



LOUISIANA MARKET BULLETIN

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UK TRADE MISSION



Through these discussions, they identified numerous areas for potential collaboration, laying the groundwork for initiatives that could enhance trade relations and drive economic growth.

The main purpose of the trip was to have one-on-one conversations with the entities that utilize Louisiana wood pellets. Commissioner Strain and the Louisiana trade

delegation visited trading partners at Drax Power Station to tour the facility and see how wood pellets are converted to energy. Wood pellets from Louisiana are very important to the United Kingdom's energy security.

Eighty percent of the power generated by this technology comes from this one facility. It is one of the UK's largest electricity producers. Serving not only England, but also Ireland and Scotland.

It's essential for their energy portfolio, as they utilize a combination of solar, wind, coal, oil, gas, and wood pellets. They must be ready at a moment's notice to increase the amount of electricity produced from renewable resources. The majority of the wood pellets, more than 80%, come from the southeast United States, predominantly Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Louisiana is by far the biggest player. At present, nearly 3 million metric tons (MT) of wood pellets are exported annually from Louisiana to the UK, and Commission Strain aims to increase this number substantially. These wood pellets, also known as woody biomass, are secondary products made from pulpwood and residual wood waste generated during the production of lumber and other forest products.

"We were there to get a firsthand look at their infrastructure and generation capacity, to meet with their government officials to talk about the issues dealing with the energy capabilities throughout the entire United Kingdom, but mostly

to establish a firmer groundwork so that the people in the United Kingdom understand how our forests are infinitely sustainable," said Commissioner Strain.

In Louisiana, we have expansive estates dedicated to cultivating specific cash crops for profit. For us, trees are considered crops as well.

"I like to put things into perspective," Strain remarked during their discussions. *"The sugar you add to your tea is a five-year crop. It is a long process that sustains itself."*

"Similarly, with Louisiana timber, the first harvest occurs 12 to 15 years after planting, and a harvest is completed after 20 to 25 years. Then we replant. It is a resource that is infinitely renewable, ecologically friendly, carbon-friendly, and all the wonderful things that we are trying to accomplish; everything



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**MIKE STRAIN, DVM
COMMISSIONER**

Certified Louisiana at the Rose Parade

On New Year's Day, Louisiana showed itself off to the world when it glided its float along the streets of Pasadena, California, for the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade. This year's theme was "The Magic in Teamwork," and our float celebrated all those who contribute to one of our favorite dishes — gumbo. Rightfully so, our float was named "Gulf to Gumbo" and featured a shrimp boat, fresh Louisiana seafood, and a larger-than-life pelican chef bringing it all together.

This year's float was intended to promote Louisiana's rich agriculture and seafood industries. It starts with seafood from the Gulf. And then when you add in all of our roux, all of our peppers, all of our vegetables, and Louisiana rice, it all comes together!

Several of our Certified Louisiana Members contributed samples for the Rose Parade, allowing spectators to savor our distinctive flavors in their own homes. We hope this inspires them to choose Certified Louisiana products when shopping or inspires them to visit our wonderful state.



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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 11, 2025

Bermuda Large Round	Premium	\$160-\$200/ton
Bermuda Medium Round	Premium	\$150-\$200/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Premium	\$280-\$440/ton

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 12, 2025

Bermuda Large Round	Good	\$95-\$115/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Good	\$10-\$12/ton



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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET



- ACADIA**
Rayne Farmers Market
Frog Fest Pavilion,
210 Frog Fest Dr
2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM
- ALLEN**
Oberlin Farmers Market ●
228 West 6th Ave
Wed 9AM-1PM
- ASCENSION**
Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market
39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales
Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM
April-Aug, Oct-Dec
- Riverside Farmers Market of ●
LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd
Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun
10AM-2PM
- ASSUMPTION**
Barcelo Gardens Farmers ●
Market, 211 Franklin Ave,
Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM
- AVOUELLES**
Marksville Farmers Market
122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun
- BEAUREGARD**
DeRidder Farmers Market ●
206 N. Washington Ave
Daily 7AM-6PM
- BOSSIER**
Barksdale Market
3226 Barksdale Blvd
Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun
- Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM
- Bossier City Farmers Market
2950 E Texas St
Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov
- CADDO**
Greenwood Farmers Market ●
William Peters Town Park,
9381 Greenwood Rd
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug
- Shreveport Farmers Market
River front at Festival Plaza
Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug
- CALCASIEU**
Cash & Carry Farmers Market ●
801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake
Charles, Corner of Broad &
Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM
- Charlestown Farmers Market
Bilbo St. behind old City Hall
Sat 8AM-12PM
- Iowa Farmers Market
115 N. Thompson,
Sat, 9AM-1PM
- Lake Charles Farm & Table
Market
110 W Pine St, Lake Charles
Tuesdays 3pm-6pm
- 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. Bouligny Plaza
Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM
- IBERVILLE**
St. Gabriel Farmers Market
3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74
3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM
- JEFFERSON**
Rotary Grand Isle Farmers
Market, Oak Lane
2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM
- Gretna Farmers Market ●
Huey P. Long Ave
Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM
- Harahan Farmers Market ●
501 Oak Ave @ Wilson &
Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM
- Crescent City #1
2614 Jefferson @ Maine St.
(Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul
- Crescent City #2
325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy.
@ the Lake (Bucktown)
Fri 3-7PM
- Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ●
Market, 3000 Downs Blvd,
Metairie
Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM
Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM
- JEFFERSON DAVIS**
Coushatta Farmers Market
Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton
1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun
- Main Street Farmers Market
1333 Elton Rd, Jennings
Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec
- Welsh Farmers Market
103 W. Grove St
Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept
- LAFAYETTE**
Acadiana Farmers Market ●
801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St,
Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round
- Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea
Market, 3011 NW Evangeline
Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun
10AM-5PM
- Farmers & Artisans Market ●
Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St,
Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM
- LAFOURCHE**
Lafourche Central Market
4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland
Sat 9AM-12PM
- LASALLE**
Olla Town Square Market ●
2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM,
May-Aug 11
- Town of Tullos Farmers' Market
Corner of S Main & Park St
Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28
- LINCOLN**
Ruston Farmer's Market ●
220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM
- LIVINGSTON**
Four Seasons Farmers Market ●
Sat 8AM-12PM
- Livingston Farmers Market
215 Florida St, Denham Springs
Sat 7AM-12PM
- MADISON**
Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ●
404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65
Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec
- Tallulah Farmers Market #2
Court House Square
Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec
- MOREHOUSE**
Morehouse Parish Market
305 E Madison, Bastrop
Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM
- NATCHITOCHE**
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, Thur 3-6PM
- Cabrini 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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ANIMALS

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

AQUACULTURE

EQUIPMENT

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

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER

FOOD

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

HAY & GRAIN

HOBBIES & LEISURE

- Crafts & woodwork
- Sewing & fabrics

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

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

LUMBER & SAWING

PLANTS & GARDEN

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

REAL ESTATE

SERVICES

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

TRACTORS

VEHICLES

- ATVS
- Boats
- Farm trucks



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FOR SALE/WANTED (CIRCLE ONE)

Category _____ Name _____
 Address _____ City _____
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AGRITOURISM

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

1.5-mile scenic woods trail, catch and release fishing, kayaks, waterfall, cave, etc., picnic areas, group parties, churches, schools, playground, games, golf cart rides for elderly, flowering plants and signage throughout, professional photographers welcome, like us on Facebook. The A Maze Ing Trace Trails, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-4478.

