



PRECISE IN ALL MEASUREMENTS



The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Metrology Lab recently embarked on an exciting journey to expand its calibration abilities to include Mass Echelon II (MEII). This step forward was fueled by our lab's commitment to minimizing risk, enhancing efficiency, and expanding the range of services provided. Did you know metrology labs play a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of measurements in trade, health, safety, and the environment? The Metrology group in LDAF's Office of Agro-Consumer Services oversees weights, measures, and standards used for various industries.

What is Mass Echelon II?

Echelon II refers to a level of accreditation for a laboratory that can perform highly accurate mass measurements, indicating a high level of precision and traceability to national standards. This certification is typically used for calibrating weights within a specific range with a higher degree of accuracy compared to a lower echelon level like Echelon III, essentially signifying a lab's capability to perform fine-accuracy mass calibrations.

Time well spent

This two-year process required a blend of expertise and meticulous verification. Lucky for us, we already had a team of experienced metrologists and traceable

reference standards. All they needed were equipment upgrades for finer measurement resolutions. As part of the certification journey, our dedicated metrologists rolled up their sleeves to develop proficiency in more precise Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). This was verified and showcased through a Proficiency Test administered by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Commerce. The certification process includes weighing items repeatedly to ensure accuracy is within a certain range.

We're proud to say our lab proved its ability to maintain the environmental conditions specified by the SOPs and consistently produced accurate results with sufficiently small uncertainties, meeting the requirements of a Mass Echelon II lab. This achievement highlights their commitment to supporting Louisiana's diverse industries that rely on precise measurements and ensuring that consumers get what they pay for.

Impact on Operations

As a Mass Echelon III lab, our metrologists relied on other Mass Echelon II labs for standard calibration, which created several challenges, including shipping risks and operational downtime. When lab standards are sent for calibration, they face the possibility of damage

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Left to right: Metrology Group Whitney Corley, Paul Floyd, Tyler Holmes and Jennifer Adair

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Seafood Consumer Protection

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The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to ACT 148 in the 2024 Regular Session, submitted a Notice of Intent with the Louisiana State Register, giving public notice that the Department, through the Office of Agro-Consumer Services, Weights and Measures Division, intended to adopt LAC 7:XXXV.Chapter 5. Subchapter C. Seafood Consumer Protection.

The Notice of Intent to take the proposed action was published in the Louisiana Register at LR 50:10, pages 1511-1512 (October 20, 2024).

The proposed rule was published in the Louisiana Register at LR 51:01, pages 29-30, and adopted on January 20, 2025.

What does this mean?

During last year's legislative session, a number of additional duties were sent to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, including oversight of labels on imported seafood and testing specifically for common antibiotics and other "adulterants." We have begun testing and aim to test samples on a weekly basis. This is being done in collaboration with the Louisiana Seafood Safety Task Force under the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.



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ALABAMA SE HAY REPORT, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Bermuda Large RoundPremium.....

\$200/ton

Bermuda Medium RoundPremium.....

\$150-\$200/ton

Bermuda Small SquarePremium.....

\$280-\$440/ton

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Bermuda Large RoundFair/Good

\$135-\$155/ton

Bermuda Small SquareFair/Good

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

BEES

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

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

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

Honeybee swarms in spring, taking orders, \$80. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

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.ldafla.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

Full-blooded Black Angus Bull, 3-years-old, large frame, very gentle, easy calving, excellent bloodline, \$2,500. Larry Willis, Bogalusa, LA, Washington Parish; (985) 516-2145.

Registered Black Angus Virgin Bull, born 8/23/2023, low birth weight, proven genetics, grand sire SAV Renown3439, great EPD's, all vaccinations, gentle, DNA tested, fertility tested, individual %45, %normal cells 85+ ready for work, call for information and pictures, \$4,500. Bill Saulnier, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 842-7549.

One PB Black Angus Bull, 8-month-old, one PB Black Angus Heifer, 6-months-old, \$1,200 each. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

Six 2-year-old registered black Angus virgin bulls, low birth weight, top genetics, big bone and muscle, one breeding season guaranteed, \$4,500 and up. Earl Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-5503.

9 registered Black Angus virgin bulls, 14-15 months old, good genetics, call for more info leave message if no answer, starting at \$4,000. Rhett Dugas, Saint Landry , Evangeline Parish; (225) 572-6386.

BRANGUS

2 reg Brangus bulls, 22-month-old and 16-month-old, gentle, good bloodline, can send pictures. \$3,200 for older bull \$2,500 for younger bull. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 291-5204.

CHAROLAIS

Charolais bulls, 18-24months old, \$4,500. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

2 young Charolais bull calves, low birth weight, gentle, pictures to show, \$1,800 each. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-6345.



Registered Charolais bull, low birth weight, gentle, pictures to show, \$3,200. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-6345.

HEREFORD

4 Registered polled Hereford virgin 2-year-old bulls, sire RLeader 6964, proven genetics, excellent EPDs, fertility tested, vaccinated and ready for work, call for pictures, \$3,000 each. Calvin Schenck, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 606-5797.

Polled Hereford bull and horned Hereford bull, low birth weights, super gentle, all shots and wormed, 9-months-old, \$1,800 + \$300 for registration papers, delivery available for an additional charge. Laura Hughes, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 933-2997.

OTHER

Black Angus X Santa Gertrudis cross bull, 2 1/2 years old, call for more information, \$2,000. Allen Parish; (318) 306-0199.

Texas Longhorn young bulls and heifers, 5 months to 3 months, registered or not registered, call for pricing. Terry or Sonja Monceaux, Egan, Acadia Parish; (337) 660-8593.

DOGS

Free half German Shepard male, 1-2 years old. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-3826.

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

AKC Belgian Malinois Pups, excellent bloodlines, well socialized, easily trained, great family protec-tion dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

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

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

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

Registered OMCBA Mountain Cur puppies, from good squirrel dog parents, \$300 for females, \$250 males. Greg, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 337-6241.

AKC German Rottweiler puppies born November 13, ready now, tails docked, dew claws removed, first shots and worming by vet, 3 males, \$600. Janet White, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 625-4004.

Three big and beautiful livestock puppies, Great Pyrenees and Anatolian mixed, first shots, born November 3, 2024, 2 females and 1 male,

\$200. Judy Hutto, Converse, Sabine Parish; (318) 521-4115.

Great Pyrenees LGD puppies, born Feb 4, 2025, will be ready April 1st with first shots and wormed, males, \$225, females, \$250. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-3604.

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, \$400. Lee Wise Jr., Goldonna, Winn Parish; (318) 576-3601.

AKC Anatolian Shepard puppies, best livestock guardians, ready now, call for pricing. Loretta Dubose, Longville, Beauregard Parish; (337) 692-2322.

Six PB Great Pyrenees puppies for sale, born 12/19/2024, first shots and wormed, 3 males, 3 fe-males, 1 female all white, all others have some color, \$200 each. Mark Corkern, Franklinton, Wash-ington Parish; (985) 515-3621.

Great Pyrenees puppies, born December 15, 2024, all shots, 5 males, 2 females, protects livestock and anything they're raised with, \$250. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Great Pyrenees puppies, to be born in March, all shots, mom

has blue eyes protects livestock and anything they're raised with, \$100 deposit, \$250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507

Free, golden labs, 2 males, 3 females, ages 8 weeks to 2 years, good duck dogs. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

English bulldog puppies, call for pricing. Monika, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 577-8735.

Catahoula leopard male, 2 years old, price negotiable, house trained, guards the yard, will tree coons and squirrels and many more things, call in the afternoon, not raised around children, call for pricing. Penny Baker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 390-9108.

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

Pure Labrador/Pyrenees Mix Puppies \$200 OBO. Rose Pyles, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (405) 568-5676.

Yorkie puppies for sale when available, CKC registered, tails docked, dew claws removed, UTD on worming and vaccinations, call or text for pricing. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

NALC Catahoula puppies for sale, 8-weeks-old 2/25/2025,

contact for pics, both parents on site, out of working dogs, \$500. Thre' Wales, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 301-2880.

