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## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

May 3rd to 9th

Are you prepared for hurricane season? Take proactive steps TODAY to enhance your readiness for potential emergencies. The Atlantic and Central Pacific hurricane seasons, including Hawaii, officially run from June 1 to November 30, while the Eastern Pacific season extends from May 15 to November 30. It's important to understand your risk from hurricanes and start your pre-season preparations now. Familiarize yourself with how to interpret forecasts and alerts and know the appropriate actions to take before, during, and after a storm. Even if you feel well-prepared and informed, there may still be additional measures you can take or knowledge you can acquire to boost your preparedness and avoid last-minute stress.

**Here are some steps to take to ensure that you are ready:**

- **Develop an Evacuation Plan:** Identify safe destinations, plan multiple routes, and make arrangements for your pets. If you don't have a vehicle, check with local authorities for transportation options.
- **Assemble Disaster Supplies:** Gather enough non-perishable food, water, and medicine to last each person in your family for at least three days. Consider longer supplies of water if possible. Also, stock up on cash, a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and a portable charger

for cell phones. Don't forget supplies for your pets.

- **Insurance Check-Up:** Contact your insurance provider to confirm adequate coverage for your home and belongings, especially since standard policies don't cover flooding. Flood insurance requires a separate policy and has a 30-day waiting period. Document your possessions with photos and serial numbers for claims.
- **Create a Communication Plan:** Write down your hurricane plan and share it with family members. Determine meeting places, including an out-of-town location, in case of evacuation. Keep a written list of emergency contacts, utilities, and critical services, as internet access might be unavailable during a storm.
- **Strengthen Your Home:** Enhance your home's resilience by trimming trees, installing storm shutters or impact glass, sealing openings, and reinforcing the garage door. Purchase materials like plywood, steel, or aluminum panels to board up windows and doors if necessary. If you rent, coordinate with your landlord to prepare.

### Understanding Forecast Information

The National Weather Service (NWS) offers comprehensive forecasts about storms, detailing their paths, anticipated rainfall, wind speeds, and other critical factors. Understanding this information ahead of a storm is vital for preparation and safety. To ensure accuracy, always rely on trusted sources like the National Hurricane Center, which uses an array of data from models, aircraft, and satellites to provide precise forecasts. Local NWS offices can also identify areas most susceptible to storm surges, flooding, and high winds. Keep up with the latest forecasts and enable Wireless Emergency Alerts on your phone to receive timely warnings.

Understand Alerts: Watch vs. Warning

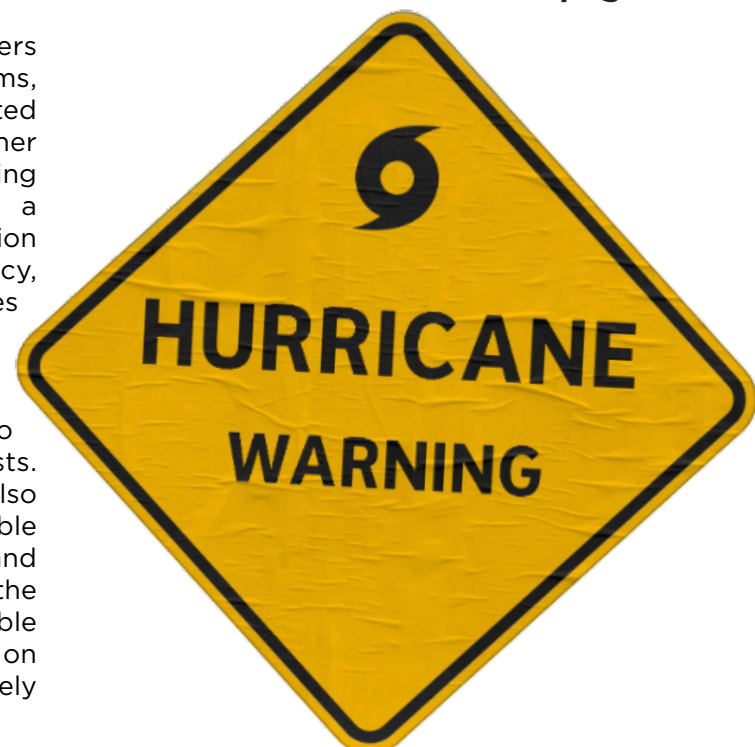
**Watch:** Indicates that impacts are possible.

**Warning:** Signals that impacts are expected or currently occurring.

### Types of Watches and Warnings:

- **Hurricane Watch:** Suggests hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours. Preparation actions include securing property and ensuring your emergency kit is ready.
- **Hurricane Warning:** Indicates hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Follow evacuation orders and seek shelter in a sturdy location.
- **Tropical Storm Watch/Warning:** Similar guidelines apply, emphasizing preparation and caution as tropical storms can also be deadly.
- **Storm Surge Watch/Warning:** Warns of life-threatening inundation within 48 to 36 hours. Heed evacuation and safety instructions from local authorities.
- **Extreme Wind Warning:** Predicts imminent extreme hurricane winds of 115 mph or more. Seek shelter immediately in a safe structure.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Arrests in Pointe Coupee and St. Landry Parishes regarding theft of livestock

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On April 7, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) livestock brand inspectors arrested 21-year-old Kivon L. Hollins. Hollins was arrested on a warrant charging him with two counts of theft of livestock in Pointe Coupee Parish. His bond was set at \$50,000. At the time of his booking in Pointe Coupee Parish, a hold was placed on Hollins for an additional warrant regarding further allegations of transactions of stolen livestock in St Landry Parish.

On April 13, Hollins posted the \$50,000 bond and was then transported and booked on the additional warrant in St. Landry Parish. At this time, Hollins' bond in St. Landry Parish is still pending.

LDAF's brand inspectors' investigation determined that around February 2026, six calves were stolen from a cattle producer in Pointe Coupee Parish. It is alleged that Hollins was involved in the theft of the six head of livestock and the subsequent sale of two of the stolen calves, thereby committing a false sale and creating a second victim in St. Landry Parish. As of April 13, four of the six calves have been recovered.

