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COMMISSIONER MIKE STRAIN, DVM

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NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry kicks off the new year with a new look

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is pleased to announce the adoption of an updated look for the department's brand by introducing a bold new logo - marking a significant milestone in the department's visual identity and evolution.

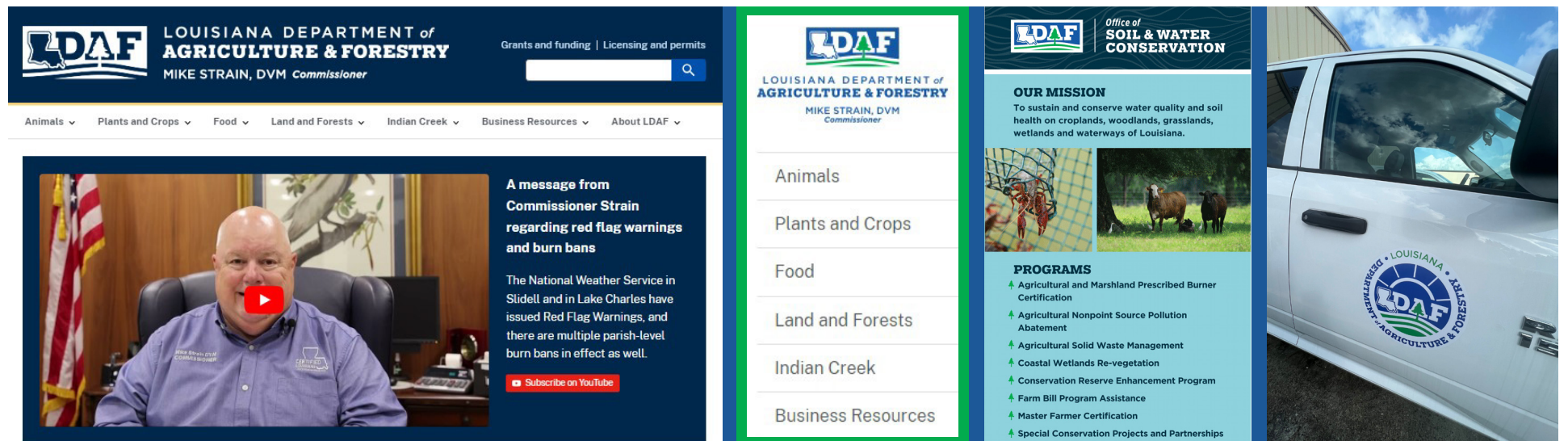
"While our look may change, our department remains committed to the same reliable, friendly service the public has come to expect from us," said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM. "Our historic seal is hard to say goodbye to, but we are excited to move into this new era. Our new logo is more than a fresh design— it reflects the department's identity as a place of connection, innovation, and progress. We hope you'll agree that while it is more modern and colorful, it is still recognizable as the LDAF you know so well."

Initial elements of LDAF's new look:

New Logo: As a prominent representation of the department, people, and brand, the new logo is modern, versatile, and smart. It reflects a cleaner, more modern look while highlighting and embracing the state's rich agricultural and forestry resources and industries. The new



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY



logo symbolizes LDAF's enduring commitment to promote, protect, and advance agriculture, forestry, and soil and water resources.

New Brand Colors: The new colors are a fresh take on the department's existing primary brand colors - blue and green. Together, these colors create a design that is bold yet balanced, much like LDAF itself. They offer a refresh while staying true to the department's heritage.

LDAF worked with Adjunct Creative, a Baton Rouge-based creative studio, to reimagine the logo. The update follows the lead of the department's new website, launched in 2023, which simplified and streamlined departmental information for a more satisfying, user-friendly experience.

The launch of the new logo is part of a comprehensive rebranding initiative. It can already be seen on assets such as the agency website (www.ldaf.la.gov), vehicles, uniforms, forms, and signage. The transition will continue over the coming months, with the old logo gradually phasing out. We appreciate your patience through this process.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

**MIKE STRAIN, DVM
COMMISSIONER**

LDAF encourages preparation for freezing temperatures

With temperatures dipping near or below freezing in parts of the state this week, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., urges livestock and pet owners to take necessary precautions to protect their animals. This is also the time to protect plants, pipes, and, of course, people.

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

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

Livestock

- Owners should check their livestock and look for signs of stress, illness, or injury.
- Pay close attention to the young and older animals as they are more susceptible to problems during frigid conditions.
- Provide plenty of hay, feed, energy supplements, and water.
- Be sure to check water troughs as they can ice over.
- If possible, make adequate shelter available. Even a wind-break will minimize exposure to cold winds.



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

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 13, 2024

- Bermuda Large Round**Fair/Good \$135-\$155/ton
- Bermuda Small Square**Fair/Good \$235-\$265/ton



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- 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
- 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
Cabrine 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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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

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VEHICLES

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- Boats
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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 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

Two PB Black Angus Bulls, 6 months old, \$1,200 each. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

Eight 2-year-old registered Black Angus virgin bulls, low birth weight, top genetics, big bone and muscle, one breeding season guaranteed, \$5,000. Earl Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-5503.

1 Reg. Black Angus Virgin 2 yr Bull, out of proven genetics, has great EPDs and current on all vaccinations, bull was raised on grass with very limited feed, BSE, fertility tested and ready for work now, call for pictures or more information, \$5,000. Zack Jongbloed, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 499-6365.

BRAFORD

Braford Bull Semen, Fred and Carol Denison Farms, semen from two past herd Braford bulls, WB MV MASS 206P and WB LR 513P, both bulls were polled and were from Texas Ranger daughters, 206P was sired by an exceptional bull, Maverick, 513P was sired by Leroy, Show Bull of the Year and Houston Champion. \$55 per unit with a 10-straw volume discount of \$50 per straw. Cathy Denison-Robert, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 502-1911.

BRAHMAN

PB Brahman cow, 4 years old, gentle, good milk bag, very good bloodline, \$1,500. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (979) 479-0929.

PB Brahman bull, 18 months, \$1,000. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (979) 479-0929.

BRANGUS

3-year-old Brangus Heifer for sale, about 800lbs, on feed and hay, ready to be bred, \$1,500. Justin, Moss Bluff, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 304-5463.

Ten Brangus/ Baldie heifers, gentle, 16-18 months old, 750 lb average, exposed to Angus bull for 90 days, worked and wormed, \$1,800 each or \$17,500 for all (preferred). Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

CHAROLAIS

Charolais bulls, breeding age, BSE and Trich negative 9/19/24, \$4,500 per bull. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

DAIRY

WANTED: Bred Jersey heifer. Leroy Arabie, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (985) 665-9773.

HEREFORD

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

OTHER

Scottish Highland Bull baby, should be black, 6-months-old,

\$1,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

WAGYU

Registered PBB three year old virgin bulls, U85341 and U85342, also have younger bulls with great bloodlines available, \$4,000. John Murphy, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 912-0389.

DOGS

Lassie Collie pups, sable and also tri-color, first shots, \$495 and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Malshi pups, Maltese and Shih Tzu, pure white, look like full Maltese, first shots, \$495 and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Pitbull pups, some full white some black and white, first shots, \$250 and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Registered Mountain Cur Squirrel puppies, 3 left, 6 weeks old, call for pricing. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414

Heeler puppies born Oct. 27, red and blue, working parents on site, \$300 each. Al Reames, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-1673.

Free, One white and black male Pitbull, less than a year old, One male half German Shepard, 1-2 years old. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-3826.

AKC Registered German Shepherd, 10-months-old female, black and tan, \$300. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Registered AKC Border Collie, has glass eyes, for breeding, call for pricing. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Shih Tzu Christmas puppies, cute and fluffy, 4 boys, black and white and fawn color, ready in four weeks, no shots or papers, \$600 each. Cherry Taylor and Kermit Richard, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 349-7414.

2 Beautiful Red-Bi Male Australian Shepherd puppies, both parents are AKC, super sweet smart pups, will meet or deliver, text first, \$1,000. Daisy, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (281) 413-7754.

Pyrador puppies, Pyrenees and Retriever mix, born 11/29/24, \$25 each. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 588-5757.

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.

Registered OMCBA Mountain Cur puppies, from good squirrel dog parents, ready Jan 19, \$300 for females, \$250

males. Greg, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 337-6241.

