



LOUISIANA MARKET BULLETIN

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LDAF Year in Review

As the year comes to an end, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) looks back on a year full of progress. The holiday season is a great time to think about our blessings and the improvements we've made to help farmers and the environment. In 2025, the department led many new projects, demonstrating commitment to new ideas and helping others. Here are a few notes from each office in review of 2025:

Office of Agricultural Environment Sciences

The Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (AES) made significant advancements in 2025 to strengthen regulatory programs, enhance producer services, and protect Louisiana's agricultural and environmental resources. Throughout the year, AES staff demonstrated professionalism, adaptability, and a strong commitment to public service.

Modernizing Licensing and Testing Services

In 2025, AES launched a new testing system that significantly modernized the delivery of Pesticide and Horticulture examinations. For the first time, applicants can complete exams via an online remote testing platform. In-person testing remains available by appointment only at the LDAF main office in Baton Rouge.

Workforce Development and Training

AES Administrative and District staff participated in a two-day investigation training course hosted by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR) in April 2025 in downtown Baton Rouge. This specialized training focused on strengthening investigative techniques, improving report writing, and enhancing the overall quality and outcomes of AES-related investigations.

Supporting Specialty Crops and Beekeeping

For the third time, LDAF was awarded a Specialty Crop Block Grant totaling \$40,000 to support the Apprenticeship Project for Growing New Beekeepers. The 2024-2026 project continues to introduce students to beekeeping and honey production while building practical agricultural skills.

In 2025, all four participating high schools received complete equipment packages, including bees, necessary to establish new hives. Students are actively producing and marketing honey, helping to develop the next generation of beekeepers while supporting Louisiana's specialty crop industries.

Apiary Program and Pollinator Health

For the first time in five years, LDAF's Apiary Program participated in the National Honeybee Survey. Mark Earl, Nursery and Apiary Administrative Coordinator, along with AES inspectors, conducted 24 inspections across 19 locations statewide. The survey was completed successfully and contributed valuable data to national pollinator health monitoring efforts.

Plant Health and Pest Detection

During the annual Cotton Pest Survey, AES inspectors detected a new pest in Louisiana: the two-spotted cotton leafhopper (Amrasca biguttula). The pest was identified on hibiscus plants at a retail store that had received plant material from Florida.

In response, LDAF initiated a statewide delimiting survey targeting retail stores and nursery stock dealers that received plant material from Florida. Inspectors examined 58 locations, with positive identification at 21 sites. To prevent further spread, AES inspectors destroyed 788 hibiscus plants.

Citrus Health and Diagnostic Collaboration

In December 2025, LDAF hosted a citrus training as part of the Citrus Health Response Program agreement. Approximately 30 participants from LDAF and the U.S. Department of Agriculture attended the training.

Seed and Industrial Hemp Programs

In 2025, program staff introduced new standards and revised state seed rules and regulations to better align with national standards while maintaining protections for growers and seed producers.

Pesticide and Environmental Programs

AES Pesticide and Environmental Programs continued to deliver strong regulatory oversight and environmental stewardship.

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Wishing you a festive season that brings joy to your home, love to your heart, and laughter to your life.



Commissioner Mike & Susan Strain and all your friends at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 11, 2025

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

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 12, 2025

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

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ACADIA

Rayne Farmers Market
Frog Fest Pavilion,
210 Frog Fest Dr
2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM

ALLEN

Oberlin Farmers Market ●
228 West 6th Ave
Wed 9AM-1PM

ASCENSION

Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market
39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales
Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM
April-Aug, Oct-Dec

Riverside Farmers Market of ●
LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd
Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun
10AM-2PM

ASSUMPTION

Barcelo Gardens Farmers ●
Market, 211 Franklin Ave,
Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM

AVOYELLES

Marksville Farmers Market
122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun

BEAUREGARD

DeRidder Farmers Market ●
206 N. Washington Ave
Daily 7AM-6PM

BOSSIER

Barksdale Market
3226 Barksdale Blvd
Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun

Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM

Bossier City Farmers Market
2950 E Texas St
Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov

CADDO

Greenwood Farmers Market ●
William Peters Town Park,
9381 Greenwood Rd
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug

Shreveport Farmers Market
River front at Festival Plaza
Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug

CALCASIEU

Cash & Carry Farmers Market ●
801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake
Charles, Corner of Broad &
Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM

Charlestown Farmers Market
Bilbo St. behind old City Hall
Sat 8AM-12PM

Iowa Farmers Market
115 N. Thompson,
Sat, 9AM-1PM

Lake Charles Farm & Table
Market
110 W Pine St, Lake Charles
Tuesdays 3pm-6pm

Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters,
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy
Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct

CALDWELL

Columbia Farmers Market ●
Main Street
Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July

CLAIBORNE

Harvest Time Homer ●
W Main & N 2nd St
Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct

CONCORDIA

Delta Farmers Market ●
405 Carter St, Vidalia
Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze

EAST BATON ROUGE

Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ●
Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge
Sat 8AM-12PM

Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ●
Pennington Biomedical
(Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM

Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ●
7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge
Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-Dec

Red Stick Farmers Mobile ●
Market, ExxonMobil YMCA,
7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge
Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-Nov

Zachary Famers & Artisans ●
Market, Memorial Park
Sat 10AM-2PM

EVANGELINE

Ville Platte Farmers Market
East Main St, May-Aug, Fri
4-6PM

GRANT

Colfax Farmers Market ●
8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov

IBERIA

Delcambre Farmers Market ●
605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330)
1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec

Da Berry Fresh Market ●
520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia
Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM

Teche Area Farmers Market ●
102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza
Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM

IBERVILLE

St. Gabriel Farmers Market
3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74
3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM

JEFFERSON

Rotary Grand Isle Farmers
Market, Oak Lane
2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM

Gretna Farmers Market ●
Huey P. Long Ave
Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM

Harahan Farmers Market ●
501 Oak Ave @ Wilson &
Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM

Crescent City #1
2614 Jefferson @ Maine St.
(Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul

CRESSENT CITY

Crescent City #2
325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy.
@ the Lake (Bucktown)
Fri 3-7PM

Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ●
Market, 3000 Downs Blvd,
Metairie
Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM
Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM

JEFFERSON DAVIS

Coushatta Farmers Market
Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton
1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun

Main Street Farmers Market
1333 Elton Rd, Jennings
Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec

Welsh Farmers Market
103 W. Grove St
Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept

LAFAYETTE

Acadiana Farmers Market ●
801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St,
Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round

Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea
Market, 3011 NW Evangeline
Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun
10AM-5PM

Farmers & Artisans Market ●
Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St,
Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM

LAFOURCHE

LaFourche Central Market
4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland
Sat 9AM-12PM

