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SWCD Spotlight

LAFOURCHE-TERREBONNE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Lafourche-Terrebonne Soil and Water Conservation District (L-T SWCD) encompasses Louisiana's most quintessential bayou region in two of the state's wettest and most culturally unique coastal parishes, as well as the continent's most rapidly disappearing land area. This clash of fertile and productive natural resources with unyielding natural forces creates quite the conservation challenge, and the L-T SWCD has been equally unyielding in its response to this challenge since being chartered in June 26, 1945. With over 500 farms operating within the L-T SWCD, these two parishes are well known for their contributions to Louisiana's sugar, citrus, beef, alligators, and immense annual seafood landings, as well as their aggressive restoration and protection projects that build, enhance, and restore local wetlands and watersheds through vegetative plantings and implementation of agricultural conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs).

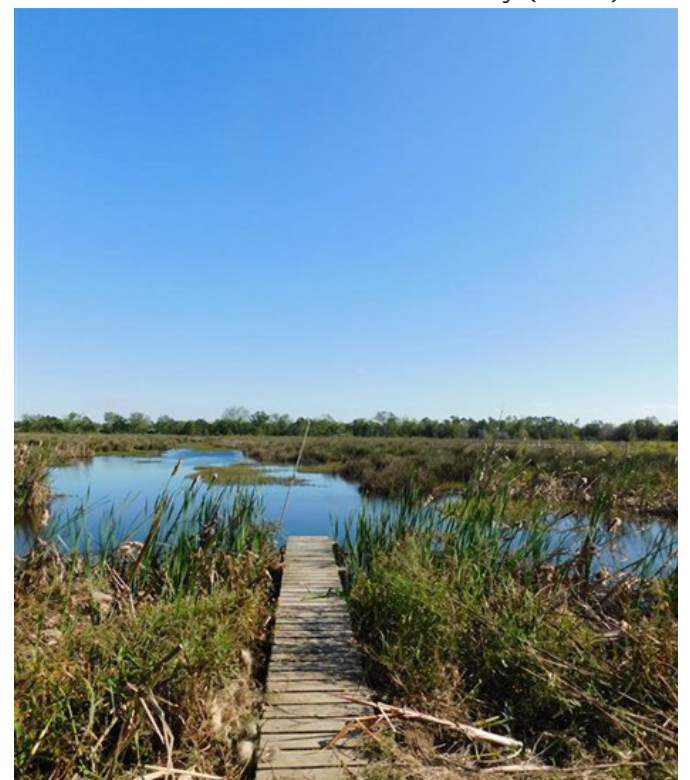
This is some of the Gulf Coasts most recently deposited Mississippi River alluvium, where land elevations max out at around 10 ft above sea level in Houma and Thibodaux and rarely exceed 4-6 ft elsewhere in the 2-parish area. Thus, many challenges are faced by residents, landowners, producers, businesses and industry, not the least of which is flooding and soil saturation

from elevated tides, subsiding land, and increased salinities all lead to land degradation and land loss. To address these concerns, the L-T SWCD uses stakeholder input through what each of the States 44 SWCDs call the "locally led" conservation process to assess and prioritize all natural resource concerns, and to address them by developing strategies, plans and partnerships to restore and enhance land productivity and sustainability.

In addition, the L-T SWCD provides oversight of local delivery of the USDA Farm Bill conservation programs, as well as a number of special projects such as in watershed management for erosion reduction, soil health, flood prevention and similar benefits in the Bayou Cutoff, Forty Arpent Canal – Bayou Lafourche, Halpin Canal, Lake Fields, and Bayou L'Eau Bleu watersheds, addressing the natural resource concerns brought forward by community stakeholders in each area. Despite these watershed projects being funded by various conservation programs and agencies, they are all planned, designed and ultimately implemented according to the same technical standards, processes and public participation and approvals regardless of funding source.

To addressing coastal land loss and marsh habitat degradation within its capabilities, the L-T SWCD partners with the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the LDAF-Office of Soil and Water Conservation (OSWC), the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and eleven other LA coastal-zone SWCDs to establish an average of 40 linear miles of native marsh grasses along shorelines and inland marshes coastwide through the Coastal Vegetative Planting Program. In 2024, L-T SWCD coastal planting projects were coordinated with local volunteer organizations and technical partners to plant over 4,000 California bulrush and smooth cordgrass plants in Pointe Aux Chenes, Bay Cocodrie, and Lake De Cade. The L-T SWCD has been participating in this revegetation program since its inception in 1988.

Congruent to the revegetation program was a first-ever-in-Lafourche sand fencing project on Fourchon beach in early 1997. The installation of nearly 5000 feet of sand fence was completed by the L-T SWCD with the help of the NRCS, OSWC, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor – Louisiana Serve Commission, LA National Guard and



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Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Fiscal Year 2025 Application Cycle Open

Need help paying off that student debt AND plan on practicing in Louisiana?! Listen up!!


The USDA offers a veterinary medicine loan repayment program (VLRMP) that helps pay off student debt in return for service in areas where there is a shortage of large animal veterinarians. This program allows you to live in attractive locations, while practicing food animal medicine in a more rural setting.

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Message Dr. Daniel Myrick today at dmyrick@ldaf.state.la.us or call 225-925-3980 for more information. Don't let this opportunity Geaux!!

Read on for more information from the VMLRP staff:

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ALABAMA SE HAY REPORT, JANUARY 30, 2025

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

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, JANUARY 24 , 2025

Bermuda Large Round	Fair/Good	\$135-\$155/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Fair/Good	\$235-\$265/ton

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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