Rat Terrier pups, born 10/18/24, small type, shots and wormed, \$250. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

JMS Mini Heelers has top quality ASDR registered, health tested Miniature Australian Cattle Dog puppies born 12/12/24, more due in spring, \$1,000 and up. Jan Smith, Homer, Claiborne Parish; (318) 258-3406.

AKC German Rottweiler puppies born November 13, ready now, tails docked, dew claws removed, first shots and worming by vet, 4 males, 4 females, \$600. Janet White, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 625-4004.

3 Big and Beautiful Livestock Puppy's, Great Pyrenees and Anatolian mixed, with first shots, born November 3, 2024, 2 females and 1 male, \$200. Judy Hutto, Converse, Sabine Parish; (318) 521-4115.

Anatolian Shepherds born October 28, 2024, AKC registered parents, reside 24/7 in pasture, fully exposed to livestock and poultry, 2 male, 6 female available, \$600. Lee Wise Jr., Goldonna, Winn Parish; (318) 576-3601.

Great Pyrenees puppies, born 11/2/2024, all shots, 2 males, protects livestock and anything

they're raised with, \$250. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Great Pyrenees puppies born 12/15/2024, ready Jan 26, 5 males, 3 females, \$100 deposit, \$250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Five CKC Pomeranian Puppies, ready Jan 10, papers, first shots and wormed, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Pure Labrador/Pyrenees Mix Puppies, text for info, available week of Valentines, \$300 OBO. Rose Pyles, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (405) 568-5676.

Small CKC Registered Yorkie puppies, have shots, \$850, CKC Yorkiepoo puppies, \$800, taking deposits. Tommy Melancon, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 344-7634.

Toy Poodles, \$300. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

AKC German Shepherd puppies, 1st shots and wormed, \$400. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

6 pairs of Proven Cockatiels, call for pricing. Charles Fontenot, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 561-8165.

HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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

Foundation bred Quarter horses, imprint as foals, freeze branded, vaccinated, \$3,500 and up. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Registered AQHA 11year old mare, 14.3h easy keeper, loves attention, not afraid of anything and loves kids brushing her, \$1,250. Kim, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-7167.

14-year-old quarter horse mare in foal, good papers, \$2,900. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

6-year-old Paint Miniature stud, \$290. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

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, \$20/1. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 873-8440.

POULTRY & FOWL

Laying Hens, White Plymouth Rock, trios available, hatched spring 2024, \$30 each. Cajun Country Farms / Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

India Blue male peacock, 10-months-old, \$100. Chester Lilly, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 491-2437.

Silkie, Polish and Serama chicks, \$10-\$30 each, Silkie hatching eggs \$12 per dozen. Dianne Arndt, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 630-9558.

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

Wood ducks, \$60 per pair, extra males \$25 each, Gadwall \$60 per pair, extra females \$25 each, Female Ring teal \$20 each, all 2024 hatch. Russell Bourgeois, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (985) 397-0070.

Two French Black Copper Marans roosters, 8 months old, \$15 each. Tyler Deville, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 305-5733.

Blue Americana chicks, straight run, call or text for availability, call for pricing. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

Rhode Island Red Chicks straight run, call for pricing. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

RABBITS

Netherland Dwarfs rabbits, whites, grays, blacks, black spotted whites, browns, \$20 buck, \$40 doe. Chester Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 783-3154.

SHEEP & GOATS

Nigerian Dwarfs goats, 2 grown females one with 10-week-old twins, one grown buck, \$75 to \$125. Elvia Chauvin, Marrero, Jefferson Parish; (504) 258-1289.

Dorper Ram gentle natured x-large in size, approaching 4 years old, pictures upon request, asking \$275. Pamela Dunn, Lena, Rapides Parish; (318) 419-7264.

Purebred Myotonic goat dispersal, no papers, 2- and 3-year-old herd sires, \$250, 3- and 4-year-old bred females, \$300, Yearling females \$150, weaned females, \$150. Ray Fugatt, Moss Bluff, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 842-6020.

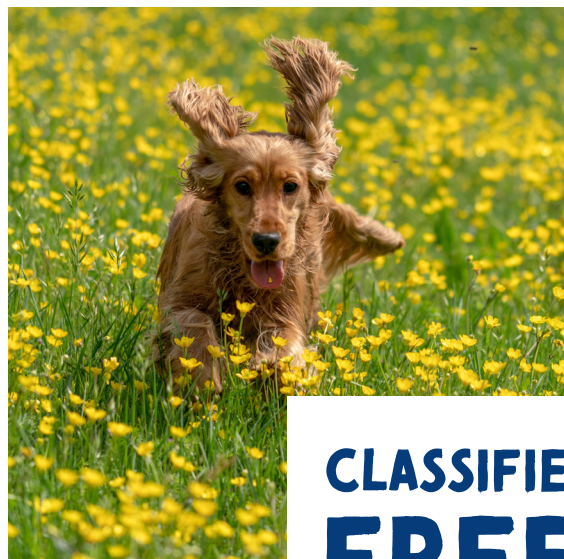
Barbados ram 2 years old, \$200. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

ADGA-registered Nigerian Dwarf bucklings, ages up to 12 months, \$150 each. VHC Farm, V. Juneau, Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 334-1653.

WANTED: Need to buy a few goats to clean up a small pasture, within 100 miles of Ruston. Skip Russell, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

SWINE

Hampshire and Yorkshire, barrows, gilts and boars, call for pricing. Audrey, Summit, MS; (601) 248-0881.



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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' \$97.02. 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 price. 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

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

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Dozer and excavator work services, land clearing, limestone, dirt, ponds, crawfish ponds, roads, house pads, culvert settings, and level work, call for quote. Chad

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

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

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$100 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

HAY EQUIPMENT

310 Hayliner by New Holland, good working condition, call or text for pricing. Frank Hebert, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 304-1157.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-9765.

John Deere 430 round baler 540 PTO makes 4' wide hay bales, monitor, string auto tie, belts, chains, sprockets good shape, operator and service manuals, \$5,200. William Myers, Boutte, St. Charles Parish; (770) 468-8204.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

2020 Cub-Cadet mower, only used 200 hours, \$600. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000, Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-pow 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.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

Harrow plow, AMCO LTF 100B- 2022, width 7' 3", excellent condition, 20-disc quarter inch at 22" size, 2,450lbs, 3pt hitch, recommended minimum 60hp, stump jump springs, \$6,000. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (512) 673-3362.

3pt galvanized 9 1/2ft breaking plow, new plow, tax, title and license, \$3,900. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Donahue equipment trailer, 28x7, good condition, \$550. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

2013 Harvest Master steel hopper bottom, roll top 40ft trailer, \$25,000. Earl Roy Enterprises, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 563-4560.

16ft Double axle trailer, 12ftX75inches wide bed, wide

enough for most zero turn mowers, new treated wood deck Bearing Buddies, \$1,200. Stephen Couvillion, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-3519.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Half inch Hammer drill, \$55, Quarter inch dry wall gun, \$45, 7-inch Skilsaw worm drive, \$75, electric sander, \$60, half inch reversible drill, \$55, 3/8 drill, \$45. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

Tracks for Trackhoes, one may have a bad spot, size 450X81X76, \$200. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Roller to smooth out asphalt, \$1,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

2 3/8" pipe, 30ft to 31ft long, 2 3/8" pipe, 30ft to 31ft long, \$45 per joint. Adrian Landry, Pierre Part, Assumption Parish; (985) 226-1480.

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

3 grain carts, 2 tristate 250 and 350 BU, 1 Rayne grain 250BU, \$2,700 for all. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

24' JD field cultivator, fair condition, \$600. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

12' Taylorway disc, fair condition, \$900. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

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

2 10-ply 265X75XR16 KLEVERM/T Kenda, \$40 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

2 Combine sieves for JD 95, \$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Massey Ferguson Grinder and mixer, good condition, call for pricing. Chris Hoffman, Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish; (225) 806-0497.

Four 18-inch Dodge steel wheel rims with Dodge center logo, like new, leave message, \$75 OBO. Gary Horne, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 335-5251.

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.

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

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

David Brown Tractor with 6ft brush hog, 46horse 3cyl diesel, great condition, \$6,000. Tommy Moses, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 401-6781.

