



LOUISIANA MARKET BULLETIN

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AG Industry OF THE MONTH AQUACULTURE/CRAWFISH

What is aquaculture?

Aquaculture is breeding, raising, and harvesting fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants. Basically, it's farming in water. In the U.S., aquaculture is an environmentally responsible source of food and commercial products, helps to create healthier habitats, and is used to rebuild stocks of threatened or endangered species.

There are two main types of aquaculture—marine and freshwater. Marine aquaculture is typically conducted in net pens in the water or in tanks on land, producing species like oysters, clams, seaweed and fish. Freshwater aquaculture primarily occurs in ponds or other man-made systems and produces catfish, trout, or crawfish. Here in Louisiana, the aquaculture industry includes crawfish, catfish, alligators, oysters, soft-shell crabs, turtles, minnows, and other bait fish.

Key Sectors in Louisiana

Catfish

Catfish farming is the commercial breeding and raising of catfish in controlled environments—

usually clay-based, freshwater ponds—for food production. The process involves spawning brood fish, raising hatchlings in nurseries, and then growing them in large ponds for 18-36 months until they weigh 1-2 lbs, supported by high-protein feed and strict water quality management.

Louisiana is part of the top four states (along with Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi) that produce 94% of the nation's farm-raised catfish. While the number of producers has decreased, approximately 11 major catfish farmers in Louisiana manage thousands of acres of freshwater ponds, producing about 10-12 million pounds of fish yearly.

Alligator

Alligator farming, or "ranching," is a sustainable agricultural industry focused on raising alligators for hides and meat. It involves collecting eggs from the wild or breeding them, incubating eggs, and growing hatchlings in temperature-controlled, indoor facilities for 2-3 years until they reach 3-5 feet. This process ensures high-quality, scar-free hides for luxury goods.

Louisiana has nearly 1 million alligators on farms, and farmers often collect eggs from the wild and return a percentage of raised alligators back to their natural habitat. An LSU AgCenter study found that in 2019, alligator farmers generated over \$90 million in farm-gate value, and their spending effects totaled \$235 million in contributions to the state's economy.

Soft shell crabs

Louisiana's blue crab industry is a significant contributor to the state's seafood sector, with an estimated annual economic impact of \$293 million and supporting over 3,000 jobs. A soft-shell crab is produced by taking advantage of a crab's life cycle.

This value-added industry sees a six-to-seven-time increase in price over hard-shell crabs. However, since the 1990s, the number of producers in Louisiana has gone from an estimated 300 to fewer than 40 today. Historically, soft-shell crab systems were floats held off docks or on boats. Over time, the industry transitioned to onshore tank systems next to or near local waterways.

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QUICK STATS



151.8 million
lbs of crawfish



314,544
Alligators marketed



10.16 million
lbs of catfish

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Livestock Brand Commission to host saddle microchipping event April 24

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COMMISSIONER



The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) Livestock Brand Commission will host a saddle microchipping event on Friday, April 24, from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. It will be held at the LSU AgCenter's DeSoto Parish Extension Office, located at 10117 Highway 171 in Grand Cane, Louisiana.

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

"This microchipping event is being held in conjunction with LSU AgCenter's DeSoto Parish Extension Office's horse health clinic," said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. "In addition to getting your saddle microchipped, it is a great opportunity for the equine community to learn more about horse health, such as equine dental care and aging horses; performance horse care and body condition scoring; and pasture maintenance and weed control."

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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, APRIL 2, 2026

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

SOUTH TEXAS BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, APRIL 3, 2026

Bermuda Large Round	Good	\$90-\$115/ton
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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

ACADIA Rayne Farmers Market Frog Fest Pavilion, 210 Frog Fest Dr 2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM ALLEN Oberlin Farmers Market ● 228 West 6th Ave Wed 9AM-1PM ASCENSION Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market 39275 Hwy 621 Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM April-Aug, Oct-Dec Riverside Farmers Market of ● LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun 10AM-2PM ASSUMPTION Barcelo Gardens Farmers ● Market, 211 Franklin Ave, Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM AVOUELLES Marksville Farmers Market 122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun BEAUREGARD DeRidder Farmers Market ● 206 N. Washington Ave Daily 7AM-6PM BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun Benton Farmers Market 495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM Bossier City Farmers Market 2950 E Texas St Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov CADDO Greenwood Farmers Market ● William Peters Town Park, 9381 Greenwood Rd Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug Shreveport Farmers Market River front at Festival Plaza Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug CALCASIEU Cash & Carry Farmers Market ● 801 Enterprise Blvd, corner of Broad & Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM Charlestown Farmers Market Bilbo St. behind old City Hall Sat 8AM-12PM Iowa Farmers Market 115 N. Thompson, Sat, 9AM-1PM Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters, Sam Houston Jones Pkwy Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct CALDWELL Columbia Farmers Market ● Main Street Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July	CLAIBORNE Harvest Time Homer ● W Main & N 2nd St Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct CONCORDIA Delta Farmers Market ● 405 Carter St, Vidalia Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze EAST BATON ROUGE Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ● Fifth St & Main St, Downtown Sat 8AM-12PM Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ● Pennington Biomedical (Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ● 7711 Goodwood, Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct- Dec Red Stick Farmers Mobile ● Market, ExxonMobil YMCA, 7717 Howell Blvd, 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, Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM Teche Area Farmers Market ● 102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM IBERVILLE St. Gabriel Farmers Market 3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74 3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM JEFFERSON Rotary Grand Isle Farmers Market, Oak Lane 2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM Gretna Farmers Market ● Huey P. Long Ave Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM Harahan Farmers Market ● 501 Oak Ave @ Wilson & Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM Crescent City #1 2614 Jefferson @ Maine St. (Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul	Crescent City #2 325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy. @ the Lake (Bucktown) Fri 3-7PM Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ● Market, 3000 Downs Blvd, 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, 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, Sat 8AM-12PM LAFOURCHE Lafourche Central Market 4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, 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, Sat 7AM-12PM MADISON Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ● 404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65 Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec Tallulah Farmers Market #2 Court House Square Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec MOREHOUSE Morehouse Parish Market 305 E Madison, Bastrop Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM	NATCHITOCHES Natchitoches River Front, Sat 8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov Natchitoches Farmers Market Mobile Market #1 (City Park) Tues-Fri10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov Natchitoches Mobile Farmers Market #2 (Riverbank) Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov ORLEANS Barcelo Gardens ● 2301 Gallier St, Sat 10AM-1PM Crescent City Farmers ● Market — UPTOWN New Orleans, 200 Broadway Tues 8AM - 12PM Crescent City Farmers ● Market — MID-CITY New Orleans, Lafitte Greenway Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway Thurs 3PM - 7PM Crescent City Farmers ● Market — CITY PARK New Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium Marconi @ Navarre Sun 8 AM - 12PM OUACHITA Monroe Farmers Market ● 1200 Washington St Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov W Monroe Farmers Market ● 1700 North 7th St Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct RAPIDES Alexandria Farmers Market ● 2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM Boyce Farmers' Market 627 Pacific Ave, Wed 3-6PM Cabrini Farmers Market 2211 Texas Ave, Sat 9AM-12PM RICHLAND Delhi Farmers Market 1104 Broadway St Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov ST. CHARLES German Coast #1 ● St. Charles Parish Library, 160 West Campus Dr, Sat 8AM-12PM German Coast #2 ● West Bank Bridge Park 13825 River Rd, Wed 1-5PM ST. HELENA St. Helena Parish Farmers ● Market, 6032 LA-10, Fri, 8AM-1PM ST. LANDRY St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St, Hwy 190, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-11AM, Apr-Nov Eunice Farmers Market	Second St & Park Ave Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov ST. MARTIN Stephensville Market Rec Park 3257 Hwy 70, 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 ● Downtown Hammond Pavilion 213 SW 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, Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM Kaplan Farmers Market Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave 2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM VERNON Leesville Farmers Market S. 3rd St Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM WASHINGTON Franklinton Farmers Market ● Washington St & 15th Ave Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM WEST FELICIANA St. Francisville Market ● 9961 Wilcox St Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall WINN Winn Farmers Market ● 301 West Main, Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out
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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

BEES

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

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

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

40 new assembled, painted, 6 5/8" hive kit with 10 frames

of foundation, \$45 each, R.D. Trichel, Shreveport, Caddo Parish; (318) 458-8216.