ANIMALS

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

PB Black Angus Heifer 6-months-old, \$1,400. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

Two PB Angus Bulls, 6-months-old, \$1,250 each. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

25 cows out of a black Angus herd, buyer chooses the cows, \$3,000 a head. Paul Fussell, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 229-5212.

Two 6-month-old and one 8-month-old heifers, registered Black Angus, \$2,700 each. Rhett Dugas, Lone Pine, Evangeline Parish; (225) 571-6386.

4 Registered Black Angus Virgin Bulls out of Proven Top AI Genetics(JB Ego, Kenny Rogers, Poss Maverick), bulls have been raised on grass with limited feed, gentle, heavy muscled, big boned, sound footed and easy to handle, one bull is 15 months old and three bulls are 12 months old, all vaccinations, call or text for pictures or more info, \$6,000 and up. Zack Jongbloed, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 499-6365.

BRAHMAN

Weanling Brahman heifers and bull calves, Heritage and Duplantis bloodlines, call for pricing. Eric Wingate, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 257-9071.

BRANGUS

Brangus yearling heifers on feed, \$3,000 each. Bryan Payne, Broussard, Lafayette Parish; (337) 349-4173.

DAIRY

Jersey heifer 12-month-old, open, \$1,600. Harry DeBusk, Dry Prong, Grant Parish; (318) 446-1012.

HEREFORD

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

Two young horned Hereford bulls, both dark red, with good bone and feet, will make a nice herd bull for comm herd, both are off my two donor cows which are available for viewing here at the farm, \$3,000 each. Damon Kirk, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 709-8101.

Registered Hereford bull calves, horned, scrubbed, polled, DNA tested, \$3,500. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

OTHER

Four-month-old Scottish Highland bull calf, \$1,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

SANTA GERTRUDIS

Santa Gertrudis heifer, red beauty has a top-notch bloodline, date of birth is July 2025, waiting for new home to send in her registration, contact me for more information and/or pictures, parents on site in Livingston, call for pricing. Joseph Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907-5792.

Santa Gertrudis Bull, handsome guy is friendly with people and heifers, has an excellent

bloodline, born April 2022, will bring his registration with him, contact me for more information and/or pictures, call for pricing. Joseph Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907-5792.

ZEBU

One Zebu bull, three heifers, two heifers have calves, selling for personal health reasons, \$900 each, \$2,800 for all. Ray Reynolds, Roseland, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 247-2927.

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DOGS

Registered golden retriever, 10 months old, call for pricing and more information. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Beagles, pair of first-class males ready to go, come and watch them run in my pen, satisfaction guaranteed, \$400 each. Albert Poche Sr., Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 974-7888.

AKC European German Shepherd Pups, well socialized, easily trained, great bloodlines, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

ABCA registered Border Collie pups born Christmas Eve, smooth coat black and white and red and white, chili top and bottom, \$500. Drake Daigneault, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 677-1889.

Cages of all sizes, \$15 and up. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

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

Rat Terrier pups, shots and wormed, short legged, \$200. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Squirrel dog, started NKC John's Feist, \$200-\$400. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Shih Tzu breeder females, selling out 3 with papers 1 without, not sold separately, \$400 for all. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (504) 451-6655.

Great Pyrenees Puppies to be born soon, will have all shots wormed, \$100 deposit, \$250 each. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Jack Russell puppies, to be born in January, first shots and wormed, \$150. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

AKC German Shepherd Puppies, born December 13, solid black and sables, call for more information, pictures, and videos, \$1,200. Mr. Fank, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 249-9276.

One male CKC Pomeranian puppy, all shots, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Yorkie Puppies, please call or text for availability. Sarah

Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

Beautiful standard poodles, two black males, one chocolate female, all shots, 4-months-old, very healthy, \$500 each. Tommy Melancon, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 344-7634.

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

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

DOMESTIC BIRDS

Galvalume sheet metal nesting boxes, customized sizes, trays for rabbit cages, bird cages, etc., available, also wood duck boxes, please call or text for pricing. Andy Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 254-4414.

Scarlet Chestnut parakeets, female only, DNA tested, \$150 each. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 817-9456.

Ultimate Red Diamond doves, \$40 each, shipping available. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 817-9456.

65-inch double rolling metal bird cage with detachable rolling stand and Plexi glass, storage shelf, perches and food containers, \$200. Jimmy

Bearb, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 298-7800.

Muscovy Ducks, young or grown, \$10 each. Judy, Converse, Sabine Parish; (318) 521-4115.

Handfed Green Cheek/ Pineapple/Sun Cheek Conures, Cockatiels, Quakers, Lovebirds, please call or text for more information. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

PIGEONS

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

POULTRY & FOWL

Black Sex Link pullets, 4-months-old, \$25 each. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

Jumbo pharaoh and colored quail also have eating and hatching eggs available bird's all sizes, bird's \$1.25-\$6.00, eating eggs and fertile eggs call for pricing. Dennis

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

Four male Mallard ducks, 7-months-old, \$80 for all or \$20 each. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Bantam roosters, \$10 each. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Mandarin ducks, ringed teal \$25 each. Red junglefowl \$50 for a pair. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (504) 451-6655.

African Geese looking for new home, \$50 each. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

Barnyard mix standard layer breed chicks, \$2. Justin Lester, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 228-5034.

Jumbo Pharaohs Coturnix females, \$4 a bird, \$40 a dozen dressed, fertile eggs and pickling eggs, \$0.25 a piece. Shane Beard, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-3646.

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

WANTED: Peafowl chicks or fertile eggs. John Anderson, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 573-6314.

