apiece. Becky Clay, Grant Parish; 318-451-3554.

10 Large young Male Black Muscovy ducks, 2 for \$35. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; 337-578-2311 or garrie@cox.net.

Peking Duck Chicks \$7 each. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-296-6021.

Baby Chicks for sale, Lavender Orpingtons \$5/each, Black Copper Marans, \$5/each. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-296-6021.

Jumbo Brown and White Pharaoh Quail Chicks \$1.00 each. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-296-6021.

Chicks Hatching Feb. 11th, BarnYard Mix, Straight Run, \$3/each. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

Cubalaya Chicken Bantams, critical endangered, Sumatras for sale as well, starting \$50. Lester, Markham, Imperial Kennels, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-323-9445.

Silkies, all ages \$10 and up, Silkie hatching eggs, \$24 a dozen, Polish and Seramas available in March, call for more information. Dianne Arndt, Folsom, St. Tammany; 985-630-9558.

Chickens, all ages, young to laying, \$10 and up. Whiskey Creek Farm, Castor, Bienville Parish; 318-423-3506 or 318-413-7781.

10 Runner ducks, spring 2023 hatched, \$30 each. L. Painter, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-515-0919.

WANTED: Looking for young laying hens, will pay top dollar. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-962-3463.

WANTED: Want to buy a young Buff Orpington rooster. Trudy Pellerin, Bridge City, Calcasieu Parish; 409-313-3314.

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Homing Pigeons, all colors, all young, \$8 for one or \$16 for a pair. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-962-3463.

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, \$20 each. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-873-8440.

Homing Pigeon, blue bars, young and some 4 years, have too many, \$20 for one. A. Savoy Jr., Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-400-6577.

King Pigeons for sale, \$10 each. Ervin Crawford, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 225-294-3767.

EGGS

Chicken eggs, \$3.50 a dozen. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-962-3463.

Chicken eggs for sale \$2/ dozen. Becky Clay, Pollock, Grant Parish; 318-451-3554.

Lavender Orpington and Black Copper Maran fertile eggs, \$20 per dozen. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-296-6021.

Quail eggs for sale, fresh eggs, 15 cents each, Fertile eggs, 20 cents each, Pickled eggs, \$8 per jar. Timmy Dumatrait, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-296-6021.

Farm fresh chicken eggs, Free range, Cage free, \$4/dz. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

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Pharaoh quail egg, \$.20, Pickled egg, \$.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 3-week-old, \$1.75. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-856-5884.

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New Zealand meat rabbits, two mini Rex Bucks, one black, one blue, starting at \$15 each. Veranas Mire, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-581-5987.

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Pond stocking, blue catfish, \$.45/1; channel catfish, \$.40/1; Copper nose bluegill, \$.35/1; Louisiana bluegill, \$.35/1; hybrid bluegill, \$.40/1; red-ear bream, \$.40/1; black crappie, \$.45/1; bass, \$1/1; fathead minnows, \$14/lb. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; 318-377-1525.

DEER & EXOTICS

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Evangeline Made mobile welding and dirt work. Bart or Joseph, Acadia Parish; 337-526-8825 or 337-246-3112.

Architectural shingles \$350 square, labor included, Environmental testing, sewer, runoff water and chemical, Fencing repairs/buildings and drainage, State licensed, insured/bonded. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-405-5229.

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WANTED: Seeking experienced full-time Farm Manager to manage overall operation of privately owned, 1,500-acre, hunting and farming operation in Louisiana, please send resume to resumes@mpwproperties.com, St. Landry Parish; 337-232-1438.

LIVESTOCK BOARDING

Homemade calf roping chute, \$450 OBO. P. Taylor, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-290-0692.

Horse boarding, pastures for lease w/ shelter & water. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-328-2198.

Complete roping arena, 250ft long, 130ft wide, with aluminum panels, chute and all, \$5,000. Danny Prejean, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-962-8482.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Dozer, track hoe and drainage work, state licensed, insured/bonded, \$1,000 minimum. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-405-5229.

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Land clearing, dirt work, excavator work, bush hogging, mulching, culvert setting, small or big jobs, call for estimate. Rick Hardee, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-249-9500.

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Bennie's Pressure washing, serving the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas, free estimates, houses, barns, driveway, pool decks, insured. Bennie Martin, Livingston Parish; 225-287-3878.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

Pig Brig hog traps for use in Vermilion Parish only, deposit required, must have 2 people to set up and provide 9 t-posts, renter is responsible for disposing of hogs, required to complete survey after use. Vermilion Soil & Water Conservation District, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-893-5664 (ext. 3).

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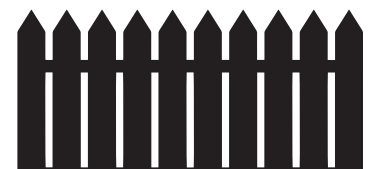
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Ag lime, \$32/ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; call 985-515-6655.

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WANTED: Looking for some Louisiana variety of white and green Mirliton seed, not Mexican Coyote please, anyone having or knowing anyone who has please contact. Michael Dugas, Plattenville, Assumption Parish; 985-992-0660.

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Homemade Jellies, Jams, Preserves, Pepper Jellies & Sourdough Breads, 8oz jellies \$7 each, Sourdough Breads prices range from \$7-\$15 depending on order, On Facebook @ Hays' Harvest. Angela Hays, Saline, Bienville Parish; 318-475-0029.

HAY & GRAIN

Alicia Bermuda sq. Bales in barn, \$8 per bale, Weed hay, \$3 per bale. Loles Duhon, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-380-9610.

Roasted soybeans, \$500/ton. Donovan Mire, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; 225-931-5964.

Mix 30 Liquid Cow Feed, \$1.95/ gallon delivered. Kevin Tyler, Pine Grove, Livingston Parish; 225-337-3312.

2023 Rice Straw, tightly baled 5 X 5 round bales, baled in September, \$25/1. Wendell Middlebrooks; Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-658-3106.

2023 Alicia and Jiggs Bermuda hay, 4x5, netwrap, in barn, \$65/ bale. Michael Richard, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-532-3522.

TRACTORS

750 John Deere tractor, 1250hrs, 1985, runs great, 25hp, includes mower, blade, cultivator, and rear bucket, \$7,000. Mark, Lafayette Parish; 337-288-2244.

Oliver Hart-Parr row crop, not running, \$1,500, Oliver 99, good sheet metal, no front wheels no hood, everything else there, not running, \$1,500. Jimmy Bass, Longville, Beauregard Parish; 337-661-9638.