LASALLE

Olla Town Square Market ●
2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM,
May-Aug 11

Town of Tullos Farmers' Market
Corner of S Main & Park St
Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28

LINCOLN

Ruston Farmer's Market ●
220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM

LIVINGSTON

Four Seasons Farmers Market ●
Sat 8AM-12PM

Livingston Farmers Market
215 Florida St, Denham Springs
Sat 7AM-12PM

MADISON

Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ●
404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65
Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec

Tallulah Farmers Market #2
Court House Square
Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec

MOREHOUSE

Morehouse Parish Market
305 E Madison, Bastrop
Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM

ST. CHARLES

German Coast #1 ●
St. Charles Parish Library,
160 West Campus Dr,
Destrehan
Sat 8AM-12PM

German Coast #2 ●
West Bank Bridge Park
13825 River Rd, Luling
Wed 1-5PM

ST. HELENA

St. Helena Parish Farmers ●
Market, 6032 LA-10,
Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM

ST. LANDRY

St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St, Hwy 190,
Opelousas, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-
11AM, Apr-Nov

ST. MARTIN

Stephensville Market Rec Park
3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City
2nd Sat, 10AM

ST. MARY

Berwick Town Market
Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St
3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun &
Sept-Dec)

ST. TAMMANY

Abita Springs Art & Farmers ●
Market, 22049 Main St
Sun 11AM - 3 PM

Covington Farmers Market ●
609 North Columbia St
Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM

Mandeville Trailhead Market ●
675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM

Pearl River Farmers Market &
Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41
1st Sat 8AM-2 PM

Camellia City Farmers Market ●
2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking
Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM

TANGIPAHOA

Hammond Market ●
Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave,
Sat 8AM-12PM

TENSAS

St. Joseph Tailgate Market
Gazebo on Plank Rd
Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day

TERREBONNE

Cajun Farmers Market of ●
Houma, Naquin St & Martin L
King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM

VERMILION

Abbeville Farmers Market ●
Magdalen Sq, Abbeville
Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19,
Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM

Kaplan Farmers Market
Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave
2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM

VERNON

Leesville Farmers Market
S. 3rd St
Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM

WASHINGTON

Franklin Farmers Market ●
Washington St & 15th Ave
Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM

WEST FELICIANA

St. Francisville Market ●
9961 Wilcox St
Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall

WINN

Winn Farmers Market ●
301 West Main, Winnfield
Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out

YALOUE

Yaloue Farmers Market
1000 Main St, Yaloue
Sat 8AM-12PM

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CLASSIFIED AD CATEGORIES

AGRITOURISM

ANIMALS

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

AQUACULTURE

EQUIPMENT

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

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER

FOOD

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

HAY & GRAIN

HOBBIES & LEISURE

- Crafts & woodwork
- Sewing & fabrics

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

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

LUMBER & SAWING

PLANTS & GARDEN

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

REAL ESTATE

SERVICES

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

TRACTORS

VEHICLES

- ATVs
- Boats
- Farm trucks



DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

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January 8	PASSED
January 22	January 8
February 5	January 22
February 19	February 5

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AGRITOURISM

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

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

ANIMALS

CATTLE

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

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

ANGUS

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

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

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

BRAHMAN

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

BRANGUS

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

CHAROLAIS

Registered Full Blood Charolais Bulls 16 -22 months old excellent bloodlines, high performance, low birth weights, adds meat and bone to calves, \$4,000 and up. Marylyn M Fitzsimons, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8527.

HEREFORD

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

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Zip _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

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

ZEBU

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

OTHER

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

DOGS

One eight-month-old Mountain Cur squirrel dog, female, trails and trees, call for pricing. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Free Chi-poo/ Pek-a-poo puppies, born 7/27/25, 4 males, 2 females, black and little white, one cream colored, small dogs, weigh 4 pounds or less, first shots and wormed. D Musselwhite, Shreveport, Caddo Parish; (318) 228-5083.

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

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

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

AKC Shih Tzu puppies, 1st shots and wormed, 3 males and 1 female, available now, \$1,500 with \$200 deposit. Glenn Waters, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; (318) 787-7301.

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

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

Purebred Rat Terrier puppies, born November 12, 2025, \$75 each. Jimmy Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 351-3094.

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

Great Pyrenees puppies, 3 males, 1 female, born 11/10/25, first shots and wormed, protect anything raised with on the farm, ready December 22nd right before Christmas, \$100 deposit, \$250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Australian Shepherd/ Jack Russell puppies, to be born



any day, will have first shots and wormed, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

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

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

Yorkie Puppies, please call or text for availability. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

Beautiful standard poodles, two black males, one chocolate female, all shots, 4-months-old, very healthy, \$1,000 each. Tommy Melancon, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 344-7634.

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

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

DOMESTIC BIRDS

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

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

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

Pow's males, one green \$500, one blue, \$600. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Rosellas Rubino, \$700 each. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Red Firey, \$600. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Gold Mantel, \$500 each. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Cage wire half price 100ft rolls, 2ft high, \$120, 3ft high, \$175, 6ft high, \$270, galvanized after welding. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

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

Zebra Finches, normal colors and solid white, \$15 for each normal, \$20 for white. Mitch Hebert, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (337) 849-6920.

Grown flying mallard ducks and grown Pekin ducks, \$20 per pair. Ray Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4566.

Handfed Green Cheek/ Pineapple/Sun Cheek Conures, Cockatiels, Quakers, Lovebirds, please call or

text for more information. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

PIGEONS

Homer Pigeon crossed with

Texas Pioneer, \$10 each, Quail starting at \$1.25 to \$6, Jumbo Brown Pharaoh non-fertile eggs, \$0.12 each. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 962-3463.

Racing homing pigeons

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

POULTRY & FOWL

Jumbo pharaoh and colored

quail also have eating and hatching eggs available bird's all sizes, bird's \$1.25-\$6.00, eating eggs and fertile eggs call for pricing. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

Four male Mallard ducks,

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

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

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

African Geese looking for new

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

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

WANTED: Golden Pheasants.

Sam Marshall, Campti, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 521-0879.

HORSES, JACKS & MULES,

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

Very gentle 16-year-old Dunn gelding, used as a heel horse, good for beginners or could be used a kid's playday

horse, negative coggins provided, \$10,000. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

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

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

RABBITS

Galvalume sheet metal nesting

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

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

San Juan and Tennessee Red

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

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

WANTED: Live black squirrels, must be black, not brown and black, must be uninjured and ready for release, will pay \$30 a piece. Brian, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 257-0731.

SHEEP & GOAT

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

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

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

SWINE

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

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

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

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

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

Four conductor #10 AWG, 100ft, \$190. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

Four conductor #12 AWG, 100ft, \$130. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

50 cond #10 AW, \$150. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

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

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

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

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

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

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$200 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie



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

HAY EQUIPMENT

John Deere 468 Mega-Wide Plus hay baler, excellent condition, \$9,500 OBO. John Bazer, Batchelor, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-9703.