HORSES, JACKS &

MULES,

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, Negative Coggins, \$1,000 for Weanlings, \$2,500 Yearlings, 2 1/2 \$3,000 and up. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Six mini horses, geldings, riding and leading them, \$800 each. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

Registered Half American Quarter Horse, sire is Peppinita Figure Four, \$2,500. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

WANTED: Will pay cash for mini burros for my wife. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

RABBITS

Galvalume sheet metal nesting boxes, customized sizes, trays for rabbit cages, bird cages, etc., available, also wood duck boxes, please call or text for pricing. Andy Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 254-4414.

Meat rabbits all sizes California, New Zealand, Rex, checkered giant, mixed breeds, \$10 and up. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

San Juan and Tennessee Red Back mix, \$25 each, Holland Lop's with pedigree papers, \$100 and up. Godfred Schexnayder, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (985) 859-8230.

Going out of business must sell, mixed breed bucks, if no answer leave a message, \$25 for bucks. Lizzie, delete city, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 233-9494.

SHEEP & GOAT

Three Nigerian dwarf females, two are pregnant, one has set of twins, call for pricing. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Nice strong 2 yr old Boer/ Saanen herd goat, pictures upon request, call or text for more information, \$225. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Four brush goats, one Wether, three nannies, \$50 each,

with 2-year-old female Great Pyrenes for additional \$100, she's a protector. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 588-5757.

Nigerian goats, 2-month-old males and females, pictures upon request, call for pricing. Katherine Clayton, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 719-0231.

Male Boer Goat, 3-years-old, gentle picture upon request, please leave message if no answer, \$225. Pamela Dunn, Lena, Rapides Parish; (318) 419-7264.

Nine goats, four babies, \$40 each, four females, \$50 each, one male, \$60. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-6200.

SWINE

Pig Brig Net, must supply own T-posts and installation, District will be on site for assistance of installation, \$100 deposit. Mitzi Dohrman, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; (337) 893-5664.

AQUACULTURE

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

Pond stocking, channel catfish, \$0.40/1, Copper nose bluegill, \$0.35/1; Louisiana bluegill, \$0.35/1; hybrid bluegill, \$0.40/1; red-ear bream, \$0.40/1; black crappie, \$0.45/1; bass, \$1.25/1; fathead minnows, \$14/lb. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; (318) 465-2350.

Five-inch crayfish trap tops with rods, brand new, 35 tops, \$100 for all. Jackie Moses, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 729-5756.

EQUIPMENT

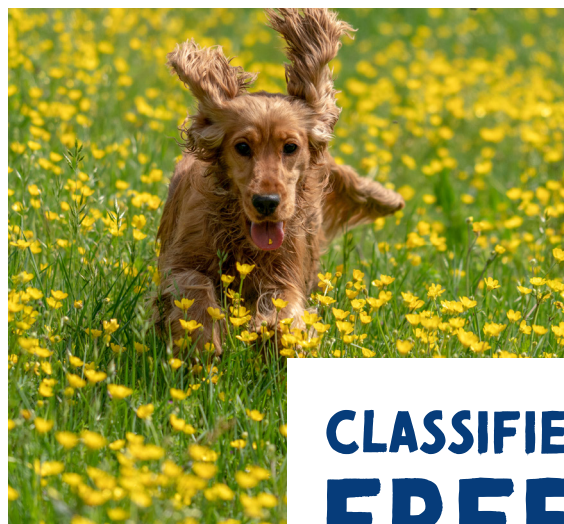
CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2 3/8-inch tubing, tested to 5,000 pounds, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Sea Can storage unit, \$1,500. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Two house jacks, text for more information, \$125. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Unused 5 and 3 inch diameter X 21 feet in length steel pipe, no longer needed, only 5



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pieces left, \$250/\$200. Nick, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 313-0763.

Ingersoll Rand one-inch drive, 6-inch shaft with truck lug socket, impact, barely used, \$250 firm. S Webb, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 254-2265.

CAT D5K2 LGP dozer, 2012, no DEF, good undercarriage, new engine installed by cat dealer 80 hours ago, 3,750 hours, new hydraulic lines, ready to work, \$60,000. Stan Muller, Krotz Springs, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5557.

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 Helming, 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 \$200 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Mobile welding, dirt work, track hoe, handyman, custom plowing, plumbing, demolition, property clean up, call for

quote. Patrick, none, Acadia Parish; (337) 246-3112.

Land clearing, excavator and dozer work, house pad, culverts, pond, excavation, bull dozing, site preparation, dirt hauling, grading and more, call for quote. Stephen, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 938-6836.

HAY EQUIPMENT

Kuhn Hay Cutter, 8ft, used very little, great condition, \$4,500. John Bazer, Batchelor, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-9703.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, \$4,000 OBO. Joseph, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

John Deere R280 Disc cutter, 5 discs 8ft mower, like new, excellent cover guard, used once, \$15,000. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Tonutt, hay rake, good condition, RTP8 8-wheel, needs some repair, \$1,200. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Rear Hay spear, galvanized, great shape, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

Plantation Bells, complete and incomplete, \$400 and up, depending on size. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Aluminum fence for sale, \$15 and up. Gary Hebert,

Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-prow gangs with shields, \$800. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

HD 2-row hipper on 2 1.2X21/2X1/4 tool bar, 16-inch cut-out blades, sealed bearings, 3pt hitch, used once, \$400. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 277-3932.

Row planter with 10 planting plates, ready to plant, pictures upon request, \$1,200 OBO. Earl Normand, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-6713.

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

Seven rolling cultivator fenders with brackets and chains, can text pictures, \$150. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Gooseneck trailer, heavy duty, \$800 or best offer. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

16ft X 6 1/2ft HD utility trailer, tandem axles with 6k rear or side entry, good shape, has all the papers, \$2,000 OBO. Joe V. Porto III, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; (985) 513-9759.

New one-horse buggy with top and new set of harness, \$2,500. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

Four-Horse trailer, one front door in front and one small door on left side, gate in the middle, damaged top, will need tarp, pictures available, \$800 or best offer. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Four-Horse trailer, one front door in front and one small door on left side, gate in the middle, damage top, will need tarp, pictures available, \$800 OBO. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Four rolls of galvanized chain link fence, two rolls 6ft and two rolls 5ft, \$35 per roll. A.J. Planche Jr, Marrero, Washington Parish; (504) 491-9817.

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

Set of tires and tubes, 20.8-38, \$500 for both or \$300 for one. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Three Grain carts, 2-tristate 260 and 350bu, Rayne grain 250bu, all for \$2,700. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Two combine seves for JD 95, \$250 for both. 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.