Case 830 LP Gas High Crop, needs restoration, \$3,000, John Deere H, running, \$1,600, Moline G6 80hp diesel, runs and looks good, \$3,500. David Bass, Longville, Beauregard Parish; 337-396-5955.

2 John Deere lawn tractors, L-175'S, one ready to go and other needs motor, all tires and belts good, \$500, 1 landscape rake, 84" 3pt hitch, \$1,500. Lawrence Drude Jr, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-969-2523.

2015 John Deere 1025R 4x4 Hydro, Trans. 1 owner 589hrs, JD 60" mower, JD pallet forks, JD front loader, JD 647 rotary tiller, 4' bush hog, 4' plow, 4' row cultivator, middle buster, hipper row maker, 4' box blade, No DEF required, \$19,800. Brian Thibodeaux, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-308-0400.

2012 JD 8335 RT Track Tractor, \$150,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

2010 JD 9770 Combine, \$99,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

1997 JD 6400 JDH HiCrop Tractor, \$35,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

6ft Grapple box, 5ft grader box, one reversible scoop, one 6ft harrow, one 5ft landscape rake, call for pricing. Lawrence Drude,

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4030 Kubota tractor, good shape, \$8,000. W.J. Mims, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish; 318-644-2236.

White tractor 2155 with cab & air, 160HP w/ new allied loader, hay spear, 1,800 hrs., \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

Massey Ferguson 2660 HD, 632 hrs, 4x4, open cab w/cover, one owner, excellent condition, always kept in warehouse, \$29,500. Larry Bordelon, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-452-8767.

140 International, high clearance, some tools for front toolbar, runs good, \$4,000. Mike Schexnaydre, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-8123.

2014 John Deere 4105 tractor, 375 hrs, excellent shape, under cover loader, backhoe and 6 ft cutter, \$31,500. Michael Cooper, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-257-1841.

JD 3320, 06, 4X4, open cab, w/ cover, 1200+- hours, hydro, INO tires, front loader piping (no bucket), very good condition, private use, includes 5ft clipper, disc, box, \$16,990. Buddy Elliott,

St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-324-6843.

3-point hitch plow, plow is a 3-gang plow, for small tractor, a set of plowshares arranged to work simultaneous, \$75. Claude Sellers, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-280-7096.

John Deere Combine 8820, call for more information, \$10,000. Earl Roy Enterprises LLC, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-563-4560.

CUTTERS & MOWERS

Woods BW 180 15' Mower, all gearboxes, shafts, and wheels in good shape, deck is bad, \$3,000. Wayne Cantrell, Morgan City, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-3731.

Bush Hog 2615 Legend 15' Batwing, all gearboxes, shafts, and wheels in good shape, deck is bad, \$3,000. Wayne Cantrell, Morgan City, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-3731.

Pull-type 5 Foot Rhino two- wheel shredder, hardly used, in great shape, \$750. David McDaniel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-4079.

15' John Deere batwing cutter, deck is in very good condition, needs drive shaft and other repairs, \$3,000. Greg LaFleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

2 ZTR Grasshopper lawn mowers for parts, leave a message if no answer, \$100 each. Thomas Barry, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-936-2758.

10' Bushhog Brand, extra heavy duty, two trailing wheels in rear for quick hitch or 3-point hitch, \$2,250. Larry Bordelon, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-452-8767.

John Deere MX 5 Rotary Cutter, great working condition, can text pictures if needed, \$2,000. Steve Guillot, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-281-1292.

Yazoo front deck riding mower model YHRLK 20 - 20HP Kohler Magnum engine, low hours, 48" cut, very good condition, \$800. Ursin Rodrigue, St. John Parish; 225-806-3784.

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2018, 34ft, Case IH Turbo Till Barracuda, \$80,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

Three-point Tool Bar with three Middle Buster plows, \$550. David McDaniel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-4079.

7ft Plow to pull behind a 40- 50HP tractor made by TAYLOR-WAY, asking \$3,000. A.R. Bordelon, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-351-1129.



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Contact the Forestry Enforcement Program at 225-925-4500

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Quonset Hut Commercial

Greenhouse, 80ft (L) 28FT(W) 13FT(H), heater and fans, many extras, needs to be taken down, \$6,500. Susan Mele, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-630-7761.

3-point quick hitch, like new, \$300. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5757.

150 Gallon fuel tank on skid with pump, \$700 OBO. P. Taylor, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-290-0692.

14FT Discs for sale, \$3,000 OBO. P. Taylor, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-290-0692.

5-horse walking wheel, very heavy duty, 40-ft circle, all pipes no cables, great condition, \$3,500. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-1239.

Oat Tank, heavy duty steel, holds about 2,400lbs, in great condition, on skids, \$2,000. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-1239.

Commercial Oat Crimper 220, on a stand or corn cracker, very heavy duty, good shape, \$1,500. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-1239.

RHINO Model 1540 10' rear blade, hydraulic swing/pivot/tilt, call for pricing. Paul Newton, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-6136.

3pt. hay forks, \$100. Greg LaFleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

20FT new Seacan shipping container for storage, double doors on both ends, leave message if I don't answer, \$4,000. Thomas Barry, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-936-2758.

2015 John Deere 485A backhoe attachment w/ 2 buckets, in great shape, fits 3320-3720, 4120-4520, and 5000 series tractors, photos upon request, \$5,500 OBO. Rene Escuriex, Acadia Parish; 337-654-9584.

(2) 3-pt hay forks, 3-pt middle buster, 3-pt tow builders, 3-pt fertilizer distributor, 3-pt harrow, call for pricing. James Williams, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-603-1405.

W&A 8-row hippers w/ Ortham row markers, \$2,000; Taylorway (8)-row cultivator, 5-prow gangs w/shields, \$800; Ditch Witch w/4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe & bits, trailer, excel. cond., \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

Above ground sprinkler system, 80 pipes 30' long 2" diameter with heads, 5 3" diameter head pipes, \$1,800. Robert DiMattia, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-507-7469.

Vintage water pump, F.E. Myers & Bros of Ashland, OH, 50" tall primitive farmhouse hand water pump with faucet and reversible long handle, \$500. Charles Morel, St. Landry Parish; 337-290-5129.

Used heavy-duty three-point tractor harrow with box tube frame, measures 13'3"Wx8'9", \$1,250. Robert Jones, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-515-4270.