This case is still active, and additional arrests are expected. The Livestock Brand Commission maintains a 24-hour hotline for tips and offers rewards for information that results in the acceptance of charges. All persons

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USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Hay Prices

Values are in tons unless otherwise noted

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, APRIL 16, 2026

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

SOUTH TEXAS BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, APRIL 17, 2026

|                      |      |                |
|----------------------|------|----------------|
| Bermuda Large Round  | Good | \$90-\$115/ton |
| Bermuda Small Square | Good | \$10-\$12/ton  |



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☐ ADDRESS CHANGE

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City, State, Zip

Parish

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| <p><b>ACADIA</b></p> <p>Rayne Farmers Market<br/>Frog Fest Pavilion,<br/>210 Frog Fest Dr<br/>2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM</p> <p><b>ALLEN</b></p> <p>Oberlin Farmers Market ●<br/>228 West 6th Ave<br/>Wed 9AM-1PM</p> <p><b>ASCENSION</b></p> <p>Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market<br/>39275 Hwy 621<br/>Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM<br/>April-Aug, Oct-Dec</p> <p>Riverside Farmers Market of ●<br/>LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd<br/>Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st &amp; 3rd Sun<br/>10AM-2PM</p> <p><b>ASSUMPTION</b></p> <p>Barcelo Gardens Farmers ●<br/>Market, 211 Franklin Ave,<br/>Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM</p> <p><b>AVOYELLES</b></p> <p>Marksville Farmers Market<br/>122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun</p> <p><b>BEAUREGARD</b></p> <p>DeRidder Farmers Market ●<br/>206 N. Washington Ave<br/>Daily 7AM-6PM</p> <p><b>BOSSIER</b></p> <p>Barksdale Market<br/>3226 Barksdale Blvd<br/>Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p> <p>Benton Farmers Market<br/>495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM</p> <p>Bossier City Farmers Market<br/>2950 E Texas St<br/>Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov</p> <p><b>CADDO</b></p> <p>Greenwood Farmers Market ●<br/>William Peters Town Park,<br/>9381 Greenwood Rd<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug</p> <p>Shreveport Farmers Market<br/>River front at Festival Plaza<br/>Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug</p> <p><b>CALCASIEU</b></p> <p>Cash &amp; Carry Farmers Market ●<br/>801 Enterprise Blvd, corner of<br/>Broad &amp; Enterprise, Tues,<br/>4-6PM</p> <p>Charlestown Farmers Market<br/>Bilbo St. behind old City Hall<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Iowa Farmers Market<br/>115 N. Thompson,<br/>Sat, 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Moss Bluff Farmers &amp; Crafters,<br/>Sam Houston Jones Pkwy<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct</p> <p><b>CALDWELL</b></p> <p>Columbia Farmers Market ●<br/>Main Street<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM, June &amp; July</p> | <p><b>CLAIBORNE</b></p> <p>Harvest Time Homer ●<br/>W Main &amp; N 2nd St<br/>Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct</p> <p><b>CONCORDIA</b></p> <p>Delta Farmers Market ●<br/>405 Carter St, Vidalia<br/>Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze</p> <p><b>EAST BATON ROUGE</b></p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ●<br/>Fifth St &amp; Main St, Downtown<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ●<br/>Pennington Biomedical<br/>(Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ●<br/>7711 Goodwood,<br/>Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-<br/>Dec</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Mobile ●<br/>Market, ExxonMobil YMCA,<br/>7717 Howell Blvd,<br/>Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-<br/>Nov</p> <p>Zachary Famers &amp; Artisans ●<br/>Market, Memorial Park<br/>Sat 10AM-2PM</p> <p><b>EVANGELINE</b></p> <p>Ville Platte Farmers Market<br/>East Main St, May-Aug, Fri<br/>4-6PM</p> <p><b>GRANT</b></p> <p>Colfax Farmers Market ●<br/>8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg<br/>Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p> <p><b>IBERIA</b></p> <p>Delcambre Farmers Market ●<br/>605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330)<br/>1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec</p> <p>Da Berry Fresh Market ●<br/>520 S. Hopkins St,<br/>Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM</p> <p>Teche Area Farmers Market ●<br/>102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza<br/>Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM</p> <p><b>IBERVILLE</b></p> <p>St. Gabriel Farmers Market<br/>3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74<br/>3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM</p> <p><b>JEFFERSON</b></p> <p>Rotary Grand Isle Farmers<br/>Market, Oak Lane<br/>2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>Gretna Farmers Market ●<br/>Huey P. Long Ave<br/>Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM</p> <p>Harahan Farmers Market ●<br/>501 Oak Ave @ Wilson &amp;<br/>Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Crescent City #1<br/>2614 Jefferson @ Maine St.<br/>(Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul</p> | <p>Crescent City #2<br/>325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy.<br/>@ the Lake (Bucktown)<br/>Fri 3-7PM</p> <p>Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ●<br/>Market, 3000 Downs Blvd,<br/>Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM<br/>Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM</p> <p><b>JEFFERSON DAVIS</b></p> <p>Coushatta Farmers Market<br/>Hwy 190 &amp; Pine St, Elton<br/>1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun</p> <p>Main Street Farmers Market<br/>1333 Elton Rd,<br/>Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec</p> <p>Welsh Farmers Market<br/>103 W. Grove St<br/>Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept</p> <p><b>LAFAYETTE</b></p> <p>Acadiana Farmers Market ●<br/>801 Foreman Dr &amp; Dulles St,<br/>Tues &amp; Sat, 5-10AM, year round</p> <p>Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea<br/>Market, 3011 NW Evangeline<br/>Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun<br/>10AM-5PM</p> <p>Farmers &amp; Artisans Market ●<br/>Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St,<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p><b>LAFOURCHE</b></p> <p>Lafourche Central Market<br/>4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Sat 9AM-<br/>12PM</p> <p><b>LASALLE</b></p> <p>Olla Town Square Market ●<br/>2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM,<br/>May-Aug 11</p> <p>Town of