WANTED: Teddy Roosevelt Terriers male or female. Bobby, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

WANTED: Purebred female Simese cat, sealpoint or bluepoint, not spayed. Elaine Racca, Sulpher, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 936-7115.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

Breeder cockatiels, white face pearls, \$125 each, lovebirds, \$100 each, Sun Cheek Conures, \$400 a pair, parakeet wooden nest boxes, \$15 each. Herman Hukins, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 413-3891.

Cockatiels, Lovebirds, Conures, and Macaws, etc. for sale when available, call or text for pricing. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

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.

Miniature Mule, gelded male, halter broke, born april 2022, pictures upon request, cross on back and striped front legs, \$425. Rachel Fusilier, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 336-1682.

Mini horses, most bred for the spring, \$300 males, \$500 females. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

WANTED: Kid friendly beginners' horse under 15 years old. Irv Comeaux, Morgan City, Assumption Parish; (985) 397-0291.

WANTED: Will pay cash for small paint mini female burro and for a small paint male burro. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

PIGEONS

Button Quail Hatching eggs, includes foam shippers and shipping cost, Louisiana sales only at this price, eggs chosen from 16 color varieties, money order, can be picked up at farm is prior arrangements are made, \$40-\$45. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Senegal Turtle Doves, \$100 per pair, Black Cheek Zebra finches \$60 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

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

POULTRY & FOWL

India Blue Peacocks, breeding age males and females, worming and care instructions with each, please leave message, \$200 each. Beverly Matheson, Bell City, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 274-1342.

Pharoah quail hatching eggs, \$30 a 100, all size birds prices determined by age, \$1.25- 6.00.

Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

Dark Brahma Bantams, young birds, super layers of nice pretty eggs, \$20 per pair, Ko Shamo Bantams, young adult birds, several young pairs available, \$150 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail hatching eggs, \$.25 each, taking orders on baby chicks and started birds, \$1 and up. James Dunnington, Robert, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 974-4201.

Red Jungle Fowl hens, \$20 each. Penny Baker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 390-9108.

Lavender Guineas, hatched July 2024, \$15 each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

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

WANTED: Young laying chickens. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

WANTED: Americana hens. Randy Baker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 390-9108

RABBITS

Netherland dwarfs, selling out, 7 doe, 9 buck, 7 cages, 18 stalls, bottles, feeders, everything needed to raise rabbit, \$400. Chester Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 783-3154.

Netherland Dwarfs Rabbits, whites, grays, black spotted whites, browns, \$15 buck, \$35 doe. Chester Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 783-3154.

Young Rabbits 1/2 Texas A&M 1/2 New Zealand, heat resistant breed more to come shortly, some are unusual colors, call for pics of brindle colors, \$20. Sandy Mire, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-1819.

SHEEP & GOAT

Pb Dorpher ram, 1 year old, will be large frame rams for breeding, sire is registered, \$350 each. Blake Bertrand, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 665-0499.

2-year-old Barbado ewe with male lamb born Jan 20, 2025, \$175. Buford Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 461-5282.

Male Barbado, born January 14, 2024, \$130. Buford Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 461-5282.

Barbado ewe, born July 15, 2024, \$120. Buford Landreneau,



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Purebred Boer Billy, no papers, 3 years old, gentle and lead rope trained, \$500, 3-month-old purebred Boer Billy available, \$300. Cheri McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-8229.

Registered Nubian bottle doeling, CAE/CL negative, vaccinated, disbudded, heavy milk production bloodline, born 1/16/25, \$600. Hollie Smith, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 692-2949.

Katahdin, 1 ram, 2 females, born February 2024, all with twins, \$150 each. Jeremy LeDoux, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 230-1519.

PB Registered Katahdin Ram, 3-year-old, proven, ready to work, \$550. Kody Meaux, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 308-0769.

Two Katahdins /St. Croix Mix Rams, one year old, \$175 each. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

Nigra goats for sale, babies and adults available, call for pricing. Monika, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 577-8735.

Kiko/Lamancha doe with 2 bucklings at side, doe born 3/23/2023, bucklings born 2/10/25, bucklings will be disbudded, sire to bucklings is a Miniature Lamancha buck, \$175. Rachel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 336-1682.

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

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: Kinder milk goats. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

WANTED: Painted Desert Sheep. Elaine Racca, Sulpher, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 936-7115.

WANTED: Brush goats. Prefer 6 to 8 young females. Irv Comeaux, Morgan City, Assumption Parish; (985) 397-0291.

SWINE

American Guinea Hogs (AGH) Heritage pigs, great meat, pasture or hay pigs, 2-months-old, grows 250-350lbs, gentle, four available, no taint in uncut boars, \$60. Sandy Mire, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-1819.

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

2008 John Deere 310J Backhoe, 4,237 hours, nice machine, runs but undiagnosed mechanical issue, no time to fix bought another, \$30,000 OBO. Carlos Avila, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 304-6657.

2003-2004 320L Caterpillar Log Loader/Excavator Track type rebuilt motor in 2020 new final drive photos available, \$20,000 OBO. Jeremy Carmouche, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 765-6549.

2016 2154D JD Track Type Knuckle Boom loader, rebuilt motor, undercarriage, and hydraulic pump, 6,697 hours, \$120,000 OBO. Jeremy Carmouche, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 765-6549.

Two diesel engines from D31P Komatsu dozers, both run good, one low hours, 8.3 Cummins overhauled engine, call for pricing. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 716-1781.

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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

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

8-wheel v-rake on Hodge frame, all new wheels and hydraulic lines, good condition, \$3,500. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Two NH 1033, NH 5075 square baler, NH BC 5070 SQ baler hay liner, two 14' hay fluffer, morra 10'-disc hay cutter, 15 bale grab with rotator, 500 gal 30' spray rig, Kuhn 10'disc cutter conditioner, \$95,000 or individual prices. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Fanex Vicon 523T four basket hay fluffer, hydraulic fold, good condition, \$2,700. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

New Holland BC 5070 Hay liner square baler, very good condition, hydraulic tongue and bale compression, high-capacity baler, \$21,900. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

New Holland 575 square baler, very good condition, hydraulic tongue and bale tensioner, high capacity baler, \$19,800. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Kuhn FC 303 GL disc cutter with conditioner, 10' cut, excellent condition, \$19,500. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Morra 10' disc hay cutter, great condition, used very little, \$4,900. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

500-gallon spray rig on trailer, 30' spray boom, foam marking system, hydraulic driven sprayer pump, very good condition, \$5,900. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Two New Holland 1033 automatic bale wagon, good working condition, 105 bale capacity, will demonstrate on my farm, \$10,000 each. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Fanex 500 4-basket hay fluffer, good mechanical condition, \$1,700. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

Vermeer Rancher 664 round hay baler, string and net wrap, moisture monitor, keep under shed, less than 5,000 bales, in excellent condition, extra parts goes with baler, call for pictures if needed to make decision, \$18,000. Ray Bergin, Kentwood, Washington Parish; (985) 514-3310.

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.

15 capacity square bale grab, excellent for new Holland 1033 auto bale wagon, with rotator, very good condition, old-style John Deere loader connections 2955, \$7,900. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.



Sweet Potatoes

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LAWN EQUIPMENT

Jari 42" sickle bar mower, Honda GX200 6 1/2 hp, excellent condition, \$650. George McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-6852.

Semi Trash pump model 109160 with Honda GX120 power, \$225. George McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-6852.

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.

Peerless all crop dryer, pecans and peanuts, propane burner, 12HP electric motor, thermostat controlled, 220/440 single phase current, 8ft wide 5ft high, 14ft long, \$3,500. Lynwood Wiley, Ferriday, Concordia Parish; (318) 719-2245.

