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HOMEMADE HOLIDAYS

Shop local for home-grown Louisiana goods



It's no trick... every fall when Halloween hits, it can feel like time begins to fly in a downhill sprint to the end of another year. There's so much to do and see... and cook!

As we approach the coming holidays and prepare to gather with loved ones, we encourage you to slow it down and savor all the good things that the holiday season promises. One of the best ways to do that is to shop local and support Louisiana small business owners, farmers, and ranchers.

When preparing your menus for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and everything in between, make sure you have homegrown Louisiana goods on your list. You can stock up at your local farmers market or roadside stand or seek out Certified Louisiana products in the local section of your grocery store.



The Certified Program includes Certified Louisiana, Certified Cajun, Certified Creole, Certified Craft Beverage, and Certified Farm to Table. The logo program was established for the promotion of Louisiana-made, grown, manufactured, or processed products that enhance and promote Louisiana's agricultural industry. The logo aids in marketing these products to consumers for farmers, processors, producers, and suppliers alike. With the recognition of the Certified logos, buyers can help support their local homegrown companies.

Show your support by looking for the Certified logo when shopping. When you see one of the logos in stores, farmer's markets, or restaurants, you can be confident you are getting a product with an authentic Louisiana flavor from someone right here in Louisiana.

Beyond the local flavor, supporting local businesses and producers cycles money back into your community. In fact, every dollar spent on Certified Louisiana products circulates more than five times in your local economy.

Local businesses employ Louisiana workers, and hire other local businesses for everything from marketing to accounting and legal work to various suppliers.

Studies show that small businesses also play a major role in giving back to their communities through their support of local nonprofit organizations and community causes.

"Louisiana is like one big family. We all want to know and support each other," said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. "Not only is it important to know where your food comes from, but it also feels good to support local agricultural producers and your community."

Getting to know your local farmers, producers, and business owners can also mean getting excellent customer service. You can look them in the eye and get to know them on a personal level. Meanwhile, in the big picture, you'll also be reducing your carbon footprint at the same time!

In addition to filling your plate, shopping local promises great gift-finding. Whether you're shopping for family in town or treating friends in far-flung places, you can find it all with Louisiana producers.

From unique jams, jellies, soaps, and seasonings to locally-inspired arts and crafts, shop Certified Louisiana products and visit your local farmers market for the perfect taste of Louisiana for anyone on your list. See Page 3 to find a farmers market in your area.

If you're a local business owner or Louisiana producer, we encourage you to consider becoming "Certified." To be eligible for inclusion in the Certified Louisiana logo program, your product must be made, grown, manufactured, processed, produced, or substantially transformed in the state of Louisiana. Learn more about the Certified Louisiana program at certifiedlouisiana.org. Check out CRAWFISH TALES, a video series featuring Certified Louisiana members, at www.youtube.com/@laagandforestry.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Submit your data to the U.S. Drought Monitor

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Dry conditions continue in many parts of Louisiana, as evidenced by the current U.S. Drought Monitor. Maybe you've seen it in the media: that map of the U.S. painted with splotches of yellow, orange, and red. It shows drought—but who decides what colors go where? And what does it mean for you?

The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) is a map released every Thursday showing which areas are experiencing drought and its severity across the U.S. and its territories. The map uses six classifications: normal conditions, abnormally dry (D0), showing areas that may be going into or coming out of drought, and four levels of drought: moderate (D1), severe (D2), extreme (D3), and exceptional (D4).

The USDM has been a team effort since its inception in 1999, produced jointly by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Meteorologists and climatologists from the NDMC, NOAA, and USDA take turns as the lead authors of the map, usually two weeks at a time, making sense of the data.

However, assessments are only as good as the available data. And that's how you can help. You can report rainfall amounts and conditions in your area via this website: <https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/Tools/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx>.

Your data can influence the drought intensity designations assigned in the USDM, which triggers payments from some USDA programs. Additionally, the USDA uses the Drought Monitor to trigger disaster declarations and eligibility for low-interest loans. The Farm Service Agency uses it



See **DROUGHT**, page 21

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- Bermuda Large RoundPremium..... \$200/ton
- Bermuda Medium RoundPremium..... \$150-\$200/ton
- Bermuda Small SquarePremium..... \$280-\$440/ton

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, OCTOBER 18, 2024

- Bermuda Large RoundGood/Premium..... \$135-\$155/ton
- Bermuda Small SquareGood/Premium..... \$235-\$265/ton


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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET



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

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CLASSIFIED AD CATEGORIES

AGRITOURISM

ANIMALS

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

AQUACULTURE

EQUIPMENT

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

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER

FOOD

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

HAY & GRAIN

HOBBIES & LEISURE

- Crafts & woodwork
- Sewing & fabrics

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

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

LUMBER & SAWING

PLANTS & GARDEN

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

REAL ESTATE

SERVICES

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

TRACTORS

VEHICLES

- ATVS
- Boats
- Farm trucks



DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

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NOV 28	Thursday, Nov. 14
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DEC 26	Thursday, Dec. 12

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FOR SALE/WANTED (CIRCLE ONE)

Category _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

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AGRITOURISM

HENRY FARM PETTING ZOO

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

ENTERPRISE AQUATICS

The Urban Aquafarm & Training Center in Marrero, LA, tour of aquaponics farm with production in warehouse and greenhouse, see the cutting edge of agriculture! Kenneth Rust, Jefferson Parish; (225) 308-4132.

THE A MAZE ING TRACE NURSERY & NATURE TRAILS

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 or (985) 981-7819.



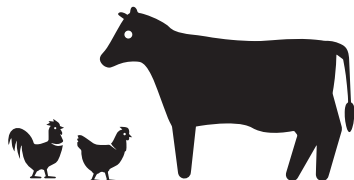
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Enjoy a unique video and education on family roots and crops that we farm today, then a bus tour to see all things happening on the farm during sugarcane harvest, after there will be crafts to take home and tasty treats to try, come experience the truth and joy of what we do. Limited spots for certain dates, private tours available upon request, minimum of 20 people, call for scheduling and pricing. Four Oaks Farm, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-3221.

Honey Do Farms Church Point, LA

Honey Do Farms are offering Western lessons, ages 4 & up, we supply everything, summer camps & birthday parties. Kori Schexnayder, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; (337) 668-4777 or (337) 316-4619.



ANIMALS

CATTLE

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

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

ANGUS

(10) 18-month-old registered black angus virgin bulls, exceptional genetics, BSE checked and one, breeding season guaranteed, \$5,000. Earl Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-5503.

(2) Registered Black Angus heifers, 11-12 months, 750 lbs., excellent quality, performance, dispositions, and EPD's, all vaccinations, \$2,250-\$2,375. Zachary Comeaux, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 288-6526.

BRAHMAN

Registered Brahman Bulls for sale, 22 months old, \$3,000 and up. Philip Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 637-7538.

BRANGUS

Brangus Heifers, yearlings, 10, 11, 12 months, by registered stock, \$1,800 cash. Brad Bardy, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 628-0936.

Golden Certified F1 Brangus Bulls, 22 months old, \$3,000 and up. Philip Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 637-7538.

(3) Brangus/Baldies heifers, out of reg. Brangus cows and Hereford bull, two are 9 months old, one is six months old, and can send pictures, \$1,350 each. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 291-5204.

(6) Reg. Brangus heifers, gentle, good bloodline, 6 to 9 months old, can send pictures, \$1,500-\$2,000. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 291-5204.

(5) B/W bulls, out of registered Brangus cow and Hereford bull, low birth weight, 14-18 months old, can send pictures. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 291-5204.

CHAROLAIS

Registered Full Blood Charolais Bulls - Profit Maker Bulls, will add bone, tons of meat and growth to calves, very gentle, low birth weights

and superior bloodlines., \$4,000. Marylyn Fitzsimons, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8527.

HEREFORD

(2) registered polled Hereford bulls, born March 2023, thick, deep bodied bulls, outstanding pedigrees, excellent EPD's, fertility tested and sound breeders, sire is out of R Leader and on site for viewing, \$3,500 each. James, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-6101.

OTHER

Miniature Longhorn virgin 3-year-old bulls, excellent horns, vaccinated and wormed, \$2,500 each. Bryan Boudreaux, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; (337) 278-3756.

Registered Beefmaster bull 6-years-old proven breeder, selling to keep his heifers, Lasiter bloodline, \$3,000. John Belgard, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (198) 528-6301.

Charolais X Angus bulls and heifers, some Angus, 8-11 months, bulls, \$1,100, heifers, \$900. Richard Vairin, Kenner, Jefferson Parish; (504) 467-8986.

DOGS

ASDR Mini Australian Shepard puppies, black and red tri's, Bi's, Red Merle and Blue Merle's, 7 females 3 males, born 9/17/2024, call for pictures or questions, call for pricing. Bernadette Murphy,

Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 821-8301.

Mountain Cur puppy, male, 3 and 1/2 months old, \$400. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Mountain Cur male Squirrel dog, hunts, trails and trees, \$800. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Shih Tzu puppies, 2 males in the litter, no papers, no shots, another litter on 10/16/24, \$600 each. Cherry Taylor and Kermit Richard, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 349-7417.

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.