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

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

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

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

LAWN EQUIPMENT

2006 pole saw T242, \$75. Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

2016 super bronze tiller, \$300. Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

2018 weed trimmer, \$75. Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

X-Mark Quest, zero-turn, \$2,800 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

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

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

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

2005 2388 with 2052 Draper Header and trailer, 4,715 hours, 3,228 separator hours, \$25,000 OBO. Tyler Clark, Duson, Lafayette Parish; (337) 247-4022.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

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

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

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

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

TRAILERS & WAGONS

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

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

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

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

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

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

5ft heavy duty Servis bush hog with new angle drive and new tail wheel, \$400 OBO. Benny Dew, Florien, Sabine Parish; (318) 565-4222.

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

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

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

Two combine seves for JD 95, \$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ford 8n transmission assembly, \$295. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

Ford 134 cu. in. gas engine block, \$195. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

New and used 8n-9n Ford parts, \$20 and up. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

New HD seat assembly, \$165. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

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

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BUY LOUISIANA PECANS



Farmall super A 4' rotary cutter, House brand, garage kept like new with chainsaw guards, used 4 times, runs very quiet, hook to drawbar, \$1,000 OBO. Robert, Natchez, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 619-9142.

Bush Hog PHD2403 Post Hole Digger, brand new with 1-foot extension 6' diameter x 48' long, \$3,500. Ronnie Boudreaux, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; (337) 247-1799.

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

Strongway 60" acreage rake, 6 rake wheels with extra rake wheel, height and width adjustable, used one time, cost over \$400, selling at \$280. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

5ft hp box blade, good shape, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

5ft SAT AMCO disc, needs attention, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

JD 709 bush hog, needs deck work, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

Scoop, good shape, 3pt hitch, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

Disk hillers, 3pt, 3-blade, solid bar, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

One-point sub-soiler, 3ph, solid bar, HD, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

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

WANTED: Single row maker. Aaron Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 457-5667.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Summit metal cutting lathe, 19-4-96 three phase, Bridgeport Mill, 9X42-inch table, 3 phase electric convertor, 20hp, Sears 197-amp hi-low welding machine, need to sell call for pricing. Ambrose Baham, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-1415.

Livestock feed troughs on skids, 4ftX8ft, \$390, 1-ton capacity bulk feed, \$850. Anthony Brown, Goldonna, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 357-0616.

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

Oat Tank, heavy duty steel, holds about 2,400 lbs, great condition, on skids, \$2,000.

Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-1822.

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

3,000-watt sport generator with cart, \$75. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

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

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

Antique seed planter, \$1,500. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Four Scythes, late 1800s, \$150 each. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Five antique horse/mule collars, \$450. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Late 1800s rock mule plow, \$225. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Plantation bells complete and incomplete, different prices, call for information. Gary

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

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

Lem brand #8 575-watt countertop sausage grinder with stuffing tube, grinds 2-3 pounds per minute forward and reverse, still in box with paperwork, like brand new, \$75. James, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 765-3359.

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

DEK 5650 watt / 7060 surge generator, in great shape, \$325. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

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

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

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

Georgia Quail Farm Sportsman Incubator, comes with egg tray for large eggs, \$350 OBO. Sam Marshall, Campti, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 521-0879.

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

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

WANTED: Bulk milk tanks, any size working or not. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

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

TACK

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

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

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

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

WANTED: Used Utility shed, sized 8X8 to 12X12, to keep my tools in. Raymond, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

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

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

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

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

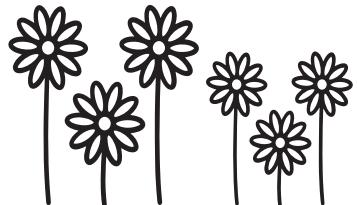
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EGGS

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

Pharaoh quail egg, \$0.20, Pickled egg, \$0.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 2-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$2.50 male. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (337) 856-5884.

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



FROM THE FARM

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

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

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

HAY & GRAIN

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

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

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

Hay, good quality, fertilized, weed free, net wrap, baled dry, not rained on. \$45 per bale., \$45.00 per bale. Christian Cook, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 663-0197.

Russell Bermuda 5X5 round bales, \$45 each, Russell Bermuda 2025 square bales, \$9, 2024 square bales, \$7. Craig

Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jiggs Bermuda bales, and other kinds, 5X4, round rolls, net wrapped, well fertilized, barn kept, over 200 available, can deliver, also have outside hay, \$25 per bale. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

70 rolls of Bahia 4x5 net wrapped unfertilized hay per roll delivery available for extra charge, \$35. Morris Hebert, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (337) 570-6361.

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

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

2025 crop, Argentine Bahia, barn kept, fertilized, 4X5, \$45. Wayne Prats,

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Plainview, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

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

HOBBY & LEISURE

CRAFTS AND WOOD WORK

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

Antique building contents, one price buys everything, \$7,500. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Collection of antique gas meters some coin operated and early as 1870, 40-year collection rare and unique, \$4,000 OBO. Robert Wilmore, Natchez, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 619-9142.

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

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

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

WANTED: 16-gauge Remington 1100, will pay \$500, must leave message. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

MISC HUNTING ITEMS

Fifth-wheel gooseneck adapter for camper, \$200. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

Different sizes aluminum drip coffee pots, different prices depending on size. Gary Hebert Sr, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

White Leer camper top, all glass is there, fits chevy long bed truck, \$1,000. Wayne Huval, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 667-6803.

LUMBER & SAWING

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Bushhog and finishing mower work, and lawn services, Avoyelles Parish area, call for quote. Blake Ducote, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4949.

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Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

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NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

Hog traps, different sizes and price. Doug Danzy, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (318) 729-0823.

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

WANTED: Hog traps, new or used. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

STALLION SERVICE

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

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

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

TRACTORS

White tractor 2155 with cab and air, 160HP with new allied loader, hay spear, 1,600 hours, \$12,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

JD 2240 with loader, \$8,900. Joseph Major, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 945-6960.

5320 JD tractor, 55hp, with 520 JD loader, new clutch, water pump, battery, key switch, JD 6X6 bushhog, JD pallet forks, loader mounted 4ft side cutter bushhog, box blade, shed kept, excellent condition, \$27,000 will not separate.

Lee Cook, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 981-7819.

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

2860 E Massey, 200 hours, 60hp, compact, like new, sell or trade, has front loader, text for more information and pricing. Perry Taylor, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 290-0692.

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

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

WANTED: Abandoned or unwanted tractors, any make, model, or year. Mark Wittliff, Houston, Acadia Parish; (281) 442-5330.