PLANTING & TILLAGE



JD 1730 planter, excellent shape, 15 units with hopper extension set on 18", row markers and new monitor, trailer also in excellent shape, \$15,000. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

All equipment needed for sweet potato production planting, cultivation, bedding, all four equipment, call for quote. Nelson Bordelon, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 481-7059.

Hollow Seeder, 3pt hitch, category 1, 540 PTO, 150lb, excellent condition, \$500. Todd Cullen, Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-3862.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Modified doctors' buggy and harness, \$1,500. Bobby Wyble, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 754-7169.

1997 Top Hat Trailer, 6'11" wideX20' long, 6,000lb axle front and rear, \$4,000. Manuel Thibodaux Jr, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish; (985) 413-5503.

2-horse gooseneck aluminum 2005 Sundown, less than 5,000 miles on the trailer, \$7,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

Cotton Trailers for storing crawfish traps, Mardi Gras floats, hauling Hay, nursery bark potting, \$4,200 - \$4,500 + delivery available. T L Enright Sr, Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish; (318) 282-6299.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

3-point hookup turning plow, \$120, 3-point hookup PTO drive seeder and fertilizer, \$225. Berle Gray, Elm Grove, Bossier Parish; (318) 746-6949.

PTO Generator, IMD 22 KW with Automatic Voltage Regulator 120/24 V, less than 20hrs, brand new, \$3,500. Vidalia, LA 985-960-3328, \$3500. Brian Gayle, Vidalia, Concordia Parish; (985) 960-3328.

Massey Ferguson Grinder and mixer, good condition, \$4,000. Chris Hoffman, Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish; (225) 806-0497.

110ft 1/2inch chain, \$200, RTO pump for wood splitter and other equipment, \$200, Honda trash pump 2-inch, new, \$350 OBO. Cliff Feazell, Elmer, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4230.

American made King Cutter 30-inch dirt scoop, 3-point hitch, works forward or reverse, 2 hitch pins included, \$400. Floyd Armand, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-2628.

15' JD CX15 2017 heavy duty Rotary Wing Cutter, excellent condition, \$16,000. J B Hanks, Lebeau, St. Landry Parish; (225) 939-3792.

Heavy duty pressure washer, 13hp, Honda engine model MTM3504, with 50ft hose, \$1,400. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

2 row pull type disk, \$250. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

JD 4 row cultivator, \$1,500. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

JD 2 leg Subsoiler, \$1,200. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

Amoco Ditcher, \$1,200. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

Servis PTO hole digger, 6-inch auger, \$500. Sam Williams, Simsboro, Lincoln Parish; (318) 245-9721.

John Deere Backhoe attachment #47 with mounting brackets and 20" bucket, out riggers are bent, Power Beyond kit available, backhoe has very few hours of use, \$3,000. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

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.

Category II top link for New Holland tractor, \$150. 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 bush hog, 46hp, diesel, great condition, \$6,000. Tommy Moses, DeRidder, Beaugard Parish; (337) 401-6781.

2 3/8" and 2 7/8" oilfield tubing available, to be picked up near Crowley, \$35 and \$40 respectively. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: Silage or forage wagons hyd or dump. David VanMol, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4829.

WANTED: Used 6ft Land Plane with rippers. Nikki, Vinton, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 842-2015.

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.

Youth barrel saddle 13", \$225. Kim, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-7167.

13" barrel saddle, \$250. Sue, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-7167.

WANTED: Livestock hair blower for show calves. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Sheet metal nesting boxes of all sizes, custom sizes also available, also build cages, trays, etc., call or text for pricing. Andy Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 254-4414.

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

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

Gooseneck 6'6" wide 24' long stock trailer, great condition, call for info, \$4,500. Carlos Glass, Tallulah, Madison Parish; (318) 341-1795.

6ft Gruder blade, \$400, 12ft Gin pole heavy duty, \$220, 8ft Gin pole heavy duty, \$120. Cliff Feazell, Elmer, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4230.

4ft bushog, needs a little work, \$400, 6ft Rhino finish mower, needs work belts and wheels, \$250. Cliff Feazell, Elmer, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4230.

3 rolls of Visqueen, clear and black, 100ft per roll, \$100, Homelite chainsaw, \$100, Four conductor #10 AWG 100ft, \$190, Four conductor #12, 100ft, \$130, 50 cond #10 AWG, \$160 per 100ft. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 686-9066.

20', 40', and 45' shipping storage containers, like new and used, 2 doors to 10 doors, wind, rain, and rodent proof, 5 year warranty, can deliver anywhere in Louisiana, \$2,200 and up. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

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

IBC Totes, 275 gal, previously contained oil, \$30, without cage,

\$10. Joel Williams , Spearsville, Union Parish; (318) 348-3670.

Cattleguard, 12'W X 8'L, constructed of 3" pipe, heavy duty, sturdy, \$1250. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

One Dek 5650 watt / 7060 surge generator, \$325, one Coleman 5,000-watt generator, \$225. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

10 ft joints of used well pipe, 8", \$80 per joint, 10", \$100 per joint, can load. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

New, never used. #1 gauge awg thhn copper wire. 2-24ft. pieces,1-19 ft, 1-40 ft, \$1 per ft. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

200 sheets of corrugated and v-groove flat panels, \$1 per foot if all taken, \$1.50 per foot if only one stack, one stack is around 50 sheets. Phil Miller, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-3773.

Around 40 12" concrete house piers, old concrete, \$5 each. Phil Miller, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-3773.

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

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.

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

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

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

FOOD

EGGS

Pharaoh quail egg, \$.20, Pickled egg, \$.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 2-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$2.50 male. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (337) 856-5884.

FROM THE FARM

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

GrangeGroceries is an app that connects local consumers to local producers to buy their products directly, sign up online or reach out to us. Alyssa Veazey, Lafayette Parish; (337) 523-5063.

WANTED: Homemade File for gumbo. Mrs. J Richmond, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 401-8556.

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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.

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Louisiana Mirlitons potted, \$15 each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

HAY & GRAIN

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

Fall 2024 baled 4X5 round bales, barn kept, \$35 each or two for \$60. Allen Prados, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 967-0008.

2024 Bahia hay net wrapped 4x5 tight bales, no rain, stored in barn, fertilized square bales, \$8 per bale, \$45 per roll. Anthony, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-3928.

Alicia and Jiggs Bermuda hay, fertilized, clean, barn kept, horse quality, fall of 2024, fresh, 4X5 large round, \$70, square \$8. Arnie Natali, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 249-4304.

Premium large round bales of Bermuda, Bahia, and Rye hay, superior horse and cattle quality, tightly wrapped, barn/pasture stored, fresh, nutrient-rich, \$30-\$65. Clint Manuel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 459-6706.

Russell Bermuda square bales, fertilized horse hay, bales are tight and heavy, in bundles of 21, \$9 per bale, \$189 for bundle. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

Bahia hay, fertilized, in barn, net wrapped, \$50 per roll inside, \$40 outside, \$7 square bales. Danny Schleismann, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-8341.

5X5 Jiggs Bermuda, \$50 per bale. David Colligan, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 208-8424.

Round 4X5 rolls Alicia, Alicia/ Bahia, net wrapped, in barn, 300 rolls, \$50 each. Douglas F. Madden, Saline, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 471-1157.

4x5 fertilized rye grass hay, net wrapped, \$30. Dwight Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-3758.

Bermuda horse quality square bales, fertilized, large bales, \$8. Dwight Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-3758.

20-acre pasture available for hay, you bale and haul, call for quote. 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.

Alicia Bermuda square bales, horse hay, fertilized heavy square bales, will assist in loading, 15 bale minimum, \$9 per bale. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

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.

2024 Mixed Bahia 4X5 round bales, \$30 each. Keith Guillory, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 884-5072.

Square bales horse hay 007 hybrid Bermuda, \$9 per bale, also have some square bale mixed cow hay, \$6 per bale. 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.

2024 common Bermuda square bales, fertilized and forage tested: 9.3%CP, 61 TDN, in barn, \$5 per bale. Kody Meaux, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 308-0769.