2 2/3 and 2 7/8 oilfield tubing available, \$38 and \$40 respectively, to be picked up near Crowley. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: One or more 18.4-38 R2 bias rear tractor tire, 14.9-46 rear tractor tire R1 or R2, one or more 18-4-42 10-hole wheel for INT tractor with or without tire. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

WANTED: 2 Row Cultivator. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.



Happy New Year!

BUY

LOUISIANA SPECIALTY CROPS

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry | Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM



WANTED: Gear box for Howse bush hog or whole cutter for parts. Jeff Clark, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (985) 514-8178.

WANTED: 8 to 10ft 2-way towable with hydraulic lift, no 3pt lift. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermillion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

Hand braided nylon cow whips \$50 and up, repair whips too. 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.

Long horn saddle, comfort cutter by Billy Cook, 15 1/2" saddle, \$400, leather halter, \$10. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 686-9066.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

WANTED: Used Utility shed, sized 8X8 to 12X12, to keep my tools in, Raymond,

Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Six sheets of 3ftX12ft Galvanized metal, never used, \$250. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

2 1/2 grey schedule 40 pipe, \$30. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Culvert pipe concrete, \$400. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

1-ton feeder on single axle, restored, \$2,000. Barry Soileau, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-3553.

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.

LT275X70X18 Mickey Thompson tire, \$70. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Coop, 4'X8'X6' tall, red sheet metal, half inch wire floor, sides have partial red metal and half inch wire, nest box, \$1,000, Rabbit hitch, 2'X4'X5' tall, snake proof, \$400. Daniel R Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

3/4" and 7/8" size crawfish traps, call for pricing. Goldie Hebert, Kaplan, Vermillion Parish; (337) 319-8249.

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

Canopy top outside porch swing with cushions and papasan swivel chair with cushions, great condition, \$100 for the porch swing, \$150 for the papasan. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Two Ditch culverts, 18inX10ft, corrugated black plastic, brand new, never used, fits in back of pickup, \$400 for both. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

Egg cartons new, never used 12 egg size for large and some jumbo 174 cartons, leave message, \$65 for all. Shirley Demeritt, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 287-7225.

Iron Beam, 17 1/2ftX6inX7in, \$300. Tommy Montgomery, Lottie, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-5724.

WANTED: 2 original, 36-inch, wood wagon wheels with wood hubs. Debra Lambert, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-0072.



FERTILIZER

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

Call (225) 925-3780 or email weightsinfo@ldaf.state.la.us for more information.

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

Chicken litter or ag lime spreader, we spread it all over LA, ask that you order 4 or more loads, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

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

FOOD

EGGS

Pharaoh quail egg, \$.20, Pickled egg, \$.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 3-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$2.50 male. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (337) 856-5884.

FROM THE FARM

GrangeGroceries is an app connecting local communities with local producers, if you grow any food and would like to sell directly to consumers, join our app today. Alyssa, Orleans Parish; (337) 523-5063.

Elliot pecans, \$2 per lb, \$10 per lb shelled. Earl P Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-5503.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

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

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

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

Farm raised and pickled peppers, Hot Chow Chow, Cowboy Candy, whole and sliced hot peppers, \$6 half pint jars and \$9 pint jars. Cajun Country Farms / Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

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

Louisiana Mirlitons for sale from heirloom plants. Original vines from pre-Katrina Metairie, \$5/pound. Marguerite Constantine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-0954.

HAY & GRAIN

Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, very tight, Bermuda 007, \$37. Norman Young, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 303-3385.

2024 Mixed Bahia 4 by 6 round bales, \$18. Calum, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 247-4645.

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

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.

Alicia Bermuda Square Bales \$9 per bale, 20 bale minimum, volume discount available, \$6/bale. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 241-0204.

20-acre pasture available for hay, you bale and haul. James, Richard, Acadia Parish; (337) 384-1683.

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.

2024 Bahia Hay, fertilized, net wrapped, on pallets, 4X5 round and square bales, in barn, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

Square bales of hay for livestock like cows, goat or could be used for erosion, \$5. Kenny Saucier, Tylertown, Washington Parish; (601) 248-0067.

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

4x5 Round bales, \$35 per bale. Kirby, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 789-7237.

Common Bermuda and NK 37 hybrid Bermuda squares sprayed and fertilized, also have round 4x5 net wrapped Bermuda, \$8-\$10 and \$40. Lee Romero, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 298-8658.

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

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.

Bahia 4X5 round bales, kept in barn, \$35 per bale. Ralph Racca, Broussard, Lafayette Parish; (337) 789-1024.

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.

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.

WANTED: Dried corn cobs. Raymond Babin, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4030.

HOBBY & LEISURE

SEWING & FABRICS

Commander vintage sewing machine, used Sears model 605, pedal and power cord included, no case, working condition unknown, pretty item for display, \$60. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

OTHER HOBBY & LEISURE

2,000 Louisiana hard covers, 1st edition books, all categories, 1800s through 1964, \$3,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

FISHING AND TACKLE

Catfish wire nets, 3ft tall, around 15 inch diameter, will not ship, \$45 each. Thomas Clifford, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 613-9829.

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Diamond Back Firearms DB10, .308 caliber Rifle on an AR platform, 2 magazines, used very little, good condition, \$1,000. Craig A Laborde, Saint Landry, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-7802.

Smith and Wesson revolver, 6-shot 44 special, \$600 OBO. Jimmie Newsom, Kelly, Caldwell Parish; (318) 953-4237.

Three M1 Garands for sale, they have been reparkerized and stocks refurbished, 30-06, shoot fantastic, \$1,600 each, One 1903 30-06 original \$1,250. Paul Bellon, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 200-0532.

MISC. HUNT/ FISH/CAMP

WANTED: Western snap closure shirts, long or short sleeve, 2xl size. Bob LeMaster, Summit MS; (601) 248-8843.

LUMBER & SAWING

Wooden concrete form/ gardening stakes, all sizes and lengths, over 1,700 pieces, take all for \$1,400. Andy, Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 875-6190.

Oak firewood, half cord minimum, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.



REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

47.1 acres of land, Lincoln parish off of parish road 820, pond, utilities available, close to Squire Creek golf course, \$11,000 per acre. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

15 lots, water available and electricity, for new construction, \$600,000, prefer to sell all at once. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

260+/- acres of agriculture, woods, and batture, 840 ft frontage LA 3127 and LA 18, RR crossing property, \$7000 per acre, negotiable. T. Bourgeois, Vacherie, St. James Parish; (985) 859-2341.

SERVICES

EQUINE SERVICES

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

AGMHorsemanship horse training (lessons included), colt starting, tuneups, basic manners, call for quote. Abigail Grace, Dry creek, Allen Parish; (318) 229-1918.

5B Breaking & Training, AQHA Professional Horseman's Team member, specializing in 2-yr-old and problem horses, developing good broke ranch cow horses, 39 years' experience with references, covered and outside arena, call for quote. John Brown, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (225) 931-9210.

FARM SERVICES

Driveway work, road work, limestone, calbase, ash, roadbase, crushed concrete, recycled asphalt, sand, dirt paths, tractor work, excavator work, call for free estimate. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Culverts for ditches, new and used, plastic, metal, and concrete also installation and dirt work, good pricing, call for free estimate. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Fencing, concrete pouring, drainage and roofing, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas, call for quote. Lattie

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

Commercial and residential demo, land clearing, lowboy hauling, roll back service, debris haul off w/dump trailer or trucks, dirt, sand, gravel, limestone, pit run, call for quote. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

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

We do roofing, fences, stump grinding, concrete and underground drainage, handyman available, we work with insurance companies, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Cattle penning, working and hauling, portable equipment, large or small herd, problem cattle, 50 years' experience, will travel, call for quote. Terry or Jason, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-1927.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

WANTED: Walk-in Raccoon traps. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

STALLION SERVICE

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

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

TRACTORS

White tractor 2155 with cab and air, 160HP with new allied loader, hay spear, 1,800 hours, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Kubota M6040 4wd canopy top 8 speed shuttle shift 19xx hours, with Woods du-al 195 loader, good condition,

used daily, \$23,000. Anthony Santangelo, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-3928.

JD 5055 4X4, ROPS, with front loader, 7' bushhog, 400 hours, \$30,000. Kelly, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 263-5520.