Old cement mixer, approx 1/4 yard, runs off tractor pto, still works, \$800. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; 318-286-7406.

Pallet fork for front end loader, \$800. Jim Varnado, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 225-222-6343.

4 Bladed levee plow, \$1,250. Lorea Williams, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-581-5201.

Ford 134 cu. gasblock, \$195, 8N trans. assy., \$250, New long powersteering pump TX17112, \$150, used 8n-9n parts, \$20 and up. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-754-7682.

HAY EQUIPMENT

Vicon 5ft Hay Cutter, good condition, \$2,000 OBO. David, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-278-0872.

JD model 556 hay roller, new tires, all bearings on pickup replaced, hydraulic string tie only and bale kicker, gathering wheels, makes 5'X5' rolls, bale monitor works, \$4,500, leave message. Danny Jones, Florien, Sabine Parish; 318-586-4225.

Worksaver Hydraulic bale fork, 3pt., CAT 2, lifts round bales, 6-7ft., above ground level, \$1,200, 3pt. quick hitch, round bale spear, \$150. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-277-3932.

Homemade Hayspear built for 7209 Ford Loader, asking \$700. Johnny Jarreau, Oscar, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-2128.

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

(4) 3x10x12ft used treated boards, (24) 3x12x12ft used treated boards, all \$15/each. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; 225-921-5575 or 225-938-2850.

2 3/8 and 2 7/8 tubing, \$30 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, La Salle Parish; 318-992-4504.

3126 7.2L CAT Engine, 168 K miles, 2001-year model, runs good, in school bus, you pull it, \$3,200. Jason McDowell, Trout, LaSalle Parish; 318-715-5538.

Equipment Matt materials: plates, all thread rods, nuts, and more, \$500. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

20'x20'x6'6" Shipping container Canopy Shelter, Gold Mountain C2020, 2x Available, Brand New in crate, \$2,500. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

20'x30'x12' Arch Storage Shelter, Gold Mountain S203012R, 2x Available, brand new in crate, \$3,000. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

20'x30' Arch Wall Peak Ceiling Storage Shelter, TMG-ST2031P, Brand New in Crate, \$2,750. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

30'x40' Peak Roof Shelter for Sea Can, TMG-ST3040CVF, Brand New in crate, \$3,500. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

Honda GX 270 8.5hp gas engine, New in box, \$500. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3604.

20ft 6in X 6in treated power pole with attached power head and 200-amp service panel with extra wire, \$400. Louis Edwards, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-419-9315.

WANTED: Looking for a 5ft disc and 5ft Bush hog. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-517-5549.

FARM TRUCKS

1996 Peterbilt tractor truck, 550,000 miles, call for more information, \$40,000. Earl Roy Enterprises LLC, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-563-4560.

2008 Ford F350, four door, runs, drives, ac and heat, \$4,500, 2009 Toyota Sienna van, for sale or trade, \$2,500. Bart, Acadia Parish; 337-526-8825 or 337-246-3112.

2014 Freightliner Truck Tractor, \$48,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

2019 Dodge Ram 4.7L V-8 2X4, \$35,000. Lorris Wayne Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; 318-576-3639.

Ford F250, 04, gas, 4x4, crew, 350,000 miles, bad motor, \$2,600, Toyota Tundra, 06, 4x4, crew, 186,000 miles, bad motor, \$2,000. Buddy Elliott, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-324-6843.

2004 Dodge Ram, 4-door, automatic, \$3,900. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; 337-526-1102.

2004 GMC Dually, 4-door with toolbox bed, automatic, \$5,500. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; 337-526-1102.

1998 Ford F700 automatic dump truck, 7 yards gas engine, \$12,500. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; 337-526-1102.

2018 Dodge Ram SLT, 3/4 ton, 4x4, four-door, 195,000 miles, 6.7-liter diesel engine, great work truck, Gooseneck hook up, Call for pricing. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-652-6200.

TRAILERS, WAGONS, & EQUIPMENT

6 Tie-down weld-on trailer straps, new, straps are 4"X 30', crank and straps, paid \$55, asking \$40 each set. Wayne Cantrell, Morgan City, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-3731.

2013 CTSI grain (hopper bottom) trailer, call for more information, \$30,000. Earl Roy Enterprises LLC, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-563-4560.

3-point ditcher, 10 ft roller packer, flat bed for any truck, miscellaneous other equipment, call for prices. Bart, Acadia Parish; 337-526-8825 or 337-246-3112.

Set of 16, 100lb each, front mounted JD weights with mounting bracket, sells as a set, fits JD 7410 and larger tractors, call for pricing. Paul Newton, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-6136.

Double bar single row maker, \$500. Pamela Thibodeaux, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-605-3209.

6ft grader angle blade, \$600. Pamela Thibodeaux, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-605-3209.

Brillion X-Fold 36ft Cultipacker, \$20,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

JD, 915 V-Ripper 13 Shank, \$12,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

Brent 750 Grain Cart, \$10,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

JD 500 Grain Cart, \$7,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

2016 JD 635FD Header, \$48,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

2012 JD 1790 Planter, 31 row, \$95,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

\$8,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

KBH 250 Seed Tender, \$12,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

1996 Wilson Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer, \$24,000. Steven Stagg, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-0059.

Bonanza cattle or horse trailer, 16ft 6in tall, transports 4 large animals, \$3,000. Nell Stuard, Central, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-955-3396.

Gooseneck stock trailer, MFG: gooseneck, 24' x 6', covered, 2 cut gates, 2012, ready to go, \$8,500. Aaron Slayter, Colfax, Grant Parish; 318-652-8107.





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CERTIFIED DELICIOUS RECIPES



DORADA CORNBREAD

Submitted by Port Orleans Brewing Co.

Ingredients:

1 can of Dorada Mexican Style Lager
 1 cup cornmeal
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ cup buttermilk
 ½ cup butter, melted
 2 eggs, beaten
 ⅓ cup white sugar
 4 green onions, chopped
 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, chopped

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Put cast iron skillet in the oven to preheat as well. Whisk corn-meal, flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Mix buttermilk, ½ cup of Dorada, and melted butter in a separate bowl; gradually stir into the cornmeal mixture to incorporate into a batter. Add eggs and sugar to the batter; stir. Fold green onions and jalapeno peppers through the batter; pour into preheated, sprayed pan.