<p>ACADIA</p> <p>Rayne Farmers Market Frog Fest Pavilion, 210 Frog Fest Dr 2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM</p> <p>ALLEN</p> <p>Oberlin Farmers Market ● 228 West 6th Ave Wed 9AM-1PM</p> <p>ASCENSION</p> <p>Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market 39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM April-Aug, Oct-Dec</p> <p>Riverside Farmers Market of ● LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun 10AM-2PM</p> <p>ASSUMPTION</p> <p>Barcelo Gardens Farmers ● Market, 211 Franklin Ave, Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM</p> <p>AVOUELLES</p> <p>Marksville Farmers Market 122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun</p> <p>BEAUREGARD</p> <p>DeRidder Farmers Market ● 206 N. Washington Ave Daily 7AM-6PM</p> <p>BOSSIER</p> <p>Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p> <p>Benton Farmers Market 495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM</p> <p>Bossier City Farmers Market 2950 E Texas St Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov</p> <p>CADDO</p> <p>Greenwood Farmers Market ● William Peters Town Park, 9381 Greenwood Rd Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug</p> <p>Shreveport Farmers Market River front at Festival Plaza Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug</p> <p>CALCASIEU</p> <p>Cash & Carry Farmers Market ● 801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake Charles, Corner of Broad & Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM</p> <p>Charlestown Farmers Market Bilbo St. behind old City Hall Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Iowa Farmers Market 115 N. Thompson, Sat, 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters, Sam Houston Jones Pkwy Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct</p> <p>CALDWELL</p> <p>Columbia Farmers Market ● Main Street Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July</p>	<p>CLAIBORNE</p> <p>Harvest Time Homer ● W Main & N 2nd St Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct</p> <p>CONCORDIA</p> <p>Delta Farmers Market ● 405 Carter St, Vidalia Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze</p> <p>EAST BATON ROUGE</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ● Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ● Pennington Biomedical (Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ● 7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-Dec</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Mobile ● Market, ExxonMobil YMCA, 7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Zachary Famers & Artisans ● Market, Memorial Park Sat 10AM-2PM</p> <p>EVANGELINE</p> <p>Ville Platte Farmers Market East Main St, May-Aug, Fri 4-6PM</p> <p>GRANT</p> <p>Colfax Farmers Market ● 8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p> <p>IBERIA</p> <p>Delcambre Farmers Market ● 605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330) 1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec</p> <p>Da Berry Fresh Market ● 520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM</p> <p>Teche Area Farmers Market ● 102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM</p> <p>IBERVILLE</p> <p>St. Gabriel Farmers Market 3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74 3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM</p> <p>JEFFERSON</p> <p>Rotary Grand Isle Farmers Market, Oak Lane 2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>Gretna Farmers Market ● Huey P. Long Ave Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM</p> <p>Harahan Farmers Market ● 501 Oak Ave @ Wilson & Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Crescent City #1 2614 Jefferson @ Maine St. (Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul</p>	<p>Crescent City #2 325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy. @ the Lake (Bucktown) Fri 3-7PM</p> <p>Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ● Market, 3000 Downs Blvd, Metairie Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM</p> <p>JEFFERSON DAVIS</p> <p>Coushatta Farmers Market Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton 1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun</p> <p>Main Street Farmers Market 1333 Elton Rd, Jennings Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec</p> <p>Welsh Farmers Market 103 W. Grove St Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept</p> <p>LAFAYETTE</p> <p>Acadiana Farmers Market ● 801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St, Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round</p> <p>Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea Market, 3011 NW Evangeline Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun 10AM-5PM</p> <p>Farmers & Artisans Market ● Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St, Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>LAFOURCHE</p> <p>Lafourche Central Market 4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland Sat 9AM-12PM</p> <p>LASALLE</p> <p>Olla Town Square Market ● 2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM, May-Aug 11</p> <p>Town of Tullos Farmers' Market Corner of S Main & Park St Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28</p> <p>LINCOLN</p> <p>Ruston Farmer's Market ● 220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM</p> <p>LIVINGSTON</p> <p>Four Seasons Farmers Market ● Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Livingston Farmers Market 215 Florida St, Denham Springs Sat 7AM-12PM</p> <p>MADISON</p> <p>Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ● 404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65 Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p> <p>Tallulah Farmers Market #2 Court House Square Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p> <p>MOREHOUSE</p> <p>Morehouse Parish Market 305 E Madison, Bastrop Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM</p>	<p>NATCHITOCHES</p> <p>Natchitoches River Front, Sat 8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Natchitoches Farmers Market Mobile Market #1 (City Park) Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Natchitoches Mobile Farmers Market #2 (Riverbank) Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>ORLEANS</p> <p>Barcelo Gardens ● 2301 Gallier St, Sat 10AM-1PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ● Market — UPTOWN New Orleans, 200 Broadway Tues 8AM - 12PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ● Market — MID-CITY New Orleans, Lafitte Greenway Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway Thurs 3PM - 7PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ● Market — CITY PARK New Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium Marconi @ Navarre Sun 8 AM - 12PM</p> <p>OUACHITA</p> <p>Monroe Farmers Market ● 1200 Washington St Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov</p> <p>W Monroe Farmers Market ● 1700 North 7th St Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct</p> <p>RAPIDES</p> <p>Alexandria Farmers Market ● 2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM</p> <p>Boyce Farmers' Market 627 Pacific Ave, Wed 3-6PM</p> <p>Cabrini Farmers Market 2211 Texas Ave, Alexandria Sat 9AM-12PM</p> <p>RICHLAND</p> <p>Delhi Farmers Market 1104 Broadway St Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov</p> <p>ST. CHARLES</p> <p>German Coast #1 ● St. Charles Parish Library, 160 West Campus Dr, Destrehan Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>German Coast #2 ● West Bank Bridge Park 13825 River Rd, Luling Wed 1-5PM</p> <p>ST. HELENA</p> <p>St. Helena Parish Farmers ● Market, 6032 LA-10, Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>ST. LANDRY</p> <p>St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St, Hwy 190, Opelousas, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30- 11AM, Apr-Nov</p>	<p>Eunice Farmers Market Second St & Park Ave Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p> <p>ST. MARTIN</p> <p>Stephensville Market Rec Park 3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City 2nd Sat, 10AM</p> <p>ST. MARY</p> <p>Berwick Town Market Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St 3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun & Sept-Dec)</p> <p>ST. TAMMANY</p> <p>Abita Springs Art & Farmers ● Market, 22049 Main St Sun 11AM - 3 PM</p> <p>Covington Farmers Market ● 609 North Columbia St Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM</p> <p>Mandeville Trailhead Market ● 675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Pearl River Farmers Market & Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41 1st Sat 8AM-2 PM</p> <p>Camellia City Farmers Market ● 2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>TANGIPAHOA</p> <p>Hammond Market ● Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>TENSAS</p> <p>St. Joseph Tailgate Market Gazebo on Plank Rd Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day</p> <p>TERREBONNE</p> <p>Cajun Farmers Market of ● Houma, Naquin St & Martin L King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM</p> <p>VERMILION</p> <p>Abbeville Farmers Market ● Magdalen Sq, Abbeville Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>Kaplan Farmers Market Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave 2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM</p> <p>VERNON</p> <p>Leesville Farmers Market S. 3rd St Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM</p> <p>WASHINGTON</p> <p>Franklinton Farmers Market ● Washington St & 15th Ave Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM</p> <p>WEST FELICIANA</p> <p>St. Francisville Market ● 9961 Wilcox St Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall</p> <p>WINN</p> <p>Winn Farmers Market ● 301 West Main, Winnfield Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out</p>
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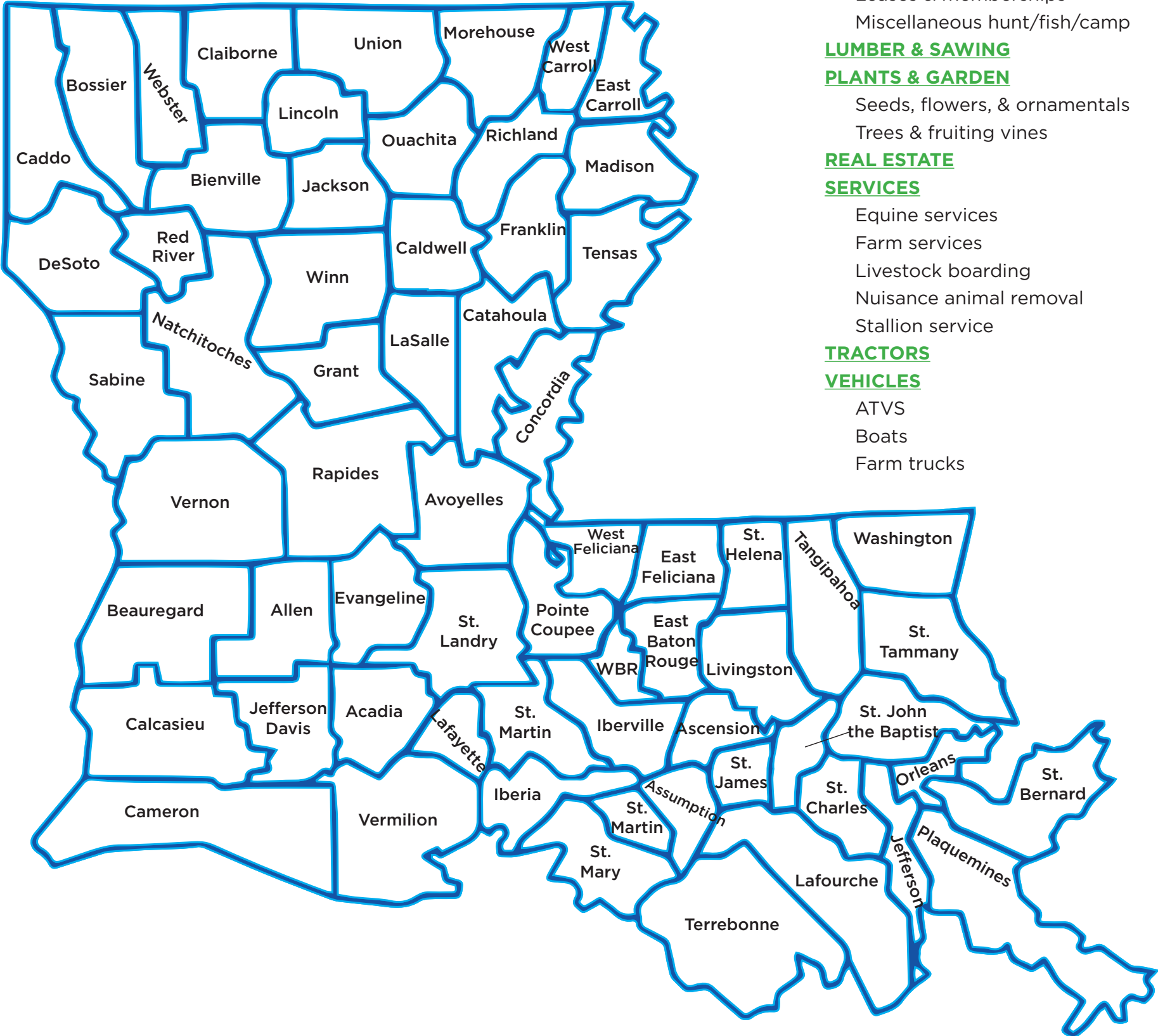
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Honey Do Farms are offering Western lessons, ages 4 & up, we supply everything, summer camps & birthday parties. Kori Schexnayder, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; (337) 668-4777 or (337) 316-4619.