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

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

13' Foot Taylorway Field Cultivator Fair Cond. \$500. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

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

13ft Taylorway field cultivator, fair condition, \$500. Charles R Jarreau, Lakeland, La, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Land leveler 30ft long, 17ft wide, 3 blades, \$1,500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

Rayne Plane level plow, 5 blades each side, \$500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

Jambalaya Pot 9 1/2 gallon Pot, text for info, \$175. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

17-gallon Jambalaya Pot, \$275. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

25-gallon Jambalaya Pot, \$400. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

30-gallon Jambalaya Pot, \$500. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Cast Iron sausage stuffer, \$150. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

4" pipe 20' long, \$15 a foot. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.



Happy New Year!

BUY

LOUISIANA SPECIALTY CROPS



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Aluminum Coffee Pots different sizes, \$20 and up. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Fiberglass tank, \$100. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Fire Pit 3' x 18" deep, \$200 or best offer. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Two house jacks, \$100. Gary Hebert, Sr., Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

3pt Carryall or hay fork, homemade, good condition, \$50. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-0889.

Plastic tanks on metal stands, 150-gallon, \$150, 350-gallon, \$100, 500-gallon, \$350, six foot screwtop 3/4 outlet. Mike Tarver, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 256-2182.

Fifth-wheel, top shape, no rails, good shape, \$300. Paul David, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 540-2805.

Gearbox for 5ft bush hog, call for pricing. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

Three bottom John Deere breaking plow, \$1,200. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

Strongway 60" acreage rake, 6 rake wheels with extra rake wheel, height and width adjustable, used one time, cost over \$400, selling at \$280.

Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

John Deere Backhoe Attachment #47 with 20" bucket, mounting plates, used on 4200 thru 4600 series John Deere tractors, \$2,500. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

5ft hp box blade, good shape, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

5ft SAT AMCO disc, needs attention, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

JD 709 bush hog, needs deck work, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

Scoop, good shape, 3pt hitch, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

Disk hillers, 3pt, 3-blade, solid bar, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

One-point sub-soiler, 3ph, solid bar, HD, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

3pt hitch herd seeder, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

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

WANTED: Log splitter to hook up to tractor. Dennis Lavergne,

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

FARM AND LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Metal Lifetime farm gates, 6ft,10ft,12ft, \$40-\$100. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 509-5812.

Hay spear, fits on frontend loader bucket, \$100. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 509-5812.

Craftsman 10-inch table saw, \$150. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 509-5812.

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.

Seven-gallon wine carbo, \$60, used wine bottles, \$1 each or 12 for \$10. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

3,000-watt sport generator with cart, \$75. Carl Johnson,

Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

Large Okra cutter, \$300. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

Nose Bucket 24-inch X 16-inch X 60-inch welded to skid steer quick connect back panel for easy connection, please call or text for pictures and details, \$1,150. Daniel Norton, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 413-7727.

Plantation bells complete and incomplete, Different prices, call for information. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Cyclone fence, 6 rolls 45 feet, \$65. Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Tru-Test livestock scales platform load bars and display, works great, \$2,000. Hardy McCann, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 514-9620.

Metal posts, 8ft, 6ft, and 4ft, \$3 each. Lorris Wayne Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

30-gallon fuel tank, \$150. Lorris Wayne Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

Tee posts, 6 1/2 foot, \$3 each, corner posts 4-inch pipe, 8ft, nine of them, \$20 each. Pierre Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (337) 277-8297.

Canopy top outside porch swing with cushions and papasan swivel chair with cushions, great condition, open to offers. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Lincoln electric Ark welding machine with Victor cutting torch and gauges, barely used, don't have use for it anymore, \$850 OBO. Strat L Marcantel, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 396-0518.

42ft X 8ft concrete culverts, \$350 each. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

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

WANTED: Mustard green planter. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

TACK

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

Handmade Champion roping saddle, 16" seat, excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-1822.

Ryon ranch cutting saddle, \$800, Ken Raye cutting saddle, \$1,000, bridles, spurs, saddle pads, and more. Gene, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-3820.

Kid's saddle, very good shape for its age, \$50 OBO. Paul David, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 540-2805.

Two-wheel pony cart and harness, \$400. Scott McDowell, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 623-2935.

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.

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

FOOD

EGGS

Smoked pickled quail eggs, \$10 per pint, 20 eggs per pint, other flavors available, pick up in Roanoke, \$10. Cody Lejeune, Roanoke, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 962-8140.

Pharaoh quail egg, \$0.20, Pickled egg, \$0.15, 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.

Chicken eggs collected throughout the day for freshest eggs possible from happy and healthy chickens, new cartons, shelf stable, unwashed, bloom still intact, delivery available, \$4 per dozen, \$9 flat. Sunflower Hill Farm LLC, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-1614.

FROM THE FARM

Several varieties of blue and white sugarcane, excellent for chewing and syrup making, you cut at the farm, \$50 cents per stalk. Gerald Burns, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 937-3112.

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

Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Avoyelles and Orleans varieties, available in 40 lb. boxes, call for more information, \$25. Joey Dugas, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-3120.

HAY & GRAIN

Hay, barn held, 100 round bales, name your price, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$15, need gone ASAP! Gary Hebert, Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Hay, Hybrid Bermuda, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, very tight, baled 9/10/2025, \$33 per bale. Norman Young, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 303-3385.

Taking orders for 2025 Bermuda square bales, email or text, big_country1967@yahoo.com, \$6 per bale in the field, \$7 per bale in the barn. Bob Murphy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 230-5634.

4X5 Round Bahia bales, net wrapped, baled 2025, \$25 each. Carlos Guillot, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-6764.

Hay, good quality, fertilized, weed free, net wrap, baled dry, not rained on, \$45 per bale. Christian Cook, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 663-0197.

Russell Bermuda 5X5 round bales, \$40 each, Russell Bermuda 2025 square bales,

\$9, bundle of 21 for \$189, 2024 square bales, \$7, bundle of 21 for \$147. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

Bahia hay, 2024 rolls, \$36, 2025 rolls, \$45, 2024 square bales, \$5, 2025 square hay, \$6. Danny Schleismann, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-8341.

2025 Horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, third cutting, fertilized, fine stem hay, baled 9/20/25, tight square bales, delivery available for a fee, \$6 in barn. David Joiner, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-3073.

5x5 round bales, Bahia grass, well fertilized, under barn, \$55. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

4x5 round bales, barn held, \$40 per bale or 3 for \$100. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

2025 Bahia Hay, fertilized, horse hay, round bales, \$45, square bales, \$6.50, cow hay, round bales, \$30, cured without rain, stored in barn. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

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

4X6 bales of Bahia grass, call or text, \$20. Lance, Eunice/Richard, Acadia Parish; (337) 305-3655.