Great Pyrenees and Anatolian shepherd puppies eating solid food, \$250 each. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

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

Jack Russell Terrier pups, CKC registered, born 6/20/24, UTD on shots and wormed, \$300. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Three Registered labs, ready to go, call for pricing. J.C. Trahan, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (337) 296-6645.

Decker Rat Terrier Puppies, AKC, UKC, DHTR, 8 weeks old on November 20, best squirrel, ratter, pet or farm dog, extremely athletic, 50%

deposit will hold, \$800. John Price, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 966-0935.

5-month-old beautiful, full- blood Brittany Spaniel male puppy, liver color, ready to start, \$300. Kimberly Graham, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (985) 514-3685.

Great Pyrenees puppies, born 8/14/24, ready to go 10/9/24, will be UTD on wormer and 1st puppy shot, one Male, \$225, two Females, \$250 each. Kristen Burfield, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-3604.

Great Pyrenees pups, born September 1, double blue eyes, parents on site, \$150 each. Larry Fontenot, Ragley, Beauregard Parish; (337) 302-4526.

CKC Pomeranians, ready October 30, first shots and vet visit, 1 Blue Merle male, 1 Party Creme male, weight 2.5 to 6 lbs., \$2,800. Michelle, Metairie, Jefferson Parish; (504) 906-7599.

Purebred Jack Russell puppies, squirrel dogs, easily trained, to be born end of November, great Christmas present, \$75 deposit, \$150 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Jack Russell puppies, squirrel dogs, house dogs, kill rodents, bark at intruders, ready in early 2025, \$75 deposit, \$150 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Australian Shepherd puppies, good dogs, easily trained, ready mid-January, will be UTD on shots, \$100 deposit, \$250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

German Shepherd puppies, AKC bloodline, born Sept 2024, large, intelligent with good

disposition, \$800- \$1,200. Norman Baudoin, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1733.

Blue heeler, 7 months old, male, up to date on all shots, \$125. Ronald Pourciau, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 361-3907.

Fullblood Great Pyrenees, trained with goats, chickens, other dogs, 1-year-old, up to date on shots, \$200. Rose, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (405) 568-5676.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

Mated pair of cockatiels and cage, \$130. Barry Lemoine, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-6234.

Indian ring neck parrot, male, green color, can talk, comes with large cage on stand, \$750. Carolyn Thornton, Olla, LaSalle Parish; (318) 495-3209.

Sun Conures, \$300 and up, babies to hand feed, \$250 each. Donald Brown, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 300-4903.

Beauty, large Double Yellow Head Amazon, male, breeder. Call for price. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Quakers, hand fed, 5 mos. old, \$250. Josh, Duson, Lafayette Parish; (337) 704-8871.

Peacocks, 2024 hatch, Indian Blue \$75 each, White \$100 each. Indian Blue adult males, 2023 hatch, \$150 each. Robert Church, Scott, Acadia Parish; (337) 873-7682.

WANTED: Parrot, type can be as small as a Caique or as

large as a Cockatoo or Macaw, pet is preferred but I do have experience if not completely tamed. Chris Barnette, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (228) 493-5608.

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.

Playguns Applejack 6-year-old AQHA sorrel gelding, standing 14.2hh, ranched on in the Panhandle of New Mexico, roped the breakaway dummy, \$6,000. Kelsey Tucker, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (662) 419-5871.

LM Shotgun Red 11-year-old gelding, standing 14.3, reject cutter will track the dummy on both sides, don't miss out, has papers, \$8,000. Kelsey Tucker, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (662) 419-5871.

Beginner roping horse mainly used for heeling, will head too may also be good for kids playday horse, 16-years-old, about 14.5 hands, very gentle, \$8,000. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

One Mini Donkey, 4-month-old jack, very gentle and spoiled, used in petting zoo, \$400. Robert Henry,

Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-0904.

WANTED: Stout registered quarter horse, age 10 to16 for my grandkids to learn to ride. Skip, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

WANTED: Horse mare in foal. Richard Macaluso, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-8213.

WANTED: Looking to buy a mini-Paint donkey. June Fadler, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 729-0271.

PIGEONS

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

POULTRY & FOWL

One India Blue male peacock, 9-months-old, \$100. Chester Lilly, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 491-2437.

Pharaoh quail hatching eggs, \$30 a 100, all size birds, prices determined by age, \$1.25-\$6. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

Peacock, over half grown, \$150 per blue. Donald Collins, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 396-2091.

Red Sexlink hens, 21-months- old, \$20 each. Kera Stelly, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 962-4067.

2-3-month-old brown layers, vaccinated, Hatchery choice and White Langshan pullets, \$15 each. Patricia Thornhill, Dry Prong, Grant Parish; (318) 413-1171.

Grown Pekin ducks, \$15 each, quantity discount, Flying Mallard ducks, \$30 a pair. Ray Dausat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4566.

Pekin ducks, \$15 each. Ray Dausat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4566.

Laying hens, have a variety, \$35 OBO. Rose, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; (405) 568-5676.

Wood Ducks, 2024 hatch, \$60 per pair. Russell Bourgeois, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (985) 397-0070.

RABBITS

Netherland Dwarfs: whites, grays, blacks, black spotted whites, browns, \$20. Chester



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New Zealand bunnies and breeding stock, some ready to breed now, black and white, red and white, \$15 each, new 1 hole hatch, \$400. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

SHEEP & GOATS

3-year-old buck, fainting goat, no horns, very gentle, good temperament, black and white, has sired a pair of twins and a single, \$100. Catherine Broussard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-7989.

Pasture raised lambs for butcher or breeding stock, good genetics, parasite resistant, grass fed, rams and ewe lambs to choose from, \$250 ewe, \$350 ram. Kody Meaux, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 308-0769.

Nigerian dwarf goats, 3-months-old and up, males and females, all colors, \$100 to \$140. Sandra Bradshaw, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 692-0316.

100% NZ Kiko buckling, born 1/22/24, very friendly, Sire - AKGA #20P054RMT36, Dam - AKGA# 20P108RMT52, call for pictures and details, \$550 registered, \$500 unregistered. Tim Thousand, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 280-1205.

ADGA-registered Nigerian Dwarf bucklings, ages up to 10 months, \$150 each. VHC Farm, V. Juneau, Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 334-1653.

Nigerian dwarf goats, one 2-year-old Buck and two bucklings, all intact,

\$175 each. William, Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 430-8690.

SWINE

Berkshire piglets, barrows and gilts by registered boar, \$100 cash. Brad Bardy, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 628-0936.

AQUACULTURE

Plate 4'x8'x1/4, \$252.55, Plate 4'x8'x3/16, \$198.11, Plate 4'x8'x1/8, \$151, Angle Iron 3"x3"x3/16x20', \$97. Dan Roque, Jr., Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 201-1715.

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

Pond stocking, 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.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2019 305 CAT excavator, excellent condition, 3 buckets, 36-inch, 24-inch and 11-inch,

\$62,000. Bert Lavergne, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-4167.

2 3/7 and 2 7/8 tubing, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Kubota track hoe, KX121-3-SS, looking to downgrade to smaller machine, 3,000+ hours, comes with three quick-attach buckets, 1ft, 2ft, 6 1/2ft, four way blade, leave message if no answer, \$26,500, open to trades. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Tractor work, dozer work, limestone, topsoil, sand, washout, fill dirt, culvert work, trench, concrete, asphalt, can travel, wheelbarrow also, call for quote. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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

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

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$100 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas, call for a quote. Lattie

Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Mobile welding, track hoe, handyman, call for quote. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

HAY EQUIPMENT

Worksaver 3-pt hitch hydraulic round bale forks, lifts round bales 6-7 ft above ground level, \$1,200. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 277-3932.

Vermeer 5410 4X5 baler, in good shape, call for pricing. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 315-4940.

Fold out Vermeer R23 rake, call for pricing. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 315-4940.

Case IH 8840 swather/windrower, 16ft cutter, completely re-done and works perfectly, 110hp diesel, self-propelled, \$13,500. James Bourgeois, Raceland, Lafourche Parish; (985) 537-3750.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, \$5,000 OBO. Mike, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-9765.

Vicon SP 451 Square Baler, kept in shelter when not in use, baled approximately 1,000 bales since it was new, \$3,600. Mike Fournet, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 515-1424.

Shop built heavy-duty hay spear, long reach, category 2, \$200. Ronald Mayeux, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-4943.

Two hay spear bolts on frontend bucket, \$200. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

670 John Deere side hay rake, \$1,000. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

150 Bushel grain cart, \$2,500. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

Tiger Flail mower rear pto 90-inch many new parts text for pictures, \$2,500 OBO. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.

2019 John Deere X390 tractor style riding lawn mower with 116 hours, 54-inch deck with hydraulic deck lift, power steering, \$3,500 OBO. Mark Perrodin, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-2876.

Zero turn 331 Kubota lawn mower, 31hp diesel, needs a deck, runs great, \$3,500 OBO. Tony, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-8732.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

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

7720 Spike tooth 4X4 combine with 20, Ridget head, 920 flex head, and header trailer, \$7,000. Burke Aucoin, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-4817.