New electric honey extractor, holds 18 medium or 9 deep frames, \$900. R.D. Trichel, Shreveport, Caddo Parish; (318) 458-8216.

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

Registered Black Angus bull,16 months old, excellent EPD's, reg.# 21301894, call for certificate, picture, and price. Ray Gendron, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 931-5751.

R Registered Black Angus Virgin Bull LBWT, sire: Renown 06 of Cquin, grand sire: SAV Renown 3439, current on all vaccinations, recent BSE and fertility tested, raised on grass and feed, gentle, with good bone structure, born 11/15/2024, \$7,000. Bill

Saulnier, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 842-7549.

Black Angus heifer calf, 6-months-old, \$2,000. Chester Lilly, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 491-2437.

Several heavy bred angus cows to Brangus bull, some with calves on side, 6-years-old and younger, Grand coteau area, starting at \$3,500. Jane Veazey, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (832) 451-2890.

Three Purebred Black Angus bulls, two heifers, six-months-old, \$1,500 each. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

BRAHMAN

WANTED: 4 to 10-year-old Registered Brahman cow. R Cureington, Franklin Parish; (318) 663-0120.

BRANGUS

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

CHAROLAIS

Breeding Charolais bulls, breeding soundness exam on 2/2/26, \$6,000 per bull. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Registered Charolais bulls, performance and semen tested, 16-18 months old, guaranteed, \$7,000 and up. Coy Fitch, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (337) 276-5991.

HEREFORD

Registered Miniature Hereford's for sale, call for pricing and availability. Blaire LeBlanc, St.

Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 931-3450.

ZEBU

Red zebu heifer, exposed to our bull, text for more information and pictures, \$500. Crystal Frederick, Acadia Parish; (337) 288-1139.

AMZA registered 5-year-old bull, text for pictures and more information, \$1,000. Crystal Frederick, Mire, Acadia Parish; (337) 288-1139.

DOGS

Pyrenees puppies, full-blooded, parents on site, call and leave message, \$150 each. Jerry Corley, Trout, LaSalle Parish; (318) 312-0243.

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.

Registered Teddy Roosevelt puppies, call for pricing. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Blue-Heeler puppies, first shots and wormed, born January 19, 2026, \$200 each. Henry Debroeck, Shreveport, Caddo Parish; (318) 469-7072.

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

Toy Poodles, \$400. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

Jack Russell puppies, born 3/16/2026, will have first shots and wormed, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Great Pyrenees puppies, two males, all shots and wormed, \$250. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Mini Australian Shepherd, \$150. Olivia Smith, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 849-5323.

Mini Australian Shepherd - Black Tri, \$200. Philip Smith, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 523-6615.

CKC male Pomeranian for breeding, call for more information. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Registered CKC Jack Russell female born 7/10/18, can't keep her because of my illness, \$300 OBO. Angie Brown, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 382-4225.

AKC registered German Shepherd puppies, father has pedigree blood line, \$800. Robert Kasperski, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-5558.

AKC English Yellow Labrador puppies, born 1/15/2026, both parents Grand Champions, microchipped through AKC Reunite, second shots and worming, \$2,000 each. Marissa Wesson, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 664-7259.



DOMESTIC BIRDS

10 pairs of Ring Neck Doves, \$20 per pair. Gary Marcantel, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 580-3742.

Sun Conures to hand-feed out of nest babies and seven-month-old birds, call for pricing. Donald Brown, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 300-4903.

Black Wing Parakeets, \$75 each or \$150 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Blackface Parakeets, \$300 each or \$500 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Mealey split Blue pairs, \$800 for a pair. Milford Johnson, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 241-8782.

Blue Mealey X Split Blue pairs, \$1,100 per pair. Milford Johnson, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 241-8782.

Crimson Pied pair, \$800. Milford Johnson, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 241-8782.

One pair of Green-Wing doves (Emerald doves), call for pricing. Tommy, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 939-3040.

HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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

Foundation and Running bred Quarter horses, imprint as foals, freeze branded, vaccinated, Negative Coggins, \$2,000 for Weanlings, \$2,500 Yearlings, 2 1/2 \$3,000 and up. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Smooth As A Cat Brood Mare, raised seven offspring, good condition, \$3,000. Gene, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-3820.

Standing at stud, Smooth Tag is solid black AQHA stud, sired by Hashtags, NCHA region 6 four year old non-pro champion, \$1,200. Chuckie Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 637-7538.

Blue Roan stud Colt, born January 6, 2026, dad is AQHA WYO-Blue Buddy, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Tobiano Quarter and Draft cross, 22-years-old, 16 hands tall, weighs 1,300 pounds, ridden on horse trails, sweet personality and comes when called, \$2,800. Wanda Grass, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-2805.

Gray Louisiana bred yearling Colt by Unified, reasonably priced. Joseph Tosterud, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 705-4558.

WANTED: One or two donkeys to use to protect sheep, I also will consider sheep and goat offers, I can pick them up. Ed Campbell, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 560-3027.

PIGEONS

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

Button Quail, many colors to choose from, \$25 per pair, hatching eggs available. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Harlequin Quail, \$40 per pair, hatching eggs available. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Coturnix Quail, rare colors, \$15 per pair, hatching eggs available. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

POULTRY & FOWL

One-year-old chickens, Rhode Island Red rooster with two hens, White Brahma rooster with one hen, Buff Orpington rooster with three hens, one Blue Australorp rooster, all last year's spring chickens, \$10. Nikki Rabalais, Plaquemine, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-2136.

Quails, \$1 to \$3.50, depending on age, eggs for pickling \$.11 each, pickup required. Larry Champagne, Breau Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 332-0622.

Assorted purebred Bantams, also standard chicks, call for pricing. Lester Markham, Imperial Chickens, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Flying Mallard ducks, baby, \$5 each, older depends on size but no more than \$10. Chester Lilly, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 491-2437.

Peafowl, males and females, India Blue and White, \$100 and up. Becky, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 451-3554.

Young golden pheasants males only starting to get their colors, will also trade for golden hen pheasants, \$50 each. Vince Jordan, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 628-7636.

Four Rhode Island Red roosters, approximately 1-year-old, text or leave message, \$10 each. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Getting out of poultry, four turkeys, four ducks, several laying hens and roosters, take all for serious discount. Scott Bourque, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (520) 226-6666.

India Blue 1 year old male, worming and care instructions, will mail USPS or pick up at ranch, please leave message, \$100. Beverly M Matheson, Bell City, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 274-1342.

Barred Rock female chicks, \$10 each. Larry, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 354-5358.

Rhode Island Red pullets, \$15 each. Larry, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 354-5358.

Chicks RSLs BSLs RIR BRs BOs Speck Sussex Delaware KC ducks Poults and more, pullets \$6.71 each, 6+ 10% off, SR \$4.98. Double R Hometown Hardware - Kane McPherson, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (225) 538-0005.