Bake in the preheated oven until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean, 20-30 minutes. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.

www.portorleansbrewingco.com



BOOZY SAUSAGES WITH PEPPERS

Submitted by New Orleans Distillers, LLC

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 package mild Italian sausage
 1 green pepper, thinly sliced
 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
 2 sweet onions, thinly sliced
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1 tablespoon tomato paste
 1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes
 ½ cup Piratus Gold Rum
 ½ cup New Orleans Distillers Spiced Rum
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon dried oregano
 ½ teaspoon dried basil
 ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Instructions:

Add the vegetable oil to a large pan and heat over medium-high heat. Add sausages and cook until browned on all sides. Remove sausage from pan and set aside.

Add onion and peppers to the pan and cook over medium heat until softened. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute. Slice sausage into 1 to 1½-inch pieces. Return sausage to the pan along with all the remaining ingredients. Cook for 5-10 minutes, until sausage is cooked through and sauce is thickened. Serve on hoagie rolls if desired.

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ANDOUILLE GOUGÈRES

Submitted by Richard's Cajun Foods

Ingredients:

1/3 12-ounce package of Richard's Andouille Smoked Sausage, chopped
 1/2 cup unsalted butter
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt plus more
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 5 eggs
 2 1/2 ounces Gruyère, grated

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425°F with racks in upper and lower thirds. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. In a large saucepan, combine 1 cup water, butter, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. When butter has melted, add flour all at once, stirring vigorously with a wooden spoon. Reduce heat to medium; keep stirring until mixture has formed a smooth, thick paste and pulls away from sides of pan, about 3 minutes.

Transfer to bowl of a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment or to a large heatproof bowl. If using a stand mixer, add 4 eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed until egg is incorporated and dough is smooth before adding the next egg. If mixing by hand, add 4 eggs, 1 at a time, stirring with a wooden spoon until egg is incorporated and dough is smooth before adding the next egg. The mixture should be very thick, smooth, and shiny. Stir in Gruyère and Richard's Andouille Smoked Sausage.

Use a tablespoon measure to drop dough into 1-inch rounds about 1 1/2 inches apart on prepared baking sheets. You should have about 24 gougères. In a small bowl, whisk remaining egg with a pinch of salt. Brush the top of each gougère with egg wash. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 375°F, rotate baking sheets, and continue baking until gougères are puffed and browned, about 15 minutes more. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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CERTIFY THE SEASON!



New census shows alarming loss of family farms

By American Farm Bureau Federation staff

New agriculture census data released by USDA this month is cause for concern as the number of farms operating in the United States and the number of farm acres have both fallen significantly. The 2022 Census of Agriculture reports 141,733 fewer farms in 2022 than in 2017. The number of farm acres fell to 880,100,848, a loss of more than 20 million acres from just five years earlier.

“The latest census numbers put in black and white the warnings our members have been expressing for years,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “Increased regulations, rising supply costs, lack of available labor and weather disasters have all squeezed farmers to the point that many of them find it impossible to remain economically sustainable.

“Family farms not only help drive the economy, they allow the rest of the nation the freedom to pursue their dreams without worrying about whether there will be enough food in their pantries. We urge Congress to heed the warning signs of these latest numbers. Passing a new farm bill that addresses these challenges is the best way to help create an environment that attracts new farmers and enables families to pass their farms to the next generation.”

While it's encouraging that the number of beginning farmers increased, the latest census numbers show the number of farmers over the age of 65 is outpacing younger farmers. Almost 1.3 million farmers are now at or beyond retirement age, while just 300,000 farmers are under the age of 35. AFBF has long-established policies supporting beginning farmers, including through farm bill programs focused on new and beginning farmers. Read the full story at www.fb.org.



Latest Census of Agriculture gives a snapshot of farming in Louisiana

This week, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announced the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, spanning more than 6 million data points about America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them down to the county level.

First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census and conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – the Census of Agriculture remains the most comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

The information collected directly from producers shows a continued fall in the total number of Louisiana farms. However, the data also show a rise in the number of new and beginning (operating 10 or fewer years on any farm) as well as young (under the age of 35) producers in Louisiana.

USDA's ag census data is collected every five years and can be found in NASS's searchable online database, Quick Stats.

- The full Census of Agriculture report can be found at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.
- Highlights of the data are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights.

The ag census data provide valuable insights into demographics, economics, land use and activities on Louisiana farms and ranches:

- There were **25,000 farms and ranches in Louisiana** (down 9% from 2017) with an average size of 319 acres (up 9%) on 7.99 million acres of farmland (down 1%). That is 1% of all U.S. land.
- **Family-owned and operated farms** accounted for 85% of all Louisiana farms and operated 60% of land in farms.
- Louisiana farms and ranches produced \$4.8 billion in agricultural products, up from \$3.1 billion in 2017. With farm production expenses of \$3.7 billion, Louisiana farms had net cash income of \$1.3 billion. **Average farm income** rose to \$52,255. A total of 34% of La. farms had positive net cash farm income in 2022.
- Louisiana **farms with internet access** continued to rise from 70% in 2017 to 77% in 2022.
- In 2022, 1,296 Louisiana farms sold directly to consumers, with sales of \$11.2 million. **Value of food sold directly to consumers increased 15% from 2017.**
- The 1,238 farms with sales of \$1 million or more were 5% of Louisiana farms and 36% of farmland; they sold more than \$3.7 billion of agricultural products in Louisiana. The 20,364 La. farms with sales of \$50,000 or less accounted for 82% of farms and 30% of farmland.
- The **average age of all Louisiana producers** was 58.0, up 0.6 years from 2017. This is a larger increase than average age increases between prior censuses.
- There were 13,778 Louisiana farmers with 10 or fewer years of experience, a 5% increase from the number of beginning farmers in 2017. **Beginning farmers in La.** are younger than all farmers, with an average age of 48.1.
- The **number of Louisiana producers under age 35** was 3,589, comprising 8% of all Louisiana producers. The 2,707 Louisiana farms with young producers making decisions tend to be larger than average in both acres and sales.
- In 2022, 15,160 female producers accounted for 36% of all Louisiana producers. **32% of all Louisiana farms had at least one female decision maker.**

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INSPIRED BY THE MUSES... *continued from front*

Commissioner Strain was happy to hear that Muse 3 Farm is part of this exciting program. "The LFS helps schools to provide fresh, locally sourced foods to children from within 400 miles of their school campus," said Strain. "It also gives our local farmers, ranchers, and fishers an opportunity to initiate new markets for their agricultural products. It is a wonderful opportunity to help grow our local economy while serving some of the best foods available to children."