Brent grain cart M/N 572, 24.5-32 tires, field ready, \$9,000. Burke Aucoin, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-4817.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

JD 1730 planter, 15 rows on 18-inch row markers, planters in excellent shape, comes with trailer, milo, and bean plates for planter, \$16,500. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

Harrow plow, AMCO LTF 100B-2022, width 7'3", excellent condition, 20-disc quarter inch at 22" size, 2,450 lbs., 3-pt hitch, recommended minimum 60hp, stump jump springs, \$8,000. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (512) 673-3362.

John Deere 630 batwing discs 26' good working condition, text for pictures, \$4,500. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.



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12-ft finishing plow, leave message, \$2,200 OBO. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

Seeder Herd 3-pt 750, purchased new, used very little only for ryegrass, barn kept, call for pictures, new ones sell for \$2,500 and above, asking \$750. Richard Conway, Krotz Springs, St. Landry Parish; (337) 592-0332.

WANTED: Mustard green planter, 5' or 6' disc, must have grease bearings no seal bearings. Raymond, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Homemade feed/grain trailer, top load rear shoot, dual axel with brakes, holds 3 tons, bumper pull spindle hitch, Bogalusa area, \$3,500 cash. A.J. Planche, Jr., Marrero, Jefferson Parish, (504) 491- 9817.

Stock trailer, 24-ft, butterfly tailgate, 2 divider gates, escape gate, treated floor, like new, call for price. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 315-4940.

32-ft Gooseneck 8-wheel, good deck, good tires, good condition, \$7,000. Jerry

Robinson, Oak Ridge, Richland Parish; (318) 334-1090.

2019 Platinum Alum. 28'x8' Livestock trailer in excellent condition, all gates have full swing and slides, front cut gate floats from 4'-9' and the other is fixed, walk through door on driver side, diamond plate floor with traction bars on the back 4', call or text for more information, \$31,000. Nick Hensgens, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-8188.

1991 CM 16' Combo trailer, \$3,500. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

Containers for sale, 53' Containers 53'Lx8.5'Wx9'H, \$3,500 each, buy 2 or more for \$3,200 each. Rene Perez, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 459-9929.

6'X16' Gooseneck cattle trailer, 7,000-lb axles, need lights, \$2,500. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

3PTO Post Hole Digger and 2 Augers, \$350 cash. A.J. Planche Jr, Marrero, Washington Parish; (504) 491-9817.

Corn and beans two point hook up, one row planter, call for pricing. Albert Howard, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 223-0916.

10" Table saw, needs a belt, 3hp, 5/8 drill diameter, drill press, and band saw, call for pricing. Albert Howard, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 223-0916.

PTO Generator, IMD 22 KW w/ automatic voltage regulator 120/24 V, less than 20hrs, brand new, \$3,500. Brian Gayle, Vidalia, Concordia Parish; (985) 960-3328.

500- and 1,000-gallon fuel tanks used for diesel. \$1 per gallon OBO. Chester Lee Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 378-3154.

DR fence row trimmer, pull behind mower, 7hp motor, text for pictures, \$400. Donald Richardson, Chatham, Jackson Parish; (318) 471-1627.

6-ft box blade, good condition, text for pictures, \$300. Donald Richardson, Chatham, Jackson Parish; (318) 471-1627.

American Made King Cutter 30- inch dirt scoop, 3-point hitch, works forward or reverse, 2 hitch pins included, \$450. Floyd Armand, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-2628.

8-foot bionic blade land leveler, text for pictures, \$1,200. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.

20-ft container, leak none, \$2,400. H Leblanc, Larose, Acadia Parish; (337) 717-9151.

40-ft high cube container, leak none, \$3,950. H. Leblanc, Larose, Acadia Parish; (337) 717-9151.

Heavy duty pressure washer, \$1,800. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

Cattle head gate, \$600. Janice Prejean, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 962-1953.

New 4-hole rabbit cage, 10-ft long, 2-ft tall, 30 inches deep, also have used water bottle, used feeder, used nest box. \$180. Jeremy Fontenot, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 376-6156.

3 P.H. dirt scoop, reversible, pull or push to load. Robert LeMaster, Summit, Mississippi; (601) 248-8843.

Four rear wheel weights for John Deere 4020 tractor, \$100 each. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

Category II top link for New Holland tractor, \$150. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

200-gallon sprayer with hoses, pump and broadcast nozzle, in fair condition, \$200. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

200 AMP double throw switch, \$200. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

Tufline 4-foot disc, call for more information, reasonable offers. Tim Baxter, Dubach, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-9378.

Bush hog brand 5 foot bush-hog, call for more information, reasonable offers. Tim Baxter, Dubach, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-9378.

1953 Ford Jubilee project tractor or parts tractor, call for more information, reasonable offers. Tim Baxter, Dubach, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-9378.

6' Howse Disc, 3 pt. hitch, shed kept, with removable weights, ideal for food plots and truck patch, \$1,100. Wade Rayon, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 684-5373.

WANTED: Gear box for John Deere 709 Shredder, front end loader for JD 770. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

WANTED: Requesting sealed bids for the 2001 Great Plains 10-ft No Till Drill model #1005NT 1408 0321, bids due November 12, 2024, at 12 noon, for more information contact

the district secretary at (337) 369-3234 ext. 3 or email: adrienne.landry@la.nacddnet.net

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

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

Handmade Champion roping saddle, 16", excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-1239.

Two saddles for sale, one 17" Billy Cook, good condition, \$550, one working saddle, 16", good condition, \$450. Chris "Red" Regan, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 523-4643.

Heiser Keston Mule Saddle, 16", \$700. Richard Vairin, Kenner, Jefferson Parish; (504) 467-8986.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

2-axle trailer mounted hydraulic seed mixer and loader, used to mix chemicals and auto load seed hoppers on planters, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

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

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

Hose machine assembly with hose fittings 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 3/4, \$14,000 for all. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

16-ft Waterlevel blade, \$950. Kentry Prather, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 466-2058.

Cattleguard, 12'W X 8'L, constructed of 3" pipe, heavy duty, sturdy, \$1,250. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

Bird cages, wire factory cages, from McCaw to Parakeet cages, free up to \$150. Louis Pennison, Morgan City, Assumption Parish; (985) 631-2368.

One Quail cage (grow-out), 3'X5' on wheels, everything proof, made of hardwood and

is screwed together, call for pricing. Mike Hanley, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 356-6693.

One hexagon bird cage, 4ft x 6ft with bottom, looks good, \$600. Mike Hanley, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 356-6693.

One brooder box with thermostat, holds about 75 Quail, \$125. Mike Hanley, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 356-6693.

Four dove cages, two custom- made and two wire, one with stand, one on wheels, comes with pair of white doves, prices from \$150-\$3,500. Mike Hanley, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 356-6693.

Michelin 320/90/50 Radial RIW, 40% left, \$200, Goodyear 26.8 X 38 R2 tire and tube Bias Ply, 75% left, \$600. Raymond Hebert, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 523-7888.

Two Ditch culverts, 18in x 10ft, corrugated black plastic, brand new, never used, fits in back of pickup, \$400 for both. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

Shop built commercial pecan cleaner, 220 motor, excellent condition, out of business, \$5,000. Ronald Mayeux, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-4943.

(15) Food approved, open topped, 55-gallon barrels with rings and gaskets, \$10 each or \$100 for all. Steve Traylor, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-8812.

WANTED: Duck plucker. J. C. Trahan, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (337) 296-6645.

FERTILIZER

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

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

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

Longhorn okra, sliced and ready to cook, 3.5 lbs Ziploc gallon bag, \$10. Chester Lee Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 783-3154.

Pumpkins and squash for sale, call for price. William, Eros, Ouachita Parish; (318) 249-4512.

HAY & GRAIN

Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, very tight, Bermuda 007, \$40. Norman Young, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 303-3385.

Good quality 5 x 5 1/2 net wrapped cow and horse hay, under barn, call only, \$40 per bale. Bernard Leger, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 948-9366.

2024 hay, good quality prairie carpet grass, 4X5 net wrapped rolls, \$35 per roll. Blaine Leger, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 781-9929.

Fertilized Bahia/Bermuda and Bahia, net wrapped 4x5 bales, clean, weed free, local delivery available, \$45-\$55 per bale. Braden King, Dry Creek, Beauregard Parish; (337) 936-1852.

Hay for sale, 143 4x5 Clean Mix mostly Bahia, 1 load, you pick up, \$30 per bale. Bradley Fontenot, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 802-9992.

4X5 Bahia rolls, string-tied, \$20 per roll. Carlos Guillot, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-6764.

4x5 rounds of bales net- wrapped cow hay, 140 available,

\$25 each. Chandler Newchurch, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; (225) 454-8792.

4X5 good, fertilized, clean hay, no weeds, treated grass string, \$50 per roll. Charles Bell, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 839-9222.

Russell Bermuda square bales, in bundles of 21, \$9/bale, \$189/bundle. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

2024 Horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, fourth cutting, fertilized, sprayed, fine stem hay, tight square bales, \$7 in barn. David Joiner, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-3073.

Roasted Soybeans, \$0.25/lb. Donovan Mire, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (225) 931-5964.

5X5 rolls ryegrass hay string wrapped, \$25/roll, 5X5rolls well fertilized coastal Bermuda grass hay string wrapped, \$45 and \$55/roll, minimum 3 roll purchase. Eddie, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (601) 529-8536.