Tullos Farmers' Market<br/>Corner of S Main &amp; Park St<br/>Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28</p> <p><b>LINCOLN</b></p> <p>Ruston Farmer's Market ●<br/>220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM</p> <p><b>LIVINGSTON</b></p> <p>Four Seasons Farmers Market ●<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Livingston Farmers Market<br/>215 Florida St,<br/>Sat 7AM-12PM</p> <p><b>MADISON</b></p> <p>Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ●<br/>404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65<br/>Tues, Thurs &amp; Sat, 6AM-5PM<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p> <p>Tallulah Farmers Market #2<br/>Court House Square<br/>Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p> <p><b>MOREHOUSE</b></p> <p>Morehouse Parish Market<br/>305 E Madison, Bastrop<br/>Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM</p> | <p><b>NATCHITOCHES</b></p> <p>Natchitoches River Front, Sat<br/>8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Natchitoches Farmers Market<br/>Mobile Market #1 (City Park)<br/>Tues-Fri10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,<br/>Oct-Nov</p> <p>Natchitoches Mobile Farmers<br/>Market #2 (Riverbank)<br/>Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,<br/>Oct-Nov</p> <p><b>ORLEANS</b></p> <p>Barcelo Gardens ●<br/>2301 Gallier St,<br/>Sat 10AM-1PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ●<br/>Market — UPTOWN New<br/>Orleans, 200 Broadway<br/>Tues 8AM - 12PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ●<br/>Market — MID-CITY New<br/>Orleans, Lafitte Greenway<br/>Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway<br/>Thurs 3PM - 7PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ●<br/>Market — CITY PARK New<br/>Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium<br/>Marconi @ Navarre<br/>Sun 8 AM - 12PM</p> <p><b>OUACHITA</b></p> <p>Monroe Farmers Market ●<br/>1200 Washington St<br/>Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov</p> <p>W Monroe Farmers Market ●<br/>1700 North 7th St<br/>Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct</p> <p><b>RAPIDES</b></p> <p>Alexandria Farmers Market ●<br/>2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM</p> <p>Boyce Farmers' Market<br/>627 Pacific Ave, Wed 3-6PM</p> <p>Cabrini Farmers Market<br/>2211 Texas Ave,<br/>Sat 9AM-12PM</p> <p><b>RICHLAND</b></p> <p>Delhi Farmers Market<br/>1104 Broadway St<br/>Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov</p> <p><b>ST. CHARLES</b></p> <p>German Coast #1 ●<br/>St. Charles Parish Library,<br/>160 West Campus Dr,<br/>Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>German Coast #2 ●<br/>West Bank Bridge Park<br/>13825 River Rd,<br/>Wed 1-5PM</p> <p><b>ST. HELENA</b></p> <p>St. Helena Parish Farmers ●<br/>Market, 6032 LA-10,<br/>Fri, 8AM-1PM</p> <p><b>ST. LANDRY</b></p> <p>St. Landry Farmers Market<br/>952 East Landry St, Hwy 190,<br/>Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-11AM, Apr-Nov</p> <p>Eunice Farmers Market</p> | <p>Second St &amp; Park Ave<br/>Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p> <p><b>ST. MARTIN</b></p> <p>Stephensville Market Rec Park<br/>3257 Hwy 70,<br/>2nd Sat, 10AM</p> <p><b>ST. MARY</b></p> <p>Berwick Town Market<br/>Under bridge @ 3rd &amp; Lima St<br/>3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun &amp;<br/>Sept-Dec)</p> <p><b>ST. TAMMANY</b></p> <p>Abita Springs Art &amp; Farmers ●<br/>Market, 22049 Main St<br/>Sun 11AM - 3 PM</p> <p>Covington Farmers Market ●<br/>609 North Columbia St<br/>Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM</p> <p>Mandeville Trailhead Market ●<br/>675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Pearl River Farmers Market<br/>&amp; Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41<br/>1st Sat 8AM-2 PM</p> <p>Camellia City Farmers Market ●<br/>2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking<br/>Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p><b>TANGIPAHOA</b></p> <p>Hammond Market ●<br/>Downtown Hammond Pavilion<br/>213 SW Railroad Ave, Sat 8AM-<br/>12PM</p> <p><b>TENSAS</b></p> <p>St. Joseph Tailgate Market<br/>Gazebo on Plank Rd<br/>Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day</p> <p><b>TERREBONNE</b></p> <p>Cajun Farmers Market of ●<br/>Houma, Naquin St &amp; Martin L<br/>King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM</p> <p><b>VERMILION</b></p> <p>Abbeville Farmers Market ●<br/>Magdalen Sq,<br/>Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19,<br/>Oct 17 &amp; Nov 21, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>Kaplan Farmers Market<br/>Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave<br/>2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM</p> <p><b>VERNON</b></p> <p>Leesville Farmers Market<br/>S. 3rd St<br/>Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM</p> <p><b>WASHINGTON</b></p> <p>Franklinton Farmers Market ●<br/>Washington St &amp; 15th Ave<br/>Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM</p> <p><b>WEST FELICIANA</b></p> <p>St. Francisville Market ●<br/>9961 Wilcox St<br/>Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall</p> <p><b>WINN</b></p> <p>Winn Farmers Market ●<br/>301 West Main,<br/>Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out</p> |
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ANIMALS

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

AQUACULTURE  
EQUIPMENT

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

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE  
FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER  
FOOD

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

HAY & GRAIN  
HOBBIES & LEISURE

- Crafts & woodwork
- Sewing & fabrics

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

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

LUMBER & SAWING  
PLANTS & GARDEN

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

REAL ESTATE  
SERVICES

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

TRACTORS  
VEHICLES

- ATVS
- Boats
- Farm trucks





DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

| ISSUE   | DEADLINE (12 PM) |
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| May 14  | PASSED           |
| May 28  | May 14           |
| June 11 | May 28           |
| June 25 | June 11          |

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ANIMALS

BEES

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

CATTLE

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

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

ANGUS

**Registered Black Angus Virgin** Bull LBWT, sire: Renown 06 of Cquin, grand sire: SAV Renown 3439, current on all vaccinations, recent BSE and fertility tested, raised on grass and feed, gentle, with good bone structure, born 11/15/2024, \$7,000. Bill Saulnier, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 842-7549.