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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.

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ANGUS

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

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

Two PB Black Angus bulls, 6-months-old, \$1,200 each. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

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

PB Red Angus virgin bull, 1 1/2 years old, \$2,800. John Collins, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-3761.

Three PB Black Angus virgin bulls, 2 years old, \$3,000 each, Four PB Black Angus virgin bulls, 1 1/2 years old, \$2,800 each. John Collins, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-3761.



BRAFORD

Braford Bull Semen, Fred and Carol Denison Farms, semen from two past herd Braford bulls, WB MV MASS 206P and WB LR 513P, both bulls were polled and were from Texas Ranger daughters, 206P was sired by an exceptional bull, Maverick, 513P was sired by Leroy, Show Bull of the Year and Houston Champion, \$55 per unit with a 10-straw volume discount of \$50 per straw. Cathy Denison-Robert, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 502-1911.

BRANGUS

Golden Certified F1 Brangus bulls, 2 years old, \$3,000 and up. Philip Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; (985) 637-7538.

CHAROLAIS

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

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

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

HEREFORD

4 Registered polled Hereford virgin 2-year-old bulls, sire RLeader 6964, proven genetics, excellent EPDs,

fertility tested, vaccinated and ready for work, call for pictures, \$3,000 each. Calvin Schenck, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 606-5797.

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

OTHER

Three Black white face bulls, one red-white face bull bred by Hereford and Registered Brangus cows, semen tested, gentle, can send pictures, 19-22 months, \$3,000 each. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 291-5204.

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

DOGS

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

Mountain Cur Squirrel dog, call for pricing. Brenda, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Registered Mountain Cur Squirrel puppy, female, 9 weeks old, \$350. Brenda, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

AKC Belgian Malinois pups, excellent bloodlines, well

socialized, easily trained, great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

Bird dogs for sale, 1 AKC Brittany male and 3 field dog stud book registered English Pointers, call for pricing. David Brabham, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 974-1950.

Anatolian shepherd and great Pyrenees puppies, \$250. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

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

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

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

JMS Mini Heelers has top quality ASDR registered, health tested Miniature Australian Cattle Dog puppies born 12/12/24, more due in spring, \$1,000 and up. Jan

Smith, Homer, Claiborne Parish; (318) 258-3406.

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

Livestock protection dogs, two 9-month-old females, Maremma x Karakachan, \$250 each. John Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 459-7875.

3 big and beautiful livestock puppies (Great Pyrenees and Anatolian mixed), first shots, born November 3, 2024, 2 females and 1 male, \$200. Judy Hutto, Converse, Sabine Parish; (318) 521-4115.

Malshi pups, Maltese and Shih Tzu, pure white, look like full Maltese, \$495 and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Lassie Collie pups, sable and also tri-color, first shots, \$495 and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

Pitbull pups, some full white some black and white, first shots, \$250 and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 321-6023.

AKC Anatolian Shepard puppies, best livestock guardians, ready now, call for pricing. Loretta Dubose,

Longville, Beauregard Parish; (337) 692-2322.

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

Great Pyrenees puppies, ready in March, all shots, mom has blue eyes protects livestock and anything they're raised with, \$100 deposit, 250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

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

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

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

Five CKC Pomeranian Puppies, ready Jan 10, papers, first shots and wormed, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Pure Labrador/Pyrenees mix puppies, available week of Valentines, \$300. Rose Pyles, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (405) 568-5676.

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

NALC Catahoula puppies for sale, 8 weeks old 2/25/2025, contact for pics, parents on site, out of working dogs, \$500. Thre' Wales, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 301-2880.

AKC German Shepherd puppies, 1st shots and wormed, \$400. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 342-8015.

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

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

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

Java finches, \$40 each, Diamond doves, \$20 each, Scarlet chested females with DNA, \$150 each, Bourke males with DNA, \$125 each. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 652-6614.

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

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

HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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

Foundation bred Quarter horses, imprint as foals, freeze branded, vaccinated, \$3,500 and up. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

Reg. Red Dun stallion foundation bred 4/7/23, goes back to PEP to Boonsmal top and Little Soltario, INEZ

Sugarmash bototom, \$5,000. Raven Gotte, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 250-2447.

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

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

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

PIGEONS

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

Racing homing pigeons different breeds: Blue Bars and Blue Checks speed birds (Janssens), Black Eagles, Red and White and Black and White Blue Check Grizzle Trenton Birds and Muelemans, \$20/1. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 873-8440.

POULTRY & FOWL

Pharoah quail hatching eggs, \$30 a 100 all size birds prices determined by age, \$1.25- \$6. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

Laying Hens, White Plymouth Rock, trios available, hatched spring 2024, \$30 each. Cajun Country Farms / Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.


India Blue male peacock, 10-months-old, \$100. Chester Lilly, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 491-2437.

Jumbo pharaoh and colored quail also have eating and hatching eggs available bird's all sizes, bird's \$1.25- \$6, eating eggs \$.20, fertile eggs call for pricing. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

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

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

Wood ducks, \$60 per pair, extra males \$25 each, Gadwall \$60 per pair, extra females \$25 each, Female Ring teal \$20 each, all 2024 hatch. Russell Bourgeois, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (985) 397-0070.



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

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

RABBITS

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

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

SHEEP & GOATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dorper Ram, gentle natured, x-large in size, approaching 4-years-old, pictures upon request, \$275 OBO. Pamela Dunn, Lena, Rapides Parish; (318) 419-7264.

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

Barbados ram, 2 years old, \$200. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

Kiko goats, 3 females, 2 registered, \$125 each, 1 unregistered, \$100. Steve, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 931-2856.

ADGA-registered Nigerian Dwarf bucklings, ages up to 12 months, \$150 each. VHC Farm, V. Juneau, Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 334-1653.

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

SWINE

AGH, American Guinea Hogs, heritage pigs, great meat, pasture or hay, 2-months-old, grow 250-350 lbs, gentle, 4 available, no taint in uncut boars, \$60. Sandy Mire, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-1819.

AQUACULTURE

Plate 4'x8'x1/4 \$ 252.55, Plate 4'x8'x3/16 \$ 198.11, Plate 4'x8'x1/8 \$ 151, Angle Iron 3"x3"x3/16x20' \$97.02. Dan Roque Jr, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 201-1715.

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

Pond stocking, blue catfish, \$.45/1; channel catfish, \$.40/1, Copper nose bluegill, \$.35/1; Louisiana bluegill, \$.35/1; hybrid bluegill, \$.40/1; red-ear bream, \$.40/1; black crappie, \$.45/1; bass, \$1/1; fathead minnows, \$14/lb. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; (318) 377-1525.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2 3/8 and 2 7/8 tubing, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

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

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

WANTED: D-5G Caterpillar dozer for parts. Don Willis, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; (985) 205-0348.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

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

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

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$100 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

HAY EQUIPMENT

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

8-wheel V- rake on Hodge frame, all new wheels and hydraulic lines, good condition, \$2,900. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella,



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Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

John Deere 430 round baler 540 PTO, makes 4' wide hay bales, monitor, string auto tie, belts, chains, sprockets good shape, operator and service manuals, \$5,200. William Myers, Boutte, St. Charles Parish; (770) 468-8204.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

2020 Cub-Cadet mower, only used 200 hours, \$600. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000, Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-plow gangs with shields, \$800, Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

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



PLANTING & TILLAGE

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

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

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

TRAILERS & WAGONS

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

Gooseneck Brand 24'X6' livestock trailer 99 model, \$2,500. Joe Dill, Shreveport, Red River Parish; (318) 455-4656.

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

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Cattleguard 14'W X 7'L, constructed of 2 7/8" oil field pipe, heavy duty, never used, \$1,275. Alden Kuhn, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 827-5800.

Roller to smooth out asphalt, \$1,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Tracks for Trackhoes, one may have a bad spot, size 450X81X76, \$200. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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

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

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

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

Half-inch Hammer drill, \$55, quarter inch dry wall gun, \$45, 7-inch Skilsaw worm drive, \$75, electric sander, \$60, half inch reversible drill, \$55, 3/8 drill,

\$45. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

Six sheets of 3ftX12ft Galvanized metal, never used, \$250. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

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

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

New 4-hole rabbit cage, 10ft long, 2ft tall, 30 inches deep, also have used nest box, \$180, 2ft X 2ft, \$45. Jeremy Fontenot, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 376-6156.

Customized whole home/farm water filtration system, customized for municipal, well, water capture, or any water body source making it drinkable, \$3,800 to \$4,800. John Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 459-7875.