+/- 20 acres grass for hay, you bale and haul. Call for pricing. James Daniel, Richard, Acadia Parish; (337) 384-1683.

4X5 round bales, net wrapped, \$25-\$40 per bale, taking orders for small square bales of Bahia, \$7-\$10 per bale in field, loaded. James Bourgeois, Raceland, Lafourche Parish; (985) 537-3750.

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, no rain, barn kept, good clean cow hay, \$40 per bale. Jeff L., Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-8773.

4x5 round bales, net wrapped, \$40 per bale. Jerry Robinson, Oak Ridge, Richland Parish; (318) 334-1090.

2024 Bahia Hay, fertilized, net wrapped, 4X5 round, \$20-\$50, and square bales, \$8 per roll. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

Organic large hay bales, wrapped, barn kept, \$65 each. Kenneth Richard, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-8212.

2024 mixed grass hay, 6X5 bales, \$30 per bale. Kentry Prather, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 466-2058.

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

Fertilized Bahia hay, weed free, \$45, Alicia/Bermuda round bales, weed free, \$60. Kolbilyn Lafleur, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 336-1428.

Common / NK 37 hybrid Bermuda sprayed and fertilized, also have some 4x5 round, \$9. Lee Romero, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 298-8658.

4x6 Bahia round bales in barn, \$60/bale, small Bahia square bales, \$8/bale. Mark Hymel, Geismar, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-1132.

Square Hay bales, baled 10-19- 24, \$6 per bale. Marvin Onellion, Holden, Livingston Parish; (225) 567-1428.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, \$45 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

Jiggs Bermuda bales, and other kinds, 5X4, round rolls, net wrapped, well fertilized, barn kept, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

(125) 4x5 net wrapped Bahia, good tight rolls cured without rain, \$35 a roll, cheaper if all taken. Morris Hebert, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (337) 570-6361.

4 x 5 wrapped bales, \$40 outside, \$50 in barn. Paul Harrison, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 748-7780.

4X5 round bales, net wrapped, \$30 each. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, clean, second-cutting, no rain, net wrapped, barn kept, bales tight and heavy, \$50 per roll. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

Round Hay bales, 4x4, baled September 2024, \$30 each. Ronald Comeaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 277-1324.

Over 300 4x5 good clean round bales, net and string wrapped, delivery available for a fee, we will load you, \$45. Ronnie Cotton, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 687-2520.

Fertilized with chicken litter, 4x5 Bermuda hay net wrapped, \$45. Sean Coody, Jonesboro, Jackson Parish; (318) 355-6968.

4X5 net wrapped mixed hay, \$35, 4X5 net wrapped pure Alicia Bermuda, fertilized and sprayed, \$70. Steve Miller, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-0963.

2024 crop, Argentine Bahia, barn kept, fertilized, 4X4 1/2 rolls, \$50 per roll, 10 or more \$40. Wayne Prats, Plainview, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

2024 Bahia tightly baled 5X5 round bales, cut and baled in October 2024, \$30 each, mixed grass hay also available \$25 each. Wendell Middlebrooks, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 658-3106.



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Savage Lakefield Mark II bolt action 22 LR, wood/blue, 5 shot magazine, VG \$155, \$150. Carl V. Berthelot, Port Vincent, Livingston Parish; (225) 698-3163.

Ruger Americans NIB 7mm-08, 270 Win, \$415 each, Ruger American 22LR NIB (2) 10-round and (1) 25-round mag, \$325. Carl V. Berthelot, Port Vincent, Livingston Parish; (225) 698-3163.

Mossberg Model 510 Youth Mini Pump 20 ga. black/black 2 3/4" choke tubes 18.5" barrel, adjustable stock, new in box, \$325, used Mossberg 510C Youth 20 g. pump 2 3/4"-3" choke tubes, 21" barrel VG, \$275. Carl V. Berthelot, Port Vincent, Livingston Parish; (225) 698-3163.

Beretta A-300 Outlander wood stock, black metal. 2 3/4"-3", choke tube, 28" barrel VG+ \$600, Ruger 10/22 Black stainless steel new in box, \$310. Carl V. Berthelot, Port Vincent, Livingston Parish; (225) 698-3163.

Rem. Fieldmaster Pumps 12 ga 26" or 28" barrel NIB \$425. Carl V. Berthelot, Port Vincent, Livingston Parish; (225) 698-3163.

Barnett Crossbow with scope and accessories, quiver, arrows, cocking rope, everything you need, \$200. Irven



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4 Foundation Bred stallions, Negative Coggins required and vet checked ultrasound, \$800/\$10 mare care. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

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.

Theriot, Geismar, Ascension Parish; (225) 247-8422.

PSE 60-lb bow, 14 practice arrows and 14 hunting with barrow quiver and carry bag, bad zipper, two targets, arrows need to be refletched, \$125. B. L. Harvey, Jonesboro, Jackson Parish; (318) 259-3327.

WANTED: Winchester Model 12 pump, \$200 or less. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

WANTED: Old Remington model 1100 wood stock, will pay \$250. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

WANTED: Old paper 410 shells, any brand. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

WANTED: Old Browning A5 12,20,16, will pay \$250. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

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2011 Cedar Creek 34 RSLA, triple slides, two a/c, washer and dryer combo, excellent condition, call for pricing. Brenda and Buddy Wise, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 452-3699.

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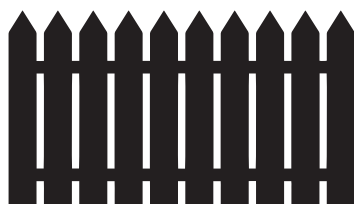
(11) Big pecan trees, call for pricing. Raven Gotte, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 250-2447.

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Oregon 22-ton log splitter, used 3 times, \$1,000. Raven Gotte, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 250-2447.

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Submitted by Bailey's Cajun Creole Mix, Inc.

Ingredients:

1 lb. crawfish, peeled
1 stick of butter
1 box of Bailey's Cajun Creole Mix

Instructions:

In a 10 quart pot, melt butter and add seasoning mix. Cook for about 10 minutes on low. Add crawfish tails. Dissolve 3 tablespoons roux in one cup of hot water and add to pot. Cook for 20 minutes. Add spices to taste.

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MINI MEATBALLS

Submitted by Kary's Roux and Bar-B-Q Sauce

Ingredients:

Meatballs:

1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. ground pork
2 eggs
½ c. unseasoned breadcrumbs
½ c. onions, chopped
Queen Bee Seasoning (to taste)

Sauce:

2 c. Pig Stand Bar-B-Q Sauce
½ c. dark brown sugar

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a bowl, add ground beef, ground pork, eggs, breadcrumbs, onions, and seasoning. Mix well. Form mixture into bite sized meatballs and place onto baking sheet. Place baking sheets with meatballs into oven and cook for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes of cooking, flip each meatball, and cook for another 10-15 minutes or until fully cooked. While the meatballs are cooking, make the sauce by adding Pig Stand Bar-B-Q Sauce and dark brown sugar into a pot and cook on low for 10 minutes. Once meatballs are cooked, add them to the pot with the sauce making sure that all of the meatballs get covered in sauce. Cover the pot, and place on low heat for 10 minutes before serving. Or place in a slow cooker on warm until ready to be served.





CAJUN CRAB DIP

Submitted by A Cajun Life, LLC

Ingredients:

8 oz. cream cheese
 1 Tbsp. A CAJUN LIFE® All Purpose Seasoning
 ¾ c. thinly cut crab meat, imitation crab meat, or lobster
 1 box Kellogg's Keebler® Club Crackers

Instructions:

Combine cream cheese, A CAJUN LIFE® All Purpose Seasoning, and crab meat or lobster in a large mixing bowl. Serve immediately with Kellogg's Keebler® Club Crackers or make ahead, keep refrigerated and serve when ready.

Alternative option:

Place mixture in oven safe dish, top with shredded cheese of your choice and bake until bubbling and top is golden brown. Serve hot.

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Submitted by Gourmet Fournet

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Super A Farmall Int. and red cub Farmall Int. tractors, belly mower loose, \$900 each. Allen Daigle, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 457-5053.

Front steel bumper for Farmall Int. Super A tractor, never used, \$150. Allen Daigle, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 457-5053.

Belly motor for cub Farmall tractor, \$100, Belly mower for Super A Farmall tractor, \$125. Allen Daigle, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 457-5053.

2 tires and tubes on wheels with new tubes, ready for Super A Farmall tractor, \$150 OBO. Allen Daigle, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 457-5053.

1962 601 Workmaster Ford tractor, \$800. C. P. Ourso, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 252-9597.

1958 John Deere 420 with side blade, runs and drives great, looks good, call for pricing. Dallas Richard, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 517-3750.

IH 1486 with front end loader, engine block cracked during freeze, \$3,000 OBO. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.

Kubota M9000, 4wd, front loader, low hours, open cab, leave message if no answer, open to trade for small track hoe or skidsteer, \$26,500. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

John Deere A fully restored and painted with 2 row cultivator, \$7,000. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

John Deere 70, fully restored and painted, \$8,000. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

Ford 4630 Tractor, 600 actual hours, \$14,000 OBO. Tony, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-8732.

