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Mycelium Magic at Mushroom Maggie's Farm

In the latest episode of CROP TALK WITH COMMISSIONER MIKE STRAIN, the Commissioner visits Mushroom Maggie's Farm in beautiful St. Francisville, LA, where they grow 1,200 to 1,500 pounds of edible gourmet mushrooms every week. Most of their mushrooms are sold at farmer's markets in Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas, but they also provide mushrooms to restaurants in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans

areas and a few grocery stores throughout the state.

Look around these days, and you will see mushrooms trending everywhere in pop culture. They're on backpacks, earrings, bumper stickers, and bookmarks. But it's more than just a fad for these hardworking mushroom farmers. Through research, networking, and trial and error, Maggie Long and Cyrus Lester have taught themselves everything they know about mushrooms. And there's a lot to learn.

are more like people than plants." For example, they take in oxygen and expel carbon dioxide. The mycelium of fungi, the actual organism producing mushrooms, is an important part of our ecosystem. It breaks down organic material and contributes to healthy soil life. "A lot of mushrooms have a symbiotic relationship with plants. They 'talk' to them underground, feeding off of each other to survive," adds Cyrus.

Once you get turned on to mushrooms, it's hard not to see them everywhere. And while many amateur mycologists enjoy hunting mushrooms as a hobby, it does require a lot of specific knowledge and expertise to stay safe. Maggie and Cyrus remind us that it's very important to NEVER EAT A MUSHROOM UNLESS YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY SURE WHAT IT IS.

The process at Maggie and Cyrus's farm is just as interesting as mush-



Colorful oyster mushrooms:
golden (*Pleurotus citrinopileatus*)
and pink (*Pleurotus djamor*)

Even though mushrooms are generally thought of as vegetables, Cyrus explains that they're not plants. Instead, they're "part of a totally different kingdom, the fungi kingdom, and in some ways

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Mushroom Basics

FUNGUS — Any of a kingdom of spore-producing organisms

MYCELIUM — A network of interwoven threads that forms the vegetative portion of a fungus

MUSHROOM — The fruiting body of fungi

*At right, freshly harvested mushrooms, chestnut (*Pholiota adiposa*) and king trumpet (*Pleurotus eryngii*)*



LOUISIANA AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY TODAY

LDAF to Hold Unwanted Pesticide Collection Day March 23

Agricultural producers, pesticide applicators, and homeowners can drop off pesticides for disposal during the Unwanted Pesticide Pick-Up Day on Thursday, March 23, 2023, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the LSU AgCenter Extension Office in Assumption Parish, 119 Robin Street in Napoleonville.

LDAF's Unwanted Pesticide Pick-Up Program collects pesticide products for proper disposal at no cost to producers, applicators, or homeowners. The program, which is funded through fees associated with pesticide manufacturers' product registrations in Louisiana, is completely anonymous for those who wish to participate.

All pesticides will be accepted, and containers will be supplied for transportation to the collection site if old containers are damaged. Please note that this is a pesticide-only disposal pick-up event. Fumigants, waste oils, paints, and gasoline/diesel will not be accepted.

"Improperly disposed of pesticide wastes can create serious hazards for the environment," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain, D.V.M. "By providing individuals opportuni-

ties to properly dispose of these products, we ensure that the environment and the health of our citizens are protected."

We strongly encourage participants to complete and submit an inventory form to help the disposal contractor prepare for the amount of material that is being dropped off. Inventory forms should be submitted to Bryan Gueltig at bgueltig@agcenter.lsu.edu prior to March 9, 2023. Forms can be obtained online at <https://www.ldaf.state.la.us/event/unwanted-pesticide-pick-up-napoleonville/> or from your local LSU AgCenter office.

For more information, call LDAF's Girvus Johnson at 225-925-3763 or your local LSU AgCenter office.



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SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, JAN 13, 2023

Bermuda Large Round	Good/Premium	\$130-\$150/bale
Bermuda Small Square	Good/Premium	\$10-\$13/bale



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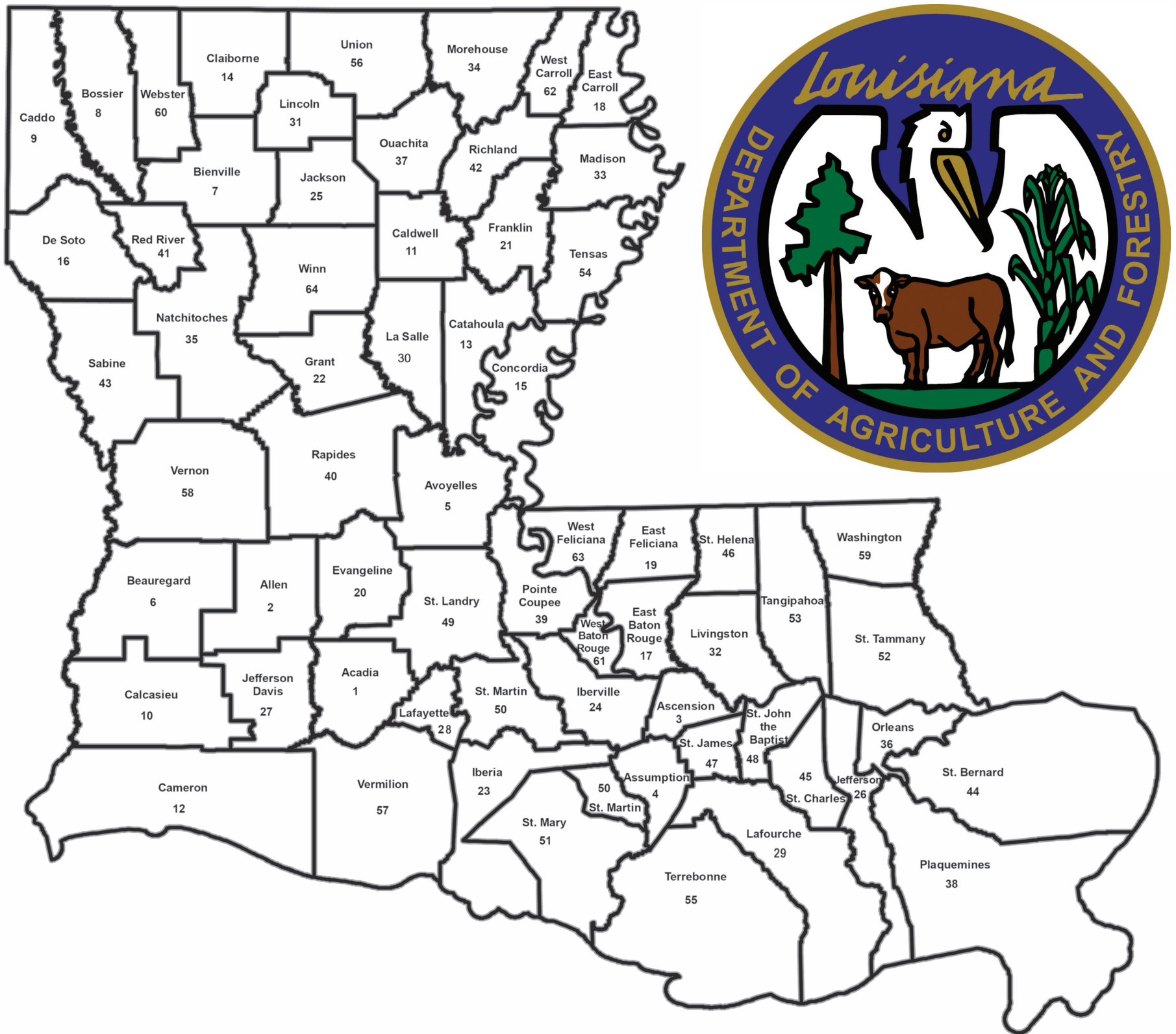
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CATTLE

Attention: Bull sellers and buyers. All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 24 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 the LDAF Animal Health Services and Food Safety at 225-925-3980 or visit the website at www.ldaf.state.la.us.

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

ANGUS

Reg Angus bred cattle, young, \$1500/each, up or if all 5 taken, \$7500. LD Lacour, Robert, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-345-0441.

Reg Black Angus pair, cow is 4-years old, bull calf born 10/5/22, good bloodlines, \$1900. Jerry Salisbury, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-325-6736.

PB Angus, (2)-bulls, 7 months old, \$700. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; 985-515-8883.

(8) 2-year old Angus heifers bred to Angus bull, (2) have calved already, \$10000; (1) 3-year old Angus bull, \$2700. Rebecca Mclindon, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 985-237-3950.

(2) reg. Angus heifers, 22 months, exposed to reg. Angus bull Dec 15, \$1250. Joel Tassin, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-9789.

BEEFMASTER

2-year old beefmaster bull for sale, BBU #C1140615, Top 20% WW, Top 15% YWT, Top 15% \$T, 13.27 REA, DNA NE02301862 SV, \$3100. Norman Saltzman, Lafayette Parish; 337-250-7579.

Reg Beefmaster bulls, born and bred here for 5-9 generations, since 1983, your choice \$2500/with papers. Mel Jackson, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-308-0921 or 318-443-0203.

Reg Beefmaster bulls and heifers, 7-10 months, excellent red genetics, gentle, top condition, \$1200/1 and up; 2-year old reg red bull ready for service, \$4000. Fred Moran, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 225-921-7449.

BRAFORD

Braford bull, 2-year old, ready to breed, \$2000. Ryan Danos, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-304-

1262.

Reg. Braford Bulls and Heifers, 11-months old & up, \$1500 & up, all vacc. and wormed, home raised. Lloyd Savell, Florian, Sabine Parish; home, 318-586-7378 or cell, 318-508-0293.

BRAHMAN

PB Brahman heifers, (1) red, (3) grey, great bloodline, gentle heifers, JDH, V8, HK, Magnum 999, \$1500/1. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; 979-479-0929.

Reg & pure-bred Red Brahman bulls & heifers, 12-16 mos., \$1800, 16-24 mos., \$2400, very gentle, top bloodlines & all shots. Evert Talbot, Baton Rouge, EBR Parish; 225-978-1798.

Reg. Brahman bull, a little over (2)-years old, extra gentle, halter broke, ready to go to work, \$3000. Ray Reynolds, Roseland, St. Helena Parish; 985-747-2090.

(3)-pure bred Brahman bulls, born March & April 2022, dehorned, wormed & vaccinated, \$900/each. Murrell Hoffpauir, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-258-1383.