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

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

BRAHMAN

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

BRANGUS

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

CHAROLAIS

**Breeding age Charolais bulls,** \$6,000 per bull. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

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

ZEBU

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

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

DOGS

**Pyrenees puppies, full-blooded,** parents on site, call and leave message, \$150 each.

Jerry Corley, Trout, LaSalle Parish; (318) 312-0243.

**One seven-month-old Brindle** Mountain Cur squirrel dog, male, \$700. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

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

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

**Registered Basset Hound** puppies, shots and wormed guaranteed, \$700. Suzanna McAlister, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 507-0877.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOMESTIC BIRDS

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

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

**Bourke Parakeets, normal split** to blue and opaline, four pair available, shipping available, call for pricing. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 817-9456.

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

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

**Crimson Pied pair, \$800.** Milford Johnson, Zachary,



East Baton Rouge Parish;  
(225) 241-8782.

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

## HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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be from bona fide livestock  
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official negative Coggins test for  
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past 6 months prior to sale.

**Foundation and Running bred**  
Quarter horses, \$2,500 to  
\$3,000 for Weanlings, Yearlings  
and older, \$3,500 and up,  
Broodmares ultrasound safe  
and full, \$6,000. Frederick  
Rodosta, Opelousas, St.  
Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

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

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

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

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

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

## PIGEONS

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

## POULTRY & FOWL

**One-year-old chickens, Rhode**  
Island Red rooster with two  
hens, White Brahma rooster  
with one hen, Buff Orpington  
rooster with three hens, one  
Blue Australorp rooster, all last

year's spring chickens, \$10.  
Nikki Rabalais, Plaquemine,  
Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-2136.

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

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

**Heritage turkey eggs and**  
poult, sell or trade for flying  
mallard or peafowl, \$1/\$10.  
Andy, Coushatta, Natchitoches  
Parish; (318) 715-3881.

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

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

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

**Jumbo Pharaohs Coturnix,**  
females, \$4 a bird, \$48  
per dozen dressed, fertile  
eggs, \$0.20 and pickling  
eggs, \$0.15 a piece. Shane  
Beard, Opelousas, St. Landry  
Parish; (337) 308-3646.

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

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

**Baby Chicks, \$2 each. Natalie**  
Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles  
Parish; (318) 305-0382.

**Baby Pekin ducks, \$4 each.**  
Natalie Dauzat, Marksville,  
Avoyelles Parish;  
(318) 305-0382.

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

## RABBITS

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

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

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

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

## SHEEP & GOAT

**Two Registered Katahdin Ram**  
lambs, born March 2026,  
taking deposits now, will be  
castrated in June if no deposits  
to hold, current pics on our  
Facebook farm page SDM  
Katahdin Farm, \$500 each.  
Shelly Monceaux, Church Point,  
Acadia Parish; (337) 581-9524.

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

**Lambs for sale, 4-month-old**  
weaned and on feed and  
pasture, 38 of them born Jan  
2026, Katahdin cross, \$175  
each. Helen, Deville, Rapides  
Parish; (318) 541-5297.

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

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

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

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

## SWINE

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

**Purebred Hampshire, \$100.**  
Lane LeJeune, Eunice, Acadia  
Parish; (337) 580-2747.

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

## AQUACULTURE

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

**3,000 gallon fiberglass tank,**  
used for raising catfish, no  
longer need, \$5 OBO. Pearl  
Bellelo, Maringouin, Pointe  
Coupee Parish; (225) 931-6551.

## EQUIPMENT

### CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

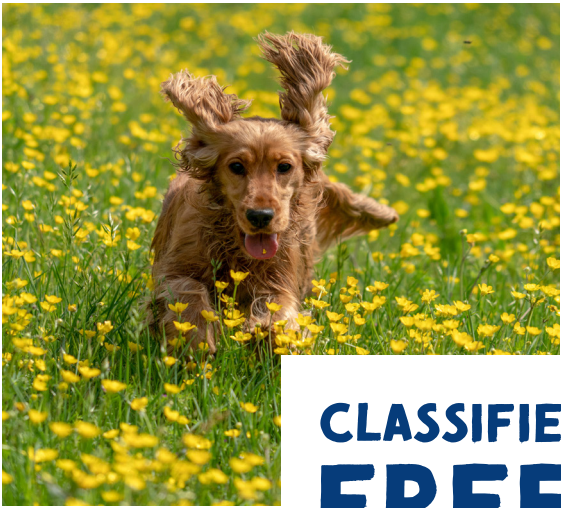
**2 3/8-inch tubing, tested to**  
6,000 pounds, \$40 per joint.  
Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle  
Parish; (318) 758-4504.

### EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

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

**Skidsteer land clearing,**  
mulcher or brush cutter  
services \$150 an hour with  
4 hour minimum, call or text  
for more information. Chris  
Fontenot, West Baton Rouge  
Parish; (225) 337-3761.

**Land prepared, cleared,**  
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mulched, cultivated, and  
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ponds, streams, roads, walls, fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

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

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

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

## HAY EQUIPMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**338 John Deere square** baler/13,000, 8-wheel R20 rake, \$1,500. Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

**Vermeer m7050 cutter, \$3,500.** Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

**Vermeer fluffer TE170, \$2,000.** Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

**Grappler, \$1,500.** Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

**Old fluffer, call for pricing.** Nelson Dupuy, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 938-2850.

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

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

**Maxilator square bail** accumulator Model MAG-100 10 bail accumulator, like new, rebuilt cylinder and hydraulic Hoses, \$5,000. Quinn Richard, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 313-9422.