WANTED: Quick-connect forks for Kubota 40hp or bolt on for bucket. Trahan,

Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 528-3456.

WANTED: MF 275, power steering pump needed. Stephen Natali, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 540-3765.

VEHICLES

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John Deere AMC 600 five-wheeler, runs but needs carburetor, \$100. Carl Johnson, Iowa, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 582-3228.

FARM TRUCKS

Homemade Aluminum bumper, from 1994 Ram 1500, fits different models, \$300. Bobby Reynolds, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 244-0069.

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Pitching Louisiana Rice In The UK



A delegation of Louisiana state representatives and state senators, led by Dr. Mike Strain, Louisiana commissioner of agriculture and forestry, visited here last week to learn more about the market and the opportunities it offers for U.S. agricultural exports. Rice featured prominently on the group's agenda as one of the U.S. agricultural products that would benefit significantly from a U.S.-UK trade agreement aimed at leveling the playing field with competing origins.

The delegation's program was coordinated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service in London and included a comprehensive briefing on the UK rice market, highlighting both challenges



and opportunities for U.S. rice in retail and wholesale channels.

As part of the visit, the group met with the UK Rice Association to gain insights into market dynamics, followed by a visit to Wanis, a major Afro-Caribbean wholesaler that markets its own U.S. rice brand, Tropical Sun. Wanis is a long-term partner of USA Rice and has collaborated on numerous successful promotional activities in recent years (see USA Rice Daily, May 16, 2025).

The United Kingdom is a major rice importer, sourcing approximately 700,000–750,000 metric tons (MT) annually, with the majority consisting of basmati rice. However, reflecting the country's diverse ethnic population, the UK also imports significant



volumes of long and medium grain. U.S. rice currently holds a 2–3 percent market share, constrained largely by the tariff-rate quota, which allows 12,949 MT of U.S. milled rice to enter the UK duty-free. Milled rice shipped outside the quota faces a tariff of £121/MT, while brown rice is subject to a tariff of £25/MT.

"USA Rice continues to advocate for duty-free access for all types and forms of U.S.-origin rice under the proposed U.S.-UK Prosperity Deal, announced earlier this year and currently under negotiation by the Trump Administration," said Karah Janevicius, USA Rice director for international trade policy.

By USA Rice

Is the Claus family farmers?

Evidence suggests they could live an ag lifestyle

Throughout the annals of time humankind has faced questions of epic proportions:

- How doesn't anyone in Metropolis realize Clark Kent is Superman?
- Who shot J.R.?
- Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?

With these inquires at top of mind, Farms.com is going to answer another conundrum.

Are Santa and Mrs. Claus farmers?

Let's look at the available evidence.

Farms are associated with rural communities, and the location of Santa's workshop would fit the bill.

The North Pole is about 817 km (508 miles) away from Alert, Nunavut in Canada, which is the northernmost continuously inhabited place in the world.

The North Pole is also roughly 725 km (450 miles) north of Greenland, according to Britannica.

Like some producers, the action at the North Pole is largely seasonal.

And like farmers, Santa uses weather maps and data to ensure a smooth operation.

Is Santa producing any commodities or caring for livestock?

Santa's nine reindeer pull his sleigh every Christmas Eve, and it's known Mrs. Claus oversees training new reindeer.

In the winter, reindeer use their hooves and sense of smell to dig up snow to find and eat lichen, "a dual organism composed of fungi living in close association with green algae or Cyanobacteria," the British Lichen Society says.

What about toys for the good girls and boys? Could those be considered a St. Nick commodity?

Those would be assembled in Santa's workshop by the elves, making Santa and Mrs. Claus employers too.

Another one of Mrs. Claus's duties is to oversee the toymaking process and hold the elves to high standards.

Inside that same workshop is where Santa would store his equipment, like farmers do with theirs.

During the spring and summer, Santa would need his sleigh tended to and maintained to make sure it's ready for Christmas Eve.

Just like producers maintain their equipment over the winter to have it ready for spring.

The workshop would also have hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches and other tools necessary for toy building and sleigh maintenance.

Any successful farm operation has a support system behind it, and Mrs. Claus fits that description in the North Pole.

Her other duties around the workshop include providing meals for Santa to fuel him for the long night, and acts as the operations manager to keep the whole North Pole running at snowflake level precision.

And like farmers, Santa is always learning.

While growers attend meetings and seminars to apply lessons from the past season to the next, Santa and his crew are known to have a Christmas Debrief every year to find improvements for next season.

Santa often thinks of farmers when he's delivering gifts.

"Farmers inspire me more than they know," he told Farms.com in an exclusive interview. "In the same way they need agronomists and veterinarians to raise a good crop and keep livestock healthy, I need the elves, Mrs. Claus, and my reindeer to make Christmas magic. Christmas, like farming, is a team effort."

By: Diego Flammini, Farms.com

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Producer Spotlight



Delightful Merriment specializes in authentic Louisiana flavors with a menu full of savory and sweet options. Their pies are packed with fresh ingredients like crawfish, shrimp, and seasoned fillings, while their sweet breads come in a variety of classic recipes. From main dishes to baked treats, Delightful Merriment offers a wide selection of homemade favorites perfect for any meal.

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Camellia Beans offers a full range of Louisiana-grown beans, peas, lentils, and rice for every kind of cooking. Their red kidney beans, and butter beans are pantry essentials, while their other varieties make it easy to create soups, stews, and side dishes with authentic local flavor. With Camellia Beans, home cooks can stock their kitchen with high-quality, versatile ingredients that celebrate Louisiana cuisine.

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Xtra Cajun delivers a bold lineup of dishes made to bring true Cajun flavor to any meal. Their signature Drunk Chicken and Cajun entrées are customer favorites, while their other Southern classics make it easy to enjoy comforting, spice-rich meals at home or on the go. With Xtra Cajun, you can count on high-quality, flavor-packed dishes.