BRANGUS

Brangus bull, 5-years old, gentle, \$2000. Bernard Leger, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-323-9808.

Reg Brangus bull for sale 21 mths, low birth wight bull, never been with cattle, \$2700. R&R Farms, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-655-9582.

Brangus bulls, 2-3 year olds, dam is a Mound creek cow, sires are MC Revalation 129T and Mr New Blood 50H, \$3250-\$4000. Ryan Danos, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-304-1262.

Golden Certified F1 Brangus bulls, 18-mos. to 2-yrs. old, out of reg. Angus cattle and JD Hudgins Brahman bulls, \$2500 and up. Philip Chiasson, Galiano, Lafourche Parish; 985-637-7538.

CHAROLAIS

Commercial Charolais, pick up cows, off the top end, \$1250. Robert Simmons, Noble, Sabine Parish; 318-315-0794.

Charolais bulls, 2-3 years old, semen tested, ready for breeding, \$2500/each; (1)-charolais cross bred heifer, 12 months plus, \$800. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-6345.

Charolais bulls, \$4000, Charolais cows, \$2500; pairs \$3000, Charolais heifers, \$2000, Charolangus heifers, \$1500, all vaccinated and branded. Dr. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry

Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

Reg. Charolais bulls, 18-mths. \$3500 and up, Reg. Charolais heifers, bred \$2500 and up, Open Charolais heifers, \$1200 and up; butcher calves, average live weight 600 lbs., \$3.50/lb dressed. Jeanerette Fitch, Iberia Parish; 337-276-5991.

Charolais cross heifers from 6-months to 18-months. Hymel Mark, Geismar, Ascension Parish; call 225-715-1132.

DEXTER

Mini Dexter, (1) red tipped white heifer, (1) solid black bull, both 13-mths old, \$1000 for heifer, \$800 for bull, text for pics. Steven Breaux, Duson, Lafayette Parish; 337-257-5206.

HEREFORD

(3) Reg Hereford cows for sale, bred for spring calves, solid breeders, good milk, low birth weight, \$1500-\$2000. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Polled Hereford heifer & bull calves, great EPD's, low birth weights, super thick and very gentle, all shots & wormed, 8-15 mos. old, \$1200-1 & up, delivery avail. for additional charge. Laura Hughes, Zachary, EBR Parish; 225-933-2997.

(3) Reg polled Hereford bulls, ages 12-mths, 14-mths, and 20-mths, great bloodlines, virgin bulls, \$1500 to \$1800. Jim Varnado, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 225-222-6343.

Wanted: halter broke heifers, retired 4-H preferably, for small cow/calf pet haven. Bryan Bossier, Woodworth, Rapides Parish; 318-729-3366.

SANTA GERTRUDIS

Gentle, reg. Santa Gertrudis bulls, (2-3) year olds, ready for breeding, excellent bloodlines. Kenny Williams, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; 225-276-6970.

(2)-Reg. Santa Gertrudis open heifers for sale, \$1400/each, (1)-reg. SG/Hereford Star Five cow, 4-years old, spring bred, \$1800. Barry Fontenot, Evangeline Parish; 337-224-9621.

WAGYU

(30) Wagyu, 1 yr. old, 5 mos. old, \$1000, \$650. W.V. Jackson, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-515-0520.

DAIRY

(2)-Reg. jersey bulls, \$900-\$1200. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-373-4067.

OTHER

Bull calf born Feb 2023, aprox. weight is 450 lbs., \$700. Ronald Comeaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-277-1324.

(1) miniature bull, 4-years old, (3) miniature cows, 5-years old, cows should be bred, \$800 or \$3000 for all, Dexter highland piney woods cross. Jerry Corley, Trout, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-8101.

Freezer calves naturally grown on mama & gras fed, no hormones, vaccines, or antibiotics, \$4/lb. hanging weight. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-373-4067.

Bred Brahman and Charolais cows for sale, calving in March, F1 Charolais heifers for sale. Eric Wingate, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-257-9071.

Half Angus half Hereford bull calf, 14-months old, gentle, has horns, looking for girlfriends \$600. Leo Dibble, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-243-8047.

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 commission basis. Every time you submit an advertisement one of the following must be provided. 1. All listings of horses, mules or jacks must be accompanied by a COPY of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A.) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale on all horses, mules, and jacks, except nursing foals. (OR) 2. A signed statement from the seller stating that he will furnish the buyer with a negative Coggins at the time of sale.

Quality cutting & performance prospects by colonels lil scoot, out of good mares, cowy, smart, trainable and athletic, \$2500-\$3500. Dave Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; 337-937-6719.

Reg. (2) AQHA stud colts, very gentle, Royal King top and bottom, \$2500/each. Errol Aymond, Effie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-1206.

Foundation & Running bred Quarter Horses, imprint as foals, freeze branded & vaccinated, \$3500-up. Dr. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

Donkey for sale, (2) females avail., \$450/each, (1) mini, (1) regular, buyer provides transport, pictures avail. by text. Chance Janice, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-351-0260.

Young neutered jack, friendly to

people, doesn't like my other jack, \$20. Lisa Sendra, Livingston, Livingston Parish; text only, 832-600-7811.

STALLION SERVICE

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

(3)-year old chocolate mini/small jack standing at stud, Elm Grove, LA, \$200 breeding fee, text only please. Sadie Roberie, Caddo Parish; 318-423-5075.

AQHA WYO-Blue Buddy, born July 03, 2012, blue roan stallion, Reg.#5505700, \$500. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

AQHA horse, Peppi Figure Four, #5403078 BD, foundation bred stud, 4/20/11, bay roan, health cert. & neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$8 mare. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

EQUINE SERVICES

Equine weanling/ yearling desensitization and groundwork, two week sessions. Perry Fontenot, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-351-3844.

Honey Do Farms, Western lessons, bday pony parties, traveling petting zoo, summer camps. Kori Schexnayder, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; 337-668-4777.

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

Twisted T Equine Dentistry, full performance float, \$100/horse. Taylor Lewing, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-880-4890.

Russ Mixon training stables, lessons for ages 5 and up, boarding, leasing, horse training & sales, 50+ yrs., exp., located in Pride. Russ Mixon, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-654-9254.

Reining & ranch riding training in Iota, colt starting, finishing, tuning, showing, lessons & sales prep, trained under NRHA pros Dean Brown & Terry Gatte & AQHA judge Chele Mcgauly, \$750/30 hay & feed included. Taryn Mcspadden, Iota, Acadia Parish;

337-532-3966.

Ron's Horseshoeing, shoeing & trimming, all breeds of horses over 20 yrs. exp., pro, reliable service. Ron Judice, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-519-1203.

TACK

Longhorn Comfort Cutter 15 1/2" saddle, \$400 with pipe stand, kept inside. Dalton Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

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

SHEEP & GOATS

9-month old Nubian boer buck, \$300. Cody Wilkerson, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-379-8938.

(3) Nigerian dwarf bucks, \$100/1. Brian Still, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; 318-548-9059.

(2) Spanish billy goats, 1.5 + years old, \$250/each. Aaron Slayter, Grant Parish; 318-652-8107.

5-yr old 100% New Zealand kilo buck, has worked himself out of a job, \$650. Kevin Burriss, Washington Parish; 225-603-9181.

3-month old Nigerian dwarf male, white, black & brown w/blue eyes, \$60. Frank Haab Jr., Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 504-430-2922.

Two Blue Eyed Nigerian Dwarf goats. Male \$100 Female \$200 Born 5/29/22. Edsel Poole Covington, St Tammany 985-630-8144

DOGS

AKC Running beagles, off of field champion, come and watch them run before you buy, \$400/each. Albert Poche, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-974-7888.

Anatolian shepherd pups, ready mid-february, \$200/each. Dorsey Dutil, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-967-4000.

CKC Poodles and schnoodles, shots, dewormed, vet checked, food, puppy pack, ready now, \$800-\$850. Tommy Melancon, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; 337-344-7634.

AKC Pembroke Welsh corgi, 1-year old, love him but cannot keep him, \$800. Paul Gil, Patterson, St.

Mary Parish; 985-397-6407.

Great Pyrenees gyp, blue eyed, to have puppies in Feb. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Great Pyrenees, Ak bash, Anatolian male, 11-mths old, raised with horses & sheep, chicken killer, \$200. Rhonda East, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-962-8239.

Rabbit beagles for sale, deer broke, \$150. Paul Saucier, Boyce, Rapides Parish; 318-446-0196.

Red & Blue heeler pups, born 12/28/2022, \$300/each, parents on site. Al Reames, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-721-1673.

Rhodesian Ridgeback XL, AKC, stud services, fee or pick of litter, red wheaton with black snout, 110 lbs., 18-mths, photos @ dcmventures@reagan.com. Christine Midkiff, Many, Sabine Parish; 337-789-7242.

English Shepherd puppies, ESC registered, (4)females, (3)males, affectionate, loyal, farm dogs, love people, eager to please, \$300/each. Jared Williamson, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-247-5725.

Full blood Anatolian Shepherds, born 10/22/22, had 2nd round of shots/wormed, raised around sheep, poultry, and horses, some exposure to cattle, males \$200 and female \$250. David Yount, Natchitoches Parish; 318-471-3681.

Reg. 10-week old AKC German Shepherd puppies, mother & father on premises, great temperament, highly intelligent, shots/wormed, very energetic. Barry Fank, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; 985-249-9276.

Aussie x blue heeler pups, 6-weeks old, ready to go, \$100. Alec Toepfer, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-280-3807.

AKC registered standard rat terrier puppies for sale, \$300/each. Brett Richard, Acadia Parish; 337-517-3120.

Red & Blue Heeler puppies for sale, male and mom on site, \$150/each. Wilbert Neslon, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; 318-481-6330.

AKC European German Shepherd pups, excellent family protection dogs, easily trained, gets along well with others, \$2000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; 601-299-0264.

AKC small type beagles, silky hair, minimal shedding, no smell, perfect house dog, \$500. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; 601-299-0264.

OMCBA Reg mountain cur

pups, foundation stock, ready to go now, \$200/each. Joseph Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-2674 or 337-336-0940.