Alicia Bermuda hay, square bales, top quality, long solid bales, highly fertilized, weed free, \$10 per bale, 350 round bales, 4x5 tight, barn kept, solid bales, weed free, over 12% protein, \$70 per bale. Larry Granier, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 301-7133.

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.

4X4 good pasture hay, 11 bales available, \$25 per bale. Loles J Duhon, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 380-9610.

Jiggs Bermuda Hay and Bahia Hay, 4x5 bales, clean, sprayed and fertilized, large loads delivery available, \$65 each. Matheson, Bell City, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 496-4346.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, \$35 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

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

2024 Bahia square bales, in the barn \$7 per bale. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, clean, second-cutting, no rain, net wrapped, barn kept, bales tight and heavy, \$40 per roll. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

4x5 net wrapped Bermuda hay, fertilized with chicken litter, outside hay \$35. Sean Coody, Jonesboro, Jackson Parish; (318) 355-6968.

4X5 Round Bahia mix bales, in barn, \$30 per bale. Tommy Ponthier, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-4519.

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



Bahia hay, 4X5 round bales, fertilized to soil test, stored in barn, 2024 season, \$65 dollars/roll, square, \$7.50 dollars/bale. Harvey Husser Jr, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-1792.

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

HOBBY & LEISURE

CRAFTS & WOODWORK

Cypress wood duck nest boxes, all made of new cypress wood, \$45 each. James LaBorde, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-4772.

9-drawer mirror and nightstand dresser, great condition, \$900. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

OTHER HOBBY & LEISURE

25 years of home contents, everything sells for one price, call for details and appointments, call for pricing. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

3,000 Louisiana hard covers, 1st edition hardback books, all categories, 1836 through 1964, \$6,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Complete antique store contents, you move, \$5,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Remington 870 Express super magnum 12 gauge 2 3/4, 3" or 3 1/2" magnum, black synthetic stock, 25 1/2" barbell, excellent shape, \$400. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Polaris gun boot, used on 4-wheeler or side by side, 52" long with padding inside, \$40, boxes of 12-gauge shotgun

shells 2 3/4 8-shot, 1 1/8, heavy game load, \$8 per box. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Two M1 Garands, reparkerized and stocks refurbished, 30-06, shoot fantastic, \$1,600 each, 1903 30-06 original, \$1,250, Palmetto State Armory in .350 Legend with Opmod scope, new, \$1,100. Paul Bellon, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 200-0532.

WANTED: Stevens 770 16-guage pump. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

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

MISC. HUNT/ FISH/CAMP

3-26X9.50X11 Super Swamper Vampire tires, \$150, Horton HD175 Crossbow with hard case and arrows, \$300, Tiller handle for 50hp Mercury outboards, \$300. Tommy Pommier, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 519-5901.

Stealth trail camera, \$75. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

LUMBER & SAWING

Large 2-story Cypress log home to be torn down, roof and ceiling 2" thick Pecky Cypress with 4x6 Cypress rafters and large Fir beams, call for pricing. Richard, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 308-2282.

Oak firewood, half cord minimum, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton

Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

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FOR SALE

20'X40' Custom cabin, you move, \$40,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572

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

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

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.

Fence building barb, net, boards, pipe and hotwire, references provided, fence cleaning, repairs, catch pens, arenas, custom entry ways, \$1/ft and up, call for free estimates. Ben Baggett, Mittie, Allen Parish; (337) 370-8254.

Many years of experience in installation/repair of agriculture, commercial and residential fencing, fence row clearing, augering, demo/maintenance/ repair projects both commercial and residential, call for quote. Joe Hensgens, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (985) 992-9119.

Fencing, bushhogging, concrete pouring, drainage and roofing, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Land clearing and logging, call for quote. Stephen, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 938-6836.

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

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

Pig Brig net and camera, must supply own t-posts and installation, district will be on site for assistance of installation, \$100 Deposit. Mitzi Dohrman, Vermilion Parish; (337) 893-5664.

STALLION SERVICE

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

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

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

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.

Ford Workmaster 4-cylinder diesel, David Brown 880 select-o-matic, project tractors, \$600 each. Cliff Feazell, Elmer, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4230.

Case 1190, 50HP, single remote, 1,672 hours, remotes never used, \$6,000 OBO. Cliff Feazell, Elmer, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4230.

1944 Ford 2N, excellent condition, runs, \$1,800 OBO. Cliff Feazell, Elmer, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4230.

1998-2000 Massey Ferguson Model 271 tractor 4.2L Perkins diesel, can send photos, call for price or make an offer. Jeremy Carmouche, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 765-6549.

Ford 9N project tractor, clean, straight metal, excellent tires, needs block work, converted to 12 volt, husband passed away before he could finish restoration, \$1,200. Nancy Tubre, St. Landry, Evangeline Parish; (337) 446-7547.

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

JD A, JD 70, JD 4430 tractors, call for pricing. Rene Brown, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 383-5401.

BOATS

WANTED: Old Cypress dugout pirogue, any condition. Pat Breaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 258-6707.

FARM TRUCKS

2018 GMC SIERRA 3500 Diesel, all the extras, well maintained, gently used, 161,000 miles, \$43,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

Knapihede truck bed with many compartments for 3500 Dodge dually, in excellent condition, asking \$5,500. Edward Charles, Garland, St. Landry Parish; (337) 826-1518.

2008 F250 Super Duty, gas with flat bed and storage box excellent condition, has fifth wheel hook up, 53,035 original miles, text for pictures, \$11,000 OBO. John Leger, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-9185.

Louisiana to expand alligator hunting season as reptiles overrun streets, neighborhoods

Louisiana, which lawmakers said has become overrun with alligators, plans to extend the 2025 hunting season for the wild reptiles.

The Louisiana Wildlife Commission approved a notice of intent this week to set the East Zone season from the last Wednesday in August until Dec. 31 and the West Zone season from the first Wednesday in September until Dec. 31. That would expand the current 60-day season in both zones.

State lawmakers first broached the idea of expanding the hunting season in 2023 when Democratic Plaquemine Rep. Chad Brown filed a resolution to explore increasing opportunities.

"We're being overrun by alligators," Brown said during a 2023 hearing. "Two Sundays ago my neighbor called and told me to be careful because there's an alligator under your wife's car."

Last week Gov. Jeff Landry promised ESPN personality Pat McAfee he'd take him alligator hunting if he came back to Louisiana. Landry appeared on The Pat McAfee show, which was broadcasting remotely from New Orleans before Sunday's Super Bowl.

Louisiana's alligator population has exploded in the past 50 years from fewer than 100,000 to more than 3 million today. Of those, about 2 million are wild with another 1 million farmed.

That's nearly three times the population of Florida, the state with the second most number of alligators.

Republican Ville Platte Rep. Rhonda Butler said she's spotted gators larger than her kayak while on the water.

And they are all over the state from Lake Martin in Breaux Bridge to Caddo and Cross lakes in Shreveport to Caldwell Parish in northeastern Louisiana.

"They're everywhere," said Republican Columbia Rep. Neil Riser. "I think we're going to have to get to the point to (expand hunting)."

Public comment will be accepted on the notice of intent through 4:30 p.m. May 1. Comments should be submitted to Jeb Linscombe at jllinscombe@wlf.la.gov, by phone at 337-735-8671 or by mail to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), 200 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, La. 70506.