WANTED: Twelve White laced Red Cornished hens, pullets, or eggs to hatch. Mitchell Prudhomme, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-4724.

RABBITS

Meat Rabbits, ready to go, \$15. Nikki Rabalais, Plaquemine, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-2136.

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.

Dutch rabbits all colors, also California rabbits, call for pricing. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Getting out of rabbits, California/New Zealand mix, nine in total, two males seven females, take all for serious discount. Scott Bourque, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (520) 226-6666.

Fryer size rabbits, please leave a message, \$14. Lizzie, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 233-9494.

SHEEP & GOAT

Easter lambs Dall sheep hair sheep, males have long horns, call for pricing. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Nigerian dwarf goats, two to three-months-old, \$50 to \$100. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 852-1589.

Katahdins sheep-flock reduction, KHSI-100% registered RR breeding ewes, breeding rams, rams lambs, ewes lambs, Midwest champion bloodlines, excellent genetics, prices varies. Ricky LoBell, Galvez, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-9219.

Katahdin males and females for sale, ready in a month, call for pricing. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 250-3374.

Four Boer bucklings, 3-months-old, text or leave message, \$150 each. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

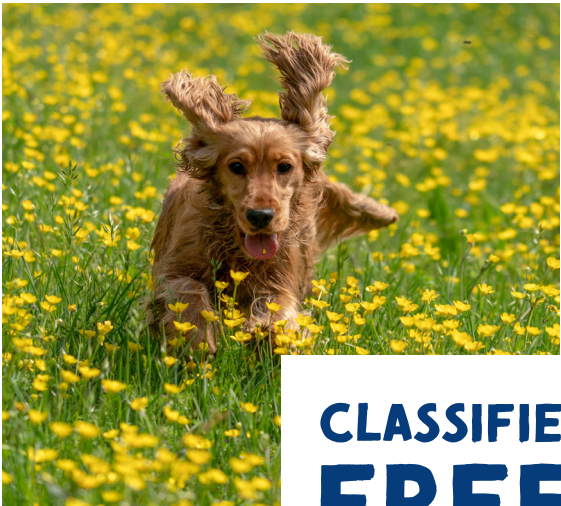
2-year-old Boer/Saanen male herd goat, text or leave message, \$200. Dwain Trapp, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Two-year old Katahdin sheep, \$150. Cynthia Viator, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 967-6357.

Katahdin male, born 2/5/2026, bottle fed, very calm, \$150. Cynthia Viator, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 967-6357.

SWINE

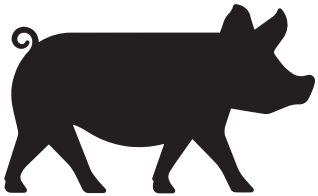
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Mangalista piglets, 5 gilts, 8 barrows, \$100 each. Donovan Mire, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (225) 931-5964.

AQUACULTURE

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 6,000 pounds, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

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

Skidsteer land clearing, mulcher or brush cutter services \$150 an hour with 4 hour minimum, call or text for more information. Chris

Fontenot, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 337-3761.

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

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$200 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Mobile welding, dirt work, track hoe, handyman, custom plowing, plumbing, demolition, property clean up, call for quote. Patrick, Acadia Parish; (337) 246-3112.

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

HAY EQUIPMENT

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

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

3-point lift rear tractor, \$50. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 957-2329.

2715 Legend 15ft batwing bushhog cutter with heavy gears, \$3,900. Houston Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 355-4891.

New Holland 617 disc mower, \$4,000. Steven, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 380-2805.

Sitrex 8-wheel V-Rake, \$1,500. Steven, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 380-2805.

New Holland 311 Square Baler, \$2,800. Steven, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 380-2805.

Tar River 2-basket pull tedder, used four times, sold cattle, call for pricing. Steven, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 380-2805.

Ford 515 7ft 3Pt Sickle Mower, belt drive, wobble head allows downward cutting of slopes and ponds, field ready, excellent paint, owner's manual, \$1,650. Lane Stout, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-5263.

New replacement hay rake wheels, made in USA, 55-inch, 4 right 4 left, metric and 1/2X 5.10 American bolt pattern fits most all brands, \$1,400. Pete Broussard, Church point, St. Landry Parish; (409) 291-2263.

Frontend round baler hauler, fits loader bucket, \$125. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Baler twine, 2-hemp, 2-poly, \$50 each. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

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.

X-Mark Quest 48-inch zero-turn lawn mower, Kawasaki engine, great condition, \$2,600 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Four-foot Betstco Frailmower, Cat 1 hitch, 20 minimum horsepower, good condition, text for pictures, \$750.

Lawrence Ryder, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.

Gravely 260Z zero-turn mower, parts only, lots of usable parts, text for pictures, \$300. Lawrence Ryder, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

W&A 8-row hipers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-pow gangs with shields, \$800. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

25-year-old tractor 3-point attachments, fertilizer spreader and seeder, \$100, single blade plow \$80. Berle Gray, Elm Grove, Bossier Parish; (318) 746-6949.

Will Rich 1400 row conditioner, 24ft wide, pull-type, field ready, \$15,000 OBO. Russell Deselle Sr, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 481-5745.

Troy Built Horse model tiller, like new, rebuilt motor, \$700 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Large bottom-plow, \$400 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

3pt hitch pallet carrier platform, like new, \$300 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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

Cosmo FS-500 fertilizer and seed spreader, 3PT, 350lb cap steel hopper, like new, only used twice with seed, kept indoors, with owner's manual, \$450. Lane Stout, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-5263.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

16ft X 6 1/2ft HD utility trailer, tandem axles with 6k, rear/ side entry, wood floors, \$1,800 OBO. Joe V. Porto III,

Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; (985) 513-9759.

7ftX28ft Donahue equipment trailer, new floor, \$3,000. Ricky Juneau, Hessermer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

Three trailers, 5X10 iron with wood floor, \$500, 16X6ft utility trailer with two axels and ramps, \$1,600, 40ft two axel with fold-up ramps, \$6,800. Houston Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 355-4891.

Trail Boss, 25-ton, 3 axle, steel floor, air brakes, tilt bed/deck, perfect condition, \$35,000. Mike Towns, Arcadia, Bienville Parish; (318) 548-8500.

2005 Cimmaron 3 horse slant bumper pull trailer, excellent condition with front and rear tack room with drop down windows, \$9,500. Bill Saulnier, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 842-7549.

Gooseneck dump trailer, \$7,000. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Red Diamond 35ft all-steel 3-axle auto transport, hauls two 1-tons, ideal for hauling hay, \$4,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Homemade tilt trailer for hauling lawn mowers, \$500 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

New one-horse buggy with top and new set of harnesses, \$3,000. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Case 1999 3950 25ft disk 9-inch spacing, \$14,000. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

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

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

66 Series INT push bumper, \$600. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

John Deere 542 front loader off 5425JD, comes with all brackets to tractor, \$4,950 OBO. Arthur Smith, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 202-7599.

Set of four tires and wheels, front tires 25X8.50-14, rear



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15-19.5, R4 Grip, \$600 for all. Russell Deselle Sr, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 481-5745.

2 5/8-inch diameter pipe, \$35 per joint. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 315-4940.

Sucker rods, \$20 per joint. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 315-4940.

Ten spools of Gaucho barbed- wire, \$50 per spool. Don Scaife, Many, Sabine Parish; (318) 315-4940.

Post hole digger with three augers, 3pt hitch, \$800 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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

Strongway 60" acreage rake, six rake wheels with extra rake wheel, used one time, works on pine straw, grass, or leaves, cost over \$400, selling at \$280. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

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

Four Aluminum wheels, 17-inch, fit 2011 Chevy 2500 HD, \$150 for all four. Michael Boone, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 613-6505.