Jack Russel puppies shots and wormed 3 left \$250 each Harding Bordelon Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish, 225-678-2621

Pug puppies CKC with papers 2 blacks and 2 fawns \$550 each shots and wormed Harding Bordelon Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish, 225-678-2621

SWINE

(3)-slaughter hogs, (2) estimated to weigh 300-400 lbs. live, (1) estimated to weigh 250-300 live, should dress between 200 & 270 lbs, \$2/pound dressed weight, will deliver to slaughterhouse within 30 miles free of charge, price negotiable if want to pick up, (2) duroc/herford cross, (1) blue butt/red wattle cross. Clint Ladner, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; 318-446-1528.

PB Berkshire hogs for slaughter. 200-250 lbs. \$200 and up, excellent quality R. Champagne Sunset, St Landry Parish, 337-298-4551

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Rose breasted hen, hand fed, close banded, 1-year, \$2500, emerald cockatiels, \$350 each white face emeralds and pied emeralds young birds close banded. Milford Johnson, Zachary, EBR Parish; 225-241-8782.

Cockatiels babies in nests, \$75/1, adults, \$100/1, parakeets, \$20/1, fischer love birds, \$100/1, black mask lovebirds, \$100/1, wood nest boxes, \$15.1. Herman Hufkin, LaRose, Lafourche Parish; 985-413-3891.

(40) young English parakeets, all colors, high quality banded, must sell all at once, \$30/each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-241-2269.

Jumbo brown quail, different ages available, \$1.50/ week old chick, \$3/ 3-week old, eggs for sale too. Josh Savage, Plaquemine, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-2493.

Green wing macaw, \$2500 and up, Indian Ringnecks, \$600 and up, Quakers Bonded PR \$600, Parakeets, \$25 and up, Button Quail, \$40/PR and up. Dave Kuhnau, Covington, 985-502-4511.

Cockatiels, \$75/each, parakeets, all colors, \$15/each, fischers lovebirds \$100/each, blk mask lovebirds, \$100/each, nest boxes,

\$15/each. Herman Hukins, Larose, Lafourche Parish; 985-413-3891.

Jumbo Pharoah quail, Day old to 1 week \$1.25. Two weeks to full grown price goes up with age. Full grown females \$8 each. Amy Darcey Houma, Terrebonne Parish, 985-688-8538

Ring neck doves, \$5/each, minimum order of 4 doves. Victor Dugas, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-258-7565.

POULTRY & FOWL

Laying hens (3) Rhode island reds, (2) silver laced Wyandotte, (2) barred rocks, \$20/1, chicken coops, \$850 -\$1000, red metal, wire floor, nest boxes. Daniel Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-789-5478.

Pair white mute swans, 9-mths. Old, \$1500 and extra male for \$800. Skipper Hastings, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-764-3037.

2022 grown guineas, keets pearl, \$15/each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-241-2269.

RR and BO baby chicks, hatching soon, \$4/each. 225-206-3010.

Grown turkey toms, \$40/each, grown Muscovy drakes, \$10/each, ginger red old English bantams, grown, \$20/pair. W. Lee Wise, Saline, Natchitoches Parish; 318-576-3220.

Blue laced Wyandotte chickens, \$50/PR. Dave Kuhnu, Covington, 985-502-4511.

Barnyard mixed breed of roosters, \$15/each for roosters, \$20/each for ducks for butcher, \$20/each for male guineas. Shane Granger, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-658-7257.

India Blue peacocks, '22 hatch, \$35/1, pied 45/1; mature swinehoe pheasant pair, \$200, Gouldian finches, 75/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

2022 Hatch wood ducks and ring teals, \$60/pr; pintail and Gadwall, \$70/pr; extra ring teal and extra female gadwalls. Russell Bougeois, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; 985-397-0070.

Golden and Silver Sebright Bantam chickens and other breeds, \$20/each. Don Copeland; West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-323-0242.

Wanted: Looking for barred rock, Rhode island red, or any common hen ready to lay. Jim Smith, DeSoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

PIGEONS

Homing pigeons for sale many colors and ages, RED, blues, saddles, stencils, yellow and more colors, PRICE starts at \$20 and up. Larry Landry, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; 985-414-8220.

Racing Homing pigeons different breeds: Blue Bars and Blue Checks speed birds (Janssens), Black eagles, Red and White and Black and white Blue check Grizzle Trenton birds, 20\$ each Vernon James Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish 985-873-8440

Pigeons, multiple pairs \$15 and up/bird, 200 plus mature birds, various breeds such as German beauty, racing homer, and more, call for more info. Mike Lafleur, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-658-1625.

Young homing pigeons, banded birds, \$10 for one. Lester Haydel, 225-687-4820 or 225-776-2814.

Pure racing homing, young birds, never let out of pen, \$10/each. Louis Poche, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-4197.

Large king pigeons, all colors, \$30/pair. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

EGGS

Farm fresh chicken eggs, X-large mostly mixed colors, brown, white, pink & green, \$5/doz. Monica Bourgeois, Raceland, Lafourche Parish; 504-415-2201.

Quail eggs for sale, fresh are .15 cents/egg, fertile are .20 cents/egg, no deliveries, must pick up, quail chicks available in spring. Larry Champagne, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-332-062.

Farm fresh chicken eggs, free range, cage free, \$3/doz., quality avail. Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; 318-576-3639.

Fresh yard eggs, \$3/dozen. Tina Rogers, Franklin/Garden City area, St. Mary Parish; 225-802-8543.

Pickling Quail eggs 0.30\$ each. Hatchling quail eggs 0.50\$ each. Please text or leave voice mail. Amy Darcey Houma, Terrebonne Parish, 985-688-8538

Jumbo brown quail eggs, fertilized to hatch or good to eat, \$3/dozen. Josh Savage, Plaucheville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-2493.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

New Zealand breeding does, \$25/1, New Zealand bucks, \$20/1, Netherland dwarf bunnies, \$25/1, rabbit hutches, 2x5x5, \$400/1. Daniel Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-789-5478.

Bergeron & Borel's Rabbit Ranch, 100% pure large & small rabbits, rabbit cages, also custom builds upon request, text or call before 9.PM.daily. Douglas Borel/Elizabeth Bergeron, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-886-8075.

Flemish Giants for sale, pedigree show rabbits, light gray & fawn. Jeremy Fontenot, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-376-6156.

New Zealand male, 1-year old, \$25/1, mixed breed of different ages. Terry Thibodeaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-277-7217.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Crawfish boats for sale, venerable fabricators, older models that need a little work, call or text for pics. Jason Newchurch, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-235-5071.

6" pump, very good condition, \$8000; 450 gal diesel, \$350/gal; GMC 371 engine, \$4000, please leave message. Darrell Broussard, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; 337-224-8517.

Conveyor for Kerian crawfish grader w/drive motor, excellent condition, ready to go, \$5500. Bill Krielow, Roanoke, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-753-2202 or 337-275-0027.

Pond stocking, blue catfish, 45¢/1; channel catfish, 35¢/1; coppernose, bluegill, 35¢/1; Louisiana bluegill, \$.35/1; hybrid bluegill, \$.40/1; red-ear bream, 40¢/1; blk. crappie, 45¢/1; bass, \$1/1; fathead minnows, \$12.50/lb.; del. avail. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; 318-377-1525.

FARM SERVICES

Stump grinding and ISA certified arborist, consulting, Lic AR1873. James Bougeois, Raceland, Lafourche Parish; 985-637-7920.

Fencing & services, installation of farm, agriculture, and commercial fencing, decorative wood, barbed, net wire, pip, pens, etc, will

travel to surrounding areas/ out of state. Joe Hensgens, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 985-992-9119.

New slaughterhouse, domestic cattle & hogs, custom slaughter, available by appt. only, state of the art vacuum sealer, call for pricing. Mike Clements, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-726-3946.

Restore pastures & fields, mow, cultivate, eliminate compaction, contouring, plant, install drainage, ponds, roads, paths, walls, fences, harvest & thin trees, stumps, recondition arenas & gravel roads 8" deep. John Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-634-0074.

Will remove fences for materials, wires, posts, and gates, w/no charge if suitable conditions, locations, and access. George Waltner, Many, Sabine, 318-602-8249.

Cattle penning, working & hauling, portable equip., large or small herd, problem cattle, 50 years exp., will travel. Terry or Jason, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-789-1927 or 337-322-7601.

We build & repair fences, buildings, barns, driveways, & drainage. George Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-405-5229.

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

LIVESTOCK BOARDING

Stalls available for rent at the Folsom Training Center in Folsom, stall, walking wheel, breaking arena, feed and tack rooms, use of training track, \$5/day. Rebecca Mclindon, St. Tammany Parish; 985-237-3950.

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

Horse boarding, herd environment, \$100/1 per month, multi. feeding options. Kathern Hollifield, Deridder, Beaufort Parish; 337-462-0964.

Horse boarding, pasture & full board avail., new horse facility on 22 acres, vinyl fencing & rope elec. fencing, mare/foal & trailers welcome. Beau or Taylor Fontenot, Jennings, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-329-5582 or 337-387-9854.

Horse boarding, near Carencro & Evangeline Training Center, 170 acres, feed & hay 2x day, deworming, fly control, covered lighted arena, a/c tack rooms, hot/cold wash racks, wood round pen, walk-

ing wheel, outdoor arena, private paddock w/shelter, \$400/month, stalls avail. at additional cost. Bill Langford, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-280-1535.

Horse boarding, 1.5 miles from I-10, overnight or monthly, 5-acre coastal pasture w/barn, place to work horse & trail ride, \$100/month & up; overnight, \$20/1; two or more nights, \$15/1. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, Jeff Davis Parish; 337-370-3479.

EQUIPMENT SERVICE FOR HIRE

Dump truck, tractor work, excavator work, limestone, crush concrete, ash, asphalt, dirt, culverts, anywhere, small or big jobs. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-526-1102.

Land prepared, cleared, contoured, fields mowed, mulched, cultivated, trees removed, recycled on site for mulch, recondition arenas & gravel roads 8" deep, install ponds, roads, walls, fences, sub-surface drainage. John Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-634-0074.

Dozer & excavator work services, land clearing, limestone, dirt, ponds, crawfish ponds, roads, house pads, culvert settings & level work. Chad Helminger, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-5767 or 318-964-2380.

Land clearing, ponds, drainage, bush hogging, and much more, call for a free estimate. Ethan Wilson, Dry Creek, Beaufort Parish; 337-396-8489.

Bush-hog & dirt work, clean up brush & fence rows, \$50/hr. John Marcantel, Mittie, Allen Parish; 318-306-1564.