Bahia hay, fertilized to soil test, stored on pallets in barn, 4x5 round and square available, \$50 per roll and \$6 for square. Melvin Husser, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-1792.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, plastic wrapped for storing outside or transport, \$35 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

5X5 Bermuda/Bahia mixed round bale, \$25 per bale. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

4x5 Round Bales, quality hay, barn kept, \$45. Shannon Dinger, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-1159.

Bahia hay 2025 net wrap in barn, \$30 per bale, 2024 mixed Bahia grass hay in barn, 4X5 net or string wrap, \$20 per bale. Tommy Ponthier, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-4519.

WANTED: Anyone in need of round bales, I have about 12 acres to cut and bale for free. Angie Brown, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 382-4225.

HOBBY &

LEISURE

CRAFTS AND WOOD WORK

Cypress wood duck nest boxes, \$55 each, predator guards, \$30 each. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-7295.

1920s- 30s cast iron telephone poles, quantity of three, extremely rare, \$800. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Two metal adjustable cushion stools, one black and one reddish orange, black recliner, open to offers. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

5ft TV cabinet with sliding doors, brand new, grey/silver color, open to offers. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

SEWING AND FABRICS

Sears shop table saw, belt drive with stand, 2-horse motor, good condition, \$275. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Kel-Tec 380 red laser, \$320. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

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Inland M-1 Carbine 30cal., \$1,100. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Olympic AR-15, \$750. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Springfield M1 Garand with bayonet and 570 rounds 30-06 in clips, \$2,000. G Naquin, Thibodaux, Assumption Parish; (985) 665-4156.

Remington Model 788 309Win. cal., 3-9X40 scope, sling and swivels, fired 12 rounds to sight in, shoots -1inch groups, \$400 firm. S Webb, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 254-2265.

Mossberg 835 3 1/2 12-gauge, \$325 firm. S Webb, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; (337) 254-2265.

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John Deere model 5075, front wheel assist, front loader with bucket, shed kept, 180 hours, cab and air, used to cut hay, bought in September 2024, \$55,000. Paul Darbonne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 290-9378.

Farmall Cub Woods belly mower with lift bracket and rear pulleys, rear weights and 3 draw bars, 5' blade for Super A too, \$1,000 OBO. Robert Wilmore, Natchez, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 619-9142.

1206 International tractor, real good motor, uses no oil, good sheet metal, \$2,500. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

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5 key approaches Midsouth rice growers should take in 2026

The upcoming rice season will most likely have its challenges, but the approach to managing what's thrown down can ultimately determine the endgame.

1. Financing. Financial stress and credit conditions will weigh heavily on most farm operations this year as a tighter financing environment is expected to continue.

Growers will be under tighter scrutiny to manage those resources wisely. Don't go to your lender unprepared and don't expect them to gloss minor expenses.

It likely won't be a great year to make major improvements on your land or equipment. But if you do, make sure you back it with solid facts and figures.

2. Varieties. Both RiceTec and Horizon are introducing varieties with Acetyl-CoA carboxylase (ACCase) or imidazolinone (IMI) herbicide technologies to battle herbicide weed resistance issues. Check out

those varieties if you are having resistance problems.

Make sure to check early. While the companies have made those varieties available for this season, they may go fast.

Additionally, always look at variety tests. While it may not be the right time to jump all in on a new variety, it may pay to test a couple on your land.

3. Input costs. It appears that this year, some seed companies are keeping seed costs flat or even reducing the cost on several varieties. Talk to your seed representative about those prices and weigh the options. Is a high-yielding variety going to pay out if the seed cost is too high?

Also, check around for fertilizer prices. I spoke with several growers during 2025 who visited at least three dealers before making a purchase decision. Ask if your regular provider will match another's price.

4. Yield management. Watch your field conditions closely. Nitrogen management, pest pressure and some weather conditions can be monitored for optimum management.

Consider whether treating a pest or nutrition problem is going to cost you more than leaving it alone. Also, can that issue lead to an even worse problem the following year?

5. Pricing strategy. Pay careful attention to forward contracting opportunities and basis relationships. With projected global trade at an all-time high, growers need to pay attention to the market. Consider storage options to capitalize on price rallies.

Growers must focus on cost management, securing financing early, planning seed purchases in advance and developing flexible marketing strategies to navigate the economic environment expected in 2026.

By Brent Murphree, Farm Progress



Farm Bridge Assistance (FBA) Program

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is providing \$11 billion through a one-time bridge payment to American farmers with an additional \$1 billion available for additional commodities. This assistance provides producers with a bridge until the benefits of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) are available. These bridge payments are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act

Who Is Eligible

To be eligible, producers must meet the following requirements:

- Be actively engaged in farming.
- Have risk and interest in the eligible planted commodity.
- Report eligible acres for the 2025 crop year by 5 p.m. ET on Dec. 19, 2025

Eligible Commodities

The following commodities are eligible for FBA: Barley, Chickpeas, Corn, Cotton, Lentils, Oats, Peanuts, Peas, Rice, Sorghum, Soybeans, Wheat, Canola, Crambe, Flax,

Mustard, Rapeseed, Safflower, Sesame, and Sunflower. All intended uses for FBA eligible commodities are eligible excluding grazing, volunteer stands, experimental, green manure, left standing, abandoned or cover crops. Below are the payment rates for the FBA eligible commodities that triggered a payment. Crambe had no reported crop acres in 2025 and rapeseed did not trigger an eligible loss.

The remaining \$1 billion of the \$12 billion in bridge payments will be reserved for commodities not covered in the FBA program, though details including timelines for those payments are still under development and require additional understanding of market impacts and economic needs. Anyone interested in providing data showing economic impacts due to increased input costs or trade disruptions for commodities not named under this assistance can share information via email at farmerbridge@usda.gov

How It Works

FBA payments will be based on 2025 reported acres, Economic Research Service cost of production, and the World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate Report.

Double crop acres, including all initial and subsequently planted crops, are eligible. Prevent plant acres are not eligible.

The FBA payment limit is \$155,000 per producer. The average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, with certain levels of AGI apply. Specifically, a person or legal entity with an AGI (as defined in 7 CFR Part 1400) that exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive FBA payments.

Crop insurance linkage is not required; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new OBBBA risk management tools to best protect against future price risk and volatility.

Important Dates

Dec. 19, 2025 - Past deadline for reporting eligible FBA crops. Note: This only applies to FBA eligible commodities and does not apply to additional assistance that may be provided to specialty crops.

End of Dec. 2025 - Commodity-specific payment rates will be released by the end of the month.