4030 Kubota diesel tractor, good shape, toolbox, roll bar, good tires, auxiliary plugin, \$8,000. W. J. Mims, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish; (318) 644-2236.

VEHICLES

ATVS

CFMO-ORV four-wheeler 2022, bought 2/4/23, 206 miles, like new, \$6,000 cash only. Christine Monica, Garyville, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 233-0526.

2022 Polaris sportsman four-wheeler 450 4WD good condition, used on farm, has winch, can send pictures, \$4,000. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

Yamaha Rhino 660, Halogen lights, front and rear windshield, new seat covers, \$2,850. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

BOATS

One outboard boat motor, 7.5hp. Evinrude, one outboard boat motor, 10hp, Johnson, both run good, \$250 each. Allen Daigle, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 457-5053.

FARM TRUCKS

98 Ford F700 7-yards truck, automatic, in good shape, gas engine, \$12,000. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-4102.

95 GMC 7-yard truck, automatic, in good shape, \$15,000. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-4102.

04 GMC Dulley with toolbox bed, automatic, cold AC, 6.0 liter gas engine, four-door, \$4,500. Alvin Joseph, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-4102.

2010 F750 9-yd dump truck, excellent condition, 6.7 Cummins Diesel, 123,000 miles,

\$41,500. Bert Lavergne, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-4167.

2005 F-350 flat bed with fuel tank and tool boxes, excellent condition, 121,000 miles, \$21,000. Bert Lavergne, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-4167.

2018 GMC Sierra 3500 Denali diesel, 161,000 miles, gently used, well maintained, \$51,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

2000 F-250 4-door truck, misc. tractor tools, 5ft grader box scoop, 6-ft grader box, call for pricing. Lawrence Drude, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 969-2523.

2007 F350, 4-door work truck, runs and pulls, \$3,500. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

2000 Dodge Ram 300, 1/2-ton tool box, fair shape, \$4,000. W. J. Mims, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish; (318) 644-2236.

WANTED: Newer nice used pickup, low miles, can make payments, 2020-2023, reliable. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

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USDA to begin issuing \$2.14 billion to ag producers through key conservation & safety net programs

The USDA has announced that it will begin issuing more than \$2.14 billion in payments to eligible agricultural producers, and landowners—providing much needed support through key conservation and safety-net programs. Producers should soon receive payments from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) for their participation in these programs aimed to conserve natural resources and keep family farms economically viable.

Specifically, program participants are expected to receive more than \$1.7 billion through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and CRP Transition Incentive Program (CRP TIP) and more than \$447 million through the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Prices Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) programs. Additionally, FSA is announcing an investment of \$21 million for projects to better measure the effectiveness of CRP.

"Conservation and safety net program payments support voluntary land stewardship and provide agricultural producers with risk protection and production stability, keeping them in business and feeding the world," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux.

FSA is issuing more than \$1.7 billion in annual rental payments to agricultural producers and private landowners through the Conservation Reserve Program and CRP Transition Incentive Program. These annual rental payments are made to eligible farmers and ranchers throughout the country who establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil

erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland taken out of production. The duration of CRP contracts is between 10 and 15 years.

FSA accepted offers for more than 2.2 million acres through this year's Grassland, General, and Continuous CRP signups, bringing current enrollment to nearly 26 million acres.

These conservation-minded producers help provide invaluable benefits to the nation's environment and economy.

FSA invested \$21 million in projects to further the monitoring, assessment, and evaluation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Projects funded this year include the adoption of emerging technology to increase knowledge on subjects such as the benefits of wetland restoration to mitigate flooding, contributions of CRP to wildlife habitat, and role CRP plays in strengthening the resiliency of agricultural operations.

FSA originally committed \$10 million to the Notice of Funding Opportunity in May, but due to the quality of project proposals submitted FSA awarded more than \$20 million. Since 2021, FSA has invested over \$70 million into monitoring, assessment, and evaluation efforts.

The monitoring, assessment, and evaluation projects are designed to produce information that enables USDA to better target CRP toward conservation outcomes by improving data, models, and planning tools while supporting USDA's goal of putting American agriculture

and forestry at the center of climate-smart solutions. The land currently enrolled in the program improve water quality, protect soil resources, provide critical wildlife habitat and aid to climate resiliency within agricultural systems. Further quantifying program benefits allows the USDA to better target CRP to achieve continued conservation wins across environmentally sensitive lands while strengthening the program's modeling and conservation planning resources for all producers.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits.

USDA has started to issue payments to producers of 2023 crops that are estimated at more than \$447 million through the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenue and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. ARC and PLC program and crop specific data is available online and through your local FSA county office.

Authorized by the 2014 farm bill they can provide a cushion for farmers during tough economic conditions and fluctuating market prices.

Weathering extreme drought: Alternative roughage for livestock

By Kun Jun Han and Jeremy Hebert

Louisiana experienced extremely dry summer and fall seasons in 2023. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, the worst drought continued from June to late September in the southern U.S., including Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This has put a strain on quality forage production and has impacted the availability of pasture and hay for livestock. In late 2023, LSU AgCenter economist Kurt Guidry confirmed significant economic impacts on the state's livestock industry and hay production due to the weather conditions.

Conventional forage versus nonconventional alternatives

Due to mild winter weather, Louisiana livestock producers have historically had the advantage of year-round forage production, beginning with cool-season forage, which includes annual ryegrass, small grain forage and clovers, followed by warm-season forage such as bermudagrass, bahiagrass, forage sorghum and cowpeas. However, the shortage of hay caused by the dry, hot weather in 2023 led farmers and ranchers to seek alternative feeding options.

Table 1* displays the crude protein and total digestible nutrient values obtained from hay samples submitted to the LSU AgCenter Forage Testing Lab in 2023. Agricultural byproducts usable for cattle feeding were categorized as “byproduct or alternative hay” to distinguish them from conventionally produced forage. The lab received five times more alternative hay sample submissions during this time frame than before, reflecting the increase in the use of alternative hay for the year's winter feeding.

Byproducts or alternative hays are recovered from main agricultural commodity productions, usually grains. The nongrain portions of the plant mature and contain low protein and high fiber, resulting in low-quality feeds with various nutrient values. Examples of such byproducts are cottonseed meal (approximately 45% crude protein) and cotton gin trash (approximately 10.5% crude protein). Samples sent to the lab indicate that varieties of alternative hay were utilized for livestock feeding in 2023. Barnyardgrass samples were also submitted as forage despite being known as a fast-maturing

annual weed. An analysis of barnyardgrass indicated some potential as an alternative forage when fed prior to seedhead development. An analysis of multiple Johnsongrass samples indicated potential utilization of this species as well. However, Johnsongrass and sorghum forage must be used with extreme caution as both species can lead to nitrate toxicification when produced in drought conditions.

With the exception of barnyardgrass, cotton gin trash and peanut residue, the crude protein and energy (total digestible nutrients) contents of the sampled alternative hays are overall insufficient to meet the nutrient requirements of actively growing cattle. The average nutrient contents in sorghum forage and bermudagrass were above 8% crude protein and 51% total digestible nutrients, which were greater quality hay than medium-quality hay, followed by hays of unidentified grass, bahiagrass, crabgrass and some native grasses (**Table 1***).

Potential of rice straw as alternative forage

Given that rice straw samples composed the largest group of submissions, it is presumed that rice straw is the alternative hay most readily available to weather the current low hay supply in Louisiana. Unlike countries with relatively low forage production capabilities, rice straw has rarely been considered as forage in the United States. As **Table 1*** shows, the crude protein and total digestible nutrients of rice straw were equivalent to or even below utility grade. Notable was the ash content in the analyzed Louisiana rice straw, which averaged around 17%, twice the average of bermudagrass hay. The silica content of ash contributed to a large portion of that number. Silica is a main component of glass and sand, and it does not have any nutrient value.

Injections of ammonia gas into plastic wrap-covered rice straw bales have been used in rice-producing countries to improve the nutrient value of rice straw. **Table 2*** indicates the substantial improvement of crude protein and total digestible nutrients resulting from the gas injection. However, this treatment is not practical in the United States, given the required injection cost, preparation and safety considerations needed.

Feeding value variation in rice straws

Rice straw is an abundant byproduct in Louisiana; therefore, it has value as an emergency feed source. A study was conducted to investigate potential feed value differences in rice straws produced from different backgrounds, such as variety, parish and nitrogen fertilization. The total digestible nutrient index may differ by rice variety, indicating potential differences in fiber characteristics in rice stems. The most significant difference was found in protein content in rice straw cultivated at the different nitrogen fertilizer application rates. The nutrient values were not influenced by parish, indicating the quality may vary but without consistency in the production regions. Despite the temporary challenges, the increased focus on alternative feed options, particularly rice straw, underscores the resilience and adaptability

of Louisiana's livestock industry in the face of adverse weather conditions.

Implications

Due to extreme weather during the growing season of 2023, hay production was at a historic low. Rice straw and other agricultural byproducts are potential alternative feed sources, but the nutrient values do not meet most livestock classes' protein and energy requirements. Although chemical treatments on rice straw have been practiced in some countries to enhance nutrient value and digestibility, the economic gain of those treatments is uncertain in U.S. livestock operations.