Demo, irrigation, fence line, bush hogging, etc., Mobile Welding or Fabrication. Joseph or Patrick, Jennings, Acadian Parish; 337-368-3624 or 337-526-8825.

Stump grinding, Baton Rouge & surrounding area/parishes, call or text with pictures for details. Peter O'Neal, Baton Rouge, EBRP; 225-715-2284.

Bush hogging, by the hour or job, free estimates. Charles Longino, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; 318-715-4814.

Pasture cutting and small reclaim jobs, reliable, unbeatable price and weekends only, text or call day or night. Derek Schilling, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; 225-939-4402.

Land clearing cleaning, bush hogging, excavator work, price depends on job. John Schexnayder,

Church Point, St. Landry Parish; 337-668-4777.

Bush hogging, free estimates. Larry Bears, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-501-4349.

Environmental Testing (sewer water & runoff water included), dozer, trackhoe, backhoe & tractor work, \$1000 minimum, state licensed, insured/ bonded. George Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-405-5229.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

New small animal live trap, heavy wire, \$40, animal carrying cage, rabbit, puppy, pigeon etc., \$10, vice grips, sockets, pliers, \$1 and up. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion parish; 337-652-6200.

Wooden Armadillo trap, \$40. Don Sayes, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-445-0600.

Hog traps, 8' long x 48" wide x 34" high, (2) push-in gates, \$350. E.E. Colston, Provencal, Natchitoches Parish; 318-472-6490.

Professional licensed trapper, central La. trapping & removal of beavers, coyotes, hogs & other nuisance animals, free estimates. Harry Vermaelen, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-201-5632.

RURAL PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

52-acres for sale located in Washington parish, 90% in open fields and 10% wooded area, great place for a home site and a pond, \$265000. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-515-6655.

40-acres on Hwy 111, DeRidder, West Beauregard, Dim. 1305' x 1328' x 1308' x 1344', Sec. 32, Timberland. E.H. Husband, Abbeville, Vermillion Parish; 337-277-2031.

15 acres on Comite River, quiet culdesac, please call for more information. Tony Templet, Baton Rouge, EBR Parish; 225-356-2094.

14+/- acres located 200 yards from Kisatchie National Forest, camp Claiborne where 500000

troops were trained during WWII, endless trails, beautiful building site, power & community water, \$162500. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; 512-673-3362.

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100 acres of Red River farm land with consistent production history near Marksville, LA, sharecrop/ lease under standard terms. Bill Tassin, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-501-0078.

200 acres of crawfish fishing waters for rent located in Vermillion. John Miller; 208-354-3571.

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 and Measures, call 225-925-3780 or email weightsinfo@ldaf.state.la.us.

Chicken fertilizer, call for pricing, depends on location. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Compost cow manure, \$40/yard picked up; 18-wheeler loads \$35/yard picked up. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-515-6655.

Ag lime, \$30/ton, within a (100)-mile radius. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; call 985-515-6655.

Free horse manure, excellent fertilizer for gardens, will load in your pick up or trailer w/tractor. Lloyd Cabellero, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; 337-781-2580.

Cow manure in sacks, call for more information. Robert, Oakdale, Allen Parish; 318-335-1414.

Garden compost \$20/scoop. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish, 985-373-4067.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Any person who sells, distributes, or offers or handles for sale agriculture, vegetable, or flower seeds or other propagating stock of one pound or more shall obtain a Seed Dealer's License from the

LDAF Seed Programs Division. For licensing information, contact the LDAF Seed Programs Division at 225-925-4733 or by email at seed@ldaf.state.la.us.

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

Purple chewing sugar cane, \$4/stalk. Joe Owens, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish; 985-518-0957.

Begonias, color light pink, 6"-pot, \$5/each. Roland Sauvant, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-802-4013.

Elephant Garlic corms, fresh from June harvest, \$20/dozen, Sandra Fischer, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 601-278-2999.

Wanted: California beer seeds with recipe. M. Stevens, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-477-4039.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Any person who intends to grow, buy or sell trees, shrubs, ornamental plants, grass sod, or foliage plants shall obtain a license or permit, from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF), prior to engaging in such activity. For more information, contact the LDAF Horticulture and Quarantine Programs Division at 225-952-8100 or email at horticulture@ldaf.state.la.us.

Ruby Sweet guava, \$10 and up, grafted pear trees, spalding, leconte, orient, moonglo & others, \$15, sweet che one year grafts, \$12/each. W. Lee Wise, Saline, Natchitoches Parish; 318-576-3220.

Grafter pears, my own varieties, hyb. Mayhaws, grafted apples, blueberries, exclusive pink lemonade blueberries, thornless blackberries, cypress trees & more, all in 3-gal pots, \$12-\$20/1. Lee, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-981-7819.

Oaks, Cypress, fruit tree

seedlings for sale in spring, paw-paw, mayhaw, mulberry, and others, \$4 and \$5 each, can pick up or ship, www.lebretonland.com. Guy Breton, St. Martinville, St. Martinville parish; 337-380-5381.

BEES & HONEY

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(4) horizontal Langstroth hives with bees, holds 30 deep frames & feeder, \$300/each. Douglas Harper, Quitman, Jackson Parish; 318-259-8741 or 318-533-0401.

(5) hives with bees, (2) brood boxes, (1) super with honey, inner cover and top cover, \$250/each. Douglas Harper, Quitman, Jackson Parish; 318-259-8741 or 318-533-0401.

Making splits in April, 10-frame medium box, top and bottom, queen, bees, and brood, \$210, taking orders. Charles Buckner, Webster Parish; 318-562-0887.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

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Sweet potatoes, Orleans & Beauregards \$20, Evangeline \$22, green tag, (3) varieties. Michael Mitchel, Mansura, Avoyelles

Parish; 318-447-4998.

Sweet potatoes Beauregard variety, green tag. Becky Dugas, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-6840 or 318-253-6843.

Wanted: Loquat (Japanese plum) fruit wanted, local and EBR Parish area, can swap quart jars for fruit. Marilyn Woolfolk, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-301-2368.

HAY & GRAIN

2022 Alicia Bermuda mix, square bales, heavy, tight, fertilized, cured, no rain, stored in barn, will assist in loading, 50 bale min., \$8/bale, by appt only. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-485-5252.

Bahia hay Pensacola, round 4X5, fertilized to soil test, cut at 6-week interval, stored in barn w/o rain, \$65/roll, square, \$7.50/bale. Melvin Husser, Loranger, 985-517-1792.

2022 barn kept, fertilized, 4X4 rolls, \$50/each, Argentina Bahia. Wayne Prats, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; call 504-908-3908.

Round bales \$45/bale unwrapped, or \$55/bale wrapped. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; 225-938-6972.

2022 Alicia and Jiggs hay, 4x5 net wrapped \$50/bale. Mike Richard, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; 337-532-3522.

Clean hay for sale, Bahia grass, horse/ cattle hay, \$30/round bale in the field, \$35/round bale in the barn. Charles Bell, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-839-9222.

Bahia hay square bales, \$7; round bales, \$50-\$60, fertilized & cured without rain. Danny Schleismann, Husser, Tangipahoa; 985-517-8341.

Bahia grass square bales in barn. \$8/bale; Bahia grass 5X5 round

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bales, \$55/bale; under barn, \$65/bale. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish, 985-373-4067.

Wanted: 2022 horse quality hay, round or square, sheltered. Amy Hewitt, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-288-4240.

TRACTORS

(2) **AGRA-cats**, (1) 2920 4WD, (1) 2910 2WD, \$1650. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

(2) **Belarus A-5 250, 2WD**, (1) runs, new engine pump, (1) for parts, \$2200. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

Massey Ferguson 261 good condition, roll guard & canopy, with bush-hog, \$8000; Massey Harris 44LP, project tractor, rare, \$600; toro golf tractor, \$300. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

Farmall cub tractor w/42" belly mower, runs great, w/new tires, brakes battery, seat & more, parade or yard ready, new belt, \$6500. Gerald Normand, Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-7801.

White tractor 2155 sith cab & air 160HP w/new allied loader, hay spear, 1800 hrs., \$12500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

JD 4640 tractor in good shape with no defects, comes w/duals and 3-prong deep soiler, \$20500. H.C. Miller, Waterproof, Tensas Parish; 318-481-7270.

(2) **tractor tires**, 20.8-38, fair condition, \$300. Rip White, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; 225-287-2882.

2014 JD 3032E, 4wd, w/front end loader, hydro transmission, 765 hours, very good condition, \$17500. James Lacour, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-301-1626.

(2) **14.9-24** tractor tires, new,

\$1000. Leroy Verret, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-804-3580.

(4) **m-tractors**, good condition, low hours, your choice, \$6500/each; (1) m-50 LP gas-needs battery, \$1900 or make an offer, good condition, good tires. Cecil Clark Sr, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-783-7903.

JD 925 ridged header for sale, text only, \$1000. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-794-3236.

Wanted: (2) rear tires for a late model Farmal Cub, size 8.3-27 on 7"rims. Joe Starkey, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-320-2962.

CUTTERS & MOWERS

(2) **snapper** riding mowers, new tires & battery on one, \$250 for both. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

Edge JD belly mower for LV 2210 model tractor, 62" cut, good condition, needs new belt, \$450. Joel Tassin, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-9789.

15' stalk chopper, 3-pt. rear crazy wheels, extra heavy duty, excellent condition, \$1999. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-405-6965.

5' Bush hog for sale, Bush hog brand, excellent condition, cuts really well, \$800 cash. Janet Lavergne, 337-230-4167.

6' Woods grooming mower, used very little, \$1100, manual comes with it. Janet Lavergne, 337-230-4167.

7' Rotary cutter, sandblasted, dimetcoated, painted, two new tail-wheels, pictures to show, \$3000. Larry Richard, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-288-2959.

Front end loader hay spear & rear 3-pt hitch hay spear, \$250/each. Darren Kyzer, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; 662-552-6022.

JD 15-ft disc, all hydraulics

work, good working condition, new bearings, \$4500. Darren Kyzer, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; 662-552-6022.

JD 15-ft batwing bush hog, everything in good working order, no rust, \$6000. Darren Kyzer, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; 662-552-6022.

JD rotary green chopper, 80-inch, everything works, used last in fall of 2021, good working condition, \$6000. Darren Kyzer, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; 662-552-6022.