Feb. 28, 2026 - Producers who qualify for FBA assistance can expect FSA to start issuing payments

For More Information contact your local service center or USDA Farm Service Agency office

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Farmer Bridge Assistance Program Payment Rates

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COTTON \$117.35	WHEAT \$39.35	
LENTILS \$23.98	OIL SEEDS	
OATS \$81.75		
PEANUTS \$55.65		
PEAS \$19.60		
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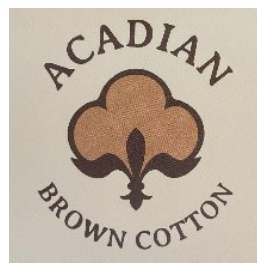
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CERTIFIED DELICIOUS RECIPES

NO COOK OVERNIGHT OATS

Submitted by Bonnecaze Farms | www.bonnecazefarms.com



INGREDIENTS

- ¼ c Papa Tom's Fresh Crimped Oatmeal
- ¼ c any milk
- ½ c yogurt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine all ingredients in a glass container and add fruit, nuts, honey, or seeds. Stir and refrigerate overnight.

HEALTHY "REESE'S" PECAN BUTTER CUPS

Submitted by Guidry's Organic Farms | www.guidryorganicfarms.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1 c dark chocolate chips (60-70% cacao or higher)
- 1 tsp coconut oil (optional, helps smooth chocolate)
- ½ c Guidry Organic Pecan Butter
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup or Guidry Family Farms honey
- ¼ tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of sea salt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a microwave-safe bowl or double boiler, melt the dark chocolate chips with the coconut oil in 30-second intervals, stirring between each until smooth.
2. In a small bowl, mix the pecan butter, maple syrup (if using), vanilla, and a pinch of sea salt until creamy.
3. Line a mini muffin tin with paper liners and then spoon about 1 tsp of melted chocolate into the bottom of each liner and tap to spread evenly.
4. Freeze for 5-10 minutes to set.
5. Place in the freezer for about 20 minutes or until firm.
6. Enjoy straight from the fridge or freezer! Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

PROBIOTIC LAYERED TACO DISH

Submitted by R2 Positive Culture | www.r2positiveculture.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1 16 oz jar R2 fermented black bean dip
- 1 16 oz jar R2 fermented tomato salsa, drained
- 2 large or 3 medium avocados, mashed
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 8 oz container creme fraiche, sour cream, or R2 Raw Cashew Cream Cheese
- 2 c shredded cheese, or dairy free substitute
- Salt, to taste
- garlic powder, to taste
- ground cumin, to taste
- chipotle powder, to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Spread a jar fermented black beans in bottom of 8 x 12-inch container.
2. Layer drained fermented tomato salsa.
3. Mash avocado with a fork and blend with lime juice. Layer over tomato salsa.
4. Spread choice of cashew cream cheese or sour cream over the avocado.
5. Top with grated cheese and spices. May garnish with fresh chopped tomato, lettuce, and cilantro.
6. Serve with chips, crackers, or pita bread.

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No More Idle Fields: How A Small Fish Could Solve Rice Farmers' Winter Revenue Gap

Researchers are pioneering a system in Arkansas to turn winter-idle rice fields there into productive fish farms, potentially offering environmental benefits and a new revenue stream for growers.

Currently, rice is planted in the spring and harvested in the fall, leaving the fields empty in winter. But what if this non-productive period could be utilized to add a second, lucrative crop?

The 'Fish In The Fields' Project

University of Arkansas researcher Ben Runkle is exploring that question with his multiyear research project called, "Fish in the Fields."

Runkle says the research is being conducted on a commercial rice farm in eastern Arkansas in Lonoke County, about 45 minutes east of Little Rock.

"The concept was introduced to us by partners from California, at the Resource Renewal Institute, who are interested in exploring different types of regenerative production that are environmentally-friendly and farmer-friendly," Runkle says.

Scientists at the Institute reached out to Runkle and his group, knowing their expertise in agriculture and farm practices and the interactions between the carbon and water cycle.

"We started designing this experiment to explore the potential for growing fish as a crop, concurrent, or in the off season, with rice," Runkle says.

The researchers are evaluating two key potential benefits:

- 1. environmental/agronomic:** The fish can help consume and degrade some of the leftover residues of the rice plant. They are also theorized to reduce methane

emissions from the field in the winter period, Runkle notes. Additionally, they process and cycle nutrients, which could potentially reduce fertilizer needs for the subsequent rice crop.

- 2. economic:** The fish provide an alternate source of income for the farmers if they are harvested and sold on the market.

Runkle says there are a couple of similar projects he's aware of that are underway in the U.S. One is in Louisiana, where rice farmers are doing some rotation with crawfish in their fields. There are also some similar projects underway in California, with researchers and farmers there exploring the use of fish in the wintertime to help break down residues.

Small Fish, Big Impact

Runkle says the Arkansas project is currently focused on growing fish commonly referred to as darters.

"They're very small fish, basically like minnows. They are most commonly used as feed for other fish," he explains.

The 2024 winter marked the third time Runkle and his research team have raised the fish in the field. In the process, they developed a prototype system to turn the fish into a marketable product.

"They are being flash freeze-dried, packaged, and will be sold as fish food," Runkle says.

Along with developing a marketable product, Runkle says his team's work has demonstrated some regenerative agriculture benefits.

"My graduate student's research has found very low methane emissions in these fields, which is an environmental benefit," Runkle says. "We also have some evidence of the fish consuming the leftover residue in the field, which provides an agronomic benefit."

Along with those efforts, Runkle and his team are taking water samples to assess zooplankton and phytoplankton, and flying a drone over the field to measure chlorophyll content. "It's a highly integrated, real-world measurement system," he says.

De-Risking The System For Farmers

Future phases of the research will continue to look at how farmers could benefit financially from including fish as a second crop in their fields during winter while incurring a low level of risk. Being able to produce an additional "crop" on fields could provide a financial boost to rice growers in Arkansas, the No. 1 rice-producing state in the country, and potentially, for rice growers in other states.

Runkle says his group is evaluating how to "de-risk the system" by making sure it demonstrates a clear profit, does not impact farmers' main crop of rice and offers a reliable market for the uniquely grown fish.

"We would like to study more about the methane dynamics, the fish productivity, and critical harvest methods. A major factor is improving the harvest, which currently involves draining the fields just right to congregate the fish in a ditch, and then using a special pump system to collect them. It requires year-by-year iteration to improve," Runkle notes.

Runkle says financial support by the Southern SARE Grant (Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education) and an NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant is funding the research.