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

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

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

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

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

David Brown Tractor with 6ft bush hog, 46hp, diesel, great condition, \$6,000. Tommy Moses, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 401-6781.

Heavy Duty Steel Gantry Crane A-Frame with two 2-ton chain hoists and beam roller, height 9ft, base 6ft4, length 12ft, \$2,900. Wade Rosteet, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 540-3678.

2 2/3" and 2 7/8" oilfield tubing available, to be picked up near Crowley, \$38 and \$40 respectively. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: Looking for a used 6ft land plane with rippers. Nikki, Vinton, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 842-2015.

WANTED: Silage or forage wagons hyd or dump. David

VanMol, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-4829.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

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

Handmade Champion roping saddle, 16", excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-1239.

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

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

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

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

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

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

2 1/2 grey schedule 40 pipe, \$30 per piece. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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) 308-1239.

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

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

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

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

300-gallon front mount spray tank, \$250. Joe Dill, Shreveport, Red River Parish; (318) 455-4656.

7X7X1/4 Square tube, 40ft, \$400. Joe Dill, Shreveport, Red River Parish; (318) 455-4656.

Cattleguard, 12'W X 8'L, constructed of 3" pipe, heavy duty, sturdy, \$1,250. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

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

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

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

Canopy top outside porch swing with cushions and papasan swivel chair with cushions, great condition, \$100 for the porch swing, \$150 for the papasan. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

Two Ditch culverts, 18inX10ft, corrugated black plastic, brand new, never used, fits in back of pickup, \$400 for both. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

2-4 Ply 6.50 X 16" 3 Rib Firestone tires and tubes, \$40. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 448-1813.

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

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

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

FOOD

EGGS

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

FROM THE FARM

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

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

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

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

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

Farm raised and pickled peppers: Hot Chow Chow, Cowboy Candy, Whole and Sliced hot peppers, \$6 half pint jars and \$9 pint jars. Cajun Country Farms / Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

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

HAY & GRAIN

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

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

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

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

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

2024 Mixed Bahia 4X6 round bales, \$18. Calum, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 247-4645.

4X5 Bahia rolls, string-tied, \$20 per roll. Carlos Guillot, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-6764.

5X5 round bales, \$55, 5X4 round bales, \$45, and 4X4 round bales, \$40, also have Mustard Greens Collards and Turnips for sale. Charles or David, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (757) 303-7276.

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

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

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

2024 Horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, fourth cutting, fertilized, sprayed, fine stem hay, tight square bales, delivery available, \$6 in barn. David Joiner, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-3073.

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

20-acre pasture is available for hay, you bale and haul, call for pricing. James, Richard, Acadia Parish; (337) 384-1683.

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, no rain, barn kept, good clean cow hay, \$40 per bale. Jeff L., Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-8773.

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

2024 Bahia Hay, fertilized, net wrapped, on pallets, 4X5 round and square bales, in barn, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

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

Square bales horse hay 007 hybrid Bermuda, \$9 per bale, also have some square bale mixed cow hay \$6 per bale. Kenny Saucier, Tylertown, Washington Parish; (601) 248-0067.

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

4x5 Round bales, \$35 per bale. Kirby, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 789-7237.

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

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

Common Bermuda and NK 37 hybrid Bermuda squares sprayed & fertilized. Also have round 4x5 net wrapped Bermuda, \$8-\$10 and \$40. Lee Romero, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 298-8658.

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

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

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

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

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

4X5 net wrapped mixed hay, \$35, 4X5 net wrapped pure Alicia Bermuda, fertilized and

sprayed, \$70. Steve Miller, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-0963.

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

2024 crop, Argentine Bahia, barn kept, fertilized, 4X4 1/2 rolls, \$40 per bale, 10 or more, \$38 per bale. Wayne Prats, Plainview, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

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

HOBBY & LEISURE

CRAFTS & WOODWORK

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

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

OTHER HOBBY & LEISURE

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

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

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

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GUNS & ACCESSORIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FARM SERVICES

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

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

Fence building barb, net, boards, pipe and hotwire, references provided, fence cleaning, repairs, catch pens, arenas, custom entry ways,

\$1/ft and up, call for free estimates. Ben Baggett, Mittie, Allen Parish; (337) 370-8254.

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

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

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

STALLION
SERVICE

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

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

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

TRACTORS

White tractor 2155 with cab and air, 160HP with new allied loader, hay spear, 1,800 hours, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Farmall 140, cultivating tools attached, call for details, \$2,500. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

JD 5200 50 hp tractor with loader and forks, 6' Land pride cutter and 6' box blade, 5,500 hrs, runs great, regularly maintained with open cab and metal canopy, \$13,500 OBO or trade plus cash on larger 70-80hp cab tractor. William Courville, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 212-9869.

VEHICLES

BOATS

Yamaha 50 on Ranger r350 bass boat, \$3,000 or trade for small truck. Aubrey Savoy, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; (337) 400-6577.

WANTED: Old Cypress dugout pirogue, any condition. Pat

Breaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 258-6707.

FARM TRUCKS

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

Flat bed International truck, 1999, Model 4700, 4X2, 7.3L engine, \$12,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

GMC dump truck, originally fire truck, awesome motor, \$15,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Two Ford dump trucks for parts, \$2,000. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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

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

1999 Ford 2500 7.3L diesel truck with burn damage to left front, \$1,000. Nat McKerley, Central, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 933-5636.



Intense freezes, snowfall unlikely to have significant impact on strawberry harvest

Last week, the southern United States was hit with unprecedented amounts of snow and deep freezes. While some may have enjoyed playing in the snow, growers of strawberries rushed to cover their crops and mitigate as much damage as possible.

Luckily, they seem to have mostly succeeded in doing so, according to LSU AgCenter agents who visited different strawberry farms around the state.

During the winter months, most farmers expect to have some freezing conditions and prepare their crops by placing row covers on the tops of their plants. The covers are made

with wire hoops that are designed to not touch the plants to ensure they won't freeze over.

While strawberry growers have experience dealing with the cold, the snow and the length of the freeze was "out of the ordinary," said Mary Helen Ferguson, AgCenter agent in Tangipahoa Parish.

"The fact that they had to have them covered for a whole week, that's hard because when you have the covers on there all that time, the bees can't get to work. You're not going to get pollen," Ferguson said. "Also, having those row covers on there usually creates a pretty humid environment, and sometimes we end up with disease issues."

The snow may have put some strain on the row covers, but it also created a naturally insulated environment that may have helped keep in some warmth around the strawberry plants.

Clark Robertson, AgCenter agent in Livingston Parish, said that even with some freeze damage, he expects farmers to only face a two-week lag in their expected harvest.

"There is definitely some freeze damage to some of that crop that was on plants right now, and there will be some going forward with the blooms that were affected," Robertson said. "But after we see them recover from this, it should be back up to normal."

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MAMA’S SPICY GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD

Submitted by Slap Ya Mama

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- ¼ cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons Slap Ya Mama Green Pepper Sauce
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ cup cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon Slap Ya Mama Original Blend Cajun Seasoning
- Spinach
- Quinoa
- Cherry tomatoes
- Avocado

Instructions:

Put chicken in a Ziploc bag. In a small bowl combine lime juice, Slap Ya Mama Green Pepper Sauce, olive oil, garlic, cilantro, Slap Ya Mama Original Blend Cajun Seasoning. Pour the sauce over the chicken and seal the bag and let marinate for 3 hours or overnight. Preheat your grill to medium high heat. Grill each side of the chicken for about 3-4 minutes or until cooked throughout and no longer pink. Slice chicken and set aside. In a bowl place a hand full of washed spinach. Scoop in 2-3 tablespoons of cooked quinoa (cook according to package). Add in cherry tomatoes and diced avocados. Place grilled chicken in the bowl and top-off the salad with our Slap Ya Mama Jalapeno Cilantro Dip.

www.slapyamama.com



MILLIE’S SPAGHETTI SUPREME

Submitted by Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds Beef round, ground
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 3 large cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 small cans tomato sauce
- 1 large can whole tomatoes
- 1 large can mushrooms
- ½ cup cooking oil
- 1 stick butter
- 1 small can pimentos, chopped
- ½ cup celery, chopped fine
- ½ cup bell pepper, chopped
- 1½ American Cheese
- 1 12 ounce package spaghetti
- Salt, black pepper, & powdered red pepper, to taste
- Bulliard’s Hot Sauce

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Fry ground meat in cooking oil. Add onions and garlic and cook until onions are wilted. Add tomato sauce and whole tomatoes and let cook. In separate pan, fry mushrooms, pimentos, celery, and green pepper in butter over low flame until soft. Then add to meat. Let cook a half hour and season with salt, black and red pepper (if too thick, thin with a little water). Meanwhile boil spaghetti, and grate cheese finely. In casserole dish, put alternate layers of meat mixture, spaghetti, then cheese, ending with cheese on top. Continue until all ingredients are used. Bake in oven 20 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle a few drops of Bulliard’s hot sauce.