Additionally, more systematic research is required to confirm the potential variations, as rice straw quality has been found to be inconsistent with production backgrounds. In the meantime, using rice straw and agricultural byproducts as feed should be considered a temporary solution to be managed carefully with appropriate protein and energy supplements.

***Data tables available at www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1716393522673**

Soil health concerns

Removing rice straw from a rice field offers a couple of advantages.

- Notably, it enhances water quality for crawfish production by eliminating decomposing foliage material that consumes oxygen in the water, thereby improving conditions for crawfish.
- Additionally, employing methods like baling rice straw as baleage or postharvest mowing can lead to a more uniform ratoon crop stand, enhancing overall productivity.

However, this practice comes with the drawback of depriving the field of essential nutrient material that would otherwise replenish soil fertility through natural decomposition.

Thus, farmers must be vigilant about monitoring soil health and may need to supplement nutrients if a significant amount of rice straw is removed, underscoring the importance of soil sampling to inform management decisions.



Rice straw is an abundant byproduct in Louisiana; therefore, it has value as an emergency feed source. (AgCenter file photo)

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Agricultural burning: Why do farmers do it?

Once again this year, we find ourselves in another stretch of dry conditions that have increased the overall wildfire risk in the state. Along with that awareness, there invariably comes increased scrutiny on the use of fire as a land management tool in general.

You're probably familiar with the use of fire as a forest management practice. Because many of the native tree and grass species in Louisiana are dependent on fire, prescribed burning can be used to protect and enhance forests, prairies, and marshland, where fire can reduce invasive weeds and insects and reinvigorate the land with improved soil quality.

You may be less familiar with burning as an agricultural practice. But if you live in Louisiana, at some point, you've probably passed a field of row crops, perhaps sugarcane, and wondered why it's ablaze. Although sometimes misunderstood and discouraged in certain conditions, prescribed burning is a widely used and effective crop management practice for the production and harvest of many agricultural goods.

Why do farmers burn in the first place? What are the benefits of burning crops and/or residues?

Take sugarcane, for example. Louisiana's sugarcane industry is the oldest and most historic in the United States. Now in its third century, it's one of the most productive in the world. In fact, the 2023 Louisiana sugarcane season produced more than 1.8 million tons of raw sugar. A farmer's ability to burn sugarcane is sometimes a significant economic factor for the survival of sugarcane farmers and industry.

Generally, the sugarcane plant consists of 75-85% net cane (stalks) from which the juice is extracted and the sugar crystallized. The other 15-25% consists of leafy material (trash) from which no sugar is produced. Usually, the cane has 15-25% trash (leaves), which is removed by burning, thereby saving millions of dollars in transport and production costs. Currently, there are few profitable or effective ways to deal with this large volume of trash by mechanical means.

To begin understanding this topic, it's helpful to have some basic knowledge of the sugarcane production cycle, briefly described below.

Cane stalks, which are planted in rows, consist of numerous nodes or joints, each with a bud that sprouts to produce cane shoots. As a ratoon crop, sugarcane re-emerges after each harvest for 3 to 4 years without replanting. And cane can grow rapidly, as much as an inch per day. That's why it's important that the row top is not covered by a thick layer of mulch-like crop

residue at the onset of the growing season; sugarcane is essentially a grass and thick mulch prevents grass, or sugarcane, from growing.

One instance where fire has been used in cane is immediately before harvest, which normally occurs from late September through early January. Sugarcane is most often harvested by a combine harvester. These machines cut the standing cane stalks into billets for processing, and pre-harvest leaf removal makes this process more efficient, both in fuel economy and equipment wear. Given that pre-harvest burns generally produce more airborne ash and soot, many growers are beginning to opt for alternative types of burning or residue management.

Fire may also be used to remove heavy crop residue that remains in the field after harvest. According to LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, burning cane fields has been a common practice for more than 200 years. Its purpose is to make the land ready for the next harvest, as the ash fertilizes the soil, and the burning helps make room for the new cane to break through the ground.

"If we don't burn it, then the cane leaf residue will inhibit the ability of the new cane plant to emerge from the ground and really get into the sun. Without burning the residue, you can lose 10 to 15% of the next year's production," Strain said.

While prescribed burning as a harvest management tool in Louisiana agriculture is a common practice, it is associated with a number of environmental and public issues. As a result, the state has instituted a voluntary smoke and ash management program to assist growers in addressing these issues.

Some of these guidelines include conducting prescribed burns under recommended weather conditions and using burning techniques to reduce the effects of smoke and ash generated by prescribed burning on the environment,



public health, and welfare. Growers should have a responsible attitude toward environmental and public issues while attempting to be as efficient as possible and using recommended prescribed burning practices that minimize concentrations of smoke and ash in sensitive areas and assist in maintaining air quality standards. Although voluntary, growers are strongly encouraged to incorporate prescribed burning best management practices.

Additionally, a number of research projects are underway to address possible ways to reduce or eliminate the need for prescribed burning in sugarcane. These include alternatives like tools to "sweep" the row tops and modifications to cane harvesters that direct leaf residue away from the row top and into the furrow. You can learn more about one of these new developments in a recent issue of the Market Bulletin. See "Sugarcane harvest BMPs; New residue management modification" on Page 16 of the June 13, 2024, issue, which can be found at www.ldaf.la.gov/business/market-bulletin.

No matter what purpose prescribed burning is used for, practitioners should take advantage of the many opportunities for certification and training available through LDAF and the LSU AgCenter, among other organizations. For more information, visit www.ldaf.la.gov/land/fire/prescribed-burning.

Benefits of burning sugarcane

**Lowers overall cost of production
(a benefit to farmers and consumers)**

**Allows more efficient harvesting
of sugarcane in the field**

**Reduces the number of hauling
units on the highways and wear
and tear on public roads**

**Decreases the volume of material
to be processed by the factories**

**Shortens the harvest season
by as much as 10 percent**

**Increases the yield and quality
of sugar recovered per ton**

**Reduces wear and tear on
field and factory equipment**

**Reduces energy expenditures
in the field and by the factory**

LDAF firefighters attend wildfire academy

The 26th Annual Capital Area Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy (CAIWA) was held at the Camp Swift National Guard Facility in Bastrop, Texas, October 11-23, 2024.

LDAF Forestry had 11 staff members in attendance across 9 different classes, including those covering portable pumps and water use, wildland fire chain saws, wildland fire behavior, and more.

LDAF employees at the training:

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Each year, firefighters travel across the state and nation to attend the academy to continue their education and earn National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training qualifications. The mission of Texas Interagency Wildfire and Incident Management Academies, including CAIWA, is to enhance wildland firefighters' knowledge, utilizing NWCG standards, while promoting safe and cost-effective operations.

This year's academy offered 31 classes that emphasize entry-level and intermediate training in wildfire suppression for firefighters and incident managers.

Courses include, but not limited to, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior/Firefighter Training, Followership to Leadership, Basic Air Operations, Helicopter Crewmember, Portable Pumps and Water Use, NIMS All Hazards Finance/Admin Unit Leader, NIMS All Hazards Resource Unit Leader, and NIMS All Hazard Liaison Officer.

In attendance were 345 students representing a multitude of organizations and agencies, 13 different states, including Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia, and 6 federal agencies from 10 locations, among other participants.

The academy is managed as a wildfire incident using the Incident Command System (ICS). Personnel from all agencies use the academy as a training experience in information, safety, planning, logistics, and more.

Students earn National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training qualifications—the national standard for wildland firefighting or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Incident Management System (NIMS) training qualifications.

“Training is considered a top priority for many fire departments and response agencies, whether local, state or federal,” said Meredith McNeil, Texas A&M Forest Service Chief Response Training Coordinator. “As an agency, we are honored to help firefighters reach their training goals and better serve their communities.”

In addition to the training course, the academy held the 21st Annual Wildland Firefighter Memorial, which honors firefighters who

have died in the line of duty while fighting wildfires. Ronald “Van” Patton, was added to the memorial garden this year after his death on June 21, 2024.

Academy partners include the Texas Army National Guard, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Weather Service, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Texas A&M All-Hazards Incident Management Teams, and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System.

Texas A&M Forest Service hosts multiple training academies every year. Visit ticc.tamu.edu/training for more information.



For more information, visit the Texas Interagency Coordination Center (TICC) webpage at ticc.tamu.edu/training.

Sabine Master Gardeners maintain Cypress Bend's roses

Cypress Bend State Park is known for its annual calendar of big bass tournaments, camping, and good times. Boats are launched by the hundreds during the season, while families enjoy picnics, swimming, and fishing



from the shore. For the lucky visitors walking out to the pavilion, the Hodges Memorial Rose Garden may be a big surprise; the lake forms a spectacular backdrop for carefully manicured gardens that contain more than one hundred magnificently flowering rose bushes, labeled with their names and year of introduction.