To learn more about the fish-in-fields project, listen to the recent podcast, Short Talks From The Hill, where host Hardin Young and Runkle discuss the research and the potential opportunities for farmers.

By Rhonda Brooks, AgWeb

The true meaning of Crawfish season

Crawfish season is heating up across the state, with restaurants already serving fresh boils. Locals are heading out to enjoy the annual tradition, marking the start of one of the state's seafood treats.

Some say it's not quite crawfish season yet, but at ClawDaddy's Crawfish and Oyster Bar, the crawfish are arriving straight from the bayou to the bucket. Luke Parrish, the restaurant's owner, is always ready to cook up some crawfish.

"Our season starts whenever somebody sells us crawfish. That's good. Obviously, people are waiting at the door to eat them. This year, we start early, though. About mid to late December," said Parrish.

Claw Daddy's is buying as much as local farmers can supply. By next month, the restaurant hopes to purchase about 12,000 pounds per week, leaving plenty for customers to enjoy. One regular, Yolanda Jones, who eats there every day, says she's been looking forward to the season.

"I love the vibe here. Here at Clawdaddy's. There are always a lot of people here, especially during crawfish season, waiting for crawfish. The crawfish are really good," said Jones.

The restaurant buys its crawfish from farms in the Cajun Country. On busy days, every seat is full, which can mean selling around 6,000 pounds of crawfish. For many like Nikky

Butler, the restaurant has become part of their crawfish-season tradition.

"Believe it or not, I just started eating crawfish last year." + "Like they're just everything, I'm old enough, really old. Like how are you a Louisiana girl that doesn't eat crawfish, but hey, now I can't get enough of them," said Butler.

More than just a meal, the crawfish experience at Clawdaddy's brings the community together.

"It's the ultimate Louisiana experience. Everybody sits in a row in the US to forge a kind of camaraderie, really. If someone next to you is, you know, nosing crawfish, for some reason, you become friends," said Parrish.

by Autumn Ryan

UK TRADE MISSION

Continued from front

from carbon sequestration to utilizing a natural resource," added Strain.

Commissioner Strain and his delegation were requested by UK rice and flour millers to discuss the rice industry during this trade mission. The United Kingdom is a major rice importer, sourcing approximately 700,000–750,000 metric tons (MT) annually, with the majority being basmati rice; it also imports significant volumes of long- and medium-grain rice.

"We aspire to become a significant supplier of that product, delivering it directly from Louisiana to the United Kingdom," commented Strain.

Discussions shed light on the interplay between the British and the European Union, including the regulations that must be followed and the various tariffs associated with different types of rice. Ongoing conversations have clarified their preferences regarding imports; specifically, they seek rough rice for their millers to process, rather than hulled rice. So, for Louisiana rice farmers, it ultimately comes down to consistency, quality, pricing, and awareness as the opportunities become available.

"We have a considerable amount of homework and discussions ahead regarding how to further develop our rice industry. A significant aspect of our conversations involves arranging a reciprocal visit for the rice millers from England to come to Louisiana and explore our various facilities," Commissioner Strain commented while debriefing after the meeting.

This initiative is part of an ongoing commitment to promote and highlight Louisiana's unique offerings. As part of these efforts, Commissioner Strain and the Louisiana trade delegation also visited Wanis International Foods, a leading wholesaler of high-quality global foods. This company serves trade customers and distributes products nationwide across the UK, catering to supermarkets, wholesalers, independent retailers, online shops, restaurants, takeaways, and caterers of all sizes. During their visit, they discussed Louisiana rice,

sugar, and other products that could enhance this business model.

Commissioner Strain extends his gratitude to everyone who made this happen:

"I want to thank our team, Todd Parker, confidential assistant, and Mrs. Jennifer Finley, Press Secretary, for their hard work and putting this together, along with Ms. Amy Grace Spall, who is the regional manager of Drax. It took months of preparation to put this together.

As previously mentioned, we had a legislative delegation join us on the trade mission to experience this opportunity firsthand. Our Legislative Delegation comprised:

- Troy Romero, Louisiana State Representative, Chairman of the House Committee on Ag, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development
- Dr. Royce Wayne McMahan, Louisiana State Representative
- Christopher Turner, Louisiana State Representative
- Marcus Anthony Bryant, Louisiana State Representative
- Bud Courson and Jim Nickel representing Drax
- Dr. Glen Melton, Forest Landowner
- Stewart Cathey, Louisiana State Senator and Chairman of the Senate committee on Ag, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development
- Alan Thomas Seabaugh, Louisiana State Senator

We also met with members of the U.S. Embassy and engaged in government discussions on the current situation in the United Kingdom and the agricultural sector globally. They were with us each step of the way. We look forward to continuing



this relationship. A special thanks to Ambassador Stevens and his dedicated staff for welcoming us at the U.S. Embassy. They were very welcoming and informative.

It was a good team, and we got a lot done.

Officials have told us multiple times. It's not because you came, it's because you come back. You continue to work to strengthen and foster these relationships," stated Strain.

Moreover, these efforts are not just about immediate economic gains; they're about laying the foundation for sustainable growth. Commissioner Strain reiterated that establishing trust and delivering on promises of quality and reliability are crucial components of building lasting partnerships. By doing so, Louisiana can position itself as a key player in the international market, offering products that not only meet but exceed expectations.

In essence, this mission was about more than just trade—it was about fostering understanding, building bridges, and creating opportunities that go beyond borders, benefiting not only the industries involved but also contributing to a more interconnected global economy.

"It was a true testament to how we get things done, friends working together towards a common goal, which is to feed, clothe, and house the world," said Commissioner Strain.



Cornell Study Reveals How Soils Store Carbon Longer

New Research Shows How Soil Microbes Shape Carbon Storage



Soil ecosystems are among the planet's most important carbon reservoirs, storing roughly three times more carbon than the atmosphere and all living plants combined. This immense capacity makes soils a key player in climate change mitigation. Whether soils release carbon dioxide or lock carbon away long term depends on how microbes break down dead plant matter.

A new Cornell University study helps clarify this complex process. Researchers found that soil molecular diversity increases during the early stages of decomposition, peaks after roughly one month, and then begins to decline. These changes appear to influence how much carbon remains stored in soil.

"This is a hugely important question: can we lose less carbon from soil, or can we even increase our soil carbon stocks, which will help regulate CO₂ in the atmosphere?" asked Johannes Lehmann, senior author of the study and Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of soil and crop sciences at Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"Because soils contain so much organic carbon, even small, incremental changes can make a big, big difference in the atmosphere and therefore for climate change."