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MARDI GRAS DIP

Submitted by Creative Cajun Cooking

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup purple onions, chopped
- ¼ cup green onions, chopped
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 cup cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons Magic Swamp Dust seasoning (mild lemon pepper type)
- ½ teaspoon Smokin’ Fryin’ Rub seasoning (spice hot, red pepper type)
- ½ - 1 cup mayo (or miracle whip)

Instructions:

Stir all ingredients together. Put in a pretty party dish. Top with your favorite pepper jelly.

www.creativecajuncooking.com



TROPICAL STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

Submitted by Louisiana

Strawberry Marketing Board

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups strawberries, stemmed
- ½ cup fresh, frozen, or canned pineapple chunks
- 1 8 ounce container low-fat Pina Colada yogurt
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1½ cups ice cubes

Instructions:

In a container of blender, combine all ingredients except ice cubes; blend until smooth. Gradually add ice cubes with motor running; blend until smooth.

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COMMISSIONER’S CORNER....CONT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) announces the opening of the fiscal year (FY) 2025 application cycle. NIFA anticipates that approximately \$10 million in funding will be available in FY25 to help mitigate food animal veterinary service shortages in the United States. VMLRP helps qualified veterinarians offset a significant portion of the debt incurred in pursuit of their veterinary medical degrees in return for their service in certain high-priority veterinary shortage areas.

The VMLRP supports NIFA’s Animal Systems portfolio by facilitating professional workforce development in critical agricultural sectors related to animal health and well-being. The program contains two general categories of participation:

Mitigation of private veterinary practice shortage situations.

Mitigation of public veterinary practice and specialty veterinary discipline shortage situations.

VMLRP awardees commit to providing at least three years of food animal veterinary services in a designated veterinary shortage area in return for payments of **up to \$40,000** of student loan debt per year with a **maximum of \$120,000** for a three-year contract. VMLRP awardees are eligible to reapply to continue to serve their originally awarded shortage situation area in the last year of their contract or one year after their contract ends.

The **VMLRP Request for Applications (RFA)** and the **2025 veterinary shortage situations** are now available. The deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is March 31, 2025, and the application deadline is April 11, 2025. Renewal applicants must have a start date of January 1, 2022 (FY 2021) or January 1, 2023 (FY 2022) to apply for a FY2025 award.

Questions about the VMLRP application process may be sent by email to VMLRP.applications@USDA.gov.

LDAF accepting applications for 2025 Specialty Crop Block Grant

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is now accepting applications for the 2025 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP), funded through the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA-AMS).

Applications must be received no later than the close of business (4:30 p.m.) Friday, March 17, 2025.

The LDAF anticipates at least \$350,000 to be allocated to fund Louisiana projects. The grants will be used for projects that enhance the competitiveness of Louisiana-grown specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops, including floriculture and horticulture in either domestic or foreign markets.

Grant funds will not be awarded for projects that directly benefit a particular commercial product or provide a profit to a single organization, institution, or individual. Projects should focus on issues to help improve specialty crop industries as a whole, such as distribution, production, research, pest and disease control, market development, increased nutrition knowledge and consumption, food safety, promotion, and education. Producer associations, state and/or local organizations, state or local governments, qualified educational institutions, nonprofits, and other specialty crop stakeholders are eligible recipients. Single organizations, institutions, and individuals are encouraged to participate as project partners.

Applicants must reside in (or their organization or educational affiliation must be in) Louisiana. All applicants are required to obtain a Unique Identity ID (UEI) number and include that number on their application.

Once the deadline has passed, all applications submitted to LDAF will be carefully evaluated to determine if the projects are qualified based on the criteria listed in the guidelines. Qualified project applications will be reviewed and scored by a panel of industry stakeholders who will make funding recommendations to LDAF. All LDAF approved projects will be incorporated into one state grant request, which will be submitted to the USDA.

LDAF has prepared a Request for Applications (RFA) document detailing application instructions, scoring criteria, federal forms, project format examples, and other helpful information from the USDA. The document can be found at <https://www.ldaf.la.gov/food/selling/produce/specialty-crops/program>.

A complete list of eligible specialty crops may be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop>.

For more information, contact Commodity Promotion and Research Director Michelle Estay at 985-345- 9483.

SU College of Ag to hold VET Explore 2025 for High School & College Students

The Southern University College of Agricultural, Human and Environmental Sciences (CAHES) will host its VET Explore 2025 event on April 26, 2025 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Maurice A. Edmond Livestock Arena,14600 Scenic Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

The event is free and open to 9th - 12th graders and undergraduate college students who are interested in becoming veterinarians, however, registration is required. To register visit, <https://bit.ly/4ipXZto>. The register deadline is March 15, 2025.

“VET Explore is more than just an event, it’s a gateway to the world of veterinary medicine,” expressed Tyra Davis, D.V.M., VET Explore organizer, Assistant Professor, and Pre-Vet Program Lead for the CAHES. “As the first program of its kind in Louisiana, it provides students with a rare opportunity to gain hands-on experience, engage with professionals, and immerse themselves in the realities of animal care.”

Dr. Davis also noted that the event will provide students with an opportunity to obtain experience with animals.

“For many, this may be the only chance for high school students to work with animals and explore the field before making career decisions,” explained Davis. “By attending, students will not only gain invaluable knowledge but also ignite a passion for veterinary medicine, opening doors to future opportunities and shaping the next generation of animal care professionals,” she added.

Activities during the event will include:

- Vet School 101 and Jag Stars Pre-Vet/Animal Science 101 Sessions
- Hands-on demonstrations in suture techniques and blood collection
- Breed Identification and Basic Animal Husbandry
- Parasitology and Aquaculture Lab
- Mobile Veterinary Practice Tours
- Engaging Career Exploration Sessions with real-life veterinarians
- Veterinary School Admissions Officers

For additional information on VET Explore 2025 email, vetexplore_info@suagcenter.com.

Agricultural Land: To Own or To Rent?

In 2022, 39% of agricultural land was rented – a proportion that has remained relatively stable for over 50 years. When deciding how to acquire land, rising farm real estate values can be a valuable asset or an extra hit to growing production expenses. Farmers and ranchers who operate a mix of owned and rented land make up over half of agricultural land in production and are affected by both sides of land value spikes.

Land Tenure

USDA has three different classifications for land “tenure”: Full owners who only operate land that they own outright; Part owners who operate a mixture of owned and rented land; and tenants who exclusively rent their land. According to USDA’s 2022 Census of Agriculture, there are over 880 million acres of agricultural land – comprising all cropland, rangeland and forestry land – in the United States, down more than 15 million acres from 2017. Full owners operate nearly 312 million acres of ag land, and this was the only tenure classification that increased from 2017 to 2022 despite the decreases in overall ag land acres. Still, 52% of ag land is operated by part owners, and less than 10% of ag land is operated by someone who exclusively rents land. Overall, this amounts to 39% of all acres being leased.

Twenty-eight percent of farms operate partly or entirely on rented land. These operations are generally larger than fully owned operations, with a national average size of 1,155 acres and 655 acres for part owners and tenants, respectively, compared to a full owner’s average 230 acres. As we continue to lose farming operations, the size of farms of each tenure type continues to grow through consolidation. The average part owner farm grew 13% between 2017 and 2022, more than double the growth rate of full owner or tenant operations.

Factors Driving Variation in Land Ownership

Land ownership varies between state and crop type. Most of the ag land in the Southwest and Northeast are owner-operated while operating rented land is more prevalent in the Great Plains and Midwest. In arid Arizona, Nevada and Utah, 73% of all cropland is irrigated. Cash rents for irrigated cropland are on average \$100 more than for non-irrigated. Arizona, which also has high-value specialty crops, has the highest cropland cash rent and subsequently the largest share of owner-operated acres: 92% of acres are operated by owners, of which 88% of farmers and ranchers operate exclusively on owned land. New England states experience rising farm real estate values as urban development competes for land, which leads to a reduction in rented agricultural land.