Wanted: grinder/mixer for feed, small grain augers, and small bins. David Vanmol, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; 318-308-4829.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

Bush hog brand, all purpose, plow, small chisel, model APP60-5-5 shanks, like new, shed cover, can send pics, \$750. Gerald Normand, Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-7801.

JD 95-R round back sheded, \$800; JD #12, pull type PTO, \$350. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

4-blade levee plow for sale. Neal Williams, 337-581-5201.

Terrace plow, nine blade, \$6000. Norman Saltzman, Gueydan, Lafayette Parish; 337-250-7579.

Troybilt tiller, rear tyne, with row maker, not run in 3-years due to health, not many hours, 1/\$425. Vernon Champagne, Houma, 985-873-8440.

W&A 8-row hipers w/Ortham row markers, \$2000; Taylorway (8)-row cult., 5-plov gangs w/shields, \$800; Ditch Witch w/4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe & bits, trailer, excel. cond., \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

Case IH 3950 (25)-ft. tillage disk, \$17500. Brent Duncan,

Franklinton, Washington Parish; call 985-515-6655.

Set of Single row hipers and tool bar, \$250. Joel Tassin, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-9789.

5-ft boy blade, 3-point hitch, sun equipment. Dalton Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

7100 JD planter w/row markers, 6row 30"15' w/ lots of extras, \$1999. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-405-6965.

JD 7700 combine final drives, \$500/each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-405-6965.

Wanted No till drill with colters. 2 seed boxes field ready. Cord Ensminger, Deridder, Beauregard Parish, 337-348-9694

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

3-Grain carts, (2)-Tristate, 250&350bu, (1)-Rayne Grain 250bu, all in good condition, all \$3000; (2)-combine sieves for JD95, \$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-405-6965.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

100 Horsepower International Harvester motor, radiator, and power take off, all self-contained, \$3500 Gilbert Bordelon, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish, 318-359-3836

2-axle trailer mounted hydraulic seed mixer & loader, used to mix chemicals & auto load seed hoppers on planters, \$2000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

Spray boom, 18' wide, w/(2) 9' hydraulic folding wings, 3-point hitch, broadcast spray rig, \$300. Dale Moreau, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-290-2917.

5th wheel hookup for your pickup, \$80. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-373-4067.

Front end loader, Buhler Allied 595 loader, single joy stick, 6-ft bucket comes off, very little usage, JD 4020 \$5200. Dale Denais, Duson, Lafayette Parish; 331-561-9922.

Levee splitter/ V-ditcher, heavy duty, 3-point hitch, hydraulic adjustable tilt, located in Opelousas LA, \$1000. Dale Moreau, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-290-2917.

(2) **farrowing** crates, \$200/each.

Aaron Slayter, Grant Parish; 318-652-8107.

Old-fashioned wooden cistern to be used for educational programs at Westwego Historical Museum. Donations welcome. Contact Museum with questions. Loretta Brehm, Westwego, Jefferson Parish; 504-341-3161.

Homemade 6' box blade, for 3-pt hitch, \$250. Joel Tassin, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-9789.

Manure spreader, may be pulled by ATV or lawn mower, \$1350. Harry Latiolais, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-414-2017.

20-bushel sweet potato bins, \$20; gate, 4'X6', call for price, chain binders, \$10 and up. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-0697.

11 Shank Chisel Plow \$500 Ricky Juneau Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish, 318-201-0697

4 Row W&A hoppers with shanks \$500 Ricky Juneau Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish, 318-201-0697

Wanted: Bagging system for a JD riding mower. Jim Smith, Stonewall, Desoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

Wanted: Tractor pulled manure spreader. Jim Smith, Stonewall, Desoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

HAY EQUIPMENT

3-point quick hitch equipped rd. bale spear, \$150, work saver 3-pt hitch hydraulic rd bale forks, lifts rd. bales, 6-7 ft above ground level, \$1200. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-277-3932.

AD, Vermeer hydraulic bale fork, heavy duty, 3-pt cat 2, good condition, \$1000. John Swindler, New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-937-4694.

JD 348 sq baler, 9K, JD 630 MOCO cutter, 10K, fella fluffer, \$3500, stackliner 3000, 300 gallon sprayer, \$1500, negotiable, discounts considered. Carl Stevens, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-505-0706.

10-wheel hay rake for sale, \$500. Richard Leblanc, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-207-9517 or 337-207-9518.

Shop built 8-bale hay grappler, text only, \$1000. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-794-3236.

604 XL Vermeer round baler, shed kept, dealer serviced annually, field ready. 3ft - 6ft x 4ft bale. \$10,000 Cord Ensminger Deridder, Beauregard Parish, 337-348-9694.

Report Ag/Forestry crimes to LDAF

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(3)-851 New Holland round balers, 1 working, 2 for parts, \$3500. Joe Owens, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish; 985-518-0957.

Hay spears, double and single spears available, front loader and 3pt. Lacey Mouton, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-250-1810.

2020 Vermeer M6040, used 2 times, excellent condition, \$10500, OBO. Wilton Lipscomb, Zachary, EBRP; 225-936-0838.

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

Welding machine, electric, 250 Lincoln, a/c-d/c, 30-feet of leads, \$500. Donnie McManus, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; 318-381-6584.

55 ton press/air over hydraulic, Williams brand, \$600 obo, pictures available. Tommy Pommier, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-519-5901.

Galvalum (6) sheets, 3' wide, 12' long, \$275. Dalton Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

Electrical wire, 3 conductor AWG, \$3/ft.; 4 conductor #10 AWG \$190/ 100 ft.; 4 conductor #12 AWG \$130/ 100 ft.; SO cord 10AWG \$160/ 100 ft. Dalton Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

New Orleans style lamp post, with lamp, 17-ft, call for more information. Tony Templet, Baton Rouge, EBR Parish; 225-356-2094.

10 ft. pull type box blade with hydraulic tilt, NEW, all hoses and cylinders included, heavy duty. Lacey Mouton, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-250-1810.

Sheets of used tin, some good condition some scrap, must take all, FREE! Earl Lemoine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-5503.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1999 freightliner el60 w/40' drop deck trailer, \$30000. Mona Elkins, Minden, Webster Parish; 318-377-7792.

Corn wagon for corn pickers, sweet potato crates, single row hip-pers for super A, produce scale (LDAF approved), lime/fert pull applicator small older type. Kenneth Morris, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-290-5016.

98 F700 dump truck, 7-yard bed, \$15000; GMC 3500 4-door dually w/tool box bed, \$6000; automatic

2002 Dodge single cab truck, \$4000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-526-1102.

90000 lb B & W fifth wheel hitch, \$650; 25000 lb Reese gooseneck hitch, hardware included, was on a Ford F350, \$150. Eric Broussard, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-288-0243.

Chevrolet Silverado 2002, excellent condition, electric seats, windows, everything works, \$4500. Bob Stevens, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-447-5015.

Tire-LT 275X70X18 Mickey Thompson 75% 10Ply, \$75. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-405-6965.

Ford Ranger parts, 2000-2003, \$50 and up. Call 337-363-0265 for more information.

Wanted: 1.5-2 ton used truck, 4WD, prefer military issue, gas engine, in working condition, body not an issue, price range around \$3000, within 100 mile radius of Slidell. Ferenc Hajdu, Lacombe, St.

Tammany Parish; 985-237-9414.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

One horse wagon, \$600; one horse harness, \$120; large log tongs, \$95; cross cut saw, \$75; sausage stuffer, \$120. Jimmie Netherlin, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-792-4275.

16-ft hay trailer, has high front railing for stacking square bales, can be used for round bales, metal floor and brakes, price is \$3700. Mike Bergeron, Ventress, LA 225-324-4225

(4)-7000-16 trailer tires mounted on rim, good condition, \$400 for all. Rip White, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; 225-287-2882.

4-tire gooseneck flatbed trailer, 23-ft long, w/ (2) spare tires, \$1000. Richard Leblanc, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish;

337-207-9517 or 337-207-9518.

Big Tex trailer, 5x8 ft, heavy duty w/fold down ramp/gate, like new, shed kept, \$1100. J.C. Dupre, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-945-2683.

18-ft utility trailer, dual axle, exc. Condition, \$2500. Tony Templet, Baton Rouge, EBR Parish; 225-356-2094.

Wanted: 12' to 16' pull type cattle trailer. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-0697.

Wanted: 2 0'X7'6" or 20'X8' wide bumper pull, tandem axle, all metal utility trailer, with dove tail or ramps for tractor hauling. Robert LeMaster, Summit, Pike County; 601-248-8843.

SEWING & FABRICS

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sewing step by step, \$10/each. Earline Landry, Roanoke, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-275-8741.

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Rare black walnut coffee tables, end tables, fireplace mantle boards, priced by size, beautiful wood. David Wood, Ashland, Natchitoches Parish; 318-544-2481.

Cypress wood duck nest boxes, \$45/each; predator guards, \$25/each. Greg "Red" Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; 337-230-7295.

LUMBER & SAWING

Jet JDM-18 Vertical bench milling machine, w/h 21 bits, used, good working condition, \$1950. Aaron Slayter, Grant Parish; 318-652-8107.

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CERTIFIED DELICIOUS RECIPES



CREAMY CREOLE HERB SHRIMP

Submitted by Dip Me Snacks

Ingredients:

- 1 pound (26-30-count) shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 cup Dip Me Creole Herb Sour Cream Dip
- 1 tablespoon fresh dill, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons celery, chopped
- 2 tablespoons Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Kosher salt and ground pepper

Instructions:

To cook the shrimp: Fill a large bowl with water and add plenty of ice. Set aside. Fill a large pot halfway with water. Add dill, garlic, celery, tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil and simmer until the pot is fragrant, about 5 minutes. Add the shrimp and remove the pot from the heat. Stir, allowing the shrimp to cook until pink and opaque, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain the pot in a colander and pour the shrimp into the ice bath to cool.

To make the salad: In a large bowl, combine Dip Me Creole Herb Sour Cream Dip, lemon zest, hot sauce, and sugar. Season with a pinch of salt and a few grinds of black pepper. Remove the shrimp from the ice bath, dry gently with a paper towel, and coarsely chop. Add shrimp to the dressing mixture until combined. Great when added to a salad!

www.dipmesnacks.com



BROCCOLI CHEESE & RICE MUFFINS

Submitted by 4Sisters Rice

Ingredients:

- 1 cup 4Sisters brown rice, cooked
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 3 cups fresh broccoli florets, chopped
- ½ cup yellow onion, chopped
- ¾ cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- ¾ cups cottage cheese
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoon unsalted butter
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 12-cup muffin tin or use muffin liners. Cook the rice according to package directions with 1 teaspoon salt, 1-2 tablespoon of butter. Beat your eggs in a large mixing bowl. Stir in cooked brown rice, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese, garlic powder, onion, salt & pepper, to taste. Gently mix the broccoli into the cheesy rice mixture. Spoon the broccoli rice mixture evenly into each muffin tin. Bake at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes or until firm to touch in the center. These are a great easy make ahead snack! Note: These can be frozen after baking.