Ford 2810, 6' Bushhog tiller, 6' Box scraper, 6' shredder, \$10,500. Phillip Bourque, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 207-2478.

Farmall 140, cultivating tools attached, call for details, \$2,500. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

WANTED: 2 post canopy for Farmall tractor and a weight bracket for front of tractor. Ray Roden, Ringald, Bienville Parish; (318) 401-4486.

VEHICLES

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Yamaha Rhino 660, Halogen lights, front and rear windshield, new seat covers, \$2,250. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

BOATS

Brand new 16hp Briggs Vanguard engine, mounted on go devil frame not a homemade frame, \$1,800. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM TRUCKS

Flatbed International truck, 1999, Model 4700, 4X2, 7.3L engine, \$12,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

GMC dump truck, originally fire truck, awesome motor, \$15,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Two Ford dump trucks for parts, \$2,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

2006 GMC Sierra 1500 1/2 ton 2WD Pickup 2.3 L V6, 275,000 miles, runs good, \$2,500. Darrel Fontenot, Lacassine, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 488-2583.

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LSU AgCenter professor named one of the most cited in the world

LSU AgCenter professor Qinglin Wu has been named one of the most influential researchers in the world by Clarivate Analytics' 2024 List of Highly Cited Researchers.

Wu, who works in the School of Renewable Natural Resources, has contributed to the burgeoning field of sustainable material research with 476 publications that have been cited close to 27,000 times.

The annual Highly Cited Researchers list identifies scientists who are among the top 1% of researchers in their field based on citations in the Web of Science database in the past decade. In 2024, 2,507 researchers in the United States have been honored.

Much of Wu's work surrounds the use of wood and other biomass as a sustainable material that could be used in a variety of ways, including batteries, drilling fluids, composites, hydrogel and even concrete.

Wu believes the widespread application of his work contributed to the extent he was cited.

"This is a really dynamic field dealing with sustainable material technologies and the conversion of this low-quality biomass into a high-performance material," Wu said. "People want to get into this. That's why people recognize our publications, our work."

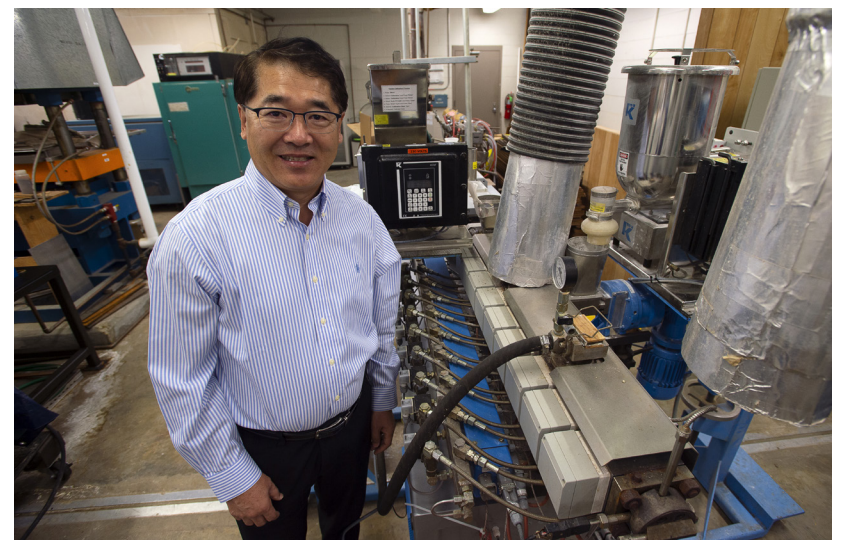
Wu described his research as "cross-field," meaning he believes his projects could have practical applications across many disciplines. He has already worked with chemistry, civil engineering and architecture researchers, among others.

While Wu has himself worked tirelessly on his research, he has not done it alone. Wu feels great appreciation for his colleagues and students who have helped him.

"I'm grateful for my collaborations with many other people in the field," Wu said. "This is representing a whole team effort."

He also acknowledged the support he receives from the AgCenter and School of Renewable Natural Resources.

By: Anthony Bailey



Qinglin Wu works in the School of Renewable Natural Resources and was honored as one of the most cited researchers in the world.

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Ground chuck round beef
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 Worcestershire sauce
 Butter or canola oil
 Goat cheese
 Lettuce
 Tomato
 Hanley's Pepper Jelly vinaigrette
 Buns

Instructions:

In a bowl, mix jalapeños, Bacon bits, and beef with a few splashes of Worcestershire sauce. Form 1/4 lb beef patties. Pan fry beef patties with butter or canola oil 2-3 mins on each side. Place on buns and top with lettuce, goat cheese, tomato and Pepper Jelly vinaigrette.

www.hanleysfoods.com



CRAWFISH ETOUFFEE

Submitted by Panola Pepper

Ingredients:

2 pounds of crawfish tails, peeled
 2 sticks of butter
 2 large onions
 1 clove of garlic
 3 green onions, chopped
 ½ cup bell pepper
 ½ cup celery
 2 tablespoons flour
 ½ bunch of parsley
 1 cup chicken/vegetable/seafood broth
 1 8 ounce can of tomato sauce
 ½ can of cream of mushroom soup
 3 tablespoons Panola Gourmet Pepper Sauce
 1 tablespoon fresh thyme

Instructions:

Sauté onions, garlic, green onions, bell pepper, and celery in butter over medium heat. Add flour and continue to simmer until browned. Add the broth and cream of mushroom soup, and stir until all are combined. Add tomato sauce, Panola Gourmet Pepper Sauce, and thyme. (I usually add a tablespoon of all-purpose seasoning as well). Once everything is well incorporated, add the clean crawfish tails. Cook on low heat for about 10 minutes to let all the flavors incorporate into the sauce. Top with green onions and parsley. Serve over Panola Popcorn Rice.

www.panolapepper.com



BLACKENED SHRIMP ALFREDO

Submitted by A Cajun Life, LLC

Ingredients:

Pasta:

10 ounces of fettuccini pasta

Shrimp:

1½ - 2 pounds of extra-large shrimp, peeled and deveined

2 tablespoons A CAJUN LIFE® All Purpose Cajun seasoning

2 teaspoons A CAJUN LIFE® Blackening Rub

½ teaspoon sea salt

2 tablespoons butter

Alfredo Sauce:

8 tablespoons butter

2 cloves of garlic, minced

2 cups of heavy cream

½ cup whole milk

½ teaspoon sea salt

½ teaspoon coarse black pepper

¾ - 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

parsley for garnish

Instructions:

Pasta: In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package instructions and drain.

Shrimp: Toss the shrimp with the seasonings and melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a large cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add the shrimp in a single layer and cook for 3-4 minutes per side. Cook in multiple batches if necessary but do not crowd the pan as this will cause the shrimp to steam. Transfer cooked shrimp to a plate and set aside.

Alfredo Sauce: Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes until it becomes fragrant, making sure not to burn the garlic. Add the cream, milk, salt, and pepper bringing it to a low boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer for 8-10 minutes. Turn off the burner and add the cheese, stirring until cheese is melted and incorporated.

Assembly: Add pasta to sauce, tossing to combine with tongs. Serve pasta warm, garnish with shrimp, parsley, and parmesan cheese if desired.



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- Provide adequate food and water. Monitor water bowls as they can freeze during cold weather.
- Consider a sweater for your short-haired dog.
- Outdoor cats searching for warmth will sometimes crawl underneath the hood of a vehicle. Bang on or open the hood of your car so any animal in there trying to stay warm can get out before you crank up that engine. Cats can be injured or even killed when the car is started.

Plants

- Move all plants in containers and hanging baskets inside. If this is not possible, group them in a protected area and cover them with plastic.
- Larger plants can be covered with fabric or plastic.
- Thoroughly water plants if the soil is dry.
- For plants growing in the ground, mulch them with dry material such as pine straw and leaves.

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

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

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The 2025 Louisiana 4-H Scholarship Application is now available! We have 40 scholarships (and growing!), ranging from \$250 to \$3500.

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Reach out to your parish office to apply!

Experts to preview 2025 market conditions, production costs, legislation, lending at AgCenter forum Jan. 14

Experts will offer their insights into what 2025 could hold for agricultural producers at an upcoming LSU AgCenter event.