Row crops – oilseed and grain, tobacco and cotton – are the only crops primarily produced on rented acres. These crops can be easily rotated and do not require long-term changes to their fields, making it easier for renters to alter the land to their management system and for landlords to recover the land at the end of a lease. In both 2017 and 2022, 53% of oilseed and grain crops and tobacco harvested acres were rented. Cotton had the highest rates of rental production in 2017 with 63% of harvested acres rented. After extreme heat and drought in Texas reduced harvested cotton acres in 2022, only 49% of harvested cotton acres were rented. When crop conditions are poor, renters are more likely to suspend their production

as they face additional expenses to operate those fields while also facing revenue losses.

When production requires significant investments – such as specialized structures or long-producing plants – farms are more likely to be operated by the owner. Fruit and tree nuts, sugarcane and hay and aquaculture or other animals have the highest proportion of owner operators with 88%, 81% and 86% of land owned, respectively. Orchards generally take many years after planting to begin producing but can continue to produce for years or even decades. Choosing to produce these crops is a long-term investment, so renting land may not lead to efficient returns over the entire production horizon. Extra investments might also come in the form of specialized equipment where a complex system – such as in aquaculture – is installed and does not easily transfer from lessee to lessor at the end of the contract.

Things to Consider

As agricultural land values continue to rise, the decision to operate owned versus rented land becomes even more crucial. Farms need enough working capital to sustain day-to-day operations. With cash receipts declining across the ag economy, increased real estate values can be used to support financing for operating loans – but only for owners. An important consideration is that increases in land value have slowed, but overall farm debt continues to rise. So, while land values might be a short-term aid to providing capital during rough years, there is no guarantee that they will grow long enough to sustain prolonged borrowing. For farms operating on rented land, high rental rates simply add to the need for operating capital and increase farm debt if the land’s return doesn’t cover the expense. Cash rents rise and fall with land values but with some lag, so when land prices rise with high crop returns, farmers can face higher rents even after returns have declined – exacerbating a poor bottom line.

As land prices continue to rise, land attainment is one of the most significant barriers to entry for a new generation of farmers and ranchers. Young farmers and ranchers, ages 35 and under, are naturally more likely to rent land than other producers. Less than a quarter of young farmers and ranchers outright owned all the land they operated on in 2022, and they’re almost twice as likely to exclusively rent land. Only half of all farm families have succession plans on how to transition the farm from one generation to the next. For young farmers that come from farm families, renting may be the first step to operating their own portion of farmland or ranchland. As they grow in their management, they can take on more responsibilities on the family land, becoming the principal operator on a larger mix of owned and rented acres. Succession plans are a critical tool for accomplishing this transfer of management in a way that benefits both generations.

On the other hand, beginning farmers and ranchers – those with less than 11 years of experience on any farming operation – are more likely than the general population to operate only owned land: 40% of beginning farmers are full owners. The average age of beginning farmers and ranchers is 47 years old. This group on average began farming later in life, so they likely had more capital and financing options to purchase land outright to begin their operation. Beginning farmers and

ranchers are still more likely than the general producer to be a tenant, though.

There may also be dueling claims for USDA program payments, particularly payouts from Title I programs based on base acre enrollment. Despite 80% of rented farmland being owned by non-farmer landlords, receiving payment for the use of their land as a farming operation gives the landlord eligibility to receive USDA program payments. Farmers and ranchers that pay to rent that same land are also eligible to receive payments if they contribute “a significant contribution of active personal labor” or “make a significant contribution of both active personal management and equipment to the farming operation.” As renters generally oversee the production on their leased land, including making all financial investments and facing the risk of production losses, they receive preference for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payouts in down years. This may differ if the land is leased on a crop-share basis where the revenue from a year’s production is split between the landlord and lessor. In this case, payments for losses might be split between the parties, but it largely depends on private negotiations, so it can be important for a tenant farmer that the lease clarify claims to USDA benefits.

Conclusion

As we closely follow the recent dreary outlook for farm finances, land tenure is one crucial piece that can aid or harm farmers and ranchers. Increases to land competition from solar development, urban sprawl and conservation land retirement, as well as long-term prospects for farming, may drive farmland values up in many places, even as short-term farm returns decline. This raises costs for rented farm operations but gives owners an increasingly valuable asset. The share of agricultural land that is rented has remained around 40% for decades despite farm closures and consolidations, and through other down ag economies.

The viability of farms and ranches through these worrying trends can depend on an efficient farm safety net during rough years. Yet, farm ownership can have complicated impacts on federal program eligibility. Navigating farm ownership and rental decisions requires careful management and consideration of all these factors to ensure long-term sustainability.

By: Samantha Ayoub



United States cattle inventory down 1%

There were 86.7 million head of cattle and calves on U.S. farms as of Jan. 1, 2025, according to the Cattle report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

FIGURE 1

Other key findings in the report were:

Of the 86.7 million head inventory, all cows and heifers that have calved totaled 37.2 million.

There are 27.9 million beef cows in the United States as of Jan. 1, 2025, down 1% from last year.

The number of milk cows in the United States increased slightly to 9.35 million.

U.S. calf crop was estimated at 33.5 million head, down slightly from previous year.

All cattle on feed were at 14.3 million head, down 1% from 2024.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the current state of the U.S. cattle industry, NASS surveyed approximately 36,100 operators across the nation during the first half of January. Surveyed producers were asked to report their cattle inventories as of Jan. 1, 2025, and calf crop for the entire year of 2024 by internet, mail, telephone, or in-person interview.

The Cattle report and all other NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications

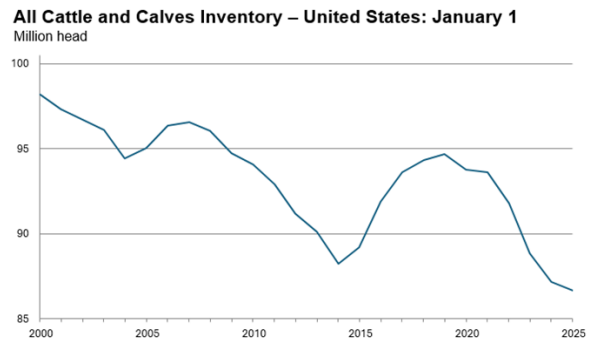


FIGURE 1

Louisiana January 1 All Cattle Inventory Unchanged

All cattle and calves in Louisiana as of January 1, 2025, totaled 720,000 head, were unchanged from January 1, 2024. The calf crop for the full year of 2024 was 325,000 head, down 2 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 425,000 head, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2024.

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	Louisiana			United States		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves	720.0	720.0	100	87,157.4	86,662.2	99
All cows and heifers that have calved	435.0	425.0	98	37,359.8	37,212.8	100
Beef cows	428.0	(NA)	(NA)	28,013.0	27,863.5	99
Milk cows	7.0	(NA)	(NA)	9,346.8	9,349.3	100
All heifers 500 pounds and over	90.0	(NA)	(NA)	18,320.0	18,179.9	99
Beef replacement heifers	71.0	(NA)	(NA)	4,718.3	4,672.4	99
Milk replacement heifers	3.0	(NA)	(NA)	3,951.2	3,914.3	99
Other heifers	16.0	(NA)	(NA)	9,650.5	9,593.2	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	20.0	(NA)	(NA)	15,959.2	15,802.4	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	30.0	(NA)	(NA)	2,030.7	2,009.0	99
Calves under 500 pounds	145.0	(NA)	(NA)	13,487.7	13,458.1	100
All cattle on feed ¹	(D)	(D)	(X)	14,426.3	14,296.7	99
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop during year	330.0	325.0	98	33,563.0	33,529.5	100

(D)Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
(NA) Not available.
¹ Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by class.

Goats and Sheep Inventory - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Animal and class	Louisiana			United States		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	2,470.0	2,507.0	101
Angora goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	105.0	102.0	97
Meat and other goats	14.0	(NA)	(NA)	1,950.0	1,975.0	101
Milk goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	415.0	430.0	104
Sheep	(D)	(D)	(X)	5,030.0	5,050.0	100

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
(NA) Not available.

Special Note:

Cattle program changes were made following the 2022 Census of Agriculture. As a result of these changes, a reduced number of data items are published for the following states beginning in January 2025: AK, CT, DE, HI, IN, LA, ME, MD, MA, MS, NV, NH, NJ, NC, RI, SC, UT, VT, and WV. Estimates of all cattle and calves inventory, all cows inventory, and calf crop are still published for all states.