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BUFFALO SOUTH SAUCE PIQUANT

Submitted by Buffalo South Sauce

Ingredients:

- 3-4 pounds meat of choice
- ¾ cup flour plus additional for dredge
- ¾ cup oil for roux
- 2 cups onions, diced
- 2 cups celery, diced
- 2 cups bell peppers, diced
- 1 28 ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 15 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 6 ounce can tomato paste
- 7 cups broth to go with meat
- ¾ - 1 cup Buffalo South Sauce Ain't Y'all's Ordinary Wing Sauce

Instructions:

Dredge meat in flour and brown in a pan, set aside. Add oil and flour to pot on medium heat to make a dark brown roux. Add the onions, celery, and bell peppers to the pan the meat was browned in and allow to wilt. Combine all ingredients in a large pot on medium heat and simmer to a low boil. Reduce heat to low and allow mixture to simmer for about 2 ½ hours and meat is starting to fall apart, stirring occasionally. Adjust with broth and seasonings for desired taste and consistency. Serve over grits, rice, pasta, etc. with a salad, vegetables, or garlic bread. *Note: if using seafood, do not add cooked meat until the end of the cooking process.

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Cage 2.6x5x5 tall, on skids, for chickens, quail, or rabbits, 1/2"x1/2" wire floor, pics to show. Daniel Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-789-5478.

Set of cummings pro industrial socket set, 1/2 drive, 6-point, 10mm - 32mm, excellent shape, \$60. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-652-6200.

Water Softner system complete whole house water filtration, \$1000. Gilbert Bordelon, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-3836.

Greenhouse, 12x24 round style, heavy gauge galvanized, complete with fabric clips/10-table bench panels, 24"x48" each, great condition, \$700. Gilbert Bordelon, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-3836.

Factory built, portable animal 3'X4'X5' steel & wire cage, excellent condition, \$425. Bobby Denton,

Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

55-gallon barrels, plastic or metal, removable lid barrels, \$40, solid lid barrels, \$20, great for feed, fuel, water, burn barrels or whatever. Josh Savage, Plaucheville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-2493.

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

Old Sickle mower, \$350; Old Hay rake, 10-ft., \$800; John Deere H, \$1500. Jimmy Bass, Longville, Beauregard Parish; 1-337-661-9638.

40'highcube Container, good shape, \$5900; 20' container, good shape, \$3900. H. Leblanc, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-717-9151.

Wanted: Looking for a small hammer mill, to grind corn with cyclone for sacking ground feed, PTO driven or gas. James Bass, Clinton, E. Feliciana Parish; 225-315-3028.

Wanted: 6-ft T-post in local area. Ed Kelley, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 985-264-6532.

Wanted: cattle head gate, used.

Rebecca Mclindon, 985-237-3950.

Deer hunting club near Pearl River, St. Tammany Parish, \$1200/year and 598 acres, deer, hogs, turkey, rifle & archery hunting, camping allowed. KJ Lodrigue, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-789-1000 or lease@kjun.us.

Transit City Bus will make a great fixer upper for a camp, \$7500. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; call 985-515-6655.

Winnebago porta potty, for camping or at horse shows for children or adults if needed, \$25, good shape. Dalton Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

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Deer hunting club in Perry County MS, 2400 acres, (half dog hunting/half still hunting), \$800/year. Mike Labouf, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-665-7028.

Wanted: Vintage Cast Iron pots, pans, lids, etc. Lyle Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-351-0836.

2022 Polaris Ranger, 8hs, \$3000, call for pics. Dallas Richard, Morse, Acadia Parish; 337-517-3750.

ATVS

2021 Polaris Northstar Ultimate 1000, AC/heat, AM-FM, navigation, winch, F/R bumpers, LED, 6-seater, camo, 39 miles, electric windows, new, \$32000. Bob Stevens, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-447-5015.

Year 18 Honda Pioneer 1000, top windshield, winch, back glass, good condition, \$1350 firm. Daniel Brock, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-839-2764.

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

410 single shot salvage shot gun, old model, like new, \$200. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-241-2269.

Smith & Wesson Mod. 637-2 38 Special+P Air Weight 1" Barrel \$700, Marlin Mod. 60 22 w/ scope \$200. Paul Gil, Patterson, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-1292.

Citadel 12 gauge semi automatic, 20" barrel, home defense, 3" chamber, assorted chokes, brand new, \$275. Norman Saltzman, Gueydan, Lafayette Parish; 337-250-7579.

Set of 5 "oil field commemorative" marlin 45-70 rifles, lever action, new in boxes, (pre Ruger) Model 1895, \$9500/ nego. Jody Coyne, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish; 504-715-7210.

Ruger 7mm Mag Mark II, \$1000; Remington 7mm Mag Model 700, \$600; Remington 12 Sportsman, \$800, and more. Charles Dowden, Anacoco, Vernon Parish; 337-378-2544.

Wanted: Stevens model 77, 20 or 16 gauge pump shotgun, Old Benjamin and Sheridan pellet guns, broken or working condition. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, EBR Parish; 225-335-7834.

Wanted: Barrel Fox 20 gauge browning auto A5. Marshall Harris, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 985-323-3181.

BOATS

1950 Dunphy 12 foot mahogany wood boat with 1950 Mercury 25 horsepower motor and 1950 trailer, all restored, \$7,000 or best offer Robert Legnon Jr, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish, 337-365-8249

AGRITOURISM

Camper/tent rental by day, 1.5-mile woods trail, catch and release fishing, kayaks, waterfall, picnic areas, birthday parties, flowering plants, sinage throughout, professional photographers welcome. Lee, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-981-7819 or 985-320-4478.

Farm Bus tour, \$1000, all inclusive ticket, the tour will go to multiple parishes in Louisiana (EBR, Rapides, Acadia, St. Landry), four day/ three-night tour to six agricultural locations, purchase tickets at heartlandtoursla.com. Taylor McCann, Pineville, Point Coupee Parish; 225-240-3376.

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



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USDA Announces Signup for 2023 Assistance for On-Farm Food Safety Expenses for Specialty Crop Growers

Deadline for Calendar Year 2022 Applications is Jan. 31, 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds specialty crop producers of available assistance to help cover certain costs of complying with regulatory and market-driven food safety certification requirements. Applications for the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) program for eligible 2022 costs are due by Jan. 31, 2023. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications for 2023 costs from Feb. 1, 2023, to Jan. 31, 2024.

FSA is making available up to \$200 million through the FSCSC program, which is part of USDA's broader effort to transform the food system to create a more level playing field for small-scale agricultural operations and a more balanced, equitable economy for everyone working in food and agriculture.

USDA first announced and opened this program for signup in 2022, delivering critical assistance for specialty crop operations, with an emphasis on equity in program delivery while building on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain disruptions.

Program Details

FSCSC assists specialty crop operations that incurred eligible on-farm food safety certification and expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 and 2023 for certifications issued on or after June 21, 2022. For each year, FSCSC covers a percentage of the specialty crop operation's eligible costs of obtaining or renewing their certification, as well as a portion of their related expenses.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be a specialty crop operation.
- Meet the definition of a small business or very small business.
- Have paid eligible expenses related to certification.

Specialty crop operations may receive assistance for the following costs:

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

FSA calculates FSCSC payments for each category of eligible costs. FSA set a higher payment rate for underserved farmers and ranchers, which includes socially disadvantaged, limited resource, beginning and veteran producers who have a CCC-860 on file with FSA.

FSA will issue payments at the time of application approval for 2022 and after the application period ends for 2023. The 2023 application period opens Feb. 1, 2023, and closes Jan. 31, 2024. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be prorated.



USDA U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION FOR SPECIALTY CROPS

Accepting Applications for Calendar Years:
 2022 → June 27, 2022 to January 31, 2023
 2023 → February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024
www.farmers.gov/food-safety

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(Image of a farmer working in a greenhouse)

Applying for Assistance

- Interested specialty crop producers can apply by completing an application (FSA-888). The application, along with other required documents, can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. Application link: www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/farmersgov-form-fsa888-06162022.pdf
- Producers can visit farmers.gov/service-locator to find their local FSA office.
- Specialty crop producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to assist.
- Producers can visit farmers.gov/food-safety for additional program details, eligibility information and forms needed to apply.



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To learn more or submit your response today, visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/

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rooms are. They grow their wood-loving mushrooms on hardwood sawdust blocks that they create themselves. After the sawdust (and soybean hulls for most varieties) are mixed up and bagged, they get steam sterilized. Next, they add grain spawn into each. “Basically, this is the seed of the mushroom,” explains Cyrus. “We introduce the mycelium, the little white hairs that people often see growing in the dirt, to each fruiting block.”

Depending on the variety, it can take anywhere from 10 days to two months for the blocks to colonize. When they’re ready to grow mushrooms, the blocks are brought into the fruiting room and opened to flush out. This part can take seven days to two weeks (again, depending on the variety). When the first flush of mushrooms is picked, that block gets tossed into their compost pile, and new blocks are brought in. It’s a constant rotation every single week.

LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., congratulated the couple on their sustainable methods, saying, “When we talk about how we are going to feed the world, we’ll need a lot more small-scale production as well as industrial agriculture. When you can take a waste-stream product like sawdust and turn that into an edible product and make it profitable — that is the story of modern agriculture.”

Often harvesting three to four times a day, Maggie and Cyrus grow anywhere from 12 to 14 varieties of edible gourmet and medicinal mushrooms at a time.

You’ve got your oysters, which grow in grey, pink, and golden varieties. Then there’s button, brown chestnut, Pioppino, king trumpet, lion’s mane, shitake, and maitake.

Just listening to the names is a delight to the senses, but take one step inside the fruiting room, and you’ll feel like you’re in Willy Wonka’s factory — the colors, textures, and shapes of the different varieties jump from the shelves. Sometimes it looks like an underwater garden, other times a well-stocked florist shop.