## LAWN EQUIPMENT

**Four-foot Betstco Frailmower,** Cat 1 hitch, 20 minimum horsepower, good condition, text for pictures, \$750. Lawrence Ryder, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733..

## PICKERS & HARVESTERS

**W&A 8-row hipsters with** Ortham row markers, \$2,000.

Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

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

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

## PLANTING & TILLAGE

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

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

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

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

## TRAILERS & WAGONS

**16ft X 6 1/2ft HD utility trailer,** tandem axles with 6k, rear/ side entry, wood floors, \$1,800 OBO. Joe V. Porto III, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; (985) 513-9759.

**7ft X 28ft Donahue equipment** trailer, new floor, \$3,500. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

**Three trailers, 5X10 iron with** wood floor, \$500, 16X6ft utility trailer with two axels and ramps, \$1,600, 40ft two axel with fold-up ramps, \$6,800. Houston

Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 355-4891.

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

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

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

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

**Top Hat gooseneck dump** trailer, 12,000lb, \$5,500. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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

**WANTED: Cotton trailers or** Crawfish trap trailers made from cotton trailer. H. Leblanc, Larose, Acadia Parish; (337) 359-7204.

## OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

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

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

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

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

**Set of four tires and wheels,** front tires 25X8.50-14, rear 15-19.5, R4 Grip, \$600 for all. Russell Deselle Sr, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 481-5745.

**Kubota kx41 excavator,** \$15,000. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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

**Batwing 15ft bushwaker, kept in** shed, bought new, one owner, works good, \$9,500. Lamar Holmes, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

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

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

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

**Heavy duty headache rack for** Ford pickup, \$50, extra fuel tank for truck bed, \$50 with hoses. L Waters, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; (337) 886-4745.

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

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

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

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

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

**WANTED: John Deere or New** Holland green chopper. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

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

**Four antique horse collars,** early 1900s, \$75 each. Dannie

W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

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

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

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

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

**WANTED: Plastic water tank,** 300 to 750-gallon on metal stand or small trailer, reasonably priced and within 60 miles of Baton Rouge. Houston Penn, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 355-4891.

**WANTED: Onan (generator head only)** for a model #5DKD-3CRC, this is a 7.5KW 1,800 rpm with a 3cyl Kubota water-cooled diesel engine, if no answer please leave a message. Steve Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

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**Kubota L179, bushhog, \$3,000** OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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

**White tractor 2155 with cab and** air, 160HP with new allied

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

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

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

**John Deere 770 tractor, 4WD,** 25hp, 1,200 hours, \$6,000. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

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

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

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

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

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

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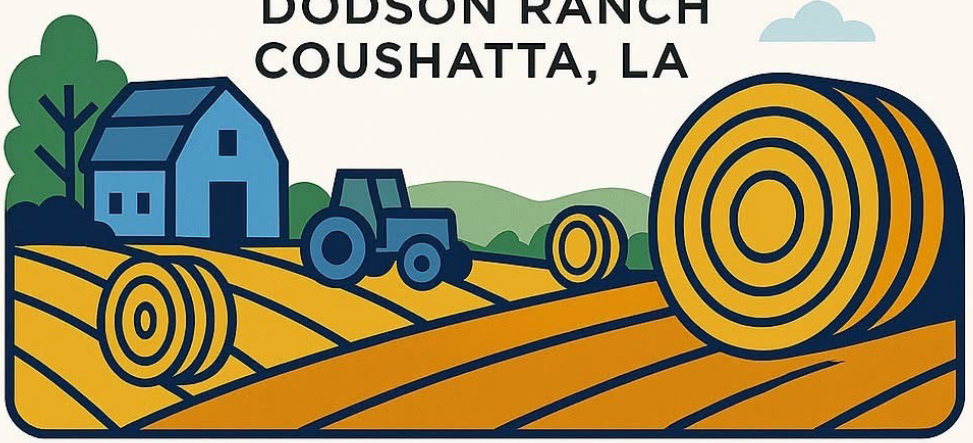
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# How John Deere Beat the Great Depression With the Model A and B

In the early 1930s, Deere & Co. faced one of the most daunting challenges in that firm's then 90-plus-year history.

The Great Depression had devastated tractor sales. Before the start of the Depression, 193 companies were building tractors.

By 1930, just 38 companies remained.

Deere's equipment sales had tanked as well, reaching the point of the firm shutting down its tractor factory in 1930.

In the meantime, Deere stock plummeted from more than \$300 a share during the last months of the Roaring '20s to \$29 at the end of 1930.

Deere wasn't financially strapped to the point of facing bankruptcy, but it faced a funding shortfall because of the failing U.S. bank system.

To make matters worse, its chief competitor, International Harvester, continued to steal tractor sales thanks to the 1924 introduction of its game-changing multi-purpose row crop tractor, the Farmall Regular.

Deere had responded to the Farmall with its row crop Model General Purpose, or GP, introduced in 1928. The GP would go through a series of improvements during its production run that lasted until 1935.

## IHC Leads the Way

Yet, the GP was quickly outclassed by the Farmall F-12 and F-20. In addition, firms such as J.I. Case and Oliver came out with row crop machines that offered more fit, finish, and features than the GP.

Until this point, John Deere's horsepower efforts largely consisted of catching up to the competition, and not always doing that so well. Charles Wiman (founder John Deere's great-grandson) had worked tirelessly to elevate the importance of tractors in the Deere product line before taking over as president of the firm in 1928.

By 1931 he had created a Power Farming committee whose purpose was to study tractors and the equipment they would use. His goal was to develop a line of tractors that would meet the needs for "all farms and every crop."

## The Wunderkind Design Team

That was a tall order to fill, but the committee was up to the challenge. Members included Elmer McCormick, Lou Paradise, Harold White, and Theo Brown.

Brown was Wiman's go-to guy when it came to engineering. Brown was a consummate engineer, a Deere man through and through, and a born leader. His abilities are testified to by the fact that he would garner more than 100 patents during his engineering career.