Four old grain carts, text only, \$200 each. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 794-3236.

9600 JD combine, text only, \$5,000. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 794-3236.

30ft Flex JD header, text only, \$500. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 794-3236.

30ft Rigid JD header, text only, \$500. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 794-3236.

Batwing 15ft bushwacker, kept in shed, bought new, one owner, works good, \$9,500. Lamar Holmes, no city, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

Pull type TW120 10ft Rhino Bush Hog, good condition, \$2,850. Harry Trichel, Campti, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 476-2653.

2-3/8 and 2-7/8 oilfield tubing \$40 and \$45 respectively, 3/4 sucker rods, \$7, to be picked up near Crowley. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

Two 250-gallon tote water tanks, never used, about 10-years-old, insides are new, outsides have some slight mildew staining, \$50 each. Biff Bourgeois, Schriever, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 637-3287.

Pipe rack 2 3/8, 2 7/8, drill casing, sucker rods, creosote beams, leave message, make offer. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

Heavy duty headache rack for Ford pickup, \$50, extra fuel tank for truck bed, \$50 with hoses.

L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

500-gallon diesel/gas tank on skids with hoses and nozzles, pump or electric, \$300. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

Box scraper kept under shed, \$200. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

6FT grader blade, \$100. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

Two row plow, 3pt hitch, kept under shed, \$300. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

Four-foot box blade, medium duty with picks, text for pictures, \$350. Lawrence Ryder, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.

Dirt Scoop, text for pictures, \$250. Lawrence Ryder, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.

WANTED: Jagger pump 2-inch plus, with hoses if possible, good condition. Tanny Devillier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 466-1445.

WANTED: Disabled American Veteran needs to buy to 9-step rolling ladders, only need ladder and handrails, rolling hardware can be bent or unserviceable or 20ft steps instead. Robert LeMaster, Summit, Mississippi, Acadia Parish; (601) 248-8843.

WANTED: John Deere or New Holland green chopper. Brent Duncan, Franklinton,

Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

WANTED: 2-12.4 R20 tractor tires. Stanley Darbonne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-8901.

WANTED: Howse 10ft bushhog in good working condition or one for parts. Don Kinchen, Independence, Livingston Parish; (985) 878-0342.

WANTED: 4ft-6ft used bushhog/grass cutter, pull-type draw bar, good condition and brand. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

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

Ryon ranch cutting saddle, \$800. Gene, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-3820.

Bridles, spurs, saddle pads, and more, call for pricing. Gene, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-3820.

Small horse saddle, \$60, adult horse saddle, \$225. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 957-2329.

Mule saddle, 17-inch, used twice, just like brand new, \$600. Cynthia Viator, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 967-6357.

Four Horse saddles and three horse blankets, \$75 per saddle, \$50 per blanket. Wanda Grass, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (986) 537-3280.

Nice saddle, \$350. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Bucket feeders, \$350. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

New 5/5ft 2-inch roll of schedule 80 cpvc, \$1,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Four antique horse collars, early 1900s, \$75 each. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Four Scythes, antiques, \$85 each. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Honda Black Max 7,000W generator, \$600 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Antique wood heater Papa Bear, open to offers. Samuel Roland, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 445-3244.

Summit metal cutting lathe, 19X4X96 three phase, Bridgeport Mill, 9X42-inch table, 3 phase electric convertor, 20hp, Sears 197-amp hi-low welding machine, both are in good shape, call around 7pm, \$4,000. Ambrose Baham, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-1415.

Plantation bells, complete, and Incomplete, \$400 OBO. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

3 pot belly heaters, \$175, \$250, \$400, OBO. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

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

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) 758-4504.

Two Igloo XL dog houses for sale, excellent condition, \$75 each. Cynthia Viator, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 967-6357.

Five sturdy steel red horse or livestock panel, 5X12-feet, \$75 each. Wanda Grass, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-2805.

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

48-inch fan, electric motor, nice, \$275. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Nice battery jump starter, \$75. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Water pails, electric clippers, lot of nice things, open to offers. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Metal rafters 18ft wide, nice material, some trim, \$150. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Two set patio doors, perfect glass, \$100 each. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

WANTED: One or more 18.4-38 R2 bias rear tractor tires, one or more 18-4-42 10-hole wheel

2014 Avalanche pull camper, needs repair, \$1,500 OBO. CJ Pietri, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 324-9948.

LUMBER & SAWING

Cypress lumber, different lengths, widths, thickness, \$4.50 board ft. Vince Larussa, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-4571.

.60 CCA Treated Poles, Timbers and Lumber, great for livestock fencing, barns, and docks. Diamond Lumber Co., Moss Bluff, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 855-7714.

Log splitter, Troy-Bilt 27-ton with Honda, 5.5hp, new carburetor with trailer hitch, gas powered, \$800. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

Three Walnut trees and their stumps, for sale or consider split with sawyer, make offer. Ed Campbell, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 560-3027.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

Ten acres along northside of Highway 14 located in Bell City, around 15 miles east of Lake Charles, land has been land leveled, big oak tree on northwest corner, would make a great homestead, call for pricing. Denny, Bell City, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 515-6433.

Guest house for sale, 1,100 sqft, to be moved at buyer's expense, very nice home, \$38,500. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

25 mobile home lots, conning available 6/15/26, ask for Dannie, \$30,000 per lot. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Pointe Coupee, 5.2 acres, partially cleared, does not flood, rock drive and parking plus septic, 400ft frontage, \$70,000. Rebecca Robichaux, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 278-3263.

SERVICES

EQUINE SERVICES

Race horse trainer, over 25 years experience training race horses, won races, licensed trainer, Delta Down, Fairground, Louisiana Down, Evangeline Down, \$50 per day. Ed or Cordel

Cormier, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 326-7087.

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

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

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

FARM SERVICES

Cattle and High Fence Installers, service all of Louisiana, free estimates. Jamie Gaspard, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1518.

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

Gravel, dirt, driveways, bushhogging, materials delivered for a price depending on location, many other services offered, call for free quote. Dawson Krull, Avoyelles Parish; (337) 945-6542.

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

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

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

Bennie's Pressure Washing, we wash houses, barns, concrete, pool decks and fences, insured, serving Baton Rouge and surrounding area, call for a quote. Bennie Martin, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 287-3878.

Many years of experience in installation/repair of agriculture, commercial and residential fencing, fence row clearing, augering, demo/maintenance/repair projects both commercial and residential, call for free

estimates. Joe Hensgens, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (985) 992-9119.

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

Handyman, sewer, water and air testing, fencing, bushhogging, concrete pouring, drainage and roofing, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Cut The Bull, Certified Bovine Artificial Insemination, Seymore's Artificial Insemination. Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907- 5792.

WANTED: Home gardeners/ famers to sell produce at the Baker Farmer Market(4th Saturdays). C. Reuben Walker, Baker, Louisiana, East Baton Rouge Parish; (337) 344-8634.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

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

STALLION SERVICE

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

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

TRACTORS

Kubota L175, bushhog, \$3,500 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Kubota L345, needs body work, \$4,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.



Two Kubota tractors, needs repair, call for more information. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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) 758-4504.

David Brown tractor, 60hp, good condition, \$4,000. Mike Towns, Arcadia, Bienville Parish; (318) 548-8500.

Red Farmall Cub with new belly mower, new tires, and battery row builders, draw bar, gang choppers, \$2,400. Harold Vercher, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (504) 559-6714.