The operation wowed Commissioner Strain. “This is a remarkable, unique place,” said Strain. “They make some of the most beautiful mushrooms you will ever see. And they’re doing a tremendous amount of agriculture in a very small space here. I’m simply amazed at what I see... it’s really exciting.”



Maggie and Cyrus think it’s exciting, too. And they’ve embraced their role in the community as the new face of farming. “As our name and products get out there, we’ve realized that young people think it’s cool and interesting. And that’s good because farming is cool and interesting,” says Maggie. “We’re always going to need fresh food, always going to need people to grow food. There are all kinds of different ways to grow it, and we

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Conservation at Work VIDEO SERIES

Be sure to check out Conservation at Work, a video series from NRCS and farmers.gov. Full of short, easy to understand videos about popular conservation practices, the series features producers explaining how an individual practice helps their land and why they are using it.

The videos shine the spotlight on farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners from across the U.S. who explain why they’ve implemented the conservation practices and how they work on their land. They also provide insight into how each practice is helping them protect and improve resources and save time and money.

We’ve got videos showcasing high tunnels, no-till, cover crops, prescribed grazing, and many more. See the whole series at farmers.gov/conserv/conservationatwork.



1890 National Scholar Program: Application Period Now Open

The USDA/1890 National Scholar Program is aimed at bolstering educational and career opportunities for students from rural or underserved communities around the country. It was established in 1992 as part of the partnership between USDA and the 1890 land-grant universities.

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) manages the 1890 National Scholars Program, which is aimed at increasing the number of students from rural and underserved communities who study food, agriculture, natural resource and other related sciences. The scholarship provides recipients with full tuition, fees, books, room and board. Scholarship recipients attend one of the 1890 land-grant universities, and pursue degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. The scholarship may also include work experience at USDA. The program is a crucial part of USDA's Next Generation efforts.

To see the full list of 1890 universities and required disciplines, visit www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars.

USDA awarded 126 1890 scholarships in Fiscal Year 2022, the most in one year since the program began in 1992.

The Award: The scholarship may be renewed each year, contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and normal progress toward a bachelor's degree.

General Eligibility: To be eligible for the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program scholarship a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- Have been accepted for admission or currently attending one of the nineteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities.
- Study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related academic disciplines
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature
- Submit a signed application (original signature only)
- 21 ACT, 1080 SAT scores

The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program is open to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college, and rising college sophomores and juniors.

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FEB. 25, 2023 SATURDAY	"Boots & Bling" Affair Location: Multi-Purpose Building • Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. This is a semi-formal/western attire event.
FEB. 26, 2023 SUNDAY	Livestock Appreciation Luncheon Location: Multi-Purpose Building/Arena • Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Honoring all individuals that have made an impact within the Livestock & Poultry Show circuit.
FEB. 27, 2023 MONDAY	Ag Showcase Location: Pinkie Thrift Lawn • Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. An event for the students from the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences.
FEB. 28, 2023 TUESDAY	The Chancellor's Luncheon Location: This event is not open to the public • Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
MARCH 1, 2023 WEDNESDAY	"The Educational Experience" Expo Location: Multi-Purpose Building/Arena • Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Students from EBR and other surrounding parishes will have the privilege to explore agricultural displays, demonstrations, exhibits, animals, and mobile unit tours at this expo.
MARCH 2-4, 2023 THURS-SAT	80th Annual Livestock & Poultry Show Location: Multi-Purpose Building/Arena • Time: 8:00 a.m. – until The 80th Annual Southern University Livestock and Poultry Show begins!
MARCH 3, 2023 FRIDAY	Friday Night With the Stars (Mardi Gras Theme) Location: Multi-Purpose Building/Arena • Time: 6:00 p.m. Enjoy an old-fashion livestock decorating contest!
MARCH 4, 2023 SATURDAY	Awards Program Location: Multi-Purpose Building/Arena • Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Champion and Showmanship classes will be judged and awarded. An animal auction will follow.

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New Online Tool for Farm Loan Application Process

The USDA has launched a new online tool to help farmers and ranchers better navigate the farm loan application process. This uniform application process will help to ensure all farm loan applicants receive equal support and have a consistent customer experience with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) regardless of their individual circumstances.

The Loan Assistance Tool is available 24/7 and gives customers an online step-by-step guide that supplements the support they receive when working in person with a USDA employee, providing materials that may help an applicant prepare their loan application in one tool.

The tool aims to reduce the high rate of incomplete or withdrawn applications, particularly among underserved customers, due in part to a challenging and lengthy paper-based application process.

Farmers can access the Loan Assistance Tool by visiting farmers.gov/farm-loan-assistance-tool and clicking the 'Get Started' button. From here they can follow the prompts to complete the Eligibility Self-Assessment and start the farm loan journey.



USDA Expands Eligibility, Enhances Benefits for Key Disaster Programs

Policy changes will help more producers recover from natural disasters

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made updates to several conservation, livestock and crop disaster assistance programs to give more farmers, ranchers, and tribes the opportunity to apply for and access programs that support recovery following natural disasters. Specifically, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) expanded eligibility and enhanced available benefits for a suite of its programs. These updates will provide critical assistance to producers who need to rebuild and recover after suffering catastrophic losses of production and infrastructure due to natural disasters.

FSA has updated the following programs: The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Livestock Disaster Assistance Updates

FSA also expanded eligible livestock under ELAP, LFP and LIP. Specifically, horses maintained on eligible grazing land are eligible for ELAP, LFP and LIP. Many family farms and ranches use their forage to raise horses to augment their other agriculture endeavors. FSA recognizes that animals maintained in a commercial agriculture operation, add value to the operation and could be available for marketing from the farm. FSA regulations have been updated to include these animals as eligible livestock.

LIP and ELAP reimburses producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died as a result of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. LFP provides benefits for grazing losses due to drought and eligible wildfires on federally managed lands.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance

Previously, to be eligible for NAP coverage, a producer had to submit an application (Form CCC-471) for NAP coverage on

or before the application closing date. For 2022, if a producer has a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification (Form CCC-860) on file with FSA, it will serve as an application for basic coverage for all eligible crops having a 2022 application closing date and all NAP-related service fees for basic coverage will be waived for these producers.

FSA will notify all eligible producers who already have the CCC-860 certification form on file of their eligibility for NAP basic coverage for 2022. To potentially receive NAP assistance, producers who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2022 should file an acreage report as well as a notice of loss with the FSA at their local Service Center.

Producers who are interested in obtaining NAP coverage for 2023 and subsequent years should also contact their local FSA county office for information on eligibility, coverage options and applying for coverage.

Reporting Losses

Producers impacted by a natural disaster should report losses and damages and file an application with their FSA county office. Timelines for reporting losses and applying for payments differ by program.

- For LIP and ELAP, producers will need to file a Notice of Loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.
- For LFP, producers must provide a completed application for payment and required supporting documentation to their FSA office 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.

For NAP, producers should contact their local FSA office for guidelines on submitting a notice of loss and filing an acreage certification. **To learn more, visit [usda.gov](https://www.usda.gov).**

Ag & Forestry Employees Among Dunbar Award Winners

The Louisiana Civil Service League recently announced winners of the 63rd annual Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., Career Service Award. LDAF's Joel LeBlanc (IT Supervisor) and Tim Thomas (Weights & Measures District Supervisor) were among those honored at a luncheon on Friday, January 13 in New Orleans.

In addition to LeBlanc and Thomas, seven other members of LDAF's staff received honorable mentions for this year: Fran McVea, Richard Miller, Gregory Olson, Carlos Jacob Poole, Amy Sprawls, Jared Steward, and Jeremy Rodriguez.

This award, named for the founder of the League and co-author of the original Civil Service Law in Louisiana, is presented to employees in a classified merit system who have distinguished themselves by service over and above the call of duty.

Over 800 State and local classified civil service employees have been honored with this prestigious award for their distinguished service since the award's inception in 1958.



Joel Leblanc



Tim Thomas

LACD Special Awards

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Outstanding District Supervisor

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LA Association of Conservation Districts

Highlights from the 77th Annual Meeting

The Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts (LACD) held its 77th Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge on January 11-13, 2023. Over 200 district supervisors, district employees, conservation partners, and sponsors attended the conference.

The theme “Healthy Soils: The Key to the Future” was promoted throughout the meeting with special presenters, break-out sessions, and panel discussions providing information and education pertaining to soil health and related conservation practices.

The keynote speaker was the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner, and other speakers included the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist, State Representatives, and representatives from Farm Bureau, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR), Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Office of Community Development, National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), US Forest Service, Farm Service Agency (FSA), and the LSU AgCenter.

Updates were presented on The Waters of the United States rule, Carbon Sequestration Initiatives, Louisiana Outdoors Forever, the Louisiana Watersheds Initiative update, and much more.

During the meeting, a luncheon was held to highlight the 2022 Louisiana Certified Master Farmers, and an awards dinner recognized district supervisors and staff, state poster contest and scholarship winners, and Conservation Champions and Distinguished Service Awards. On Friday, Supervisor Training was provided by LDAF’s Office of Soil and Water Conservation and business then finally, a Code district board mem-

In conjunction with previously mentioned activities, district staff, board members, and conservation partners were also invited to attend the 2nd Annual Project Water Education Today (Project WET)/Project Learning Tree (PLT) and Wonders of the Wetlands! (WOW!) combo workshop Friday morning. Project WET, PLT, and WOW! are objective, experimental, science-based educational outreach programs that provide both formal and non-formal educators with



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State Rep. Jack G. McFarland, Louisiana Conservation Champion



State Rep. Charles “Chuck” Owen, Distinguished Service Award



State Rep. Jerome “Zee” Zeringue, Louisiana Conservation Champion



Outstanding Master Farmer Wesley Coffman, Guy Caire Award

Register for USDA's Ag Outlook Forum

Register now for the USDA's 99th annual Agricultural Outlook Forum taking place February 23-24, 2023. It's THE place to hear the latest on agriculture and updates on pressing issues affecting agriculture today!

More than 30 sessions and 100 agriculture leaders and subject matter experts will discuss key issues impacting the sector including the U.S. farm income situation, climate smart agriculture, supply chain challenges and solutions, factors impacting U.S. trade & the global marketplace, and more!

Participants can attend in person or virtually. Registration is required for both virtual and in-person attendance. There is no cost to attending virtually.