By: Greg Hilburn, Shreveport Times

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PARMESAN GRILLED CORN

Submitted by Slap Ya Mama

Ingredients:

- 4 ears of corn, shucked
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, shredded
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon Slap Ya Mama Original Blend Seasoning
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped

Instructions:

Preheat grill to 400 degrees F. In a bowl, combine ¼ cup parmesan cheese, butter, thyme and Slap Ya Mama Original Blend Seasoning. Mix well and set aside. Using a large sheet of foil, create a tray for the corncobs to sit in. Lay corn flat inside foil tray. Coat corn with the butter mixture, making sure the corn is entirely covered. Using the foil tray and more foil, tightly wrap corn into a foil pack, making sure there are no holes in the foil pack. Place foil pack on grill and cook for 35 to 40 minutes or until corn is fully cooked. Carefully open foil pack, sprinkle remaining parmesan cheese over the corn and top with chopped parsley. Serve and enjoy!

www.slapyamama.com

ROSEMARY PECAN OIL NEW POTATOES

Submitted by Kinloch Pecan Oil

Ingredients:

- 8-12 potatoes, unpeeled, washed and cut in half
- 3-4 tablespoons Kinloch Pecan Oil
- Seasoning to taste
- 4 sprigs fresh Rosemary
- Kinloch Balsamic Vinegar
- Parmesan cheese

Instructions:

Toss potatoes in pecan oil, seasonings, and rosemary. Roast at 400 degrees for about 20 minutes or until lightly brown and tender throughout. Serve naked or dress with Balsamic vinegar and grated Parmesan.

Tip: Vinegar and parmesan can be served separately as dressing.
www.pecanoil.com

PEPPER JELLY DIPPING SAUCE

Submitted by Louisiana Lagniappe Foods

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Louisiana Lagniappe Foods Pepper Jelly
- 2 tablespoons Creole mustard
- 2 tablespoons champagne or apple cider vinegar

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients and whisk until smooth. Chill until needed. (This can be made a day ahead.)

www.louisianalagniappefoods.com





PRALINES

Submitted by Lexi Harper

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ pint whipping cream
- 1½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cups Karo
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups Louisiana pecans

Instructions:

Boil sugar, Karo, cream, and butter to the soft ball stage. Remove from heat and add vanilla and pecans: let set about 5 minutes. Beat by hand until creamy and loses its gloss. Drop quickly by teaspoon onto wax paper.

**AFTER SCHOOL
STRAWBERRY SHAKE**

Submitted by Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board

Ingredients:

- 1 pint basket Louisiana strawberries, stemmed
- 2 medium bananas, peeled and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 3 cups ice cubes, divided
- ½ cup nonfat strawberry or plain yogurt
- ½ cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons honey

Instructions:

Place all ingredients except 1½ cups of the ice cubes in blender; blend on high speed until smooth, scraping down ingredients in blender occasionally. Add remaining ice; continue to blend until smooth. Serve in tall glasses, dividing equally.

www.louisianastrawberries.com



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER....CONT

Our staff, through the Office of Agro-Consumer Services, is overseeing the collection of samples. Samples are gathered randomly through a statistical mechanism and taken to the AgChemistry laboratory for testing. This initiative is part of a broader effort to ensure food safety and protect consumers by maintaining high standards for the seafood entering our markets. It's very important, just like everything else we do and every aspect of this agency, to make sure our food supply is the safest in the world.



SWEET POTATO CHILI *WITH COUSCOUS*

Ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Onion, chopped
- 1 Red bell pepper, cored and chopped
- 1 Teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 Tablespoon chili powder
- 1 Teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- 1 ½ Pounds Louisiana yams (sweet potatoes), peeled and cut into ½ inch chunks (4 cups)
- 1 (14 ½ oz.) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- 2 (15-ounce) can dark red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 ½ Cups vegetable broth
- 3 Cups cooked couscous

Instructions:

In large nonstick pot, heat oil and sauté onion, bell pepper and garlic over medium heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in chili and chipotle powder for 30 seconds. Add sweet potatoes, tomatoes, beans and broth. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and cook about 20-30 minutes or until sweet potatoes are tender. Serve over couscous.

It's National Sweet Potato Month!

February is National Sweet Potato Month and Louisiana plays a significant role in the nation's sweet potato production, contributing 20.3% of the annual total, with more than 2.7 million bushels produced across 5,403 acres.

As Louisiana's official state vegetable, they are not only delicious and nutritious—being low in calories and high in fiber, potassium, and vitamins A, C, and E—but they also contribute significantly to the local economy, with a total economic impact of \$82.8 million.

Louisiana sweet potato farmers started using the term “yam” several decades ago as a national marketing tool to help distinguish their variety from those grown on the East Coast.

The most common variety, the Beauregard, was developed in 1987 for Louisiana's unique soil and climate.

Stop by your local farmer's market for some Louisiana sweet potatoes to celebrate.

If you're looking for a new recipe to try, visit the www.sweetpotato.org for some inspiration!



Louisiana's coastal wetlands are disappearing.

Meet the people who are doing something about it.

Louisiana has lost 2,000 square miles of coastal wetlands since the 1930s. It's become a cliché to say that Louisiana is losing a football field of wetlands every 100 minutes, but the wetlands in Louisiana are key to communities, industry and wildlife in Louisiana.

People live on the land in such places to be as close to their industries like fishing or crabbing as possible. Their families have for generations. As the land disappears, people are displaced and whole cultures and livelihoods are lost.

Oil and gas wells and pipelines run under Louisiana's coast. Birds migrate through the wetlands and stop to rest. The implications of the wetlands disappearing would have national and even international implications.

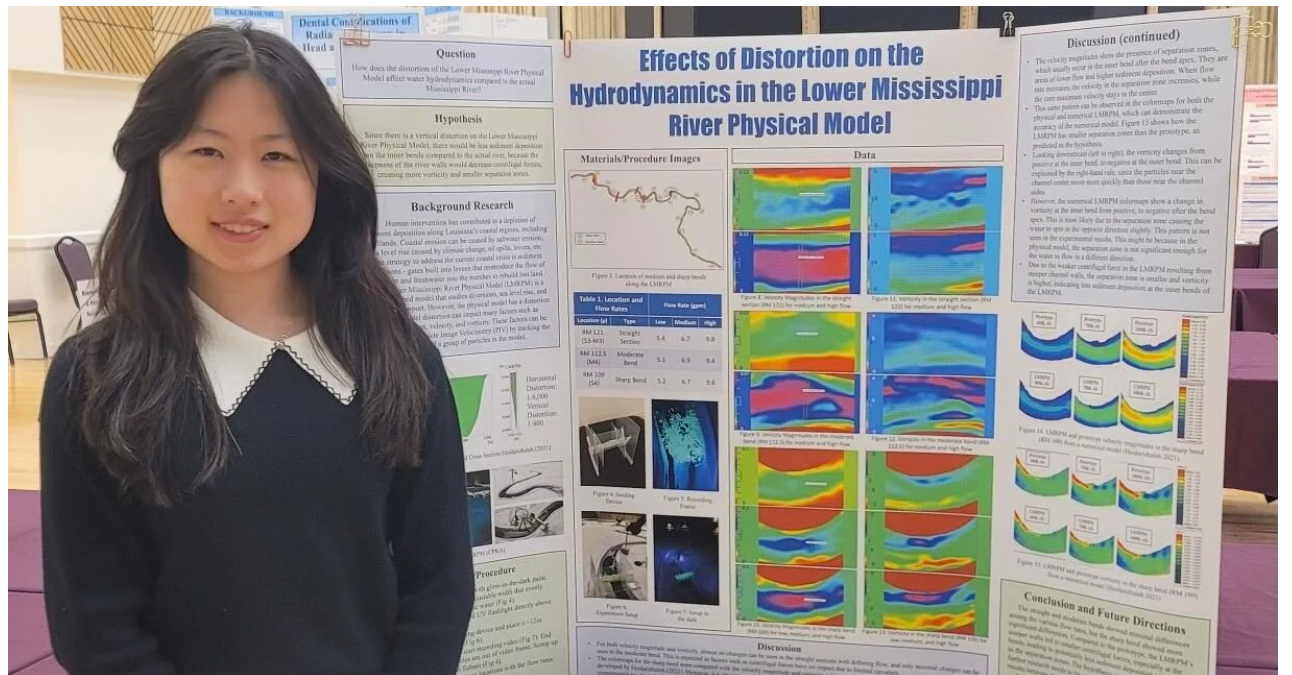
"This is not a Louisiana problem," said Nancy Broussard, tour director for CPRA which handles tours for the LSU Center for River Studies. "We just happen to be where the hurricanes hit."