In addition to their beef, the Muses grow enough produce on their farm to feed the family and sell at their local farmer's market. But they also have chickens, turkeys, ducks, and beehives. In addition to Muse 3 Farm beef and produce, their hibiscus tea and jelly are perennial local favorites.

Sharing knowledge and inspiring others goes beyond their local farming community. "There's kids in St. Helena Parish that's never been on a farm," says Chris. "They don't know

where their food comes from." Sadly, it's not uncommon these days. In fact, Chris's wife Michelle, who grew up in Missouri, says she had never planted a seed or pet an animal. "So this has been a wonderful journey for me," admits Michelle, so much so that she's sharing that experience with others through agritourism.

The farm now conducts hands-on educational tours with schools, churches, and senior citizen homes throughout the parish.

The Muses are inspiring others just by doing what felt natural to them. "You know," says Chris. "I feel great every morning when I wake up and walk outside."

The Muse family says their vision for the future of the farm continues to grow and evolve. And that's something we can all feel good about.

To connect with the fine folks at Muse 3 Farm, follow them on Facebook and Instagram (@[muse3farm](#)). Be sure to check out their recent video profile on the LDAF YouTube channel.

*"I love this land...
I try to be a good
steward, keep it
clean, keep it going."*

~ Allen Muse



The **Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS)**, which began to help states deal with the challenges of supply chain disruptions brought on by the pandemic, is a collaborative grant project between LDAF, the LSU AgCenter, and local producers (farmers, ranchers, and fishers). The program provides school food authorities with resources to procure locally grown foods from local producers, small businesses, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers. (www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/lfs).

Currently, there are 68 producers throughout the state that participate in the program, which will infuse \$3,393,196 into Louisiana's economy. If you're interested in becoming a vendor in the program, contact LDAF to discuss participation requirements and get your operation on the provider list.

To connect with LDAF's Minority and Veteran Affairs Program, contact **Catrina Irvin** by email at cirvin@ldaf.state.la.us or by phone at (225) 952-8077.



BLACK FARMERS IN LA

based on 2022 USDA Census of Ag data

 **1,900**
FARMS

\$90K
IN AG.
PRODUCTS 

 **226,135**
ACRES

2,857
PRODUCERS 

 **61.7**
AVERAGE
AGE

Two Louisiana projects in USDA's composting and food waste reduction projects

The USDA is investing approximately \$11.5 million in 38 cooperative agreements in 23 states that support innovative, scalable waste management plans to reduce and divert food waste from landfills. This includes 2 projects in Louisiana:

- Florida Parishes Arena Composting Facility in Amite, LA
- New Orleans Municipal & Community Partnership for Reducing Food Waste in New Orleans, LA.

The Composting and Food Waste Reduction is jointly administered by USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The recommended projects will be implemented between now and 2026.

USDA prioritized projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits, incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners, integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts and collaborate with multiple partners. For a complete list of cooperative agreement recipients and project summaries, visit usda.gov/urban. These new agreements build on USDA's \$12 million investment in 82 agreements since 2020.

Learn more at usda.gov/urban. For additional resources, visit farmers.gov/urban. Learn more about food loss & waste prevention at www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste.

PREVENTING FOOD WASTE AT HOME



PLAN AHEAD: Before you shop at the store or online, make a list so you don't buy more than you need.



SERVE SMART: Portion control is good for your waistline and good for reducing plate waste.



LOVE YOUR LEFTOVERS: Pack leftovers in small portions, mark the contents and date, refrigerate, and use within 3-4 days or freeze immediately.



COMPOST, DON'T TRASH: Recycle food scraps into compost, an organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Set up a home compost bin or drop your food waste at a local compost center.



UNDERSTAND DATE LABELS: Except for infant formula, properly handled food should still be safe if date on a food product passes during home storage until spoilage is evident.



BUY AND CONSUME: What fresh food items in your home need to be eaten? Consider eating them first.



FREEZE TO SAVE FOOD: Freeze leftovers within 3-4 days to extend shelf life. Uneaten fruits and vegetables can be frozen and used later in stews and smoothies.



ORDER OUT WISELY: Eating out? Ask about portion sizes and order only what you can finish. Take leftovers home for your next meal.

AG WEEK, continued from page 2

Grow your knowledge, grow your community with these ideas to get involved:

- **Host an event**, such as a farm tour, educational workshop, or cooking demonstration in your community.
- **Spread the word** about Louisiana Ag Week with your friends, family, and neighbors.
- **Download activities** and lesson plans for teachers and homeschoolers on the Ag in the Classroom website at www.aitcla.org. These engaging resources make learning about agriculture fun and enriching for students of all ages.

Visit the Ag Week website at www.laagweek.com for more details, event updates, and more ways to get involved.

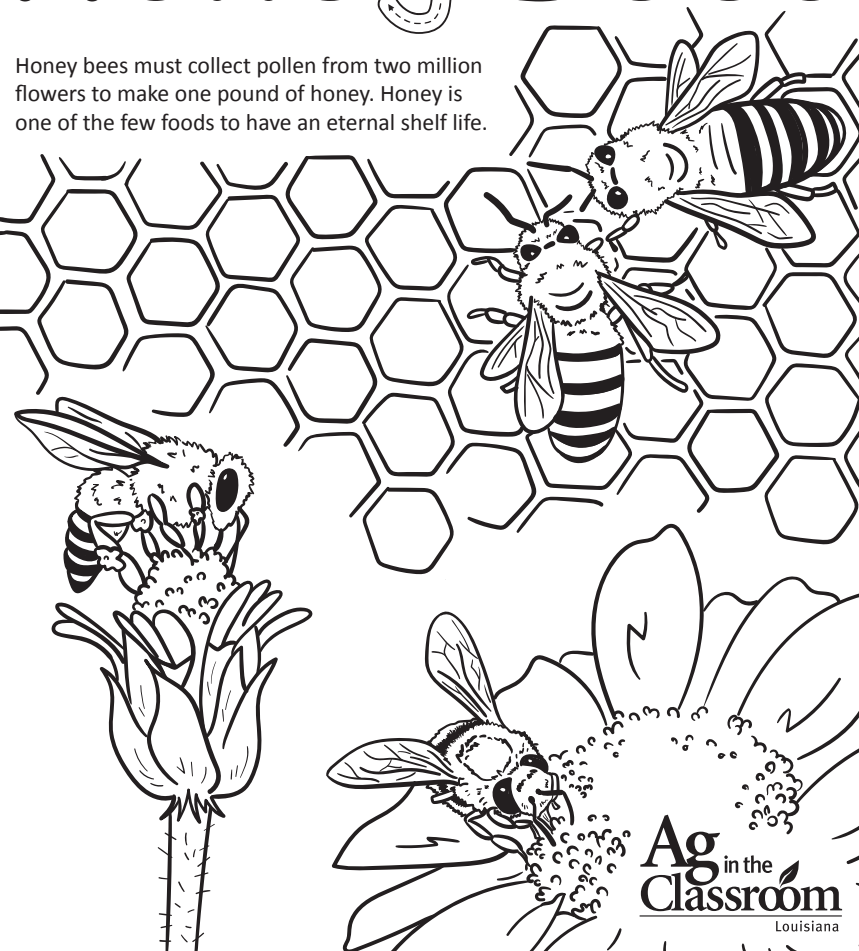
There you'll also find commodity coloring pages (see below) and fun facts about Louisiana agriculture, as well as AITC resources such as lesson plans and other activities.