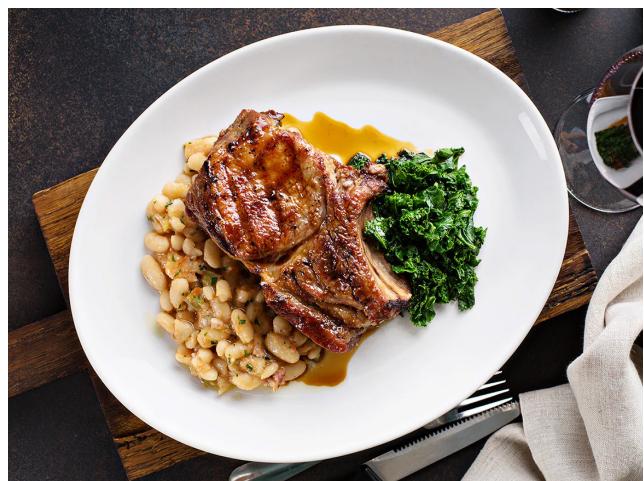
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SOUR APPLE GLAZED PORK CHOPS



Submitted by NOLA Blends | www.nolablends.com

INGREDIENTS

- 4 (6-8 oz) thick cut pork chops
- ¼ c NOLA Blends Southern Sour Apple Balsamic
- ¼ c NOLA Blends Basil Infused Olive Oil

- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt
- black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In small bowl, whisk NOLA Blends Southern Sour Apple Balsamic, NOLA Blends Basil Olive Oil, Dijon mustard, Salt and fresh ground pepper until creamy.
2. Marinate pork chops overnight in half of the marinade. Reserve other half for cooking.
3. Heat grill or sauté pan to med-high. (If sautéing place 1 tbsp NOLA Blends Basil Olive Oil in bottom of pan) While cooking, baste with unused half of marinade. Cook pork chops 4-6 minutes each side. Pork chops are done when juices run clear.
4. Let rest for 5 minutes. Serve with your favorite sides & enjoy!

CABBAGE CASSEROLE



Submitted by Bourgeois Meat Market | www.bourgeoismeatmarket.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. Bourgeois Smoked Sausage
- 1 lb. Bourgeois Ground Meat
- 1 large head of cabbage
- 1 large onion
- 1 bell pepper

- 1 stalk of celery
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 c of rice
- 1 (10 ¾ oz) can of tomato sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. In a large, covered roaster, add cut up cabbage, sliced Bourgeois Smoked Sausage, Bourgeois Ground Meat, onion, celery, bell pepper, garlic, rice, tomato sauce, and seasoning. Mix well.
3. Place in oven for approximately 1 hour, stirring every 15 to 20 minutes.

CRAWFISH CORNBREAD



Submitted by Bonnecaze Farms | www.bonnecaze farms.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. crawfish tails, chopped
- 1 c Papa Tom's Stone Ground Yellow Cornmeal
- ½ c all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda

- ½ tsp cayenne pepper
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 large egg, beaten
- ¾ c Buttermilk
- 6 Tbsp butter, melted

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. In a medium bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, cayenne pepper, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together egg and buttermilk.
4. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients until well blended.
5. Fold in crawfish tails and melted butter.
6. Pour batter into prepared dish.
7. Bake for 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve immediately, garnished with fresh herbs or a drizzle of hot sauce, if desired.



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In February 2025, AES hosted a pesticide pickup event at Simplot Grower Solutions in Crowley, Louisiana, where 156,732 pounds (78.36 tons) of unwanted pesticides were collected and properly disposed of.

Since the program's inception in 2019, more than one million pounds (500 tons) of unwanted pesticides have been safely removed from communities across the state.

In May 2025, LDAF's Pesticide Division hosted a three-day EPA Region 6 inspector training workshop. Inspectors from five Region 6 states attended, along with speakers from LDAF, LSU, and the University of Tennessee. The training covered a wide range of topics to enhance inspection skills in both agricultural and structural pest control industries. During 2025, the AES Pesticide Division registered more than 14,000 pesticide products and conducted over 3,000 inspections and investigations related to pesticide use in Louisiana.

Agricultural Chemistry and Laboratory Services

The Agricultural Chemistry Program laboratory played a critical role in regulatory enforcement and food safety throughout 2025. The laboratory analyzed a total of 8,677 samples during the year.

For the Fertilizer and Lime Programs, 1,457 samples were collected and analyzed. The laboratory also analyzed 669 pesticide samples during the year. For the Feed Program, a total of 1,972 samples were collected and submitted for analysis. In 2025, the lab began testing seafood for various antibiotics; a total of 388 shrimp samples and 41 crawfish samples were analyzed. In June, the laboratory successfully completed its first FDA LFFM (Food and Drug Administration Laboratory Flexible Funding Model) cooperative agreement, which lasted for 5 years. This year, the lab applied for another LFFM cooperative agreement and was successful. The new cooperative agreement will be for a 5-year period, with funding of \$375,000 per year to analyze specific commodity/hazard pairs approved by the FDA.

Office of Agro-Consumer Services

Weights and Measures Division

The Weights and Measures Division of Agro-Consumer Services continues to build on the successes of the past few years. The program is inspecting and testing more Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) and continuing to train more inspectors in this area. We continue to improve upon the scope and increase efficiency in our

Metrology and Motor Fuels labs. Our newly redesigned Approval Seals are being placed on correct and accurate weighing and measuring devices. We are continuing to inspect packaged seafood products for misleading labeling and sampling shrimp and crawfish products for testing for illegal substances.

The Weights and Measures Division has also spent the past few months developing a risk-based approach to performing price verification inspections. We will implement this approach in 2026.

Agriculture Commodities Commission

This harvest year was an excellent year for the Louisiana Agriculture Commodities Commission (LACC). The 2025 corn harvest set record yields, and quality was excellent. A large portion of the corn crop was loaded onto barges and railcars during August. The remainder of the corn harvest is being stored until early 2026, when the corn will be loaded outbound. The soybean harvest was also excellent overall. The quality was good, and damage was low for the most part. Most soybean crops were loaded on barges and railcars during harvest. Some soybeans are scheduled to be loaded in the first few months of 2026. The LACC served 16 locations throughout the year. Through October, LACC employees processed approximately 5,800 inspections at our 3 service points.

Additionally, LDAF's federally certified grain graders have completed their 3rd full year of training grain elevator personnel to sample and grade grain. Recertification for past certified grain graders will begin in the spring of 2026. In the past year, LDAF conducted seven training sessions for the industry. This program is important for maintaining consistency and fairness in determining the prices of harvested grain commodities. Our employees have trained and certified over 200 elevator facility graders in the past 3 years. We are looking forward to a great year in 2026!

Office of Animal Health and Food Safety

In the Office of Animal Health and Food Safety (AHFS), we saw the Meat Inspection program partner with the Louisiana Department of Health to introduce a Voluntary Exotic Inspection program that allows farmers to bring exotic species to market safely and legally. In an effort to encourage new poultry farmers in 2025, AHFS introduced a new exemption for very low-volume poultry producers (less than 1,000 birds per year) to access local markets without incurring large

facility expenditures or sacrificing the food safety and labeling standards of our industry. The Meat Inspection program also began a new program staffing Louisiana meat processing businesses for the USDA when the USDA couldn't cover them. This allows more businesses in this state the opportunity to operate and expand.