The second annual Louisiana Agricultural Outlook Forum will be held Jan. 14 at the State Evacuation Shelter near the LSU Alexandria campus. The shelter's address is 8125 U.S. Highway 71 South.

“The forum will provide both a comprehensive outlook on the agricultural economic environment for 2025 and critical farm and risk management information for 2025,” said AgCenter economist Michael Deliberto. “The event will serve as a continuation of our successful inaugural event last year, which brought over 150 individuals together from Louisiana’s farm and agricultural lending sectors.”

AgCenter economists will give updates on the corn, soybean, cotton, sugar, cattle and timber markets.

Tom Sell, of Combest, Sell and Associates, will speak about the status of the farm bill and disaster assistance packages in the new Congress. Nate Kauffman, of the Kansas City Federal Reserve, will discuss the agricultural lending climate for the 2025 crop year.

The forum will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Those planning to attend are asked to preregister by visiting <https://forms.office.com/r/LGYENL1aZU>. Onsite registration also will be available.

For more information, contact Deliberto at MDeliberto@agcenter.lsu.edu or 225-578-7267.

Evidence Found of Seafood Fraud in Nearly 30% of Restaurants in Louisiana's Capital City

In the first of a series of restaurant investigations in the state of Louisiana, starting with the capital city of Baton Rouge, SeaD Consulting has uncovered disturbing findings about the shrimp being served. After sampling menu items at 24 restaurants randomly chosen across the city, SeaD Consulting's investigators discovered that nearly 30% of the dishes sampled—more than one in four—were misrepresented. Seven out of the 24 restaurants were misleading customers by advertising shrimp as Gulf shrimp when, in fact, it was imported.

"Consumers in Baton Rouge, and Louisiana in general, take pride in our local shrimp industry, which is an integral part of our economy, culinary identity and heritage. However, our research shows that many restaurants are serving shrimp that isn't local or Gulf-caught, despite advertising it as such," said David Williams, founder of SeaD. "This undermines both the trust of consumers and the livelihoods of local shrimpers who work hard to provide fresh, Gulf-caught shrimp."

The Scope of the Issue and Why it Matters

A 30% shrimp fraud rate, if extrapolated across Louisiana's entire restaurant market, could have significant economic consequences.

With an estimated 2,428 restaurants across the state serving shrimp, it is likely that over 70,000 pounds of imported shrimp are misrepresented as Gulf shrimp every week. Over the course of a year, this mislabeling could (very conservatively) amount to 3.66 million pounds of processed shrimp, which, if captured by local shrimpers, could generate upwards of \$26.1 million in additional revenue for Louisiana's shrimping communities.

The Impact on Louisiana's Shrimping Communities

The economic implications of mislabeling extend far beyond consumer trust. If these misrepresented shrimps were to be sourced locally, they would provide a much-needed economic boost to Louisiana's shrimping industry. Not to mention the community impact of gas, ice, and supplies sold to the boats and the processing jobs that have been lost. The financial decimation of the towns

of Delcambre, LA and Dulac, LA can be directly attributed to this economic fraud.

"Louisiana shrimpers are the backbone of our seafood industry," said Andrew Blanchard, president of the Governor's Shrimp Task Force. "The opportunity to capture just a fraction of this mislabeling—a conservative estimate of 3.66 million pounds of shrimp annually at a wholesale price of approximately \$5 per pound—would inject millions of dollars into local communities, supporting families, fishermen, and the entire seafood supply chain."

The Call for Transparency and Law Enforcement

SeaD and Louisiana lawmakers are calling for greater transparency in the seafood industry, especially in terms of labeling and sourcing practices. SeaD urges restaurants, suppliers, and consumers to demand accurate information about where the shrimp on their plates is coming from.

A new law goes into effect January 1, 2025 that puts restaurants in violation of sanitary code for not making customers aware that they are eating foreign imports vs. local wild-caught Gulf shrimp. Senate Bill 166 leading to Act 148 states that: 5.5.4.B.(1) Any food service establishment that uses a menu as a standard business practice and sells or provides cooked or prepared crawfish or shrimp that originate outside of the United States shall display on all menus the country of origin of such crawfish or shrimp, or denote that the crawfish or shrimp are imported, in letters no smaller than the same size, font, and shade as the product being offered, immediately adjacent to the menu listing of the seafood item being sold. In lieu of this requirement, the notice shall be paper clipped to the menu, with the same location, size, font, and shade restrictions required when the notice is listed directly on the menu.

The law is a great start, but SeaD is also advocating for enforcement of regulations through ongoing genetic testing of restaurants to ensure that restaurants and seafood vendors provide accurate, truthful information about the origin of their products. SeaD developed the Rapid ID Genetic High-accuracy Test (RIGHTTest) that can detect

seafood species in conjunction with Florida State University in response to the ongoing issue and lack of testing. The RIGHTTest is not only extremely accurate, but also relatively inexpensive and portable with a turnaround time for detection of only two hours (current testing is costly and slow as it takes days instead of hours, delaying enforcement measures).

Restaurants Doing the Right Thing

The Baton Rouge restaurants SeaD found to be selling Gulf Shrimp as advertised are as follows:

Bistro Byronz-William Grove
Cork's Cajun Fried Fish & Shrimp
Crawfords
Dempsey's
Geaux Fish Market
Jubans Restaurant & Bar
Mike Anderson's Restaurant
Off the Hook
Parrain's Seafood Restaurant
Phil's Oyster Bar
Po Boy Express
Rice and Roux
Roux 61
Sammy's Grill
Stabs Prime
The Chimes
Willies

About SeaD Consulting

SEAD (Seafood Development) Consulting works with diverse stakeholders — seafood producers, academia, governmental agencies, and environmental organizations — to foster innovation and sustainability throughout the sector, bridging commercial fishery science with testing and processing technologies to combat seafood mislabeling and substitution fraud.

Lafayette Parish Recycles Christmas Trees into Nutrient-Rich Compost

Thousands of pounds of tree trimmings, yard waste, and a small percentage of Christmas trees are being recycled into compost at the Lafayette Consolidated Government's (LCG) Dean Domingues Compost Facility.

Gregory Guidroz, recycling supervisor at LCG, gave us a look inside the composting process.

"How high do you think this is?" Paris Flannigan asked, pointing to towering piles of tree trimmings and green waste. "As high as we can stack it, I would say 12 to 15 feet," said Guidroz.

At the Dean Domingues Compost Facility, Christmas trees and other green waste are carefully transformed into compost. The process takes six to eight months, guided by natural microbial activity that breaks down organic materials.

First, the pile of tree trimmings, shrubs, and other green waste is sent through a grinding machine. Then, a moisture-monitoring machine ensures the proper level of humidity, followed by a tiller that checks air quality. Once the process is complete, the result is rich, organic compost.

"This is great stuff to put around trees," Guidroz said. "It helps retain moisture at the root and prevents water from running off, which can contribute to drainage problems."

Before recycling your Christmas tree, Guidroz recommends ensuring it's free of non-natural materials, such as lights, tinsel, or ornaments. "The tree has to be free of anything that's not natural," he emphasized.

If you want to get rid of your Christmas just placed them near the curb and garbage pickup crews will come on regular business days to pick it up.



By: Paris Flannigan

Louisiana Centruy Farm Program Seeking Applicants

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is currently accepting applications for the Louisiana Century Farm Program. The Louisiana Century Farm Program recognizes and honors Louisiana’s farmers, ranchers, and forestry landowners who have owned family farmland for 100 years or more.

There is still time to apply for the 2025 Louisiana Century Farm award class. LDAF is looking forward to having Louisiana’s farm families join our recognition program to highlight their families’ legacy in agriculture production. Throughout the years, the program has had the pleasure of honoring 85 farm families at the annual Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Convention.

“The Century Farm Program is an opportunity to have your family recognized for the many years it has contributed to the rich agricultural heritage of the state of Louisiana,” said Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. “The program honors these contributions while encouraging the preservation and commitment to farm families. It’s an acknowledgment of where the past meets the future.”

To be eligible for the program, the farm must meet the following criteria:

- Has the farm been in your family continuously for at least 100 years?
- Does the farm have at least 20 acres of the original founder’s land?
- Is at least one owner a resident of Louisiana?
- Does the farm produce at least \$1,000 in farming income annually?
- *Timber production income will vary annually but can still qualify.