Let's celebrate the power of agriculture, from seed to screen, with creativity, connection, and a green thumb! Together, we can cultivate a deeper understanding, appreciation, and vibrant future for Louisiana agriculture!



Honey Bees

Honey bees must collect pollen from two million flowers to make one pound of honey. Honey is one of the few foods to have an eternal shelf life.



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LDAF accepting applications for Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grant: April 15 deadline

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is now accepting grant applications for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program (RFSI).

The LDAF will work in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to award \$4.6 million for equipment and infrastructure projects to Louisiana food and farm businesses, as well as other eligible entities including nonprofits, local government entities, tribal governments, schools, and hospitals. The application period opens February 7, 2024, and applications will be accepted through April 15, 2024.

The goal of the RFSI program is to build resilience in the middle-of-the-food-supply-chain, increase and streamline markets for small farms and local businesses, and support the development of value-added products for consumers that will lead to fair prices, fair wages, and new job opportunities.

“There are many people and steps needed to bring locally produced food to our tables. The RFSI grants will help fund those in our local supply chain that process, transport, and distribute our food,” remarked Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain. “This funding will create new opportunities, strengthen markets for local farmers, and increase stability for consumers. We look forward to seeing all of the great projects that come out of this partnership with USDA.”

Through the cooperative agreement, the LDAF will coordinate the initiatives that will strengthen Louisiana’s middle-of-the-food-supply-chain. Funds will support expanded capacity for aggregating, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distributing locally and regionally produced food products, including

specialty crops, dairy, grains for eating, and aquaculture. RFSI funds exclude meat, wild-caught seafood, and poultry products as those products are funded through other USDA programs.

Applications will be evaluated through a competitive review process in cooperation with the USDA- Agriculture Marketing Service. Applications will be ranked based on their project’s need, proposed outcomes and feasibility, as well as the impact they will have on the local food supply chain in their communities. The LDAF encourages applications that serve underserved farmers and ranchers, new and beginning farms and ranchers, veteran producers and processors, and other middle-of-the-supply-chain businesses owned by socially disadvantaged people.

Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. CT on April 15, 2024. For more information on the applications, please download and carefully read the Request for Applications at www.ldaf.la.gov/business/grants-funding/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure.

The LDAF and USDA will announce the projects receiving funding this summer.

APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN



Resilient Food Systems
Infrastructure Grant

To apply for RFSI grants, visit www.ldaf.la.gov/business/grants-funding/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure, or contact RFSI@ldaf.state.la.us.

It's national sweet potato month!

February is national sweet potato month, but let’s face it... here in Louisiana, we celebrate sweet potatoes year round.

After all, they are the official state vegetable, and Louisiana farmers grow sweet potatoes better than anyone else..

There’s just so much to love about them... sweet potatoes are low in calories, high in fiber, potassium, and vitamins A, C, and E. Not only that, but they also promote good heart health.

Sweet potatoes are more than just delicious and nutritious... they contribute more than 100 million value-added dollars to Louisiana’s economy every year.

The best way to celebrate the humble sweet potato this month is to enjoy some!

Stop by your local farmer’s market for some Louisiana sweet potatoes. If you’re looking for a new recipe to try, visit the www.sweetpotato.org. The possibilities are endless!

ROSEMARY-ROASTED SWEET POTATOES

WITH CHARRED-LIME DRIZZLE



- 3 sweet potatoes (approximately 1 1/2 pounds), unpeeled
- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- 1/8 tsp. ground cayenne pepper
- 2 limes, cut in half



Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly spray 2 rimmed baking sheets with cooking spray; set aside.

Cut sweet potatoes into spears by halving them lengthwise and placing flat side down on a cutting board. Halve again and cut each wedge lengthwise and into 1/4-inch slices.

In a large bowl, combine sweet potatoes, oil, rosemary, garlic, coriander, sea salt, and cayenne pepper. Toss to coat evenly. Place potatoes in a single layer on prepared baking sheets.

Bake for 45 minutes, or until tender.

Spray a skillet with cooking spray. Place lime halves in skillet, cut side down. Cook over high heat for 2 minutes, or until just charred. Let cool to the touch.

Place roasted sweet potatoes in a serving dish and drizzle with charred limes.



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LA farmer named 2024 High Cotton Award winner

For 30 years, Farm Press has been celebrating U.S. cotton producers for the regenerative production of high-yielding, quality cotton. While sustainable practices, equipment and cotton varieties continue to evolve, the heartbeat of the High Cotton award remains, recognizing the best of this nation's producers.

Four growers from four Cotton Belt regions were nominated and selected as the 2024 High Cotton honorees. Among them, Midsouth winner and Louisiana farmer Edward Greer, who farms 8,500 acres of land in and around Rayville and Start, La., has been selected the 2024 High Cotton Award winner from the Delta. He also raises rice, soybeans, wheat, grain sorghum and corn.

Greer's family has farmed in Rayville, La., since the 1800s. He relies on three current generations of family to sustainably and fiscally manage the operation.

Greer and his wife, Gail, actively farm with their son Brooks Greer, and son-in-law Mike Barras. Edward's daughter Crystal Barras is the principal bookkeeper and record keeper for Greer Farms Partnership.

He has evolved the irrigation function of the operation from floom ditches and syphon tubes to poly pipe and precision application. Greer also runs a land leveling business and does custom harvesting and planting, in addition to managing Simplot Grower Solutions in north Louisiana and southeast Arkansas.