To combat these challenges, CPRA is working on the Coastal Master Plan, a comprehensive and constantly evaluated plan that works to restore and reduce risk along Louisiana's coast. To that end, CPRA works in collaboration with the Center for River Studies to conduct research to maintain and restore the coastal wetlands and implement these changes. The center also serves as a way to reach out to the community and train the next generation of engineers, geologists and river experts.

"A significant amount of the south central and southeastern Louisiana coast was formed by the Mississippi River over the last eight to 10,000 years," said Clint Willson, Dean of the LSU College of the Coast Environment and director of the LSU Center for River Studies. "Once we recognized how important the river was for navigation, for trade, for the economy, we started engineering the river."

People built levees which prevented the river from flooding its banks, Willson said. This confined the river between those levees and, consequentially, starved the wetlands of nutrient rich water and sediment that would regularly grow and maintain them.

Now, researchers and engineers are trying to use sediment from the river to restore the wetlands and keep them from sinking. In order to do that, they have to understand how the



Emily Chen, high school senior, poses in front of her poster displaying research findings about distortion in the LMRPM

sand moves and how the river behaves to know when and how much sand will be available.

That's where the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model comes in.

The 90-by-120-foot foam scale model showcases a 14,000-square-mile stretch of the Mississippi River Delta that covers southeast Louisiana from Donaldsonville to the Gulf of Mexico. The model simulates one year of the river's movement in an hour and is used to test diversions and come up with the most effective solutions.

The next generation:

Through LSU's College of Engineering's High School Research Program, Emily Chen, a high school senior at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, worked on research projects at the center. First, she assisted with other people's research, and then she worked on a project of her own.

Chen's research project, "Studying the Effects of Distortion on the Hydrodynamics in the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model," (pictured above) focuses on how accurately the model replicates the river. When scaling the river down, the designers chose to scale the river vertically than they used horizontally. The horizontal scale is 1:6000 while the vertical scale is only 1:400.

This is a compromise so the model remains relatively small size-wise while still being able to replicate water flow. However, due to the differences in scale, the model is distorted in some places, particularly in river bends, which means that it might not completely accurately reflect what might happen in the river.

Chen's project, carried out in 2023, tracked water movement in the model using little floating spheres coated with glow-in-the-dark paint. She hopes that her research can be used to develop and optimize future experiments on the model.

"Learning about the coastal restoration research going on at the center really showed me the urgency of our state's environmental needs, which helped fuel my passion for my research," Chen said. "This experience, along with other research opportunities, has encouraged me to think more open-minded and interdisciplinary about science, which I plan to use in my research endeavors after high school."

"We have more confidence that the model is reproducing some of the complexities that occur in the actual river," Willson said when asked about the implications of Chen's research. "We have more confidence in the way the water flows and what happens when we divert water out of the Mississippi River."

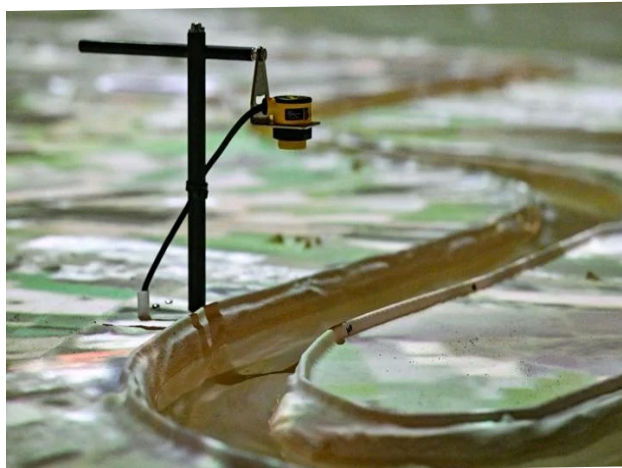
According to Willson, having younger students collaborate on research is helpful for training and teaching but also because students with shorter timelines (like a summer) are more intentional about having their projects done. They often ask questions that others might not.

On the engineering side, the engineers take the research that is done at the center and use it to design projects, facilitate permitting and obtain contractors.

According to Simoneaux, the team does a lot of dredging, bringing sediment from one part of the coast to another, building new levee systems/barrier islands and repairing parts of the coast that are severely impacted by hurricane damage.

"We do have a couple active diversions at Davis Pond and Caernarvon where we are using the fresh water from the river," Simoneaux said. "These are areas of the marsh that were dying that have come back a lot since we've had these projects that we've actually been able to restore and recreate some wetlands using these diversions."

By: Serena Puang



A sensor that measures water depth hangs above an area downriver of Donaldsonville in the LMRPM at LSU Center for River Studies. By: Javier Gallegos

Plainview men arrested for theft of LDAF property

On January 31, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) personnel reported several items stolen from the LDAF Plainview Tower building in Rapides Parish. Stolen items included a 2021 Honda ATV, a burn tank sprayer, a Stihl chainsaw, and a Stihl backpack blower.

During the subsequent investigation, agents received information on where some of the items may be located. After searching a nearby property, the stolen Honda ATV and the burn tank sprayer were located. Later that day, LDAF agents recovered the stolen Stihl chainsaw and Stihl backpack blower. As a result of the investigation, 27-year-old Myron Houston of Plainview is being held for burglary and four counts of felony theft as he is currently in the custody of the Allen Parish Sheriff's Office on unrelated charges. On February 5, 50-year-old George Perkins Jr. of Plainview was arrested for possession of stolen things and obstruction of justice also related to this investigation.

The investigation resulted in the recovery of all of the items. The approximate total property value is estimated at \$9,900.00.

The LDAF Forestry Enforcement Division would like to thank the Rapides and Allen Parish sheriffs' offices for their assistance in the investigation. As a result of the investigation, these men are also being held by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office and Allen Parish Sheriff's Office for several other unrelated violations in the area.

Note: All persons accused of any crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

LDAF urges the public to report any forestry-related crimes to the LDAF Office of Forestry at 225-925-4500 or LDAF's 24-hour hotline at 1-855-452-5323.

For more information regarding the press release, please contact LDAFCommunications@ldaf.state.la.us.

Agents Cite Five Subjects for WMA Violations in Caddo Parish

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement agents cited five subjects for alleged Wildlife Management Area (WMA) violations in Caddo Parish on January 27.

Agents cited Ryan Collier, 24, of Shreveport, for operating an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) off designated WMA trails, possessing a centerfire rifle on the John Franks WMA, operating a vehicle off designated WMA roads, spotlighting on a WMA, hunting hogs and nutria during illegal hours on a WMA, and failing to obtain a WMA self-clearing permit.

Agents also cited Landon Lee, 21, of Shreveport, Anthony Maust, 25, of Bossier, Aaron Carroll, 22, of Shreveport, and Nora Flores, 20, of Shreveport, for using a WMA without a WMA access permit and failing to obtain a WMA self-clearing permit. Lee, Maust and Carroll were also cited for spotlighting on a WMA.

Agents began an investigation into night hunting on the John Frank's WMA in Caddo Parish. During the investigation, agents discovered trail camera footage of an ATV and a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) operating in areas on the WMA not designated for motor vehicles.

On Jan. 27, a Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office deputy notified agents about a vehicle he witnessed actively spotlighting on the WMA and notified LDWF agents that he stopped the vehicle with Collier, Lee and Flores inside.

Agents then interviewed Collier and Lee and they admitted to driving through the WMA on their ATV and in a SUV on multiple nights spotlighting and hunting at night. Collier admitted to harvesting a nutria and a hog at night on the WMA. Agents then contacted Maust and Carroll who also admitted they rode in the ATV and SUV through the WMA at night spotlighting for game. All violations of WMA rules and regulations brings up to a \$350 fine for each offense.