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a host of Port Fourchon and south Lafourche-based businesses and industry, providing a strengthened coastal defense against flooding in nearby coastal communities, infrastructure and businesses. Sand fencing creates a sand break, or barrier that forces windblown, drifting sand to accumulate in desired locations, slowing the effects of coastal erosion and stabilizing of sand dunes. These dunes in turn form a very effective speed bump in reducing the damaging effects of storm surges.

Among the many challenges faced in coastal marsh restoration further inland, the conservation of flotant marsh ranks near the top. Flotant marsh, a thick mat of marsh vegetation that is not firmly attached to the soil below, can be found in freshwater or intermediate marshes throughout south Louisiana, but the State's flotant market seems to be cornered within the L-T SWCD, or at least it used to; flotant once existed in a near continuous expanse across central and lower Lafourche-Terrebonne and is disappearing at an alarming rate due to its extreme fragility, rapidly disintegrating with exposure to increased salinities or current, wind or wave energies. In 2012-2015 the L-T SWCD and several of its cooperating landowners worked together to install nearly 350 linear feet of floating fibrous mats adjacent to existing flotant marsh near Lake Hackberry and Bayou Decade. The mats were strategically anchored adjacent to and between remnant flotant islands to reduce fragmentation of this marsh. In these low-energy conditions, the firmly anchored floating mats proved successful in protecting the flotant in this area.



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To address inland impacts of saltwater intrusion, the L-T SWCD partnered with Ducks Unlimited to install wetland enhancement structures in the St. Louis Canal near Pointe Aux Chenes, and the Liner's Canal Project. Both water control structures restore historic freshwater habitats and restrict saltwater encroachment into inland fresh and intermediate marshes, improving wildlife and migratory bird habitat, vegetation reestablishment and enhancing storm protection.

Through the NRCS Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Nutrient Reduction Project in the Bayou Folse watershed, over 6,600 acres have been enrolled by voluntary private landowners for implementation of agricultural BMPs to restore the water quality of this impaired waterbody.

The L-T SWCD and NRCS provide technical and financial assistance and have assisted with the installation of 27,000 feet of livestock pipeline and over 20,000 feet of fencing to provide clean, easily accessible water to livestock, and prevent bacteria introduction from livestock into the waterway. Similarly, with the partnership of the L-T SWCD, NRCS, and Ducks Unlimited, Nicholls State University created a 21-acre wetland adjacent to Bayou Folse in 2023. Nutrient rich water is pumped from the Bayou into the wetland for plants to filter the water before its released back into the bayou, free of nutrients.



Other local natural resource concerns addressed by the L-T SWCD include invasive species – such as feral hogs and giant salvinia. In the 2022 Louisiana Supplemental Appropriations Bill, an amendment filed by Rep. Jack McFarland allowed for the funding of professional trapping systems, game cameras and support software subscriptions for each statewide SWCD not currently participating in an ongoing USDA Feral swine Control Pilot Program. Through this Supplemental Appropriations amendment, the L-T SWCD received funding and purchased wild hog traps and equipment to provide feral swine trapping services for private landowners in the district.



The L-T SWCD is a key supporter and partner in the establishment of a state coastwide response to the control of giant salvinia and continues to be a motivating partner for the program. Giant salvinia is a rapid growing invasive water plant that forms dense mats on the water's surface, shading out native plants, reducing oxygen content, degrading water quality for aquatic wildlife, organisms and fish, and a nuisance to boat motors and propellers. For landowners hoping to achieve



long-term control with minimal financial input, the use of giant salvinia weevils to eliminate the invasive species is highly recommended. These weevils, the size of a pin head, feed on the buds of giant salvinia plants and lay eggs within the plants. When the larvae hatch, they continue to burrow into and feed off the plant successfully slowing the new growth and killing the plant. The LSU Ag Center, with the help of the CPRA and L-T SWCD, locations were secured, as well as funding, and distribution means to rear and provide weevils to interested private landowners. Through the biological control program, private landowners can acquire live weevils from LSU AgCenter rearing ponds and distribute weevils in infested ponds and waterways to aid in abatement efforts.

As with almost all the 3,000 SWCDs across the country, the L-T SWCD works alongside the NRCS to carry out voluntary conservation planning and implementation on private farmland in the area. At the landowners' request, a farm-specific conservation plan is developed, for which recommendations may be cost-shared through any of the appropriate conservation programs.

In addition to working with landowners and conservation partners, the L-T SWCD pride their work with local educators and students to increase conservation awareness. In 2024, the district participated in the Lafourche Farm City Day at the Louisiana Cajun Bayou Visitor Center. This is the second year that L-T SWCD has participated in this event. A total of 570 second grade students, over 100 educators were educated on agricultural topics such as sugarcane, alligator farming, cattle, sheep, chickens, tractors, drones, pigs, horses, and more.



Historic winter storm unlikely to have long-term effects on 2025 crawfish season

As south Louisiana begins to thaw out after the historic arctic blast and double-digit inches of snowfall in many crawfish-producing parishes, many are wondering if there will be a repeat of 2024 that saw small harvests and high prices due to the previous year’s drought. LSU AgCenter researchers are cautiously optimistic that there is barely a snowball’s chance in Acadiana of that happening.

AgCenter crawfish agent Todd Fontenot said that due to the physiology of the crustaceans, there may be a short dip in production. But as temperatures begin to return to normal for this time of year, harvesters, restaurants and home boilers should witness a quick rebound.

“We don’t foresee it being more than a temporary slowdown,” he said. “Since crawfish are cold blooded, their bodies slow down and they burrow as low as they can get in the mud and vegetation and stay there to protect themselves from the elements and predators because they are most vulnerable at that stage.”

When crawfish are facing these conditions, they’re not foraging and eating, so it does tend to set production back a bit as long as the weather remains frigid, Fontenot said.

During longer, sustained periods of freezing, production could be adversely affected. But the deeper the water in the pond, the more insulated the crawfish are when burrowing down, Fontenot said.

While Fontenot said there was some ice on his pond north of Eunice, it wasn’t significant, with the deeper water measuring above freezing at 36 degrees near the bottom.

With temperatures expected to rise into the 70s next week, Fontenot expects the mudbugs to start looking for food again and production to ramp up shortly thereafter.

“I think we’re going to rebound faster than previous years where it might have stayed in the 40s the week following a hard freeze,” he said. “With the positive upcoming forecast, I think it will take about a week, so folks should feel optimistic about getting their crawfish for the Super Bowl.”

When it comes to one of crawfish farmers’ biggest enemies — the invasive apple snail species, which disrupts harvest season — Louisiana is in a bit of uncharted territory.

“The cold tolerance of apple snails hasn’t been thoroughly studied,” said AgCenter entomologist Blake Wilson. “Through much of the winter, the snails stay dormant beneath the soil surface in flooded ponds. So they are generally insulated from the coldest temperatures.”

Wilson expects the snail eggs to have been killed, as they are above the water surface with no protection from the cold. But he does not anticipate the weather having a significant effect on populations next

spring because egg numbers are low during the winter months anyway.

“Having said all that, these are the coldest temperatures invasive snail populations would have experienced since becoming widely distributed in the state,” Wilson said. “They haven’t been successful establishing much further north, presumably because they are unable to survive colder winters, so there is a chance it will have a more pronounced effect than I think. Time will tell.”

By Todd Miller



A blanket of snow might have saved Louisiana's sugar cane crops from catastrophic freeze

Hugh Andre walked a small portion of his 10,000 acres of sugar cane in Iberia Parish. He crouched down and began digging away at the dirt and pulling up the remnants of older canes.

“Do I think they’ll have some damage? How much? I don’t know. I mean, 4 degrees is insane,” Andre said

He is looking for damage to the root system and buds of sugar cane plants after a rare snowfall and record-breaking single-digit temperatures shocked south Louisiana last week.

There are promising signs, Andre said.

Green and lively stems can be found just below the surface of muddy topsoil. The freeze came at an opportune time, he added. His farm completed harvest sometime in early January.

It would have spelled disaster if it had frozen earlier in the season. But the real saving grace was the blanket of snow that covered much of the ground throughout Acadiana.

“If it wouldn’t have snowed, it would have been a bad deal,” Andre said.

The snow acted as an insulator, said LSU AgCenter sugar cane specialist Kenneth Gravois. That insulating layer kept the ground from dropping below freezing and damaging the cane’s root system.

Despite temperatures dropping to single digits in New Iberia, an inch below the topsoil never went below freezing, according to Andre.

Gravois reiterated what Andre said, and that the true extent of the damage will not be known for the next month to month and a half when temperatures begin to rise, the sun starts to shine and knocks the cane out of its winter dormancy.