To view the full schedule and register today, visit usda.gov/oce/ag-outlook-forum.

POULTRY SALES & SHOWS

Hammond Poultry Swap will be held 1st Sat. of the month at Tractor Supply on Florida Blvd. Only healthy animals. For more information, call Jenna at 225-439-9024.

Poultry Swap and Farmers Market every 1st and 3rd Sat. from 7 a.m. until at the Moss Bluff Tractor Supply. For more information, call Joyce Conner at 337-391-1790.

Abbeville Poultry Sales and Swap will be held every 4th Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Tractor Supply, 3410 Veterans Memorial Drive. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. For more information, call Kenneth Richard at 337-319-5669.

Denham Springs Poultry Swap will be held every 2nd Sat. from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Tractor Supply on Florida Blvd., only healthy animals, no dogs or cats. For more info, call Daniel at 225-665-9042.

Opelousas Poultry Swap and Sales every 1st Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Tractor Supply, Hwy. 190. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. For more info, call Larry at 337-945-2804.

Reeves Auction and Livestock every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 3 p.m. Located at 9271 Hwy 190 in Ragley. Includes general merchandise and poultry. For more information, call Danny Reeves at 337-309-9679.



Mike Strain, DVM Commissioner

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Cotton Country Open Horse Show Association — All shows are held at the Northeast Louisiana Exhibition Center on Hwy 33 in Ruston. For more information, visit the website at www.ccohsa.com.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association — All shows are held at the covered Clinton Arena in Clinton, with exception of the March and November shows. They will be held at the Pointe Coupee Multi-Use Center. Show dates for 2023 include March 18, April 15, May 13, June 24, August 19, September 9, October 21, and November 11. All shows begin at 9 a.m. For more information visit www.dsshsa.org or find us on Facebook or Instagram. Email: dsshsa@gmail.com

Jeff Davis Riders Club — All shows are held at the Crowley Rice Arena and begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Cathy Meche at 337-526-2281 or visit www.jeffdavisridersclub.org.

Louisiana Little Britches rodeo — All events are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, go to <http://lalbra.weebly.com> or email lalbra@yahoo.com.

Louisiana Stock Horse Association — All shows will start at 9 a.m. each day. November 19 & 20 - LaSH Finals, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish Arena For more information, visit www.louisianastockhorse.com or by calling 337-208-2336.

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

Louisiana Polled Hereford Association The Bayou Classic Sale will be held on Sat., April 8, 2023, at the Tiger Lake Livestock in Mansura, La. at 1 p.m. Contact Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com) or Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com).



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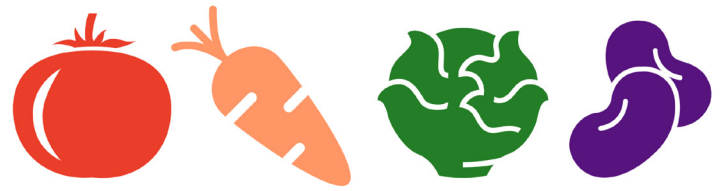
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Planning Your Home Garden?

LSU AgCenter's Planting Guide Can Help!



Producing vegetables is a favorite hobby for many people. Homegrown vegetables have better flavor because they are harvested closer to their peak ripeness, which enables the production of more of their natural sugars.

Plus, there is complete joy in watching a small seed develop into a delicious treat!

Gardening provides a means of exercise, recreation and therapy, as well as opportunities for many to experience nature. Statements such as "Let me show you my garden!" or "I grew that!" give a sense of self-satisfaction.

Home vegetable gardens range in size from a single potted plant to large gardens. Make your garden the size that will meet your needs without

becoming a burden. Remember, we can plant and harvest 12 months a year, and some of those are really hot and some are cold, so don't overdo it!

Plan ahead. Locate the garden in a sunny area. Six to eight hours of sunlight each day is preferred. Fruit-bearing crops, such as tomatoes, peppers and squash, need full sunlight for best production. Otherwise, too much shade results in very little production for those crops. If you only have shady spots to garden in, leafy vegetables such as lettuce, broccoli and cabbage will tolerate more shade than fruit-bearing crops.

In Louisiana, vegetables can be planted year-round. As soon as one crop finishes bearing, pull it out, rework the rows and plant something else. For ex-

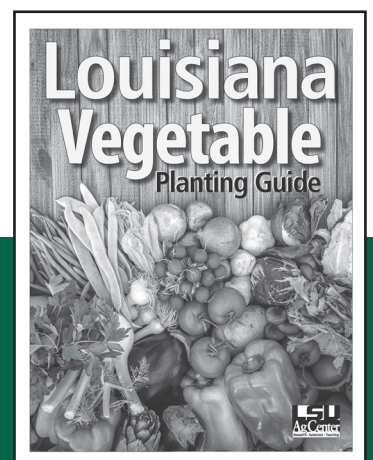
ample, after harvesting Irish potatoes in May or June, rework the area and plant peas, okra or sweet potatoes. Successive plantings made a week or two apart provide a continuous fresh supply of bush snap beans, peas, greens and other certain vegetables. Also, planting early, midseason and late-maturing varieties at the same time will extend your harvest.

This publication should be used as a guide to growing a successful Louisiana garden. The information was developed after considerable research and practical experience. The comments about each item in the following tables may help you better understand the cultivation requirements of vegetables. But please remember, it is just a guide. Always pay atten-

tion to local forecasts as those will help you decide to plant at suggested dates or maybe wait a bit if the weather is not acting in a predictable manner.

Planting Dates - We have included a table that has columns for both north Louisiana and south Louisiana gardeners. Those living in central Louisiana will do best if they defer to north Louisiana planting dates for spring vegetable crops, but they can use dates from either north or south Louisiana for fall crops.

**By Kathryn Fontenot
LSU AgCenter**





The LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Vegetable Planting Guide is the ultimate resource when planning a vegetable garden!

This guide offers planting dates for North and South Louisiana!

View the guide: <https://tinyurl.com/VegetablePlantingGuide>





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educational topics appropriate for students in grades K-12. Participants joined together for a training full of activities and demonstrations related to water, forestland, and wetland conservation. At the end of the training, attendees were given guidebooks for each program, with over 100 preconstructed activity lesson plans created for outreach opportunities and in-school lessons.

Newly certified Master Farmers include Trent Broussard of D&B Farms, Roland Crymes and Rex Calhoun. Re-certified Master Farmers are Richard Damien Bollich and Raymond J. Fontenot.

The Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts would like to thank all their sponsors, exhibitors, districts, and conservation partners for another successful annual meeting.

EVENTS

26th Annual National Conservation Systems Cotton & Rice Conference

- January 31 - February 1
- Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA

For more information and to register, visit www.nctd.net.

National Association of Conservation Districts 77th Annual Meeting

- February 11 - 15
- New Orleans, LA

Register here: www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting

Beauregard Parish Spring Garden Forum

- Saturday, February 11
- 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

War Memorial Civic Center, 250 W 7th St, DeRidder, LA 70634

Topics include:

- **School Gardening**, Ms. Beth Thomas & Junior Master Gardeners (Rosepine Elem School)
- **Improving Garden Soil Naturally**, Mr. George Giltner & Mr. Kirk Gillard (Beauregard MGs)
- **Container Gardening**, Ms. Elaine Hicks (Cenla MG)
- **Landscaping for Wildlife**, CC Richmond (La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries)
- **Wind Resistance Trees: Planting & Care**, James Burnett, Jr. (Beauregard MG)

There is no charge for this event. For more information, please contact Keith Hawkins, Area Horticulture Agent, 337-463-7006. To sign up for "Green Thumbs" updates about gardening, email khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu.

LDAF Saddle Microchipping Event

- Thursday, February 23
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thibodeaux Town & Country Feed Store, 1124 North Lafitte, Abbeville, LA

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

March 24-26, Southland Mall, 5953 West Park Avenue, Houma, La.. Contact: Denise Mitchell; denise.mitchell123@gmail.com.

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can all learn from each other. We really like to encourage that learning."

Part of that learning takes place at the farmer's market every week, where they invariably get questions from mushroom newbies and enthusiasts alike. Maggie and Cyrus generously answer all the questions and love being part of the community.

We all know it's important to eat locally, but that can be even more evident to folks when talking about mushrooms. If mushrooms, or any fresh produce, are being shipped in from faraway places, they will have a shorter shelf life for the consumer. That means you'll have to use them quickly, and many of the nutrients in them may start to break down. For that reason and others, "It's important to eat local mushrooms, local produce," says Cyrus. "Our customers can speak to us at the market every Saturday and talk to us, and we can tell them every aspect of how we grow our mushrooms and treat our employees. They can talk to our employees. Knowing where your food is coming from is one of the most important things there is."

As first-generation mushroom farmers, Maggie says that she and Cyrus dream big but also have realistic goals. "Right now, we just want to be able to grow more mushrooms," says Maggie. "We want to get our mushrooms in more places and be able to provide them at a reasonable cost directly to consumers. Because I feel like that's important — the relationship between the producers and consumers."

If you already love mushrooms, you know that they're delicious. But did you know they're super good for you, too? In addition to helping lower cholesterol, mushrooms have cancer-fighting properties and are hailed as a hearty, healthy substitute for anyone trying to lower their meat consumption.

If you're a newbie, Maggie suggests starting with gray oysters because they take on whatever flavor you're cooking with. Chestnuts and Pioppino are also popular



Commissioner Strain removes substrate debris from freshly harvested mushrooms.

for their nutty flavor, and king trumpets are high in protein and have a meaty texture.

If you're interested in something a little different, lion's mane is a medicinal mushroom that has been shown to help with neurological disorders such as Parkinson's and dementia. Amazingly, it contains the only natural substance known to repair myelin in the brain.

In addition to the cultivated varieties they raise, Maggie and Cyrus also forage wild mushrooms seasonally, particularly varieties such as morels, chanterelles, and porcini, that are either difficult or impossible to cultivate on a farm.

For more information, visit www.mushroommaggiesfarm.com, where you can find more information about mushrooms, learn about their method, and browse recipes to try. You can even buy a fruiting block to grow and harvest your own mushrooms at home.

And remember... when you shop your favorite grocery stores, roadside stands, and farmer's markets, look for locally grown Louisiana specialty crops like Mushroom Maggie's.



To find a farmer's market in your area, visit www.usdalocalfoodportal.com.

To learn more about specialty crops, visit www.ldaf.state.la.us/.../specialty-crops-program/.