The study was led by Rachele Davenport, Ph.D. '24, formerly a graduate researcher in Lehmann's laboratory and now an independent consultant. The international research team included 11 co-authors from seven institutions across the United States and the Netherlands, supported by several funding sources, including two Cornell grants.

Earlier scientific thinking assumed soil carbon accumulated mainly from plant compounds that were difficult to decompose. That view shifted after a landmark 2011 Nature paper co-authored by Lehmann demonstrated that soil carbon forms through interactions

among microbes, organic molecules, and minerals. In 2020, Lehmann and colleagues proposed that greater molecular diversity could slow decomposition and enhance carbon storage.

The new study delivers the first direct evidence backing that idea, showing diversity peaks around day 32 of decomposition. "It's been a long time coming, since 2011, and has required a series of papers and experiments, but we now have some empirical evidence that plant decomposition does increase molecular diversity, if only for a short time," Lehmann said. "We still have much to learn, but this is one important piece of the bigger puzzle."

Researchers also successfully used oxygen-18 labeled "heavy water" to trace microbial activity without disturbing natural soil conditions. "I think that method was a major success," Davenport said. Future studies will investigate whether farming and forest management practices can boost soil diversity and increase long-term carbon storage.

By Farms.com

Winter Becomes Spring on February 28

Gardeners and non-gardeners alike will gather for the excitement as winter turns to spring on February 28 at Cypress Bend Resort In Many, Louisiana. Tickets are selling rapidly for the Sabine Master Gardeners' spectacular seminar, but there is still time to make a reservation to attend. Don't delay, for reservations are limited to this not-to-be missed event.

The activities of the day include morning coffee, unique vendor sales, auctions, door prizes, an incredible garden wagon raffle, lunch, and much more. "Master Moments: Gardening Tips" and expert speakers will share topics of importance and interest to novice and expert gardeners alike.

Those new to gardening will not want to miss the presentation from Dr. Damon Abdi, LSU Louisiana Super Plants Program co-chairman. Experienced gardeners look forward to learning of the newest Super Plants, some of the most reliable plants for our Louisiana climate and soil. Louisiana Super Plants create stunning displays whether planted in a single flower pot or en masse in gardens.

Winter is a great time for pruning, and speaker Jess Cole will present proper pruning techniques that will not only protect the plant, but enhance its beauty. Often overlooked as an important garden task, proper pruning

can create thicker, healthier plants and lead to a more beautiful landscape.

The use of native plants is one of the most popular evolutions in gardening today. Native plant specialist, Tammy Baumgarten, will give insights into incorporating biodiversity into landscapes by adding plants that were original to the area. Every gardener will be amazed by the beauty of landscapes that

require less labor because of their careful addition of native species.

Reservations are limited and tickets are selling quickly, so don't delay. Purchase your \$50 ticket today at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/down-and-dirty-seminar--2026> or visit Sabine Master Gardeners on Facebook.

By Susan Duhon

Join us on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, for a special day celebrating two great legacies: our beautiful native plants and America's 250th Anniversary!

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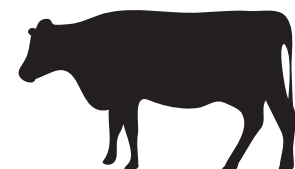
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Anyone seeking to consign animals to sale can contact Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com) or Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com). The consignment deadline is February 15, 2026.



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Minimum Wages in Agriculture

When minimum wages were first established in the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), agricultural workers were exempt. Over time, amendments to the rule brought groups of farmworkers under minimum wage laws until all agricultural workers were included in 1978. Yet, the federal minimum wage has not risen since the current \$7.25 per hour was set in 2009.

Thirty-one states and Puerto Rico have raised their minimum wage above the federal threshold. However, the extent to which these laws apply to agricultural workers varies across the country; in some states, farmworkers are covered by a separate, lower minimum wage than the state's general minimum wage. Others have separate wages for workers within metro areas. This has created a patchwork of agricultural wages across the country.

Federal and state minimum wage laws have long been surpassed by other wage floors in U.S. farmworker programs: the AEW, prevailing wage rates and collective bargaining rates. The rising presence of H-2A workers in seasonal employment has caused these other wages to drive agricultural wages up in areas where H-2A workers are presently earning above minimum wage. H-2A guestworkers, and any corresponding domestic employees, must be paid the highest of the federal minimum wage, state minimum wage, prevailing wage, collective bargaining wage or the AEW. The AEW was traditionally the most widely used of the wage requirements, but recent changes to the AEW methodology have caused the AEW to fall below state minimum wages in multiple states. Farmers will need to understand the patchwork of minimum wages and exemptions across the country given these changes.

Twenty-one states have local minimum wage laws that apply to agricultural workers. State minimum wages range from \$8 to \$17.13 per hour, as much as 136% above the federal minimum wage. AEWs are now below these minimum wages for Skill Level I workers in 16 of the 21 states.

Agricultural Exemptions

Exemptions from minimum wage laws for farmworkers apply at both the federal and state levels. Federally, small farms that employ less than 500 total "man days" – a day where an employee works at least one hour – across all employees in a preceding calendar quarter are exempt. In other words,

in January 2026, small farms are exempt from federal minimum wage laws if they had less than 500 total days worked, where each employee's workday (of at least one hour) is counted individually, between January and March 2025. This is in addition to small business exemptions for any business with under \$500,000 of gross revenue. There are additional federal exemptions for immediate family, range livestock workers and local seasonal hand-harvest workers who are paid by piece-rate.

State exemptions vary widely. Some states exempt all agricultural employment from state minimum wage laws; some match their state laws to federal exemption criteria; and others exempt specific small employers or specific industries.

Conclusion

State minimum wages have become more prominent across the country. Recent changes to wage requirements for the H-2A program will result in guestworkers more frequently being paid state minimum wages. As historical price floors used throughout agriculture fall below state minimum wages, it becomes more crucial to explore the numerous wage standards that exist throughout the country.

Rising price floors limit farmers' ability to provide additional compensation for experience, tenure or certifications as tightening farm margins cap investments, including in the workforce. The patchwork of state wages has created a complex and fragmented regulatory landscape, especially for farmers who have employees across state lines. Especially as wages rise in some states and not others, farmers within the same sector face competition between states with lower labor, and therefore overall production, costs.

Farmers are dedicated to ensuring their workers are adequately compensated for the crucial work they do to provide food, fiber and fuel for families across the country. According to OEWS, the average hourly wage for crop and livestock farmworkers are \$18.20 and \$18.55, respectively, well above even the highest state minimum wage. So, even with rising price floors, farmers continue to compensate above even the highest local requirements.

By Samantha Ayoub, Farm Bureau

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