John Deere 4052R tractor, 456 hours, 4WD, front end loader with 6-foot modern bushhog, very good condition, \$32,000 OBO. Tommy, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3169.

Massey Ferguson 35 with woods canopy and winch, good rubber, runs but has cracked block, bush hog, disc grader blade, many new parts, open to offers. Benny Dew, Florien, Sabine Parish; (318) 565-4222.

John Deere 770 tractor, 4WD, 25hp, 1,200 hours, \$7,000. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

JD 5200 with loader, \$7,900. Joseph Major, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 945-6960.

Ford Model 6600, 75hp, Hi+Low 4-speed shift, brand new injector pump, runs great, looking to buy a cab and air with front end loader, \$10,000. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 962-3463.

Brand new tractor seat, still in box, fits Maxxum Case 120 or 125, \$500. Michael Boone, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 613-6505.

JD 7830, John Deere overhauled transmission, engine, and front axle 2025, front wheel assist, GPS for self-driving, good looking tractor, \$79,000. Finest Properties LLC, Winnsboro, Franklin Parish; (504) 491-0064.

IH 1486 with front end loader for parts, will sell separate, \$5,000 OBO. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.

John Deere 4230, 199 hours, dual wheels, front end loader with bucket and hayfork, good paint, shed kept, new clutch, \$11,000. Daniel Berzas, Reddell, Evangeline Parish; (337) 459-3258.

MF 1020 tractor, purchased around 1991, 21hp at 2,350rpm, set of discs that goes with it, pretty good condition, \$2,200 OBO. Deborah Rochelle, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 795-5383.

New Holland Workmaster 45 Tractor, 4WD, Front Loader, 6 Ft Bushhog, only 290 hours, \$16,000. David Ammons, Many, Sabine Parish; (225) 938-8342.

WANTED: TM Ford 1993 7.3L, near Opelousas. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

VEHICLES

ATVS

Four golf cart tires, brand new, located in Dry Creek Louisiana, call or text me for more information. Abigail Grace, Dry creek, Beauregard Parish; (318) 229-1918.

Set of four tires and wheels, Honda Foreman, mudlite tires, 27X10X12, mounted on aluminum spoke wheels, like new, \$600 for all. Russell Deselle Sr, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 481-5745.

Kawasaki 3010 Mule, \$4,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Nice scooter, battery powered, \$350. Bernard Thornton, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 467-9953.

Easy-Go golf cart, parts only, text for pictures, \$300 OBO. Lawrence Ryder, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.

WANTED: Kawasaki Mule 4010. Henry Melancon Sr, Maringoin, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 931-6647.

FARM TRUCKS

1999 Chevy 2500 Silverado extended cab, new body style, great shape, must see to appreciate, 170,000 miles, grille guard, headache rack, toolboxes, gooseneck hitch, new tires, \$8,000. Hubert A Wilkerson II, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 453-1615.

2007 Toyota Tundra, 210k miles, one owner, \$12,500. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Two Ford Explorers, \$4,900 each. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Chevy truck, \$4,900. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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

2004 Dodge Ram 1500, 4-door, not running, needs repair, \$1,000. CJ Pietri, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 324-9948.

Two Deuce and 1/2 trucks '85 and '92, low mileage, six-wheel drive, air assist brakes, no CDL to drive, \$16,000 for both OBO. Rebecca Robichaux, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 278-3263.

Huber Manufacturing's Overlooked Role in Tractor History

Henry Ford's Fordson may have been one of the first production tractors to employ the concept of unit-frame, or unitized, construction. However, Huber Manufacturing perfected the unitized design in its 1926 introduction of that firm's Super Four tractors, led by the model 18-36.

Huber's 18-36 distinguished itself not only for offering a stout frame, but also for providing such engine advance firsts as overhead valves and forced-feed lubrication.

The Super Four 18-36 was one of the few tractors that made good on claims of being a workhorse on the farm. Indeed, it went beyond those claims by providing exceptional reserve power. In fact, so strong was Huber's reputation as a manufacturer of powerful tractors that from 1910 to the late 1930s, its machines became an industry standard for competitors to match or beat. During this time, the firm certainly could count itself as one of the top 10 tractor companies in the world.

Yet, today, Huber is often little recognized for its enormous contribution to tractor

development. Little wonder, as the firm stepped out of the tractor market at the onset of World War II never to return. Try as it might to produce super tractors, the Marion, Ohio-based manufacturer could not.

New Tractor, New Name

Huber did build some 30 tractors based on the VanDuzen design in 1898. But he withdrew from the business disappointed with those machines. It would take The New Huber Manufacturing Company 13 years (after Huber's 1904 death) to get back into tractors, doing so with the 1911 introduction of three Farmer's Tractor models. During the next five years, The New Huber would introduce lightweight models called the Light Four line (Four representing the fact they employed four-cylinder engines).

Edward Huber did, however, leave the farm equipment industry a massive legacy of innovative contributions. He secured his first patent at the ripe age of 26. Before he died, Huber had secured over 100 patents on a wide variety of farm and construction equipment innovations.

The Company Expands

The New Huber Company would continue in Huber's footsteps by providing many advances in threshing and hay harvest equipment. The tractors the company built established the firm as a serious contender in the then-bustling industry.

The Super Four models were joined by the Master Four 25-50 (introduced in 1922) followed by three additional Super Four tractors: 21-39, 32-45, and 40-62. A row-crop model came out in 1937. But Huber was being left behind by other tractor giants. As such, the company opted to never build a tractor again after World War II.

After the war, Huber focused on road-building equipment and then was eventually sold to A-T-O Inc. in 1969. That firm closed Huber's manufacturing doors in 1984. All that remains of Huber today is the cornerstone of the original plant, which is on display at the Huber Machinery Museum at the Marion, Ohio, County Fairgrounds.

By: Dave Mowitz, Successful Farming

Livestock Brand Commission to host saddle microchipping event

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The saddle microchipping program is a joint venture of the Livestock Brand Commission, parish sheriff's offices, other law enforcement agencies, parish cattlemen's associations, and riding clubs.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Livestock Brand Commission at 225-925-3962 or Joshua Salley with the DeSoto Parish Extension Office at 318-872-0533. Registration is not required but is preferred. Register by emailing Joshua Salley at jsalley@agcenter.lsu.edu.

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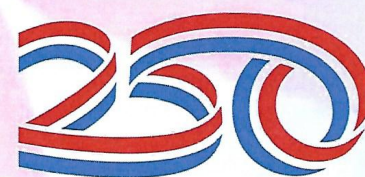
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INGREDIENTS

- 2 loaves bread dough (frozen)
 - 1 lb ground beef
 - 1 lb Savoie's Sausage, chopped
- olives
 - Mozzarella and Provolone cheese (shredded)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Defrost frozen bread loaf according to package directions.
2. While it's defrosting, brown the ground beef and chopped Savoie's sausage. Cool the meat mixture.
3. When the bread is defrosted, spread it out to a large rectangular shape.
4. Fill the center of the bread with beef and sausage. Top with shredded cheeses and chopped olives.
5. Fold the sides of bread over the meat and pinch seam closed. Transfer to baking pan placing the seam side down.
6. Bake at 375 degrees until the bread is dark, golden brown. Let cool for 30 minutes before slicing. Ca c'est bon, sha!!

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- 2 dashes Angostura Orange bitters
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Stir all ingredients in a mixing glass with ice. Strain into coupe glass or serve on the rocks.