During this year of federal cutbacks, the Meat & Poultry Inspection program worked with other state meat programs across the country to secure a record amount of funding from Congress and the USDA, allowing them to increase their federal compensation by 12% or around \$600,000.

The AHFS group also completed 74 Animal Control Shelter Inspections in 2025.

AHFS's Food Distribution group is tasked with oversight and implementation of the Federal Child Nutrition Programs for LDAF. Its highlights and accomplishments included:

- The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance (food bank) Program aided 258,357 low-income households and 750,811 individuals.
- Federal grants to Schools and Food Banks for purchasing local food totaled more than \$11,233,318.00.
- National School Lunch, Summer Food Service, and Temporary Emergency Food Assistance programs were involved in distributing 43,599,478 pounds (21,800 Tons) of food.
- Over 436 school sites and pantry audits were conducted.
- An average of 451,316 children were served daily through the National School Lunch Program.

AHFS' Livestock Brand Commission responded to 278 complaints in 2025. The commission registered 4,557 brands, including 2,016 lifetime brands. They microchipped 75 saddles and inspected 42 alternative livestock permitted pens.

The Poultry and Egg Division has a new online program that allows for paperless processing and online payments. We have successfully completed both the initial application and renewal processes for FY 25/26 with the program. It will be used for egg inspectors, egg licenses, and egg assessments, and we will have the full Egg Inspector Program up and running by January 2026.

For FY 2025-2026, the LDAF Feed Program is responsible for completing 22 FDA contract inspections, generating approximately \$40,000 in federal reimbursement. The



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program has also received a \$200,000 federal grant to support ongoing implementation of the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS) and to maintain mutual reliance with the FDA and partner states.

In late fall of 2025, the veterinary health program added the Louisiana Black Vulture Depredation Program, under which agricultural producers apply for a sub-permit to address problems related to Black Vultures.

Finally, the office issued 307 deer licenses, 2,679 harvest tags, and 15 turtle licenses.

Office of Forestry

This year, in the Forest Management Branch, we signed a grand total of 521 FPP (Forestry Productivity Program) applications for 34,000 acres and allocated \$3,174,975 in funding for applications. Our foresters wrote 58 Stewardship plans that totaled 5,102 acres.

Our Forestry crews sprayed 137 cogongrass spots totaling 19.68 acres, averaging 0.14 acres per spot. Our contractor sprayed an additional 39.4 acres of cogongrass, bringing the total to 59.08 acres sprayed. Our Forestry personnel deployed 170 Spongy Moth traps that yielded 0 specimens once again. We also deployed and monitored 44 SPB funnel traps across the state for 6 weeks in early Spring, achieving favorable results. We also had no new confirmations regarding EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) this year.

Forest Protection Branch Updates:

- Statewide, we have had approximately 700 wildfires that have burned approximately 6,900 acres throughout the state in 2025. Our average fire size for the year is 9.8 acres.
- We have offered four Commercial Driver's License (CDL) courses with 44 employees attending. Many have completed the process and obtained a CDL, while some are still scheduling driving skills training and state testing. We anticipate that all participants should complete the process and obtain their CDL during the 1st quarter of 2026.
- We hosted 2 Heavy Equipment Academies and an Rt-130 refresher training course. All firefighters are required to attend a RT-130 refresher each year to keep their NWCG (National Wildfire Coordinating Group) firefighter qualifications current.
- We wrapped up the 2024 Volunteer Grant Assistance (VFA) grant cycle and issued reimbursements to 78 rural VFD's (Volunteer Fire Departments)

- The 2025 VFA grant cycle opened in March, and we received 91 applications from VFD's. Award letters were sent to qualifying VFD's in September.
- We were able to assign 34 employees to fire details. LDAF aided 6 other states and assisted the USFS (US Forest Service) on two assignments within Louisiana.
- Approximate savings to the department from these assignments are \$122,000, and approximately \$96,000 was generated from equipment charges.
- We upgraded to the 800 MHz radios on April 1 of this year. We are now communicating through the LWIN communication system.
- During 2024 and 2025, we received 31 John Deere 650 P dozers, 23 of 36 Freightliner Transport trucks, and 29 new plows from Sharpco.
- We had 52 employees pass the Arduous Work Capacity Test (WCT), and four employees pass the Moderate WCT. All Fireline employees participated in the Light WCT during our 2025 Rt-130 Refresher Training.

Office of Management and Finance

The Office of Management and Finance has provided continuous support to departmental offices to better serve those we regulate and the citizens of Louisiana. The implementation of upgraded software has led to noticeable improvements in data collection and enhanced communication with other LDAF programs tasked with regulating various industries. Some examples include an online invoicing platform that allows our constituents to pay LDAF service fees online, and the implementation of new software to assist the Poultry & Egg staff with online tracking of annual licenses and monthly reporting of assessments. These initiatives play a pivotal role in our efforts to foster a broader e-commerce environment.

OMF applied for and received federal USDA funding to address specialty crop agricultural issues affecting the strawberry industry, improvement in food safety technology and extension of shelf life, support for Louisiana farmers to learn how to incorporate agritourism on their farms, and research to develop organic and sustainable production practices.

OMF assisted nearly 14,000 seniors with access to fresh local fruits and vegetables through Louisiana small farmers at roadside stands and farmers' markets as part of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

More than \$400,000 in food benefits were issued to Louisiana seniors, putting nutritious food into the homes of our vulnerable seniors and dollars into our local farming economy.

The LDAF Human Resource team developed and implemented a Leadership Training Program to enhance the overall leadership of LDAF directors and supervisors. The training focuses on core leadership competencies, foundational tools, structure, and resources, and also creates an online intra-agency training hub where LDAF employees have access to training courses with direct links to streamline the process. These internal measures, along with the newly introduced Employee Assistance Program, give all employees access to the tools they need to succeed.

Externally, the HR team was selected to participate in the State Civil Service Advisory Group, tasked with discussions on transforming the public-sector job-fit and selection model. This partnership allowed LDAF to contribute to and benefit from state-wide advancements in talent acquisition and workforce planning.

Office of Soil and Water Conservation

In the Office of Soil and Water Conservation (OSWC), in FY 2025, 42 miles of degraded coastal shoreline and interior coastal marsh were revegetated with funding assistance provided through a partnership with CPRA (Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority). With assistance from Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and OSWC, more than 413,366 acres of conservation practices were applied to Louisiana farmland in FY 2025. Approximately 26,500 of these acres were enrolled in the LDAF Agriculture Nonpoint Source abatement program. In FY 2025, a 5-year cumulative total of nearly 1,300 landowners were assisted, and over 27,500 feral swine were removed. LDAF and the Tensas-Concordia SWCD have carried out conservation practice implementation on nearly 10,000 acres within the Lake St. Joseph watershed in Tensas Parish through Phase I of the Lake St. Joseph Watershed Hypoxia Reduction Project. Additionally, development of watershed management plans through the USDA Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program have been initiated or are underway in at least 27 SWCDs.