Brown had been working on an advanced tractor line since the introduction of the Farmall Regular. More importantly, he knew John Deere's next tractor couldn't just meet the competition — it had to surpass it and convincingly so.

Working under Brown was another Deere wunderkind engineer, Elmer McCormick. Inspired by his design genius, the team set

out to create a replacement to the John Deere GP tractor that would both compete with the Farmall and lay the foundation for an entire generation of all-purpose horsepower that could be readily expanded in the future.

## Up Until Now, Just the D

That last point was crucial to Deere at this time. Before this, a manufacturer's tractor line often consisted of a handful of models. In Deere's case it was basically the Model D (introduced in 1923) and then the Model G.

American agriculture, however, was undergoing huge changes and not just in a massive move to replace horses with tractors. Demand was growing not only for a wider variety of tractor sizes (as determined by horsepower output) but also for more features.

That design for a new generation of horsepower first took root in the mind of Deere's chief engineer, Max Sklovsky, in the spring of 1931.

Sklovsky continued to develop his concept of the tractor until the spring of 1932 when large-scale drawings were completed. A prototype, designated the Model GX, was completed by the Power Farming committee in September 1932.

Next came a production tractor, the General Purpose Wide Tread tractor, or GP-A, introduced in March 1934.

However, the Power Farming committee's scope of the future of John Deere horsepower extended beyond a single tractor model.

The group also developed a small version of the advanced tractor, the 14 1/4-hp. Model B. That tractor would first take form in 1933 as an experimental version dubbed the Model HX. It earned its permanent name late in 1934 and was described as two-thirds the size of a Model A but with all the features.

## Numerous Advances

Farmers with a penchant for green power immediately took notice of the Models A and B, appreciating the line's numerous advances, which in time would include:

- A one-piece transmission case with high under-axle clearance.
- The Power Lift hydraulic system that replaced a muscle-dependent mechanical design.
- Differential brakes geared directly to the large drive gears, which increased mechanical efficiency and ease of operation.
- Rubber tires (the A was Deere's first tractor to offer pneumatic tires).
- Centerline positioning of the hitch and PTO, which reduced side draft for tillage operations on hills.
- An adjustable rear tread.



To correct a common misconception, the Model A was not the first tractor to offer an adjustable rear tread. That honor goes to J.I. Case's Model CC.

However, the design of the A's rear tread was unlike anything on the market. It employed axle splines (10 at first; 15 in 1942) that provided for easier adjustment between 56 and 80 inches. A farmer could readily adjust the rear tread to run down 40- or 42-inch rows for cultivation and then widen the tractor for fall plowing.

Sales for the A and B were immediately brisk. Deere would bring out a wide variety of configuration variations with narrow and wide fronts, orchard, and high-crop versions. In all, nine configurations of the models were sold, including one with a liquid-propane engine testifying to the tractor meeting Charles Wiman's demand of a tractor line for all farms.

## Lettered Series

The A and B also laid the foundation for a series of lettered variations, which in time would include the:

- 34-hp. Model G (1937 to 1953)
- 10-hp. Model L (1937 to 1946)
- 15-hp. Model H (1939 to 1947)
- 14-hp. Model LA (1941 to 1946)
- 22-hp. Model M (1947 to 1952)
- 47-hp. Model R (1949 to 1954)

The A and B's durability and innovative design features spurred on the models' popularity.

## The Most Popular Deeres of All Time

The Model A and Model B would become the most popular and second-most popular tractor models in John Deere's now-long history.

By the end of its 18-year production run in 1952, more than 320,000 Model A's had been sold, making it Deere's most popular tractor of all time.

During its 17-year production run, more than 300,000 B's were built, making it the second-most popular Deere model.

The popular tractors were also crucial in transforming Deere from an implement-only company to a full-line equipment manufacturer — and that all began during the Great Depression.

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- 1/2 cup ground coffee
- 2 tsp cocoa powder
- condensed milk

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a pot, combine 3 cups water, piloncillo, star anise, cloves, cinnamon sticks and cayenne. Heat to a simmer, stirring occasionally, until piloncillo dissolves.
2. Turn off heat. Add in the ground coffee and cocoa powder. Stir to combine. Allow to sit for 1 minute. Strain through cheesecloth into a bowl or pitcher and pop in the fridge. Chill completely.
3. Divide the mixture between two tall, iced-filled glasses. Dollop in 1 tablespoon (or more) condensed milk and add a straw. Sip and enjoy!

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INGREDIENTS

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2. Slowly heat the milk to a bare simmer. Do not boil the milk.
3. Stir in the rice and cook for approx. 45 minutes, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon so the rice does not stick.
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INGREDIENTS

- 5 oz. of Kary's Dark Roux
- 1 1/2 quarts water
- 2 medium red potatoes (peeled and cubed)
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 c diced bell peppers
- 2 c diced onion
- 1 Tbsp Kary's Roux Seasoning

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a bowl, mix the beef, pork, 1 cup of onion and bell pepper mixture, and Kary's Roux Seasoning. Once everything is mixed, create golf ball sized meatballs and set aside to.
2. In an 8-quart pot, bring 1 1/2 quarts of water to a boil. Add the roux, stirring occasionally until the roux has completely dissolved into the water.
3. Once you have the roux to the consistency you like, add the rest of your onion and bell pepper mixture, potatoes, and meatballs. Bring back to a boil then reduce heat and simmer for about 30-45 minutes or until meatball are cooked through and potatoes are tender, stirring every 5-10 minutes. Total cooking time may vary, depending on thickness of meatballs and potatoes.
4. Serve over rice and top with green onions (optional).

# Boll Weevil Eradication Still Pays Dividends for Producers

Established officially in 1978, the Boll Weevil Eradication Program worked so effectively that most producers today have never laid eyes on one of the pests. Even seasoned cotton producers say they don't remember a time when the boll weevil was an issue.