GULF SHRIMP STUFFED MIRLITON

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INGREDIENTS

- 7 mirlitons
 - 1 onion, finely chopped
 - ¼ c bell pepper, finely chopped
 - 4 green onions, finely chopped
 - 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
 - 4 Tbsp salted butter
- 2 c Louisiana shrimp, peeled, deveined, and chopped
 - salt and pepper, to taste
 - 1 c plain bread crumbs and additional for sprinkling
 - 1 egg, beaten

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F degrees. Boil mirlitons, whole, until tender. Remove from water and cool. Cut 6 mirlitons in half lengthwise. Remove seed and carefully remove pulp, leaving 1/4 inch along shell. Chop mirliton flesh along with the 7th boiled mirliton that has been deseeded and skinned. Set aside.
2. In large skillet over medium high heat, sauté onions, bell pepper, green onions and celery in 4 Tbsp butter, until brown. Add the shrimp, mirliton pulp and salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add bread crumbs. Cook for another 20 minutes over medium low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in beaten egg. Mix well.
3. Prepare The Oyster Bed by spraying cooking wells with non-stick spray. Position hollowed mirliton in each well. Using a spoon, fill mirlitons with a generous amount of stuffing. Sprinkle tops with bread crumbs and dot with melted butter. Bake at 350 ° degrees until golden brown.

Tips for Landscaping With Native Plants and Wildflowers

Wildflowers and native grasses on your place bring back a flavor of the land’s original beauty.

Part of that beauty is visible to the eye. Native prairies, for example, can bring you blooming plants throughout the season — in an array of colors, shapes, and sizes. They attract beneficial insects and wildlife.

What your eye can’t see is also part of the beauty of these plants. In natural prairies there’s typically more life underground than above through the deep root systems. Switchgrass roots extend to depths of 9 to 11 feet. Roots of a prairie rose push to as much as 20 feet deep. These extensive root systems stabilize soil and water and give the plants great resiliency against drought.

A walk through the Annett Nature Center in Iowa gives a good overview of some of the things you can do with native plants to add beauty and conservation benefits to any location.

The center sits on a hillside above a 6-acre pond and 10-acre wetland. The 160-acre ground includes prairie plantings, trails, a bird-watching area, and a butterfly garden.

The butterfly garden demonstrates how acreage owners can blend native plants and man-made features. About 60 species of native forbs are planted in raised flowerbeds.

Keep Things Blooming

“The raised butterfly garden beds were made to highlight the local native plants as well as provide a beautiful perennial garden that lasts all summer long,” says Joel Van Roekel, naturalist at the center.

“We have different plants blooming from April through September starting with the small pasque flower and usually ending with a variety of goldenrods and asters,” he says.

The beds in the butterfly garden were raised with local fieldstone, then filled with a mixture of topsoil, peat moss, and sand. Flowers were added in groups of species, bunched to provide a view of blooming and seeding plants throughout the year. After the plants were established, mulch was added to suppress weeds.

Retaining wall terraces and a larger prairie restoration area at the center also host native plants. The prairie plot features tall grasses, such as switchgrass, big bluestem, and Indian grass, as well as a mix of forbs, including prairie larkspur, compass plant, and pale coneflower. “The forbs can be mixed in the planting but will not be as full as in a small garden plot,” Van Roekel says.

Farming With Natives

Establishment of the prairie planting was more like an ag operation. Following a herbicide application, the grasses were drilled, mowed high to chop off weed heads, and then spot sprayed. The grasses took four years to get established well enough to keep the weeds

down. Controlled burning or mowing is used for regular maintenance.

The initial extra care required by native plants has a big payoff, Van Roekel says. “You get a great feeling knowing that the plants in your garden really belong there. And, they are beautiful, too.”

Get ‘Em Growing

Native flowers and grasses take a little different approach to establishment than do conventional plantings, says Joel Van Roekel, a naturalist at the Annett Nature Center, near Indianola, Iowa. But once the plants are established, they are tough competitors, he says. “The first step to successful establishment is to find out what is truly local or native to where you live. That may not always be so obvious.

“Sometimes when you order wildflower seed mixes, they will come from some place that grows plants that your local area can’t support,” he says. “What happens then is that only a few of the plants in the mix will actually be able to survive and grow.”

Sources of seed include nurseries, arboretums, and conservation groups and agencies.

Purchased seeds can be expensive. “Many of the seeds are very tiny and have to be hand picked,” Van Roekel says. In planting a butterfly garden, Van Roekel hand collected seed from wild plants and raised them in a greenhouse for a couple years.

Starting with purchased plants is another option. “If you are buying plants, pay attention to the roots, not the blooms, on the first- and second-year plants,” Van Roekel says. “These plants spend their energy on establishing a root structure first and may not even bloom for a couple of years. Sometimes they will go dormant after they have been planted. Don’t dig up a plant immediately if it looks dead. Wait until next year and see if it comes back.”

Be Patient With the Plants

Another tip: Plant three or more plants together in a bunch in small gardens or in large fields. Pay attention to what the size of the mature plant will be, Van Roekel says. “It may take a couple of years to get to that point.”

When working with the native grasses be patient. “They have incredible root systems that take time to develop,” he says.

By: John Walter, Successful Farming

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Louisiana Native Plant
Resource Guide

SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA



Because of its beauty, the magnolia blossom was designated the state flower of Louisiana in 1900. Magnolias are one of the most ancient and primitive of the flowering plant families with fossil records dating back 60 million years. Nothing describes the iconic Southern magnolia better than its given scientific name *Magnolia grandiflora*.

LOUISIANA IRIS



Blooming from late March to early May, the Louisiana iris is a floral ambassador that has carried our state’s name all over the world. Though a number of iris species are native to Louisiana, only five species, *Iris brevicaulis*, *Iris fulva*, *Iris giganticaerulea*, *Iris hexagona* and *Iris nelsonii* are known as “The Louisianans.”

SWAMP MILKWEED



Also known as rose milkweed or *Asclepias incarnata* is a pink- to white-flowered species that’s found on wet sites and in other parts of Louisiana. It’s a vital food source for Monarch caterpillars, and its nectar attracts butterflies and other pollinators. It will thrive in average garden soil as long as it does not dry out completely, especially in the spring.

EASTERN BLUESTAR



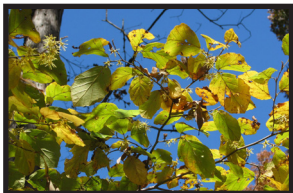
Amsonia tabernaemontana, is a native perennial plant that thrives in Louisiana. It’s known for its clumping habit, attractive foliage, and pale blue, star-shaped flowers. The plant typically grows 2-3 feet tall and wide, and it prefers full sun to partial shade. Ruby throated hummingbirds, large carpenter bees, hummingbird moths and butterflies seek the floral nectar.

SUNFLOWERS



In Louisiana, there are 396 known varieties of sunflowers. This diverse group includes both birdseed types and garden varieties, such as zinnias and marigolds. Other sunflowers include dandelions, thistles, and sagebrush. We consume parts of other sunflowers like artichokes, chicory, safflower, chamomile, and Echinacea.

WITCH HAZEL



Hamamelis virginiana is a native plant in Louisiana. It’s a small tree or large shrub that blooms in late fall and winter with fragrant, yellow flowers. The leaves, which are lettuce-green, turn yellow in the fall. Witch hazel is known for its medicinal properties, with extracts used in astringents, cosmetics, and skincare.

Cute, compact and classic: It’s Teddy Bear magnolia

With a name that calls to mind cuddly childhood toys, it’s hard not to love the Teddy Bear magnolia.

This Southern magnolia cultivar, which was found as a chance seedling, derives its moniker from the deep rusty brown, fuzzy undersides of its glossy, green leaves. But there’s a lot more to like about this tree than its adorable name and teddy bear-esque leaf texture.