May the coming year bring continued growth, prosperity, and countless opportunities to cherish. Here's to another year of working together towards a brighter, more sustainable future. Happy Holidays!

Invasive pest workshop pushes for diligence, communication



LSU AgCenter scientists and researchers are constantly on the lookout for invasive pests that can decimate crops and herds and lead to significant financial losses for farmers and the local economy.

To fight against the new and consistent invasive species that enter Louisiana, researchers have had to work with farmers to develop and figure out the best ways to mitigate and hopefully remove the invasive species from the state.

At a recent invasive pest workshop, AgCenter researchers and extension agents urged the community to communicate and collaborate to work against pests that could have severe impacts on farms and ranches.

Topics for the workshop ranged from the state of specific crops in the past year to new pests that may be a problem to Louisiana agriculture. Extension agents, entomologists, crop breeders, agricultural consultants, industry representatives and farmers were all present at the event, hoping to learn about the issues with invasive species in the state.

The workshop began with AgCenter entomologist Rodrigo Diaz, who spoke about the Center of Research Excellence for the Study of Invasive Species, where he serves as director. The center, coordinated by the AgCenter, discerns which invasive species have the most potential to disrupt Louisiana agriculture and works to develop processes to



most effectively and cost efficiently deal with the problem.

"The purpose of the center is to generate new technology to study invasive species to hopefully develop techniques to detect, mitigate and manage invasive species and not only in agriculture but also in natural resources," Diaz said.

In this vein, Christine Navarre, AgCenter Extension veterinarian, spoke about the risks that New World screwworms hold to Louisiana cattle farmers. While the worms have yet to make it to Louisiana, they have been causing some problems in Texas, so she showed how cattle farmers can get help and advice from the U.S. Department of Agriculture website.

Navarre also spoke about Asian longhorned ticks, which carry a disease that can devastate cattle herds. She urged caution, saying farmers must be proactive if they have reasons to believe the tick is spreading.

"We need everybody to be aware of this. If we see any maggots in anything, you need to call a veterinarian. Call the state veterinarian's office and turn those in," Navarre said. "We want to stop it as soon as it gets in here. So, we need surveillance."

There also were multiple talks on pests that could impact important crops like rice, cotton and corn.



AgCenter entomologist James Villegas spoke about the impacts cotton jassids can have on cotton production as well as basic information on the bug and how to deal with it. These insects were first seen in North America in 2023 and have recently been found in Louisiana.

The jassids can reproduce quickly and in more than just cotton plants — but there are potential pesticides that can control the pest if it's present. Villegas also had samples of the insect, which is only a few millimeters long, available for viewing underneath a microscope at the workshop.

Also shown under microscopes were rice delphacids and apple snail eggs. Both pests can be a nuisance to rice farmers, and apple snails can even affect crawfish farms. The snails get caught in crawfish traps and force farmers to clean them out and sort out all the snails from the crawfish.

"I would say that the greatest risk is the impacts of apple snails on crawfish production. Some of the producers that are facing heavy, heavy infestations from apple snails are struggling to make any profits at all with their crawfish industry," said AgCenter entomologist Blake Wilson. "With the rice market conditions now, the crawfish side of the production system has really been become very valuable. And so, any losses are going to be felt throughout both industries."

By: Anthony Bailey, LSU AgCenter

Louisiana farmers to benefit from Trump Administration's proposed \$12 billion farm bill

Farmers are in position to get federal assistance because of President Trump's \$12 billion financial aid package for producers. LSU AgCenter economist Michael Deliberto says it's needed as farmers suffered through a tough 2025.

"Farmers are still facing persistently low commodity prices, inflation, high input cost. And when you couple that with so much of this trade uncertainty, farm income has really been stressed going into almost its third year," Deliberto said.

Deliberto says many of the losses farmers in Louisiana and across the country suffered

were spurred by a slowdown amid tariffs imposed by the administration — and some of those losses are staggering.

"Some of the major crops we produce in the U.S., as well as in Louisiana: Corn, rice, cotton, soybeans. Those losses, on a per-acre basis, can easily exceed \$100 and even, in some cases, approach \$200 to \$300," Deliberto explained.

Deliberto says cotton, rice and soybean farmers have struggled the most this year. President Trump says the funding will come from tariff revenues.

Deliberto says the money is intended to help farmers pay down some of their debt.

"The program formula is going to be uniform across commodities. And that means the corn producer in Minnesota has the same payment rate as the corn producer in Louisiana would," Deliberto noted.

The target date for the payments to go out would be sometime in February.

\$11 billion is for row crop farmers, and the other \$1 billion will be available for specialty crops like sugarcane.

By: Joe Gallinaro

USDA Launches New Regenerative Pilot Program to Lower Farmer Production Cost

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, alongside U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz announced a \$700 million Regenerative Pilot Program to help American farmers adopt practices that improve soil health, enhance water quality, and boost long-term productivity, all while strengthening America's food and fiber supply.

Building off the Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy released in September, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is also investing in research on the connection between regenerative agriculture and public health, as well as developing public health messaging explaining this connection.

"Protecting and improving the health of our soil is critical not only for the future viability of farmland, but to the future success of American farmers. In order to continue to be the most productive and efficient growers in the world, we must protect our topsoil from unnecessary erosion and improve soil health and land stewardship. Today's announcement encourages these priorities while supporting farmers who choose to transition to regenerative agriculture. The Regenerative Pilot Program also puts Farmers First and reduces barriers to entry for conservation programs," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "This is another initiative driven by President Trump's mission to Make America Healthy Again. Alongside Secretary Kennedy, we have made great strides to ensure the safe, nutritious, and affordable food our great farmers produce make it to dinner tables across this great country."

"In September, under President Trump's leadership, we released the MAHA Strategy Report, which includes a full section on soil health and land stewardship," said HHS Secretary Kennedy. "Today's regenerative farming announcement directly advances that deliverable. If we intend to Make America Healthy Again, we must begin by restoring the health of our soil."

"We cannot truly be a wealthy nation if we are not also a healthy nation. Access to wholesome, nutritious, and affordable foods is a key tenet of the Make America Healthy Again agenda, which President Trump has directed this administration to execute across all government agencies," said CMS

Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz. "I commend Secretary Rollins and Secretary Kennedy for today's efforts to strengthen our nation's food supply."

Protecting Soil and Reducing Production Costs

In response to the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, Congress created the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help people help the land and improve conservation of the nation's soil and water resources.