"I've never seen one in my life," said David Dunlow of North Carolina, who began farming for himself in 1985 — eight years after the BWEP had been established in his home state. "They are pretty much eradicated all the way down to the Mexican border, but it took many years of work," Dunlow adds.

As of 2012, when Louisiana was officially declared weevil-free, the boll weevil has been functionally eradicated from the entire Cotton Belt, with one exception — the Lower Rio Grande Valley. This area exists as a type of buffer zone between migratory boll weevils from Mexico and the rest of the American Cotton Belt.

Why then, growers might ask, does there continue to be a per-acre assessment to fund the Boll Weevil Eradication Program?

According to officials inside the program, the answer is that "eradication" is a status that, once achieved, must be actively maintained.

"All cotton growers have to have an understanding of how connected we all are," says Patrick Burson, Chief Operating Officer of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), which oversees the Lower Rio Grande Valley area.

Burson and the TBWEF have, in recent years, acted in cooperation with Mexican partners to

help draw down the number of boll weevils in the north Mexican state of Tamaulipas, where some 6,000 acres of cotton have been planted in 2026.

When TBWEF began working with Mexican officials back in 2020, they were capturing "just a little bit over 40,000 weevils in a year" in the Lower Rio Grande Valley buffer zone, Burson says. The eradication education efforts the Americans have shared with their southern neighbors over the years have had an impact, however.

"Last year we captured 81 weevils in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, season-long," says Burson, with a sense of accomplishment.

"We've been working with them closely since 2018," Burson says. "As we've been able to make advancements in their program, and lowered the number of weevils in northern Tamaulipas, it's lowered the number of weevils that are migrating across the river coming into Texas."

Burson and his counterparts believe that once the weevils are functionally eradicated in the Tamaulipas region, then Texas producers across the state will be able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Still, Burson says, the industry must be on active alert against the pest, which research has shown to have the ability to fly 200 miles a year. Coastal storms and hurricanes also have the ability to transport large numbers of pests up the coast and across borders. And, says Burson, passive movement via motor vehicles also poses a threat.

"We've got to have a way to monitor and to pick those weevils up and know what the next steps need to be (throughout the Belt)," says Burson.

That is why there are still BWEP operations happening in every state across the Cotton Belt.

"From up in Virginia and North Carolina and all the way to California, we're there to make sure

that everybody traps at the right levels and make sure everyone understands what's at stake for the industry as a whole," says Burson.

### Downstream Value

Eradication can pay dividends in the export market, as well. Once bales arrive in export destinations around the globe, many countries require methyl bromide fumigation in order to ensure no "hitchhiker" pests arrive with them. This requirement can cost our industry's mill customers roughly \$10 per bale, according to knowledgeable sources, although the costs may differ by country.

"One mill manager who consumes at least 50,000 bales of U.S. cotton a year explained that his annual cost to fumigate was greater than what he would need to pay a mid-level manager in his company," says Will Bettendorf, global director of supply chain marketing for Cotton Council International. "Some mills import hundreds of thousands of U.S. bales, so you can imagine how this cost can add up quickly."

By maintaining eradicated status for the boll weevil, the United States is able to have conversations with importers of U.S. cotton about removing the fumigation requirement for U.S. cotton shipments. This would, in turn, make U.S. cotton a more preferable option on the global market.

"The National Cotton Council and CCI have been very involved working with our international partners to get the fumigation requirement removed," says Bettendorf. "The most recent success was with Bangladesh which is the largest raw cotton importing country globally."

Bettendorf noted that this effort benefitted only U.S. cotton, as exports from places such as West Africa and, notably, Brazil, cannot boast of the boll weevil eradication status that the United States has maintained through active management of the pest.

By Beck Barnes



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# Landscaping with native plants can offer stormwater solutions

At the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden in Baton Rouge, senior landscape manager Jason Stagg and his colleagues have been busy lately with an expansive, exciting project: planning, and planting, the landscape for the soon-to-be-opened welcome center.

The facility will serve as a central information hub for visitors to the entire Burden Museum & Gardens complex, which also includes LSU's Rural Life Museum and Windrush Gardens. It will be available for event rentals, too.

All of that is to say the landscape surrounding this building will have plenty of eyes on it, creating a first impression for guests — so, of course, it needs to look attractive and inviting. But Stagg and the Burden team are taking it a step further, using the project as an opportunity to spotlight interesting, functional plants.

“This landscape is a teaching landscape,” Stagg said. “We’re using 100% native plant material for the entire landscape. Because a lot of this site is actually in a bottomland hardwood area, we’ve chosen wetland plants



and used them in rain garden and bioswale installations to manage water.”

Many plants that are native to Louisiana thrive in soggy conditions, making them outstanding choices for low-lying settings like where the new welcome center sits. They excel at soaking up rainwater and reducing runoff and flooding.

As a bonus, native plants are tough, handling Louisiana’s challenging climate with ease. And they have striking aesthetics.

“When you take these out of nature, you get some really cool architectural features that you see when you mass them in front of a modern building,” Stagg said.

One of the core components of the welcome center landscape is dwarf palmetto (*Sabal minor*).

You’ve likely seen this plant — which resembles a short, fanlike palm — growing as an understory in wetland and bottomland areas along roadsides. Because it’s evergreen, dwarf palmetto stands out in the winter when deciduous trees are bare.

“This plant is super, super tough,” Stagg said. “The stalk, or trunk, actually grows underground, meaning that this plant never gets tall, but you still get the wonderful palm fronds. It also can tolerate a lot of wetness.”

Dwarf palmetto’s deep root system also makes it a champ at fighting soil erosion.

The landscape also features two kinds of rush, a grasslike plant that’s sometimes referred to as juncus. Stagg likes the vibrant green of common rush (*Juncus*



effusus) intermingled with the blue tinge of Blue Dart rush (*Juncus tenuis*).

Both species have fine stems reminiscent of grass blades and are evergreen during typical Louisiana winters. Their spikey appearance lends a unique look to the landscape.