One of its most delightful attributes is its compact form — offering a perfect solution for those of us who enjoy Southern magnolias but don’t have the yard space to accommodate traditional, sprawling cultivars.

Classic Southern magnolias can eventually grow to 40 to 50 feet tall and 20 to 30 feet wide. In some urban developments, the

spread of a mature magnolia tree would take up nearly the entire width of the lot!

Teddy Bear, by contrast, is much smaller. Some reports indicate it can reach 18 to 20 feet in height, but 12 feet is more typical. The width, however, is the bigger key for gardeners working with limited room — and Teddy Bear usually maxes out at just 10 to 12 feet wide.

This cultivar looks great as a single planting for a focal area of the yard. Thanks to its especially dense growth habit, Teddy Bear also is ideal for privacy screens. Plant several of these trees in a line, and they’ll grow together into a living fence that blocks outside views while providing superb aesthetics and wildlife habitat.

Just like other Southern magnolias, Teddy Bear displays large, white, lemon-scented blooms in late spring and summer. It sports that trademark magnolia foliage that is shiny on one side and velvety on the other — though Teddy Bear’s leaves have a rounder shape and more pronounced reddish-brown undersides than many cultivars. Southern magnolias, of course, are native to Louisiana and are our state flower.

If you’re interested in checking out other compact Southern magnolia cultivars, try Little Gem, a Louisiana Super Plant selection, and Kay Parris. These tend to grow a bit taller than

Teddy Bear, but both keep a narrower profile that works well in small spaces.

LSU AgCenter horticulturists recommend planting trees from October to March while temperatures are cooler, giving trees time to establish before summer weather conditions set in. That doesn’t mean you can’t still plant magnolias — but know that it will be absolutely crucial to keep them well watered in the coming weeks and months. Newly planted trees without established root systems are more susceptible to heat and drought stress.

By Olivia McClure, LSU AgCenter



Farmers Invited to Join National Study on Farming Practices and Soil Health

Farmers and ranchers across the U.S. have an opportunity to contribute to a national research effort examining how real-world farming practices influence soil health and agricultural resilience. Through this study, participants will complete a short survey on their farm management practices and submit a soil sample for free analysis. In return, farmers will receive a soil health report and compensation for their time, while helping researchers better understand how different systems impact soil health and agricultural resilience.

This project is part of the Ag Resilience Coordinated Agricultural Project (RCAP), a multi-state collaboration of researchers, educators and farmers working to identify farming practices that improve the resilience of agricultural systems across the United States. The initiative focuses on diverse systems, including row crops, forages, livestock, fruits, vegetables and more, to evaluate how management decisions influence both soil health and farm performance. Participating

farmers contribute real-world data on their practices, soils and decision-making, allowing researchers to better understand how agricultural systems respond to challenges such as extreme weather and market fluctuations.

Across the U.S., many agricultural systems are dominated by annual cropping systems that can be vulnerable to soil loss, nutrient runoff and environmental stress. Research from the RCAP network highlights the potential of more diverse systems, particularly those incorporating perennial crops, forage integration and livestock to improve soil health and increase resilience at the field and farm scale. These systems emphasize diversity, perenniality and nutrient cycling, which can help farms better withstand disruptions while maintaining productivity. Participating in this study helps expand the national dataset needed to evaluate these systems and translate findings into practical recommendations for farmers and agricultural professionals.

Farmers who choose to participate will complete a questionnaire about their recent management practices, yields and inputs, and collect a soil sample using a provided kit with prepaid shipping. All information will remain confidential, and results will be reported in aggregate to protect individual operations. In addition to receiving a free soil health analysis, participants will receive a gift card compensation and contribute to a growing national network of farmers helping shape future research, outreach and decision-support tools aimed at improving farm profitability, environmental quality and long-term agricultural sustainability.

For more information about the RCAP Farmer Survey, contact Kim Cassida with Michigan State University Extension at cassida@msu.edu.



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AQUACULTURE/CRAWFISH

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These “flow-through” systems pump local, natural-habitat water through the tanks.

Crawfish

Louisiana crawfish are the ultimate farm-to-table delight! The majority are farmed in managed rice fields and harvested daily, allowing for quick distribution—often from pond to plate within 24–48 hours.

Louisiana fishermen have been harvesting crawfish commercially since at least the late 1800s. The first record of a commercial crawfish harvest in the United States was in 1880. That year, a harvest of 23,400 pounds was recorded, valued at \$2,140. By 1908, a U.S. Census report listed Louisiana’s crawfish production at 88,000 pounds, with a value of \$3,600. In the late 1940s, rice farmers developed a method to farm crawfish. Crawfish and rice farming is a sustainable, symbiotic rotation where rice is cultivated in summer, followed by flooding the field to create a habitat for crawfish from fall to spring. Rice stubble provides food and shelter for crawfish, while their waste fertilizes the soil. In the 1960’s, crawfish

farming made its debut with the cultivation of crawfish in man-made ponds, using controlled water levels, forage management, and water recalculation techniques.

Over the next 35 years, crawfish farming developed into the largest freshwater crustacean aquaculture industry in the United States. Louisiana leads the nation, producing more than 90% of the domestic crop. More than 1,600 farmers produce crawfish across 111,000 acres of ponds. More than 800 commercial fishermen harvest crawfish from natural wetlands, primarily the Atchafalaya and Vermilion-Teche basins.

Farm-raised and wild-caught crawfish crops generally complement each other—farm-raised crawfish are available late fall through mid-spring, and, if conditions are favorable, wild-caught crawfish dominate the market from mid-spring to early summer. In Louisiana, crawfish are more than a seasonal delicacy—they are a cornerstone of our state’s culture, economy, and identity. The combined annual yield ranges from 120 million to 150 million pounds.



Information and data for this article were collected from the LSU Ag Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, and the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture.



"Louisiana's crawfish and aquaculture industries are a source of pride and joy for our state. Our farmers and producers put incredible care, skill, and dedication into raising crawfish, and it's no wonder Louisiana is known for having the best in the world. By supporting local aquaculture communities and investing in their growth, we sustain a treasured tradition, strengthen rural economies, and share the unique flavors and spirit of Louisiana with families everywhere."

- Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM

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LDAF involvement

Seafood Safety Task Force Commission: This commission is overseen by LDAF’s Office of Agro-Consumer Services (ACS). Its purpose is to ensure the safety of seafood processed, distributed, purchased, and consumed in Louisiana and to educate consumers about the health risks associated with imported seafood.

Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board: This board is overseen by LDAF’s Office of Agro-Consumer Services (ACS). Its purpose is to raise funds to develop markets for crawfish and support research to further the Louisiana crawfish industry. Their producers have a quality inspection process that ensures Louisiana crawfish meet high standards of quality and safety.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is responsible for monitoring and managing wild crawfish through gear, licensing, and reporting requirements. Harvest controls are not necessary to protect the crawfish resource, as their populations are resilient and influenced by environmental conditions, rather than fishing. For more information on their programs and policies, visit wlf.louisiana.gov.

USDA Reopens Acreage Reporting Period for Specialty Crop Farmers Impacted by Unfair Market Disruptions

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reopening the 2025 crop acreage reporting period required for specialty crop producers who want to apply for the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program. The ASCF program is designed to help address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports. Specialty crop producers now have until April 24, 2026, to report 2025 acres to FSA.