There is no cost to apply. Applications may be requested by contacting Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry’s Lillie Adams Wiley at (318) 949-3225 or email at ladams@ldaf.state.la.us.

The Louisiana Century Farm Program is proudly sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, and Louisiana Land Bank.



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Livestock Brand Commission

Livestock Brand Commission to host saddle microchipping event January 31

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry’s (LDAF) Livestock Brand Commission will host its next saddle microchipping event on Friday, January 31, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. It will be held at the Louisiana Equine Sales and Event Center located at 372 Harry Guilbeau Road, Opelousas.

LDAF’s microchip identification program provides all saddle owners in the state of Louisiana the opportunity to have their saddles registered and identified by using a microchip implant. If microchipped saddles are ever stolen, the program allows brand officers to confirm ownership and return the property. This service is provided free to the public.

“Saddles are expensive and typically do not have identifiable marks or serial numbers,” said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. “This program assists with the return of saddles in the event they are stolen. We’ve had great success with the program thus far, chipping hundreds of saddles last year alone. We are proud to be able to bring this service to our equine community.”

Should there be any questions, please contact the Livestock Brand Commission at 225-925-3962.

Economic Loss Assistance Program Payments Passed by Congress: Here's What Farmers Need to Know

Congress included economic aid for farmers in the continuing resolution (CR), which keeps the government funded through March 14, 2025. The "Economic Loss Assistance Program" earmarks \$10 billion in direct payments for farmers.

While USDA will make the final calculations, Farm CPA Paul Neiffer estimates per acre producer payments will be the following:

- Corn: \$43.80
- Soybeans: \$30.61
- Wheat: \$31.80
- Cotton: \$84.70
- Rice: \$71.37

Payment formula: Payments are calculated based on the difference between expected gross returns and production costs, with a 26% adjustment factor to stay within budget. For certain crops like barley, rice, and peanuts, a minimum payout ensures better support.

The House Ag Committee also released a chart outlining the estimated payment rates on a per acre basis for all crops, along with a fact sheet regarding details of the program.

See **FIGURE 1**.

When and How Farmers Will Receive Their Payments

Economic aid will come 90 days after passage, which was Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024.

"USDA will come out with their program and since they have all of the data, the farmer will likely not have to do anything other than sign up. I would expect the payment to go out in February or perhaps early March, since they have to issue those payments within 90 days," Neiffer said.

Payment Limits and Eligibility

According to Farm Journal Washington Correspondent Jim Wiesemeyer:

- Payments cover eligible commodities, excluding wool, mohair, and honey.
- Limits: \$125,000 for non-farming majority AGI and \$250,000 for farming-majority AGI. The "average" gross income method aims to improve fairness compared to previous systems.

Neiffer says whether a farm qualifies for the increased payment limit, that will be based

Figure 1

	Estimated Payment (\$/Acre)
Corn	43.80
Soybeans	30.61
Wheat	31.80
Cotton	84.70
Rice (L/M)*	71.37
Sorghum	41.85
Oats	78.42
Barley*	21.76
Peanuts*	76.30
Dry peas*	16.16
Lentils*	19.32
Chickpeas, large*	24.16
Chickpeas, small*	25.04
Sunflower*	23.38
Rapeseed*	23.23
Canola*	26.76
Safflower*	15.71
Flaxseed*	17.48
Mustard*	11.42
Crambe*	19.37
Sesame*	5.28

*Commodities estimated to receive minimum payment, either through formula with complete data or based on assumption due to lack of publicly available data, final payment rates may vary.

Farmer aid (House Ag Committee)

on the numbers reported on your tax return for 2020, 2021 and 2022. You ignore 2023.

There is a payment limit of \$125,000, which is down from the \$175,000 originally proposed in the FARM Act. It's also key to note, if 75% of your total gross income comes from farming, Neiffer says you qualify for the double payment limit. Farming also includes wages and dividends from a farm corporation.

To clear up some misconceptions, he is quick to point out there is no double payment, but there is a double payment limit.

"Your payment calculation is always the same," Neiffer explains. "If your calculated payment is over \$125,000, then the doubling of the payment limit is important."

\$21 Billion in Disaster Aid for Ag

Congress also passed \$21 billion in agriculture disaster aid. That's in addition to the \$10 billion of economic aid. \$2 billion of the \$21 billion is for livestock.

From all the information available, Neiffer thinks it will be similar to the 2020/21 Emergency Relief Program (ERP). He says when it comes to Phase I, it will be strictly based on crop insurance and they will get a bump up on coverage. For example, they will redo it at the 95% level if you elected 80% or higher and make a payment based on that.

He says Phase 2 will be based on tax returns which farmers have for 2023 but not necessarily 2024; however, USDA will need to release the final details on exactly how the payments will be dispersed.

Commissioner Strain and LDAF's Egg Commission at Louisiana Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention



One bear harvested in Franklin Parish during season

One black bear was harvested in Franklin Parish during Louisiana's first bear season in decades, according to John Hanks, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) large carnivore program manager.

The season was confined to Bear Management Area 4, which includes Franklin, Tensas, Madison, East Carroll and West Carroll parishes and portions of Richland and Catahoula parishes. The portion of Franklin Parish is east of La. Hwy 425.

Hunters also harvested three bears in Madison Parish and six in Tensas Parish, according to Hanks. Ten out of the 11 hunters that received bear tags were successful.

Ten of the tags were given by LDWF lottery. One tag was given to Healing Roads Foundation, which provides life changing outdoor experiences for wounded veterans, survivors and their children.

"It is a success that we even had a bear season," Hanks said. "We got the (black bear) species recovered off the (endangered species) list, so just having the season was the success."

This is the second time Louisiana has been able to take an endangered species and bring it to the point that it can be hunted safely. The first was for the American alligator, and Louisiana is the first state to do so with two species.

According to Hanks, the largest bear harvested weighed 696 pounds and was harvested in Tensas Parish.

"That's the biggest bear I ever put my hands on," Hanks said.

Of the 10 bears, there were eight males and two females. Both females were older and had not had cubs in approximately two years.

"They were tremendous bears," Hanks said. "The number nine and 10 bears were killed yesterday (Saturday, Dec. 21). Three were killed the first weekend. Then it was two or three days before they killed the next one. They killed

those bears spread out through the season which tells me they weren't saying, 'There's a bear I'm going to shoot it.' They were studying the bears, looking at the bears."

LDWF Secretary Madison Sheahan in a press conference with Gov. Jeff Landry earlier in December said the department manages about 1,500 black bears across the state, and they will decide yearly to raise or drop the tag total based on black bear population recovery goals.

All successful applicants for the hunt will be required to attend an LDWF bear hunter training course just like this season.

"Bear hunting is very different than a lot of other hunting that we do," Hanks said. "The hunters spend a lot of time in a class before the season."

Hanks believes the season will continue.

"I believe we will have the season next year," Hanks said. "There might be some slight variations. This was our first season we've had in not quite 40 years. There is certainly a chance that it will expand and probably will in the future. How much, when and where is a different story."

Hunters, especially those in Tensas Parish where the bear population is the largest, want an increased number of harvested bears next year. Hunters spoke out for the increased number at multiple public hearings around Area 4.

For many of those who attended one of the public hearings at the aptly named Black Bear Golf Course near Delhi in Richland Parish earlier this year, the December hunting season could not have come soon enough.

"I'm disappointed you are only talking about 10," said J.T. Strong, a pastor and hunter, referring to the state's proposal that would allow 10 bears to be killed in the proposed hunting season.

At other public hearings, hunters voiced the same concerns.

State Rep. C. Travis Johnson authored a resolution during the 2023 regular legislative session that directed the LDWF to study the feasibility of a bear hunting season.

Johnson recounted hearing stories about bears as a child but never seeing one. They are a common sight now, he said.

"You see bears on the side of the road," he said. "The people here, the farmers are all complaining."

Wade Condrey, who farms 22,000 acres in several northeastern Louisiana parishes, said the bears seem attracted to diesel fuel and will chew fuel lines on farm equipment, sometimes causing leaks that see thousands of dollars of fuel spilled onto the ground.

He has been forced to replace rubber hoses on pumps and other machinery with galvanized pipe to prevent bears from gnawing on them, he said.