Participating agents in this case are Lt. Frank Reger, Sgt. Michael Meserole, Corporal Dalton Herrington and Senior Agent Breylan Kemp

By: Adam Einck, LDWF

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or loss during transit. Additionally, when the Mass Echelon III standards are off-site, all mass calibrations are halted, causing delays for clients.

While Mass Echelon II standards must still be sent out for calibration, this occurs less frequently and involves fewer weights. This is because MEII standards do not experience daily wear and tear, allowing the lab to continue operations without interruption when these standards are sent out.

What's Next

By attaining Mass Echelon II capabilities, they can now internally calibrate their own mass standards, ensuring uninterrupted operations. They can verify their standards in real-time, enabling them to identify and resolve issues instantly instead of depending on external laboratories for diagnosis. Additionally, this advancement allows them to create more precise procedures, enhancing their confidence in the results obtained.

This growth will enable them to offer calibration services to other laboratories and agencies in and out of Louisiana. It also allows them to calibrate and standardize weights for testing Class II scales, which are essential in industries such as precious metals, gemstones, and pharmaceuticals.

As we look to the future, the LDAF Metrology lab remains focused on continuous improvement and innovation. With the successful implementation of Mass Echelon II, the lab is now ready to offer more precise and reliable calibration services to industries across the state. This advancement not only strengthens their capability to meet diverse client needs but also reinforces their role as a pillar of support for technological and industrial growth in Louisiana.

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Deer with chronic wasting disease found in St. Landry Parish

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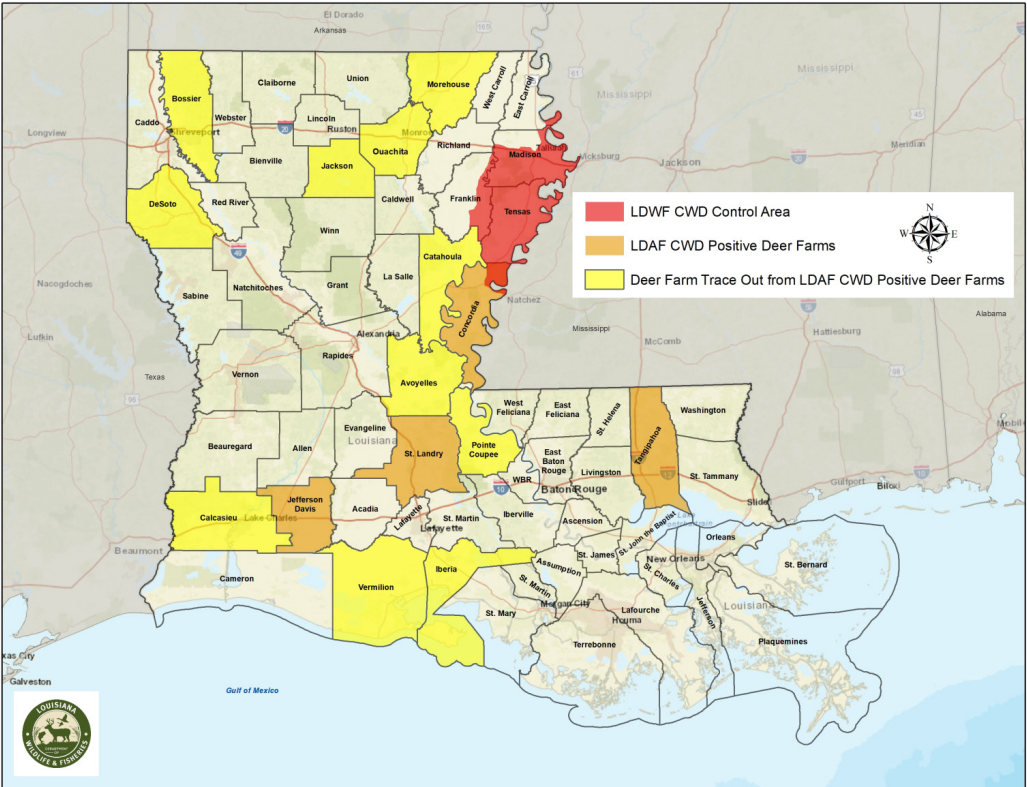
Three more deer have tested positive for chronic wasting disease in Louisiana, one of them in St. Landry Parish, officials said.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said CWD was found in captive deer in pens permitted by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The recent detections in St. Landry, Concordia, and Tangipahoa parishes are linked to trace outs from a captive CWD positive deer pen in Jefferson Davis Parish, where CWD was first confirmed in a captive deer back in November.

In addition to the recent detections, deer from the CWD positive pens have been traced to permitted pens in 11 other parishes. No other positives have been confirmed at this time, officials said.

The newly confirmed captive CWD positives and trace outs were announced by LDAF, which oversees and manager Louisiana’s captive deer program.

At this time, the disease has not been detected in the wild population in any of the parishes with CWD positive deer pens and associated trace outs, officials said. LDWF has conducted statewide surveillance of free-ranging deer since 2002. To date, the only CWD detections in the wild have been collected in Tensas Parish, LDWF said.



CWD is a neurodegenerative disease of white-tailed deer and other members of the family Cervidae. It is caused by an infectious, misfolded protein particle, and is 100% fatal in affected deer. There is no treatment or preventative vaccine for CWD.

CWD-infected deer may exhibit signs of weight loss and emaciation, excessive salivation, frequent drinking and urination, incoordination, circling and lack of fear of people and always results in death of the animal.

Although CWD has not been shown to be contagious to humans, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend against the human consumption of deer known to be infected with CWD. Also, it is recommended that people hunting in areas known to harbor CWD-infected deer have their deer tested for the disease prior to consuming the animals.

By: Scott Yoshonis, KLFY



Sugar 101: Meet Your Made-In-America Sweetener

What is sugar?

Real sugar is made by plants. More specifically, it's made by sugarbeets and sugarcane. Both crops produce sucrose, or sugar – the same sugar that you use to sweeten your morning coffee or in Grandma's homemade chocolate chip cookies. Sucrose is actually found in all green plants, including almonds, but it's most abundant in sugarbeets and sugarcane, making them the most efficient crops for farmers to grow and extract sugar from.

Sugar serves as an essential ingredient in thousands of food products, adding flavor, acting as a preservative, balancing acidity, and more.

In America, family farmers and workers supply about 75% of our sugar.

What is a sugarbeet?

Sugarbeets are root vegetables that grow below the ground, similar to a potato or a red beet – but they're white! Sugarbeets are mainly grown in the upper Midwest and northern Plains, but are also grown in southern California. Minnesota produces the most sugarbeets of any state in the country.

When fully grown, a sugarbeet is about a foot long, weighs two-to-five pounds, and is about 18% sucrose or sugar.

What is sugarcane?

Sugarcane is a perennial grass, meaning it regrows after harvest, with sucrose or sugar content as high as 20%. Sugarcane can grow taller than a basketball hoop!

In the U.S., sugarcane is grown in Florida and Louisiana. Sugarcane was also grown in Texas, but unfortunately, the last sugarcane mill in Texas was driven out of business in 2024 due to Mexico's inconsistent compliance with a long-standing water treaty.

Sugarcane can be harvested for several consecutive years from one planting, and once harvested, one stalk of sugarcane can yield 30 teaspoons of sugar!

Where are sugarbeets and sugarcane grown?

The reach of America's sugar production is coast-to-coast: Sugarcane thrives in warm climates while sugarbeets are mostly grown in areas with colder climates (although the highest-yielding sugarbeets are grown in Southern California!). Across the country, 11,000 sugarbeet and sugarcane farmers produce about 9 million tons of sugar a year on 2 million acres.

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How real sugar gets from the plants to your table.

Sugar goes from plant to product in four simple steps: it is extracted from the plant, washed with water, crystalized and dried. There are slight differences in how we get sugar from sugarcane and sugarbeet that are outlined below.