He is able to run the family operation and manage his various other obligations by delegating and relying on his tight knit family and associates who value trust and look to Greer for insight and generational experience.

Farm Press, in cooperation with The Cotton Foundation, will recognize the 2024 winners March 1 at the High Cotton Breakfast, held in conjunction with the Mid-South Farm & Gin Show, Memphis, Tenn.

To read the full story on Greer, visit www.farmprogress.com/cotton/edward-greer-delta-high-cotton-award-winner.



Photo by Brent Murphree, FarmProgress.com

Farm family mental health and wellbeing services revolutionized

American Farm Bureau Federation

A landmark alliance is launching free, anonymous, online mental health and wellbeing services to provide a nationwide safety net of confidential and on-demand support to farmers, ranchers and farm families. Unveiled at the American Farm Bureau Federation 2024 Convention, Farm Family Wellness Alliance's groundbreaking solution harnesses the best resource to build farm family wellness—access to a community, including a network of farmers and ranchers who understand the challenges and rewards that come with the agricultural way of life.

Access to services starts at Togetherall, a safe, clinically moderated peer-to-peer community, where members around the world are there to listen, support and give members' mental wellbeing a boost. Through an anonymous profile, users can access a global network of peers, backed by the safeguarding of licensed clinicians overseeing the community around-the-clock. Access to the platform is available to members of a farm family aged 16 and older.

In addition to Togetherall's global community, farmers and their families will have access to an agricultural sector sub-group to share or read others' experiences in a safe, judgement-free zone.

"Farming is tough even on the best days. That's why Farm Bureau has been committed to helping farmers and ranchers across the country get connected with the tools and resources they need to promote mental health and wellbeing—and to check in on their friends, neighbors and loved ones. Togetherall will help us all to do just that," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "It's OK not to be OK, but it's not OK not to reach out when you're hurting. We are grateful for how this partnership will strengthen our rural communities and provide the support we all need.

The Farm Family Wellness Alliance is made possible through a coalition of organizations, including Farm Foundation, American Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Credit, CoBank, Iowa Farm Bureau, CHS, Land O'Lakes, National Farmers Union, 4-H, FFA, Agriculture Future of America, Togetherall and Personal Assistance Services. This coalition makes it possible to offer services to farm families nationwide and deepens the impact of an earlier pilot initiative started in Iowa with the addition of the Togetherall peer-to-peer support platform.

"Farm Foundation has been working towards the goal of improving farmer access to mental health and other wellness services for several years, with the Farm Family Wellness Alliance pilot starting in 2020 after the derecho in

Iowa," said Shari Rogge-Fidler, president and CEO of Farm Foundation. "We are pleased to have been able to bring together this coalition of farmer-serving organizations into a partnership that allowed us to expand the program nationwide and will offer so much direct and immediate benefits to American farmers."

Togetherall also offers a range of wellbeing tools, such as self-assessments and access to additional support services through a partnership with Personal Assistance Services. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, financial health, improving sleep and more.

"Navigating the challenges of farming can be tough, and other farmers are often the only other people who can understand the unique stressors of the industry. Anonymous, safe, online peer support is a critical component on the mental health support continuum, and especially important in reaching communities such as farmers, who may otherwise not reach out for support," said Matthew McEvoy, CEO of Togetherall. "We are thrilled to partner with the Farm Family Wellness Alliance to offer Togetherall's online, clinically moderated, peer support community to all farmers and their families across the US."

The landmark alliance bringing Togetherall and Personal Assistance Services to farm families represents a broad swath of agricultural organizations, illustrating the far-reaching impacts of mental health and wellbeing in rural America.

"Farm Credit recognizes the challenges America's farmers and ranchers face, especially related to mental health and stress. Fewer resources exist in rural areas as compared to urban areas," said Todd Van Hoose, president and CEO of Farm Credit Council. "This free, anonymous, and safe access to mental health support offers assistance in a way nothing has before for rural Americans. We appreciate Farm Foundation's leadership in bringing this resource to fruition."

To learn more about the Farm Family Wellness Alliance and the services available through the Togetherall platform, visit booth 538 at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention tradeshow floor (through Monday, Jan. 22) or go to www.farmfoundation.org/farm-family-wellness-alliance/.



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Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association honors Harold Lambert

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) congratulates Mr. Harold Lambert on his induction to the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Fame earlier this month.

Established in 1989 by the Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association, the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Fame represents individuals who, throughout their career, have made outstanding contributions to not only the agricultural consulting profession but to all of Louisiana agriculture.

Mr. Lambert was inducted into the Hall of Fame Wednesday, February 7 with a touching tribute to his long career.

He has served on many state and national committees, and several were in conjunction with LDAF.



To learn more about Mr. Lambert's contributions, watch the award presentation at <https://youtu.be/oZe4wGAK2rs?si=kiSmAAYrMuZCw5ej>.

POULTRY SALES & SHOWS

Abbeville Poultry Sales & Swap will be held every 4th Sunday from 8 AM until 12 PM at the Tractor Supply, 3410 Veterans Memorial Drive. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact: Kenneth Richard at (337) 319-5669.

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Cotton Country Open Horse Show Assoc.

All shows are held at the NE LA Exhibition Center on Hwy 33 in Ruston. For more information, visit www.ccohsa.com.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association

All shows begin at 9 AM and alternate between Clinton and New Roads arenas. Show dates for 2024: March 2 - Clinton; March 30 - New Roads; April 6 - Clinton; May 25 - New Roads; Sept. 7 - New Roads; Oct. 5 - Clinton; Nov. 2 - Clinton; Nov. 30 - New Roads. For more information, visit <http://dsshsa.weebly.com/> or email: dsshsa@gmail.com.

Jefferson Davis Riders Club

All shows are held at Crowley Rice Arena and begin at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Cathy Meche (337-526-2281) or visit www.jeffdavisridersclub.org.

Livingston Horse Show Association

All shows are held at South Park Arena in Denham Springs unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.livingstonhorseshow.weebly.com or call 985-507-0605.

Louisiana Little Britches rodeo

All events are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit lalbra.weebly.com or email lalbra@yahoo.com.

Louisiana Stock Horse Association

All shows start at 9 AM. Remaining dates for 2024: March 9 & April 13-14 - Pointe Coupee Multi-Use, New Roads; May 11 - Beauregard Parish Arena, DeRidder; June 1 - Rice Arena, Crowley; Sept. 14 - Florida Parishes Arena, Amite; Oct. 5 - Pointe Coupee Multi Use, New Roads; Oct. 26 - Sug Arena, New Iberia; Nov. 23-24 - Beauregard Parish Arena, DeRidder. For more information, visit www.louisianastockhorse.com, follow us on Facebook, or call 225-394-9534.