Another big help is the cane varieties that exist today. Newer varieties bring with them increased cold tolerance.

“It’s certainly an unusual event, but we think we have the science of our new varieties of sugar cane to help mitigate those effects,” Gravois said.

The last big freeze to come through Louisiana was in 1989, he added. The only snow that fell was along the coastline, fields farther inland were left with frigid temperatures. Without the insulating blanket and less advanced varieties, most crops did not make it.

Andre said he was 14 when that freeze occurred. He remembered how badly it hurt the industry.

Louisiana sugar cane farmers are contending with a drought unlike any other

Eddie Lewis III pulls up to his Youngsville farm in a large black Ford pickup truck, handing...

The most recent significant weather event Andre went through was the 2023 summer drought, which slashed his harvest by nearly a fourth.

Gravois said at the time, a dry period of such longevity and magnitude was unheard of in Louisiana.



NACD Announces Application Period For Urban & Community Conservation Grants

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) announced the open application period for the 2025 Urban and Community Conservation (UAC) grant initiative. The grants are open to any conservation district within the U.S. and the territories NACD serves, state associations, and tribal organizations. Proposals are due by April 1, 2025.

Since 2016, NACD has led the efforts of this successful grant program in collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to help conservation districts build technical capacity within nontraditional agricultural systems. Through the partnership, NACD has awarded over \$9.2 million to over 200 conservation

districts and tribes in 40 states and Puerto Rico.

New this year, state associations are now eligible to apply. Additionally, the maximum budget for implementation grants has been raised from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

There are two types of grants: planning and implementation. The planning grants—up to \$10,000— will allow organizations new to urban or community agriculture to begin early-stage program development to provide conservation technical assistance. For example, funds may be used for workshops to conduct needs assessments with local urban farmers or to develop partnerships for their planned program.

The implementation grants focus on providing technical assistance and fulfilling projects.

Both the UAC planning and implementation grants will enable organizations and their partners to address multiple resource concerns while supporting underrepresented clients and addressing important themes like local food security.

More information about the program, including past grantees and the application process for 2025, is available on NACD's Urban and Community Conservation webpage.

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Anyone seeking to consign animals to sale can contact Brett Daigle (225-571-1766 or fitter70737@yahoo.com) or Ronnie Bardwell (985-320-8978 or ronniebardwell@gmail.com). The consignment deadline is February 1, 2025.

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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Update

H5N1 HPAI confirmed in feral domestic cat

Key Points

- A feral domestic cat was picked up in Plaquemines Parish and subsequently neutered.
- The cat was euthanized in Orleans Parish and sent to the Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (LADDL) for preliminary testing following signs of neurological disease.
- Presumptive positive results were confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Veterinary Service Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa.
- Following monitoring, no signs of avian influenza were detected in the exposed parties.
- No other suspicious cases have been reported.
- If you suspect an animal may be infected with avian influenza, contact your local veterinarian immediately.
- Animal health staff should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when in contact with animals suspected or confirmed of being infected with HPAI, acutely sick animals that have a history of exposure to raw milk, wild birds, or raw or undercooked animal products.

Background

On January 24, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry announced the detection of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a feral domestic cat in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Some avian influenza viruses can affect animals, such as cats, dogs, and some pocket pets.

Since the current highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak began, many domestic cats (including pet, barn, and feral cats) have been infected and become severely ill or died from HPAI. Animals can be exposed to the virus and possibly infected from direct contact with infected birds (or their environment) or from consuming contaminated raw meat or raw (unpasteurized) milk.

For information about HPAI detections in mammals throughout the United States, visit the USDA’s Detections of HPAI in Mammals webpage.

Clinical Signs

Infection may cause mild to severe disease, including death. Since clinical signs in animals may mimic other respiratory or neurological

diseases, HPAI should be considered, especially if known risk factors exist. Risk factors for HPAI infection in animals include:

Recent exposure to animals or premises known to be infected or contaminated with HPAI

- Recent exposure to or ingestion of dead birds (especially wild waterfowl)
- Recent exposure to or ingestion of raw meat
- Recent exposure to or ingestion of raw cow’s milk or colostrum

Clinical signs of HPAI in animals include:

- Fever
- Lethargy
- Inappetence
- Conjunctivitis
- Eye and/or nasal discharge
- Difficulty breathing
- Neurological signs (e.g., tremors, seizures, incoordination, or blindness)
- Death

Prevention

Animals can become infected with avian influenza if they eat infected birds (or other infected animals such as mice), contaminated raw meat (including raw pet food/treats), or contaminated raw milk. Animals may also become infected from direct exposure to contaminated environments or other infected animals, even though the current risk of mammal-to-mammal transmission is considered low in most situations.

We recommend:

- Do not feed animals undercooked or raw meat, including uncooked or freeze-dried meat-based diets, treats, or animal products
- Do not feed animals raw (unpasteurized) milk or colostrum
- Keep animals away from wild birds, poultry, and cattle (especially in areas with known H5N1 outbreaks)
- Prevent animals from eating birds or other wild animals
- Wash hands after handling raw meat and after any encounters with poultry, livestock, or wild animals
- If you interact with any sick or dead animals that may harbor avian influenza virus, change your clothes and shoes and wash your hands thoroughly
- If you suspect your animal may be infected with avian influenza, contact your veterinarian immediately

While HPAI is typically a respiratory virus in its natural hosts, ingestion is an important route of infection in most species, especially mammals. Mammal infections typically result in acute to per-acute neurological symptoms and encephalitis, although the symptoms are dose-dependent and in some mammal cases with minimal exposures, symptoms may be mild to moderate, and patients may recover.

HPAI should be considered as a rule-out in encephalitis or other cases exhibiting neurological symptoms or acute respiratory distress without a clear disease process diagnosed. A history of exposure to sick poultry, wild waterfowl, or consumption of raw milk, raw meat, or raw animal food are important risk factors for consideration.

Because of the zoonotic potential, additional precautions also should be taken to protect clinic staff with any patient where HPAI is suspected. At a minimum, the CDC high-risk personal protective equipment (PPE) guidance should be followed whenever handling a patient with suspected HPAI.

STOP the SPREAD

Take these simple actions every day to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds – especially after using the bathroom or blowing your nose, and before eating.



Cover your cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.



Stay away from people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly.



In addition to soap and water, or if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Stay home when you are sick.



If you think you are sick, call your doctor and ask what you should do.

EVENTS

Livestock Committee Beef Tour

March 24-28

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation State Office; 9516 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

For information about tour and registration, please contact Madison Plaisance via e-mail at MadisonP@LFBF.org or at (225) 922-6211.



Louisiana Farm Bureau Grain Bin Rescue Training

February 25-27

Winnsboro, Bastrop, and Pioneer, LA

Louisiana Regional Fisheries Summit

March 25, 2025 • 9 AM - 3:45 PM

The LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Sea Grant will hold the Louisiana Regional Fisheries Summit at the Slidell Municipal Auditorium. The summit, which will focus on freshwater impacts in the Pontchartrain Basin, will provide information relevant to the commercial and recreation-for-hire fishing industries. Topics to be featured include water quality, restoration and freshwater input, resilience to freshwater and disaster aid. Findings from research projects conducted in the basin also will be presented.

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

AGMAGIC 2025

March 24-28, 2025

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For more information, visit https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/kids_teens/events/agriculture_awareness/agmagic/baton-rouge



2025 Outdoor Music Concerts

March 22nd • 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Black Water Brake

(Classic Rock, Blues, Country, Dance Mix)

April 5th • 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Clara Rae & The Ramblers

(Bluesey Country, Americana, Classic Rock, Dance Mix)

April 19th • 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Mike McKenzie Band

(Rock, Country, Dance Mix)
(Easter Weekend)

May 10th • 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Code Blue & The Flatliners

(Classic Rock, Country, Dance Mix)
(Mother's Day Weekend)

September 13th • 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Grape Stomp #1

Lisa Spann & Company

(Rock, Country, Dance Mix)

October 11th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Grape Stomp #2

Flashback 5

(Top 40 Covers, Classic Rock, Dance Mix)

November 1st • 3:00- 6:30 p.m.

Mike McKenzie Band

(Classic Rock, Country Dance Mix)

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL

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Bottle, Wine Tastings, &
Peach Wine Bellinis

Food:

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12" Pizzas

Bring:

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Optional Picnic Dinner

No tours on concert days,
but we will have wagon
rides through the vineyards.



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