Sugarcane is harvested from the field and then washed and fed into mills close to the farm. Huge rollers press out the cane juice. That juice is then clarified, concentrated and crystalized into raw sugar, which is next sent on to a sugar refinery. In those refineries, raw cane

sugar gets cleaned of plant impurities by dissolving and filtering the sugar. Once the sugar's naturally white color is revealed, the refined sugar is packaged and ready for consumption!

After harvesting, sugarbeets are washed and sliced into thin strips at a factory near the fields. The strips are then added to boiling water to extract a sugary juice, which is then filtered and boiled in a vacuum to produce a syrup containing sucrose crystals. Then, the crystals are separated from the syrup with centrifuges and dried in rotating drums. Finally, the crystals are packaged and the refined sugar is sent to customers across the country!

Every part of the sugarbeet and sugarcane is put to use. While extracting sugar is the primary goal, both processes result in many co-products which minimizes waste. Sugarbeet pulp can be used in animal and pet food while sugarcane fiber is often used to power factory operations.

American sugar factories and refineries are all cooperatively owned, employee-owned or family-owned.

By: Elizabeth Fusick, ASA



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LSU lab looking to make biodegradable Mardi Gras beads widely available next year

In an initiative to make Mardi Gras more sustainable, LSU has created 3-D printed biodegradable Mardi Gras beads.

The beads contain seeds people can take home to plant, which helps break down the beads.

Graduate student Alexis Strain says the project has been developing since 2016. In 2024, LSU students came up with an idea to 3-D print the beads during a lab project. Now, they've developed two new prototypes.

"One of these is made with PHA [polyhydroxyalkanoates]. This is a compound that's made and produced by bacteria. And, because it's made by bacteria, it can be broken down by bacteria. We also have another model that's made with PLA [polylactic acid]. This version, we are currently still working on and testing. This is one of the more commonly used filaments in 3-D printing," Strain said.

She says traditional beads are bad for the environment as they can clog sewers and contain heavy metals. The compounds the group uses for this project are meant to provide an alternative to petroleum sources.

"These traditional beads are often made of petroleum products. They're not environmentally friendly. They often contain heavy metals, and these can get into the environment and cause harmful effects. PLA is derived from corn starch. Rather than using a petroleum source, they're from a plant-based source. It's one of the ways that they can be more ecologically friendly," she said.

She also says they are talking with 3-D printing farms about mass production, and they hope to make them available for krewes next year.

By: Gabby Davis, WBRZ

FRUIT PLANTING TIMES IN LOUISIANA

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Decades-old meat processing plant at Southern University is getting upgraded

A meat processing plant that has been on Southern University's campus for more than 40 years thanks to one man's hard work is slated to receive an upgrade.

The plant has been operating since 1972 thanks to funds secured by the late Dr. George E. Robinson Jr., who once served as the dean of Southern's School of Agriculture.

Robinson said he applied for and received a \$16,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to build the plant. The grant was the first USDA funding the school had ever received.

In the plant, students get hands-on experience and learn how to humanely harvest animals. The meat processed in the plant is still being used by Southern and beyond.

"Animals are bought in and they are processed into the cuts like ham, steak, ribs and those types of things. We do hog, we do beef cattle. We do beef cattle, we do goats and we do sheep," Dr. Calvin Walker, executive vice chancellor of the Southern University Ag Center, said.

Right now, the building is getting ready to go under construction for a remodel into a state-of-the-art facility that's expected to be completed in 2026.

Robinson was also a groundbreaking leader in animal science research as the first certified black animal scientist in the country.

"We listened whenever Dr. Robinson spoke because he was the leader of the animal science unit," Dr. Calvin Walker, executive vice chancellor of the Southern University Ag Center, said.

Many of his colleagues say Robinson's research was ahead of its time.

"When I got here in 1985, he was talking about cholesterol, making animals more lean to lower cholesterol. And at that time, 40 years ago, cholesterol wasn't as important as we talk about it now," Walker said.

Robinson's son said that his legacy lives on at the plant, where students will continue learning about packing, processing, product development, teaching, and research development.

"Knowing that my dad wanted to do some quality research was really motivating for me. He always was striving for better," Robinson's son, Dr. George Robinson III, said.

By: Mia Monet, WBR22

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USDA to Survey Farmers’ Planting Intentions for 2025

As the 2025 crop production season begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

“Each spring, the agriculture industry anticipates USDA’s Prospective Plantings report, which provides initial survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers’ planting intentions for the year,” said NASS Louisiana State Statistician Kathy Broussard. “The March Agricultural Survey provides the data that underpin projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year.”

NASS will mail the March Agricultural Survey to approximately 1,100 Louisiana producers on February 18. The survey asks producers to provide information about the types of crops they intend to plant in 2025, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed stored on their farms. Producers can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

Those who do not respond by February 27 may be emailed a reminder or contacted for an interview by a local NASS representative from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps responses confidential and publishes data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

The data will be published in the Prospective Plantings, Grain Stocks, and Rice Stocks reports on Monday, March 31, 2025.

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Sun, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Northshore Garden and Plant Sale,**
March 28 to 29

Location: St. Tammany Parish Fairgrounds

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Southwest Louisiana Garden Conference and Expo,**
March 28 to 29

Location: Burton Coliseum

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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March 29 to 30

Location: Destrehan Plantation

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- New Orleans Spring Garden Show,**
April 5-6

Location: New Orleans Botanical Garden

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Hammond Spring Garden Day and Plant Sale,**
April 12

Location: LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LSU researchers develop way to keep eggs fresh for longer using crawfish shells

Louisiana produces 850 million pounds of seafood each year, according to the Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board. Much of that includes crustaceans like crawfish, shrimp, and crab. It follows that Louisiana also produces a lot of seafood waste once those crustaceans are processed. However, researchers at LSU’s School of Nutrition and Food Science have developed a way to turn a smelly byproduct of the seafood industry into a way to make other foods last longer on the shelf.

“The idea is to reduce the waste from seafood processing, particularly from shrimp, crab, and crawfish,” explains Dr. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul, a professor specializing in food science.

As Prinyawiwatkul explains, crustacean shells can be broken down into chitosan, a natural chemical compound with broad applications especially when it comes to preserving food.

“In food it has the antimicrobial property,” says Prinyawiwatkul. “It kills bacteria, kills pathogens.”

When used as a coating, chitosan can help extend the life of perishable foods like fruits, vegetables, eggs, and even seafood. It creates

a protective barrier that prevents bacteria and other pathogens from contaminating the food and also prevents water loss.

One of the most promising examples comes from researcher Dr. Yupeng Gao. She has experimented with different concentrations of chitosan to coat eggs. The chitosan replaces the natural protective bloom that coats eggs as they are laid. However, that bloom is washed off during processing, which is why eggs sold in stores in the US must be refrigerated. She found the chitosan coating allowed raw eggs to be stored at room temperature for up to 7 weeks without losing their USDA quality rating.

“I see a lot of potential there,” said Gao.

Chitosan itself is not a new compound and it has many uses, including as a dietary supplement and in the medical field. What makes the compound developed at LSU different is that it is water-soluble.

In previous uses as a food preservative, chitosan required a weak acid like vinegar to be dissolved.

According to Prinyawitwatkul the smell alone made it unsuitable for wide use in the food industry. LSU’s water-soluble version makes it easier to use and more efficient.

“Because it’s odorless now we can use it in almost anything,” said Gao.

With egg prices skyrocketing, Gao says their chitosan compound has the potential to allow the egg industry to transport and sell eggs without using cold storage. That could result in savings for companies and customers alike.

The researchers say this also gives fisherman a way to capitalize on the biggest byproduct of their industry by creating another use for old shells.

While you won’t be seeing chitosan coated eggs at the store anytime soon, Prinyawiwatkul says they have patented their compound and hope to market it to companies in the food industry for further development.

By Elizabeth Vowell, WAFB

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There is no cost to participate in the summit. Those planning to attend are asked to register in advance online at <https://tinyurl.com/FisheriesSummit25>

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