How did this collection of historic rose bushes end up in a state park? The original Hodges Gardens was designed and installed on a unique tract of land off Hwy 171 just south of Florien about 80 years ago. The benefactors were A.J Hodges and Nona Trigg Hodges, a family recognized as pioneers in conservation and forestry. The public visited this remarkable space from 1957 to 2017; it had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

When Hodges Gardens closed, a group of intrepid volunteers, including Friends of Hodges Gardens recognized that the roses must be moved to preserve them. The Sabine River Authority Louisiana approved the new site in 2018, and volunteers with the help of SRA staff moved more than 200 bushes during a difficult season for transplanting. Out-of-season bush pruning was necessary to encourage survival, though several were ultimately lost. With the legal dissolution of Friends of Hodges Gardens, their remaining

funds were re-directed. \$10,000 was used to prepare the Cypress Bend State Park site for planting and to construct steel trellises, essential for the historic climbers. The remaining \$5,000 was transferred to the Sabine Master Gardeners with the purpose of supporting maintenance material costs, which include more than 100 bags of mulch annually, fertilizer, and environmentally safe weed control. The total budget is now \$1,500 per year. The hundreds of volunteer hours annually make it all possible.

Sabine Master Gardener volunteers organize and deliver a much-anticipated annual gardening seminar each year in the spring. The 2025 Down & Dirty Garden Seminar will be held at Cypress Bend Resort on February 15 and features engaging presentations by noted experts such as Anna Timmerman, David Creech, and Allen Owings. Fees from registration go directly back to the community.

Sabine Master Gardeners support several community beautification and conservation education projects each year. Projects like the Rose Garden, Master Gardeners contribute volunteer work as well as funding. Longtime residents will remember the Butterfly Garden at the former Hodges Gardens which they developed and maintained for years. This summer they identified the most durable and appropriate plants for the Zwolle Historical Museum as well as paying for the landscape work. Sabine Master Gardeners were also pleased to donate to local 4-H Horticultural projects as well as the Louisiana County Agriculture Agents Association. LSU AgCenter oversees Master Gardener groups statewide who contribute countless hours of volunteer expertise to their communities every year. For more information on the Louisiana Master Gardener program, review www.lsuagcenter.com.

USDA gathering data on Louisiana producers' cost of pollination

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has mailed the *Cost of Pollination Inquiry* to nearly 16,000 crop producers nationwide, including 80 Louisiana crop producers. The survey results will help producers and beekeepers monitor and react to changes in production costs. Pollination expenditures are a necessary part of agriculture and are directly tied to the health of the honey bee industry.

"To help accurately depict the health of the pollination industry in the United States, NASS will ask crop producers about their use of honey bees, the fees they paid for honey bee pollination, and any other expenses related to pollinating their crops," said NASS State Statistician Kathy Broussard.

Survey recipients are asked to respond securely online at agcounts.usda.gov, by mail, or by fax.

Those who do not respond by November 4, 2024, may be contacted by a NASS representative to arrange an interview to complete the survey.

All information reported by producers will be used for statistical purposes only and kept confidential, as required by federal law. NASS will publish the survey data on December 13, 2024, in the *Cost of Pollination* report at nass.usda.gov.

For more information about the *Cost of Pollination* survey and the NASS bee and honey program, visit nass.usda.gov/go/bees/.

NASS' other honey bee reports include the *Honey* report, published every March, and the *Honey Bee Colonies* report, published every August. For assistance with the survey, producers are encouraged to call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.





LBC microchips 113 saddles in 2024

LDAF's Livestock Brand Commission (LBC) recently wrapped up its saddle microchipping activities for the year with fall events at the Washington Parish Fair in Franklinton and the LSU AgCenter Lafourche Office in Raceland. Overall this year, the LBC microchipped 113 saddles at seven events across the state. Although there are no more scheduled for this year, we will be sure to announce upcoming saddle microchipping opportunities in 2025.

For more information, be sure to follow LDAF on Facebook or visit www.ldaf.la.gov/about/boards-commissions/livestock-brand-commission.

USDA expands market information for organics

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Market News recently expanded its collection and distribution of price and production cost information for organic agricultural products by adding organic milk, cattle, grains and feedstuffs, and fertilizer to its list of published reports.

Organic products are included among the hundreds of agricultural products for which AMS Market News publishes market information. This data promotes market transparency and helps farmers and businesses make informed business decisions—resulting in a fairer and more competitive marketplace for all participants.

In 2024, AMS Market News, through partnerships with state departments of agriculture and universities, expanded the collection and distribution of price and production cost information for organic agricultural products with organic milk, cattle, fertilizer, and farmer's markets recently added and expanded coverage of organic grain and feedstuffs to be added in the coming year.

In addition to several state-specific prices, the new information includes expanded market information for organic food and feed grade grains and for feedstuffs coming in 2025.

This new information for organics is being made available in accordance with the 2018 Farm Bill (Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018) that re-authorized \$5 million to USDA for the collection and reporting of data on the production and marketing of organic agricultural products.

As required by the Farm Bill, USDA collects and distributes reporting on prices of organic agricultural products; develops and implements surveys on organic production, handling, and distribution; and conducts analysis on the data for publication in reports.

For more information, please contact Michael Sheats, Director of the Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division, at (202) 690-3145 or Michael.Sheats@usda.gov.

Whether you're already certified organic, considering transitioning all or part of your operation, or working with organic producers, you can find resources at www.usda.gov/topics/organic.

This portal connects you with programs, services, and educational materials that can help your organic farm or business.



CRAWFISH starting to emerge: What to expect this season

By Joanna Brown, www.nola.com

This time last year, the effects of south Louisiana's extended summer drought spelled bad news for area crawfish farmers.

It costs a lot of money to pump water into dry fields, and many crawfish and their hatchlings didn't make it through the abnormally hot and dry conditions of 2023. At the start of the 2024 crawfish season, these poor conditions were reflected in the price and availability of one of the region's most anticipated products.

In a normal year, Louisiana crawfish farmers supply more than 150 million pounds of the succulent crustaceans to wholesalers and consumers, bringing more than \$300 million to the state's economy. In 2024, the LSU AgCenter estimated around \$140 million worth of losses to the industry stemming from the heat and drought of 2023.

Here's some good news: There's little reason to think that the upcoming crawfish season will be anything like the last one.

According to Todd Fontenot, LSU AgCenter extension agent for crawfish production, the crustaceans and their hatchlings are starting to emerge from their holes, to a much more favorable environment.

"Producers are adding water to their fields and crawfish ponds, and this signals them to start emerging and dispersing their young," he said. "That's what we hope happens at this time of year, and it's happening."

While the past couple of weeks have been dryer than farmers would prefer, this summer's increased rainfall, along with more moderate temperatures, means that the fields are in better condition for the crawfish. Crawfish fields that are also in rice production have rice stubble at the floor, and when it's healthier the crawfish are better able to forage and protect themselves.

"It's hard to tell how many of the little ones actually make it," said Adler Stelly, a crawfish farmer in Vermilion Parish. "I definitely want to say it seems to be looking better. It depends on how dry it stays in the next three weeks, and how hot it gets. Early signs are pointing to a pretty good season."

He says that he'd like to see more rainfall, as he and other farmers have been pumping water into their fields to counteract the recent dry spell, and ideally temperatures will continue to drop as the crawfish continue to emerge from their burrows.

"We always have some concerns," said Fontenot. "Further south, they use a lot of surface water on the ponds, and they are starting to be a little concerned because they've been drier a little longer, and are starting to face salinity issues. Some of their waterways are connected to the intracoastal canal system, but it's not anywhere near last year's problem"

These waters have higher salt content, which can impact crawfish survival rates — particularly

when there's no rainfall to flush out the salt water. Fontenot says that almost 100,000 acres fell out of crawfish production last year due to high-saline water, and he does not anticipate a problem of that scale this year.

Fontenot said, "Last year was record low yields, and we're hoping to have an improvement over that because acreage is up to around 400,000 acres now, which is an increase over last year." Farmers are required to report how many acres they have in certified crawfish production to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Even with the unpredictability of weather and agriculture, crawfish lovers have reason to be hopeful about the upcoming season — but it's a little too early to predict wallet impacts.

In a typical year, prices average between \$3 and \$6 a pound for boiled crawfish. The 2024 season started around \$12 to \$14 a pound, and dropped to \$9 a pound by March, when crawfish restaurants like Hawk's in Rayne finally had enough supply to open to customers. By the end of the 2024 crawfish season, prices had dipped back within the normal ranges.

"It's going to be a plentiful year, hopefully, if production is good with the acreage out there," said Fontenot. "Producers were pretty much able to stock their ponds like they wanted to for the year — there were a few that ran short, because the season was so short last year. But for the most part, they're looking good. I think there'll be plenty of crawfish out there for everybody."

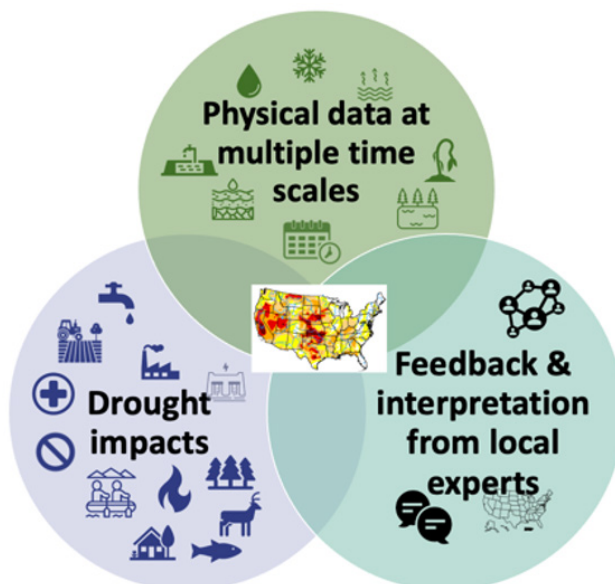
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to help determine eligibility for their Livestock Forage Disaster Program, and the Internal Revenue Service uses it for tax deferral on forced livestock sales due to drought.