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For more information or to request a catalog, contact Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com) or Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com).

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LSU watermelon nominated for Slow Food Ark of Taste

By **Tobie Blanchard, LSU AgCenter**

A watermelon cultivar developed at the now closed LSU AgCenter Calhoun Research Station has been nominated for boarding onto the Slow Food Ark of Taste.

The Red-N-Sweet is a 1987 LSU release. Its disease resistance, dark red flesh and intense sweetness made it a regionally popular watermelon until the late 1990s, according to AgCenter horticulture agent Kerry Heafner. Then, it seemed to disappear. Until recently, all five watermelons released from the Calhoun Station were presumed functionally extinct.

In February of 2020, Heafner, who currently serves on Slow Food Ark of Taste Southeast Region Nominating Committee, was given some seeds by Lula Shurtleff of Marion, Louisiana. She believed the seeds to be of one of the Calhoun watermelons. Heafner said they turned out to be seeds of Red-N-Sweet and thus began the melon's journey back into circulation.

"I cannot tell you how many people have either come into the office or called in asking where they can get seeds of these Calhoun melons," Heafner said. "I've always had to tell them I didn't know. Now, I can gladly tell them we have those seeds."

The goal of the Ark of Taste is to preserve imperiled regional foods along with their traditional methods of cultivation and preparation.

Heafner shared seeds from the largest melons grown from the Shurtleff seeds in 2020 with Indian Village Harvest Farm in Ouachita Parish. The owners, William and Rebecca Cooke, grew their seeds in 2021 across the road at Belle Haven Kids Farm. All the while, two food writers from Virginia, Joshua Fitzwater and Deb Freeman, followed Heafner's social media posts about Red-N-Sweet and drove all the way to Louisiana to see the Calhoun watermelons in person. Fitzwater and Freeman saw Calhoun Sweet, released in 1951; Calhoun Gray, released in 1965; and Red-N-Sweet.

Heafner made sure the writers returned to Virginia with a nice Red-N-Sweet melon and plenty of seeds. Fitzwater's father grew the seeds in 2022 in Halifax, Virginia. Their crop was shared with culinary talent around Virginia, and the seeds were shared with home gardeners as far north as Vermont.

"All five of the Calhoun melons are great and need to be in circulation again, but Red-N-Sweet stands out in terms of color and flavor," Heafner said. "The crosses that led to this variety were started in 1972 so its development took 15 years. It's a testament to the work of LSU vegetable and fruit breeders like Chester Taylor and Dr. Charles Johnson."

Heafner also noted that J.C. Miller developed vegetable varieties specifically for production in the warm, humid Gulf South. "He left an incredible body work that home gardeners today need to be aware of."

Heafner along with Marcie Wilson, also a horticulture agent in the AgCenter Northeast Region, head up the North Louisiana Seed Preservation Program. The mission is to recover and preserve as much of north Louisiana's agricultural and culinary heritage as possible. This includes old LSU varieties.

Other Louisiana foods boarded onto the Ark of Taste include handmade filé; the Red Creole onion; heritage Louisiana strawberries including Klondike, Daybreak and Tangi; and the mirliton, among others. Heafner feels that nominating Red-N-Sweet for boarding onto the Ark of Taste is taking another step to ensure it doesn't slip backward toward extinction.

For more information on Slow Food USA visit www.slowfoodusa.org.



The Red-N-Sweet watermelon has dark red, sweet flesh. It was the last watermelon released from the Calhoun Research Station. (Photo by Kerry D. Heafner, LSU AgCenter)

To read the full story, visit www.lsuagcenter.com

Louisiana farmer's daughter wins Grammy Award

By **Diego Flammini, www.farms.com**

It didn't take long during a Grammy speech for a winner to recognize her rural and farming roots. "I am from a farming community in northeast Louisiana, a little town of 200 people, and I'm a fifth-generation farmer's daughter, and I would consider myself a farmer too," Lainey Wilson said while



accepting the Best Country Album award for Bell Bottom Country. "And everybody that I surround myself with, I think they're farmers too, but they're story farmers."

Wilson grew up on her family's farm in Baskin, La., where her father, Brian, raised corn, wheat, and oats. Her mother, Michelle, worked as a schoolteacher. She also has an older sister named Janna.

And like many farm kids, spending time with her dad meant putting in the same hours on the farm her father did. "He put us to work," Wilson told the Biscuits and Jam Podcast in November 2022. "A lot of the time, if we wanted to spend time with him, we had to go out to the field and ride the tractor with him."

In addition, her parents have served as inspiration for her songs.

Her song, Grease, pays tribute to her mother saying, "now we're cooking with grease." And Those Boots (Daddy's Song) is about helping her dad get ready for work by pulling his blue jeans down over the top of his boots.

During her Grammy acceptance speech, Wilson connected farming to her music career. It takes time and patience to have a good harvest, she said. "It's about getting up every single day and planting those seeds and watering them and watching them grow," she told her peers in the music industry.

"And sometimes when you find the right farming community, you can have a harvest of a lifetime, and I truly believe that and I think that's exactly what this is tonight."



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March 29, 2024

The event takes place at Los Paloma Sporting Range at 900 Seven Pines Road in Benton, LA. For schedule and registration information, contact Chris Long at (318) 210-4254.

Mental health & suicide on US farms: Muckville movie viewing & conversation

Join AgriSafe for a viewing of the Muckville documentary (approximately 20 minutes) followed by a live question and answer session with Chris and Eve Pawelski, and film director Jeff Mertz.

Chris almost ran out of time. As a 4th-generation onion farmer on the post-glacial black dirt of Goshen, NY, Chris is just one of millions of farmers in America facing the unnecessarily Sisyphean task of earning a living. "Muckville" takes us on a journey through time on the Pawelski farm, from Polish immigration in the early 20th century, through the onset of climate change-driven crop failures in the 1990s and subsequent pitfalls of US agriculture policy, to Chris's resulting existential crisis and suicidal ideation.

This short documentary provides rare insight into the ongoing mental health epidemic on

American farms, and paints a delicate and emotional portrait of resilience and love amid unbeatable odds. Directed, photographed, and edited by Jeff Mertz / Moonbow Imaging.

This session will **NOT BE RECORDED**, so be sure to attend the live event if you want to view this webinar.

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