Eligible Specialty Crops

ASCF-eligible specialty crops include

- (A) Almond, Apple, Apricot, Aronia berry, Artichoke, Asparagus, Avocado
- (B) Banana, Bean (Snap or green; Lima; Dry edible), Beet (Table), Blackberry, Blueberry, Breadfruit, Broccoli (including Broccoli Raab), Brussels Sprouts
- (C) Cabbage (including Chinese), Cacao, Carrot, Cashew, Cauliflower, Celeriac, Celery, Cherimoya, Cherry, Chestnut (for Nuts), Chive, Citrus, Coconut, Coffee, Collards (including Kale), Cranberry, Cucumber, Currant
- (D) Date,
- (E) Eggplant, Endive
- (F) Feijou, Fig, Filbert (Hazelnut)
- (G) Garlic, Gooseberry, Grape (including Raisin), Guava
- (H) Horseradish
- (K) Kiwi, Kohlrabi

- (L) Leek, Lettuce, Litchi
- (M) Macadamia, Mango, Melon (All Types), Mushroom (Cultivated), Mustard and Other Greens
- (N) Nectarine
- (O) Okra, Olive, Onion,
- (P) Papaya, Parsley, Parsnip, Passion Fruit, Pea (Garden; English or Edible Pod; Dry edible), Peach, Pear, Pecan, Pepper, Persimmon, Pineapple, Pistachio, Plum (including Prune), Pomegranate, Potato, Pumpkin
- (Q) Quince
- (R) Radish (All Types), Raspberry, Rhubarb, Rutabaga
- (S) Salsify, Spinach, Squash (Summer and Winter), Strawberry, Suriname Cherry, Sweet Corn, Sweet Potato, Swiss Chard
- (T) Taro, Tomato (including Tomatillo), Turnip
- (W) Walnut, Watermelon.

**Dry edible beans and peas covered by the Farmer Bridge Assistance program will not be eligible for ASCF. Commodities covered by FBA will not be eligible for ASCF.*

Program Participation

ASCF payments are based on reported 2025 planted acres. Eligible farmers should ensure their 2025 acreage reporting is factual and accurate by Friday, April 24, 2026. USDA will

release commodity-specific payment rates soon after the acreage reporting deadline.

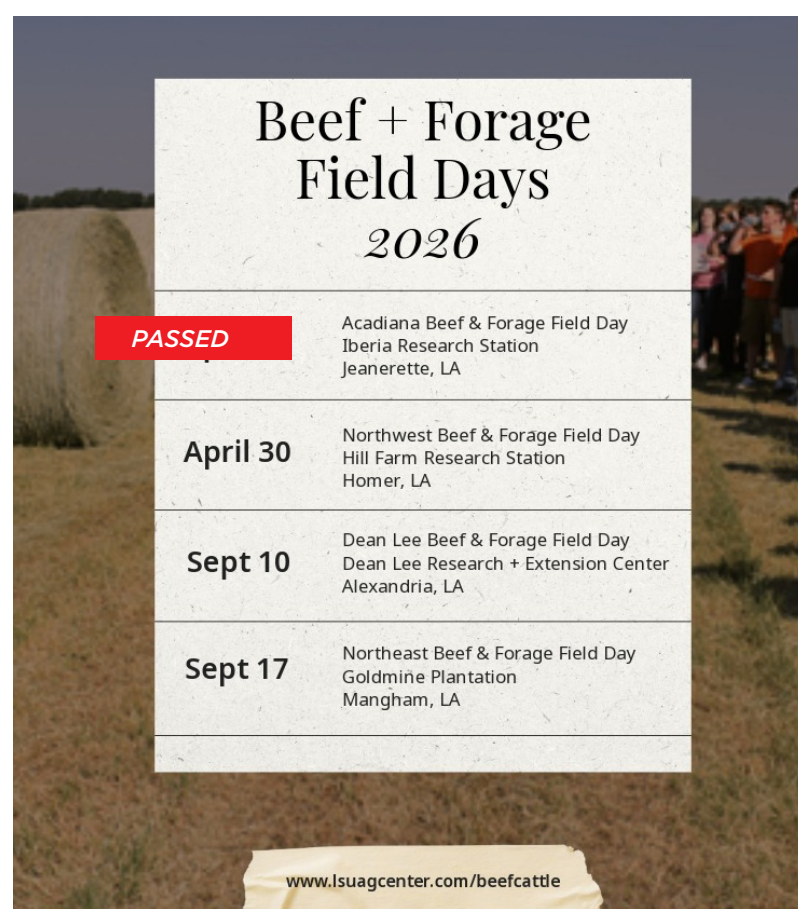
Following completion of acreage reporting, producers are encouraged to prepare for the eventual announcement of the ASCF program application period by creating a Login.gov account. Doing so ensures that once FSA starts taking ASCF program applications, those producers who wish to apply online will experience an expedited application and payment process. Assistance will also be available through local FSA county offices.

Login.gov is the public's one account for government engagement. Producers can use one account and password for secure, private access to participating government

agencies, including FSA. Begin the Login.gov process by visiting fsa.usda.gov/fba to create a Login.gov account. Producers who have an existing Login.gov account can work with FSA using their existing account. For assistance creating a login.gov account, visit <https://login.gov/help/>.

Crop insurance linkage will not be required for the ASCF program. However, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) risk management tools to best protect against price risk and volatility in the future.

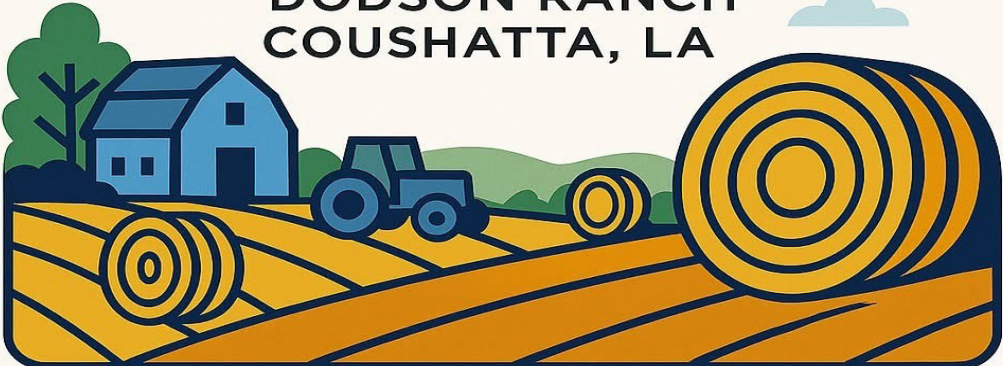
More information on ASCF is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/fba. Producers can contact their local FSA county office to make an appointment to complete their 2025 crop acreage report.



Beef + Forage Field Days 2026	
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April 30	Northwest Beef & Forage Field Day Hill Farm Research Station Homer, LA
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More information:

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Annual Youth Agriculture Career Field Day 2026

The Catahoula Soil and Water Conservation District hosted its Annual Youth Agriculture Career Field Day on Friday, March 27 at the Harrisonburg First Baptist Church Gym, bringing together approximately 150 high school students from Catahoula, Concordia, and LaSalle parishes.

Students in grades 10-12 spent the day learning about career opportunities in agriculture and related industries. Representatives from local businesses and colleges spoke with students about educational pathways, job skills, and the vital role agriculture plays in our rural communities.

Throughout the event, students rotated through interactive stations that offered a hands-on look at different ag-related careers. Highlights included drone demonstrations, welding presentations, heavy equipment operation, nursing simulators provided by CLTCC, a groundwater drainage model, a beekeeping session with Margie "The Bee Lady" Morphis, and a popular visit from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries featuring a live baby alligator and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry sharing a demonstration with their watershed pollution "Enviroscape" model.

Events like this help connect young people with meaningful career paths while strengthening the future of agriculture in our region.



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