When you submit data and observations, your report will appear immediately on an interactive map. Reports won't directly change an area's classification on the USDM, but your observation will help Drought Monitor authors interpret complex data and identify areas needing more attention.

With the continued dry conditions, it's especially important to be aware of burn bans across the state. The public can check LDAF's "Burn Ban" map to determine if a burn ban has been issued for their area. The map is updated as we receive notification and official documentation from parishes issuing/rescinding the bans. Find the map at www.ldaf.la.gov/land/fire/safety.

Even if your parish is not under an official burn ban, it's a good idea to consult with your local fire department before burning anything. This simple action can play a significant role in preventing wildfires and ensuring the safety of our communities.



The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) uses a convergence of evidence approach, bringing together physical climate, weather, and hydrological data with records of drought impacts, on-the-ground observations, and local expert feedback.

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LIVESTOCK EVENTS

The **Louisiana Polled Hereford Association** will hold their annual Bayou Classic Sale on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 1 PM at the Dean Lee Livestock Facilities and Sales Arena located at 8105 Tom Bowman Drive, south of Alexandria.

Anyone seeking to consign animals to sale can contact Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com) or Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com). The consignment deadline is February 1, 2025.



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Stay safe this hunting season: *Top 12 most common accidents*

By Josh Honeycutt, greatdaysoutdoors.com

A hunter takes the shot with an unsafe backdrop, and someone gets hurt. A firearm malfunctions, which could have easily been avoided. An ATV rolls over, which didn't have to happen. A hunter falls from a stand, because they weren't following safety precautions. These and more are among the most common hunting accidents. Here are the top 12 most common hunting accidents, in no particular order, with ways to avoid them.

#1. Careless weapon handling — Archery and firearm equipment are only as dangerous as those who handle them. Unfortunately, some aren't knowledgeable or careful enough around these hunting tools. Instead of being safe and making good decisions, they wield these in a manner that isn't safe for them or anyone around them.

Solution: Wield bows, guns, and knives safely. Point weapons in safe directions. Don't place them in unsafe places. Do everything the right way, and everyone will be safer.

#2. Weapon failures — Although quite rare, weapons can fail. Usually, this is a result of a manufacturing defect, damage from use, damage from improper use, and more. Of course, a manufacturing flaw might be an improperly threaded rifle barrel, incorrect assembly, and more. Self-inflicted issues are more common, though.

These and more are causes for weapons failures:

- Failing to treat every gun as if it's loaded.
- Failing to point it in safe directions.
- Not using the safety correctly.
- Failing to store the gun properly.

Solution: Failures rarely happen because of a manufacturing defect. However, it's good practice to inspect the weapon when buying a bow or gun, especially if it's in used condition. For example, with bows, check for cracked or splintered limbs, damaged risers, worn strings, etc. With guns, inspect for pitting in the barrel, cracked barrel or receiver, cross-threaded rifling, loose bolts and screws, and more.

#3. Accidental firearm discharges — An accidental firearms discharge can lead to significant problems, too. This can happen in a lot of ways. But failing to treat a firearm with respect is the primary cause. Forgetting to treat it as if it's loaded can lead to problems quickly. Leaving a gun loaded when it shouldn't be. Driving, walking, or crossing obstacles with a loaded gun. Placing your finger on the trigger at improper times. And other big mistakes can lead to sudden accidental discharges.

Solution: Avoid common hunting accidents. Treat every firearm as if it's loaded. However, keep it unloaded unless actively hunting. Keep fingers away from triggers. Keep the safety on. Don't place the gun in a position where another object could engage the trigger. Do these things, and more, and it will minimize risk of accidental firearm discharges.

#4. Misidentifying targets — Another unfortunate occurrence is misidentifying targets.

Thinking a target is a game animal, when it isn't, can lead to grave mistakes. Pulling the trigger without completely identifying the target is a big mistake, even if it doesn't lead to a negative outcome. Sadly, sometimes it does, though.

Solution: Be 100% certain of your target before pulling the trigger. Don't risk taking a shot at something you aren't sure of. Completely identify your target as the correct game animal. Other safety checks precede and follow that, but it's an important step in the shooting process.

#5. Shooting without safe backdrops — Shooting at a game animal without a safe backdrop can also lead to hunting accidents. For example, a deer standing on a hilltop, with nothing but skyline behind it, doesn't provide a backstop for the bullet or arrow. Taking that shot risks hitting non-target objects beyond the target animal. Hunters taking these shots have led to other people, pets, and livestock being injured or killed.

Solution: Ensure a safe backdrop beyond your target. Do not take shots at game that are sky-lined along hill tops. Don't take unsafe shots if anything is beyond them (people, livestock, vehicles, roads, homes, buildings, etc.). Only take the shot if there's bare ground and no other objects downrange.

#6. ATV and UTV accidents — Wrecking an ATV or UTV is another risk. Operating these vehicles in unsafe manners are causes for significant issues. Driving these in reckless manners includes traveling too fast, traversing unsafe terrain, riding without a helmet and other safety equipment, and more. It's easy to wreck in the simplest and seemingly safest of situations.

Solution: Read the ATV or UTV manual and follow guidelines. Use proper safety equipment, including a helmet. Ride at safe speeds along safe terrain. Don't haul or carry loads that are too large for the vehicle.

#7. Treestand falls — The most common hunting accidents aren't ATV, UTV, or weapons related. They are tied directly to treestand use. The most common cause for injury and death while hunting is a fall from a treestand, or other elevated hunting platform. Improper use and maintenance of treestand equipment is the primary cause for this.

Solution: Wear a safety harness. Furthermore, install safety lines for each treestand location. (Use a safety harness and lineman's belt until the safety line is in place and ready for use.) This system ensures you are tied in while climbing up the tree, stepping onto the treestand, sitting or standing in the treestand, stepping back onto the ladder or steps, and climbing back down.

#8. Falling from other heights — Treestands, tree saddles, and elevated hunting blinds aren't the only fall-related challenges. Falling from other heights poses risks, too. Examples include mountain bluffs, steep ridge lines, slippery creek beds, wet rocks, and more. A myriad of risks can lead to falls in the outdoors.

Solution: Study hunting apps, such as HuntStand, for steep, dangerous topography.

Be knowledgeable of your hunt area. Don't walk anywhere for the first time in the dark. Go into new areas in daylight to better understand the lay of the land.

#9. Getting lost — Getting lost isn't as common as it once was. Today, most hunters have GPS units, and maybe even maps. These make it less likely to occur than before the dawn of modern hunting technology. That said, it still happens, and getting lost can lead to serious illness, injury, or death, while hunting.

Solution: With modern GPS hunting tools, such as HuntStand, it's less likely people get lost. However, it can still happen. Always carry a GPS-based tool during the hunt. Furthermore, tell someone the general area you plan to be. That way, if you do get lost, they'll know where to start looking.

#10. Hypothermia — One of the more common hunting accidents is suffering from hypothermia. This is when the body temperature drops too low, and ultimately, you freeze to death. The body temperature falls to below 95 degrees. If this continues for extended periods, it can lead to permanent damage or even death.

Solution: Stay out of water. Try not to sweat too much. Carry first aid items, such as fire starter, emergency blankets, and more. End the hunt and call for help the moment you start feeling off.

#11. Severe cuts and lacerations — Any number of things can cause severe cuts and lacerations. Hunting knives, skinning knives, broadheads, sharp sticks, sharp rocks — the list is endless. Without question, severe cuts and lacerations are very real possibilities. These pose big risks.

Solution: Handle knives safely and with protective gloves. Be careful around sharp objects, such as broadheads, broken sticks, pointed rocks, and more.

#12. Animal attacks — One of the rarest on this list, animal attacks do contribute. This is especially true for areas that house a lot of predators. Grizzly bears, black bears with cubs, mountain lions, wolves, snakes, and others, can attack one or multiple members of a hunting party.

Solution: Carry bear spray in your hunting pack. This should help with most animal attack situations. Of course, keep an eye and ear out for those pesky venomous snakes.

Tips to say safe

As you can see, there are a plethora of things that can go wrong during the course of a day afield. While the odds of any particular thing happening may be low on a given day, risks stack. The more time you spend in the woods, the greater the chance of "having your number called." Luckily, there are some relatively simple ways to mitigate risks.

- Take a hunter's education course. Get certified in these areas, and find a mentor, before going hunting.
- Taking a wilderness first aid course can also be invaluable for anyone planning to spend time in remote areas.

Read the full article at <https://greatdaysoutdoors.com/hunting-accidents/>

EVENTS

Statewide Seed Swap/Sale

Saturday, November 2 • 9 AM - 3 PM

This event by the LSU AgCenter's North Louisiana Seed Preservation Program will be held at the State Evacuation Shelter located at 8125 Highway 71 S. in Alexandria, LA.

It features special guest John Coykendall of the LPB documentary "Deeply Rooted: John Coykendall's Journey to Save Our Seeds and Stories."

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