"I've lost a lot of fuel that way," Condrey said.

Bears have also gnawed water lines that irrigate many of his fields. His workers have had to step up inspections of water lines to make sure crops are being properly irrigated, he said.

Although the original and major priority is the bear population, it is not lost on Sheahan that by supporting the bear, the department is also supporting and bringing anticipated opportunities to the sportsman.

"Being able to increase a recreational opportunity today and throughout the next couple weeks as we venture on this black bear season is a historic thing for the state of Louisiana," Sheahan said.



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Ponchatoula Pepper Company's "Orange Habanero Turkey Lettuce Wraps"

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound ground turkey
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Green onions
Carrots
Water chestnuts
Butter leaf lettuce

Orange Habanero Sauce:

½ cup Orange Pepper Jelly
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
½ teaspoon sesame oil

Instructions:

Cook ground turkey with the oil. Then move to one side of the pan. Sauté the veggies on the other side of the pan. Add water chestnuts and orange habanero sauce to the pan and cook until warmed through. Add cooked items to the lettuce leaves and serve with additional sauce if desired.

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Many factors go into measuring trees' value

Sometimes people will ask, "What's an acre of trees worth?" Obviously, a regular reader of Forest & People magazine would know that to answer that question, we need more information, which would be obtained on site.

Inputs like tree size, vigor, form, number of trees per acre is information that is generally collected with a timber cruise. Now is a good time to go over some of the basics of forest measurement.

To count, measure and value trees, we need some sort of inventory. We get this with a timber cruise. A timber cruise involves sampling a stand (or several stands) of trees to get good and statistically accurate information. To set up a timber cruise it is helpful for the landowner to begin with the end in mind.

It could be for management, a timber sale, damages, a right-of-way or estate planning. It could even be a single high value tree such as a residential or an historic tree. But that is a different type of appraisal.

For the manager, the diameter distribution, rate of growth, volume, etc., are important to make management decisions, both for now and for the future.

A timber buyer typically has a higher time preference. Assessing what is to be sold, he will be concerned about the accuracy of the estimate, including number of trees in the different diameter classes, species, overall quality of the trees, distance from the mills, fuel costs and market conditions.

Wildlife folks might be looking at habitat management.

For an estate, the value and basis as of a certain date are important.

For rights-of-way, well pads and access roads to them, the price for the timber contribution is usually negotiable, and is often more than

the value estimated by cruise. However, it is good to go into negotiations knowing what you have. The negotiation is different when dealing with an entity with eminent domain and quick take authority, meaning that they will take it when they are ready and you can argue the value in the future.

As you can see, there is no simple answer to the original question. However, the basic process of obtaining the required information for most applications is similar. Here are several methods for cruising timber.

Plot Method

A grid pattern is set up based on the plot size and the cruiser will measure all the trees within a specific area. For example, for a 10 percent cruise, the cruiser may use one 1/10-acre plot per acre. After collecting all the field data, he will then use an expansion factor of 10 to get his estimate for the total volume.

Strip Method

Similar to plot in that a fixed area is cruised, say 10 percent, and then expanded to get the per acre estimate of the species mix, volume and value. Lines are established at prescribed intervals and widths, but no plots are set up. The cruise is continuous. This method works best with large, well-spaced trees on flat frequently prescribed burned ground. This allows the cruiser to drive between the trees and cruise from his air-conditioned truck (just kidding), although I have known individuals to cruise from horseback.

Point Method

The point cruise also uses a grid, but instead of the cruiser at the center of a plot, the individual tree is the center of its own "plot." The bigger the tree, the bigger the plot. The cruiser sets a point at a predetermined location (the grid) and counts each tree that falls within a calculated distance

based on the diameter of the tree. Rather than measure each distance, most cruisers will use a wedge prism or an angle gauge. This allows the cruiser to determine which trees are "in" or "out" without having to physically measure the distance to the tree.

However, use of the prism or angle gauge requires an unobstructed view of the tree to be tallied, which is a problem with thick underbrush. An additional benefit of using the prism or angle gauge is that a person can get an immediate idea of the Basal Area (BA) per acre at a given point. The BA is a measure of the stocking density and is estimated by the factor built into the prism or gauge.

Ideally, trees are well spaced within the stand. An old rule of thumb is the "D+6" method. Take the diameter in inches and add 6 feet to estimate the desired spacing for a tree of a given diameter. For example, the spacing on the 14-inch tree would be 20 feet. While not perfect, it does provide quick and useful information.

Tools used by cruisers include diameter tape, logging tape, compass, GPS, aerial photographs, hypsometer (height measurement), calipers, prism, angle gauge, range finder, snake gaiters, insect repellent and a tally book.

People selling timber on a pay-as-cut basis often ask how the mill calculates payment to the landowner. While it begins with a negotiated unit price of each product, it can get confusing with talk of board feet, form class, log scales, Doyle scale, weight conversation, defects, etc.

However, with few exceptions, incoming log loads are weighed. Then several variables such as the number of stems, diameter, length, quality, visible defects, etc., are applied to determine the volume to which the unit value is applied.

By: David Lassiter

Expanding Our Scope: Taking our Lab to the Next Level

For the past couple of years, the LDAF metrology laboratory has been working on expanding the laboratory's scope to include Mass Echelon II (MEII) and Volume Echelon I, Gravimetric capabilities. Currently, our lab performs calibrations within Mass Echelon III and Volume Echelon II, Volume Transfer parameters. This means that we calibrate weights and provers used as field standards for grocery stores, scale companies, gas pumps, and other industrial uses. The tolerances for these standards are larger because they are often used in the field, in less controlled environments.

However, gaining recognition for Mass Echelon II and Volume Echelon I would allow us to calibrate artifacts with higher accuracy and precision.

We would be using a different, more detailed procedure that takes much longer to ensure a finer accuracy. We could now potentially provide our services to industries we were previously unable to support, including businesses that deal with jewelry or precious metals, scientific,

medical, pharmaceutical or other laboratory research, and the cannabis industry.

Because we would calibrate our own standards now, our current customers would also benefit from shorter wait times as our laboratory would no longer have to shut down to ship our standards out for calibration.

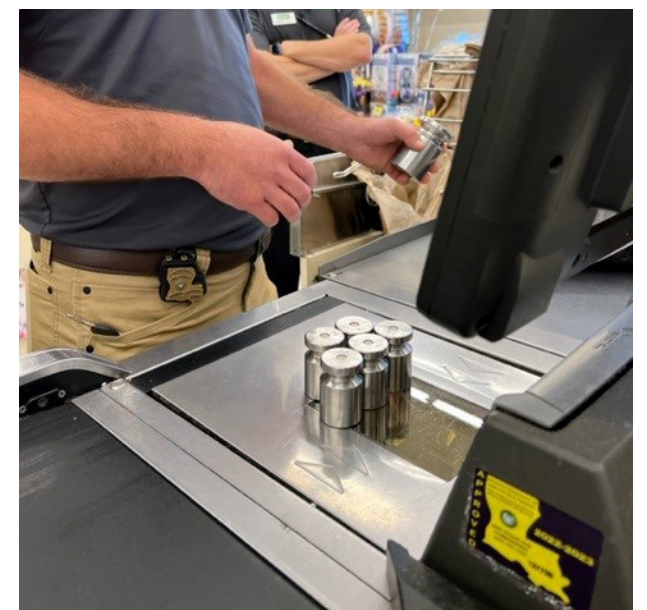
Finally, the closest state laboratories to Louisiana with MEII capabilities are Kansas, Missouri, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Even fewer nearby states perform gravimetric calibrations; out of the ones listed, only Kansas, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

By expanding our scope, it would now be more feasible for local businesses to drive or ship their weights to Louisiana, saving money and time and preventing the stress of weights getting potentially damaged in the long-haul shipping process.

As always, we strive to consistently provide the measurement accuracy you need, and we continue to work hard to improve laboratory

operations. We thank you for your business, and we look forward to working with you in the new year.

By: Jennifer Adair, LDAF



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USDA Increases Funding for New Specialty Crop Program; Reminds Producers of Upcoming Deadlines

Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops deadline is Jan. 31

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds specialty crop producers to apply for assistance for marketing and food safety certification expenses. Specifically, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds specialty crop producers of the Jan. 31, 2025, deadline to apply for the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) program for 2024 expenses. FSCSC covers a percentage of a specialty crop operation's cost to obtain or renew its on-farm food safety certification, as well as a portion of related expenses.