This action led to improved soil health and natural resources management which, in turn, has led to increased productivity. Between 1948 and 2021, total U.S. farm production increased 190% while total farm inputs—such as land, labor, and water—decreased 2% in the same period.

However, current conservation programs at USDA have become overly burdensome and farmers are bogged down with red tape whenever they try to adopt soil health and regenerative agriculture practices. Even with the improved soil health since the creation of NRCS, USDA data shows that farmers recently reported that 25% of acres had water-driven erosion concerns and 16% of acres had wind-driven erosion concerns.

The Regenerative Pilot Program directly addresses these challenges by cutting administrative burdens for producers, expanding access to new and beginning farmers, and boosting yields and long-term soil resilience across operations.

About the Regenerative Pilot Program

Administered by NRCS, this new Regenerative Pilot Program delivers a streamlined, outcome-based conservation model—empowering producers to plan and implement whole-farm regenerative practices through a single application. The initiative highlights USDA's commitment to putting Farmers First and advancing the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) agenda by building a healthier, more resilient food system.

In FY2026, the Regenerative Pilot Program will focus on whole-farm planning that addresses every major resource concern—soil, water, and natural vitality—under a single conservation framework. USDA is dedicating \$400 million through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and

\$300 million through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to fund this first year of regenerative agriculture projects.

Producers can now bundle multiple regenerative practices into one application, streamlining the process and increasing flexibility for operations. The program is designed for both beginning and advanced producers, ensuring availability for all farmers ready to take the next step in regenerative agriculture.

Chief's Advisory Council

To keep the Regenerative Pilot Program grounded in practical, producer-led solutions, NRCS is establishing the Chief's Regenerative Agriculture Advisory Council. The Council will meet quarterly to advise the Chief of NRCS, review implementation progress, and help guide data and reporting improvements. Its recommendations will shape future USDA conservation delivery and strengthen coordination between the public and private sectors.

Public + Private Partnerships

There is a growing desire among private companies to fund conservation practices that improve natural resources management. This announcement unlocks new opportunities for USDA to leverage existing authorities to create public-private partnerships within NRCS conservation programs. These partnerships will allow USDA to match private funding, in turn stretching taxpayer dollars further, and bringing new capacity to producers interested in adopting regenerative practices.

Companies interested in partnering with USDA NRCS in the Regenerative Pilot Program can email regenerative@usda.gov for more information.

How to Apply

Farmers and ranchers interested in regenerative agriculture are encouraged to apply through their local NRCS Service Center by their state's ranking dates for consideration in FY2026 funding. Applications for both EQIP and CSP can now be submitted under the new single regenerative application process.

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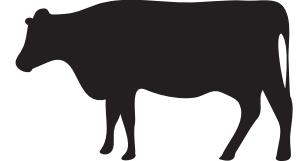
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Rice Industry Recognizes Superlative Contributors

Every year at the Annual Rice Awards Luncheon, the U.S. rice industry bestows three awards: Rice Farmer of the Year, the Rice Industry Award, and the Rice Lifetime Achievement Award. These annual recognitions, jointly sponsored by Horizon Ag and USA Rice, highlight some of the most positive achievements associated with the U.S. rice industry.

The 2025 Rice Farmer of the Year is Zach Tanner, who grew up working alongside his father and uncle on the family operation near Bernie, Missouri. Farming, and particularly rice farming, has always been at the center of Zach's life. He represents the third generation on the farm, with his two sons, Zachary, and Luke, making up the fourth.

Today, the Tanners farm roughly 7,200 acres divided among seed rice, popcorn, soybeans, and a small amount of field corn. Of those crops, seed rice demands the greatest focus, expense, and attention to detail.

"Growing seed rice is different from farming a conventional rice crop. It takes some special care," Zach said. "Our goal is to have 100 percent purity and very high germination. To achieve that, the stars need to align, and you need to constantly focus on practices that may seem inefficient or costly but make a difference in purity and quality."

Dr. Dustin Harrell, recipient of the 2025 Rice Industry Award, is director of the California Cooperative Rice Research Foundation's Rice Experiment Station, and a self-proclaimed "rice fanatic."

Dustin's path to becoming one of the nation's leading rice agronomists was anything but straightforward. He began his career teaching agriculture at the high school level in Texas after graduating from Texas A&M University. But his passion for soil science and agronomy eventually pulled him back to the university classroom and he pursued a master's degree in soil fertility at Stephen F. Austin State University and later earned his PhD in soil fertility and agronomy at Louisiana State University (LSU). When the opportunity arose to join LSU's Rice Research Station in Crowley, Louisiana, Dustin pursued it, despite never once having set foot in a rice field.

"I had worked in forages, fertility, and corn, but never in rice," Dustin recalled. "Dr. Steve Linscombe gave me a chance, and I knew from a soil fertility standpoint that being in a flooded environment was exciting. It's a more stable system, and you can do things in rice you can't do in other crops."

That opportunity proved to be life changing. Dustin began as a research agronomist, then stepped into the role of rice extension state specialist, and by the time he left LSU, he was not only the extension specialist but also the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Center director.



From left to right: Zach Tanner, Dustin Harrell, and Ronnie Levy

Having worked in both the southern U.S. and California, Dustin is uniquely positioned to understand the challenges of each. He emphasizes that farmers, whether in Louisiana or California, share the same values. "Rice farmers everywhere are focused on producing the best crop possible and supporting their families. That's universal."

Dr. Ronnie Levy received the 2025 Rice Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his more than four decades of service to farmers, his leadership in research and extension, and his enduring commitment to keeping rice farming both productive and sustainable.

For Dr. Steve Linscombe, longtime LSU AgCenter rice breeder and director of The Rice Foundation, the 2025 Rice Lifetime Achievement Award is the ultimate recognition of a career defined by service and impact.

"The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor in the U.S. rice industry, and Ronnie is very deserving," Linscombe said. "He's been a tremendous asset, both in Louisiana and across the country, throughout his long career in agriculture."

That career began in 1979, when he joined the LSU AgCenter as an assistant county agent dealing with a broad range of crops and farm programs. He worked his way up the LSU AgCenter ranks, served farmers directly in Acadia Parish, then broadened his expertise as he earned a PhD in agronomy and weed science.

He became the LSU AgCenter's soybean, corn, and grain sorghum specialist, then served as interim regional director for the central region of the state. In 2014, after almost 40 years of service, Ronnie retired briefly, only to quickly return to his first love, rice, as Louisiana state rice specialist. "That's been the highlight of my career," he said. "Rice was always where my heart was."

For Ronnie, the 2025 Rice Industry Lifetime Achievement Award is less a personal accolade than a reflection of the community he's served. "This award means a lot, but it's really about the people, the farmers, my family, my colleagues. I've just been fortunate to walk alongside them on this journey."

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