"Specialty crop producers should act quickly to make an appointment to apply for food safety certification assistance," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Specialty crop producers have been impacted by higher marketing and handling costs due to the perishability of fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops and herbs as well as increased

costs to meet regulatory requirements. These programs will help producers overcome the financial challenges they're facing when it comes to maintaining and expanding markets."

Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops

Eligible FSCSC applicants must be a specialty crop operation, meet the definition of a small or medium-size business and have paid eligible expenses related to certification.

- A small business has an average annual monetary value of specialty crops sold by the applicant during the three-year period preceding the program year of no more than \$500,000.
- A medium size business has an average annual monetary value of specialty crops the applicant sold during the three-year period preceding the program year of at least \$500,001 but no more than \$1,000,000.

Specialty crop operations can receive the following cost assistance:

- Developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification.
- Maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan.
- Food safety certification.
- Certification upload fees.
- Microbiological testing for products, soil amendments and water.
- Training.

FSCSC payments are calculated separately for each eligible cost category. Details about payment rates and limitations are available at farmers.gov/food-safety. Producers can visit farmers.gov/food-safety for additional program details, eligibility information and application forms.

Simple, sustainable health and lifestyle changes can yield great benefits in the new year

New Year's resolutions don't have to be big and audacious.

To make lasting and beneficial modifications, nutrition and physical activity experts at the LSU AgCenter recommend starting with small changes.

"If you are successful with the small things, then once you get out the door, most people want to do a little bit more," said Jessica Stroope, the AgCenter physical activity specialist.

Making a few simple alterations to your lifestyle can have positive outcomes themselves while also laying a foundation for larger health goals.

"Small steps can help make those changes sustainable," said Jennifer Duhon, the LSU AgCenter Central Region nutrition and community health program coordinator and a nutrition agent for Rapides and Avoyelles parishes.

Duhon and Stroope suggested these simple changes for Louisianans planning their resolutions.

Take a walk after meals

A short walk after a meal can have "dramatic impacts on reducing cardiovascular disease, and it improves your insulin response," Stroope said. The walk can occur within 60 to 90 minutes after a meal, according to Stroope.

"It doesn't have to be a long walk," Stroope said. "It helps your body respond better to what you've eaten. That's just walking around your block."

Focus on fiber

Instead of trying to cut out or limit certain foods, Duhon suggests adding more of an important nutrient: fiber.

"If people would increase their fiber intake, they would have better lab values — better diabetes labs and lower cholesterol," she said. "But it's also going to help you feel fuller longer."

Most American adults consume about 15 grams of fiber per day, but most dietary guidelines advise 25 grams for women and 30 for men, Duhon said. To increase your daily fiber intake, try to cover at least half of your plate with fruits and vegetables. Duhon also recommends increasing your consumption of nuts and seeds and beans and other members of the legume family.

"You're going to get a lot of fiber there, and it's going to be very inexpensive, so it's great bang for your buck," Duhon said. "It's also going to add protein, and when protein and fiber combine, it's one of those magic bullets in terms of health benefits because it keeps you fuller longer."

Fill spare moments with activity

To build strength, you don't have to join a gym, Stroope said. Instead, look for small windows of free time to incorporate some simple exercises into your routine.

Think of these quick movements as microdoses of exercise. Stroope does lunges and squats while microwaving her lunch at work, or she will add wall pushups or countertop pushups while cooking dinner.

"It is so critical. This is going to help people feel better and age better," she said.

Many people spend so much time in a stationary position in office chairs focused on computer screens or craning their necks to check smartphones, Stroope said. Bad posture or a crick in the neck can affect your quality of life quickly.

"Anything that is actively moving is going to help their backs and bodies feel better," Stroope said.

Drink more water

"All fluids are important, but we really want to encourage people to drink more water," Duhon said.

Improved hydration can improve laboratory tests, make exercise easier and help you to feel full,

Duhon said. Men should drink 12.5 cups of water per day, according to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and women should drink 9 cups. Unsure about your hydration level? Duhon recommends checking the color of your urine.

"Your urine should be very light yellow," she said.

Prepare your own meals

Preparing meals at home helps save money. It also can reduce your consumption of calories and sodium. Restaurant meals, fast food and frozen entrees can contain many more calories and sodium than food prepared at home, Duhon said.

"It takes a little bit more effort, especially if you've got a family, and they are involved in extracurricular sports and activities, which we really do love," she said. "Try to plan ahead during the weekend and plan ahead for the week and then cook at home."

Getting the family involved in meal preparation may help children eat more healthfully, Stroope said.

"My kids tend to eat what they have helped cook," she said.

"And they can exercise in the kitchen!" Duhon added.

These small alterations in your lifestyle can yield great health gains, Stroope said.

"Sometimes something seems so impossible, and you don't want to start," Stroope said. "That feeling of accomplishment — you're taking care of yourself and that often motivates more positive behaviors."

By: Kyle Peveto



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Preventing Cold Injury of Plants

Cold weather hasn't been much of an issue yet this fall, but chances are that we will have cold temperatures sometime this winter and in future years. There are things we can do to prepare our plants for the cold.

You can minimize the number of plants you have to protect by primarily choosing plants that tolerate the lowest temperatures we typically encounter. The USDA Hardiness Zone map was updated last year, and most of Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes are now in Zone 9A, reflecting warmer average minimum temperatures over a recent 30-year period. There are still some patches of 8B in the two parishes, though, and areas in a given hardiness zone will occasionally experience temperatures lower than the average for that zone. So, if you want to play it safe, you can continue to select plants that are cold hardy enough for Zone 8B.

Among commonly grown citrus, kumquats are the least likely to be injured by cold temperatures, with satsumas next in line on the cold-hardiness spectrum. Sabal or cabbage palms and pindo or jelly palms are some of our more cold-tolerant palm species.

If you like cold-sensitive tropicals like bougainvillea and plumeria, one option is to plant them in a container large enough to prevent them from becoming root-bound but small enough to move into a protected area. Rolling planter caddies are available to place under large pots.

The location of a plant in the landscape is important, since this affects the temperature of the air around it. Plants close to brick walls, concrete patios, and parking lots, for example, will likely experience warmer temperatures than those growing in the open yard. Likewise, cold air settles in low areas, so try to avoid placing plants that are marginally cold hardy in low parts of the landscape.

Things that we do to plants during the growing season can affect how cold tolerant they are. Healthy plants tend to be more cold hardy than ones that are nutrient deficient or stressed by disease or insect issues.

Plants that are pruned hard or fertilized with nitrogen-containing fertilizer late in the growing season are likely to be less hardened off than they otherwise would be. Try to do any needed pruning or fertilizing of perennial plants by early to mid-September. (Pruning of plants like azaleas and blueberries that flower on previous season's growth needs to be completed earlier than this. This early-to-mid-September rule of thumb is just for preventing cold injury.)

When a freeze is expected, make sure that plants have adequate water. Moist soil retains more heat than dry soil. Also, if water around a plant's roots freezes, the plant will not be able to take it up while it's frozen, so it needs to have sufficient water beforehand.

While mulch is desirable in many situations, bare soil heats up more during the day and so



can provide more heat at night. For marginally hardy plants like citrus trees, one thing you can do is remove weeds, grass, and mulch under the plant. The soil needs time to heat up, so don't wait until late afternoon of the day before the freeze to do this.

When temperatures are anticipated to get colder than a particular plant can withstand, covering plants is sometimes an option. The cover should extend to the ground. A variety of materials can be used, but try to avoid having direct contact between the plant and the cover, especially if it's plastic. Also, if you use a plastic cover, make sure to take it off or vent it during the day so that the plant won't get too hot.

For additional cold protection, an incandescent light bulb can be placed under the cover. Make sure the light won't get wet, and avoid direct contact between the light and either the tree or the cover.

For citrus trees in particular, a final thing you can do is to protect the trunk from the base to a point above the graft union with some kind of insulating material. Most citrus trees are budded onto a rootstock, and the fruit that we want comes from the scion, or the part of the tree above the graft union. If some of the scion wood survives, the tree is likely to be able to regrow from it.

By: Mary Ferguson