“Another great quality about these juncus or rush plants is that they’re clump forming, so they’re not going to spread wildly or become messy or grow out of bounds,” Stagg said. “They’ll always maintain a neat shape, just like ornamental grasses we use in the landscape.”

These plants are being combined with native trees and shrubs — including pond cypress, Southern magnolia, black gum, yaupon holly, dwarf wax myrtle, American beautyberry and buttonbush.

“All of these wonderful native plants are going to come together in a landscape that will show people how to use plant material to help absorb and survive some of these big rainfall inundation events,” Stagg said.

By Olivia McClure, LSU AgCenter

## Arrests in Pointe Coupee and St. Landry Parishes regarding theft of livestock

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will remain anonymous, and the hotline number is 1-800-558-9741.

LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, reminds cattle producers to keep a close eye on newborn calves. “As a result of cattle markets being high, newborn calves are an easy target to remove from pastures and bring a nice price on the market,” warns Commissioner Strain.

The Livestock Brand Commission was assisted with this investigation by the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff’s Department and the St Landry Parish Sheriff’s Department.

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# Louisiana's alligator farms raise the reptiles for meat, skins — and conservation

Jacob Sagrera unrolls an alligator skin and lays it flat on a metal table, brushing off flecks of salt. He holds it up to the light, looking for blemishes, and gives it a score. That score will help a tannery an ocean away prepare it to be used by a luxury designer — for items like boots, watch bands and handbags destined for fashion runways and posh shops.

Then he adds it to a pile of hides, each with a yellow tracking tag that allows authorities to enforce legal trade.

Advocates say commercial alligator farming has helped preserve a species often seen as scary, bothersome or good only for their skins. Not all conservationists think that's a good thing, but for the farmers and luxury brands seeking to market their products as sustainable, it's made sense to tie conservation to capitalism.

Some of the scientists who study them agree.

"These wetlands, these alligators ... it has to have some kind of monetary value," said George Melancon, alligator research biologist for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. "Otherwise, people just forget about them."

## How alligator farming works

Sagrera's grading work at his family's operation, Vermilion Gator Farm, is just one step in a decades-old system.

American alligators were once in peril of being hunted to extinction, and went on the Endangered Species List decades ago. Their numbers weren't too depleted to rebound in the wild if their habitat was maintained, say some experts, including Grahame Webb, director of Wildlife Management International and an adjunct professor at Charles Darwin University in Australia who has worked on reptile and crocodilian conservation since the 1960s.

But scientists with the state of Louisiana proposed a different way to boost their numbers: farmers would pay landowners for eggs, raise the gators to sell their meat locally and their skins on the luxury market and then release some back into the wild every year.

Now, Louisiana produces around 400,000 farmed alligators every year, according to the state's wildlife & fisheries department, which valued farmed skins in 2024 at over \$56 million. The state decides how many young alligators to release annually on data from nest surveys and hunting tags, and estimates around 3 million alligators now in the wild in Louisiana. As wild numbers have grown, they've dropped the percentage of farmed gators returned each year, from almost 20% in the early 2000s to about 5% now.

American alligators were delisted as endangered in 1987 but are now a species of "Least Concern" on the IUCN Red List of

Threatened Species, though their trade is still regulated because of how similar they look to other, more vulnerable crocodilian species. Alligators can be found across the Southern U.S., but Louisiana is by far the largest producer, with farms also in Georgia, Florida and Texas.

Farmers and state officials say the trackers help ensure every product came from a legal operation. One company that sells alligator leather goods, Col. Littleton in Lynnville, Tennessee, keeps records of all its tracking tags, said Hayley Holt, their director of corporate and specialty sales. They mostly sell within the U.S., but many retailers log where they sourced their materials in case they want to ship products internationally, Holt said.

Alligator farming benefits from a large legal market and strong regulation, said Oliver Tallowin, senior program officer on wildlife use and trade for the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Some animal rights advocates question the ethics of raising alligators on farms. Beyond welfare concerns, some think the practice perpetuates demand for skins that can fuel poaching.

"That shadow trafficking industry is going to be there because you've rooted your system in profit," said Sarah Veatch, principal for wildlife policy for the nonprofit Humane World for Animals, formerly the Humane Society of the United States. "Trade not only meets the existing demand, but it normalizes it, it legitimizes it and it grows that demand for wild animal skins."

## The alligator program and the future of luxury fashion

When brands market high-end items, sustainability is often part of the pitch.

Brands have taken a more active role in sourcing alligator leather by buying shares in or acquiring family-operated farms, tanneries and manufacturers, said Christy Gilmore, a consultant who communicates between Louisiana alligator officials and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), a trade agreement among global governments.

"The brands started asking questions and digging deeper and quite honestly, just doing things that those of us who were small family businesses didn't think about," said Gilmore, whose family has been in the hide business for over a century and owns an alligator and crocodile tannery in Georgia. "We're not sitting around thinking about what our carbon footprint has been."

Meanwhile, the state wildlife and fisheries agency has increased its marketing budget

over the years, from a cap of \$300,000 to \$500,000. That money comes from the industry, including sales of hunting tags each year, and goes into a fund dedicated to alligator programs.

The budget has gone up as they've had more money to spend and because of competition with hides from other crocodilian species entering the market, said Jeb Linscombe, alligator program manager for Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. But there's also been concern that animal rights groups could push the luxury market away from alligator hides, Linscombe said.

A related industry, fur, has seen significant declines in recent years. Last year, Poland passed a law to end fur farming by the end of 2033 and New York Fashion Week announced it would ban fur for its fall 2026 shows.

Some animal rights groups think hides like gator and python could be the next target. Some smaller venues like London Fashion Week have already banned exotic skins.

## New research on alligators, including role in climate change

The alligator program also drives research on a species that has long been a mystery.

Melancon, the alligator biologist, wants to better understand their biology to help ranchers — for instance, developing a vaccine against West Nile virus, which can cause skin lesions that damage the valuable hides.

Other researchers want to investigate whether alligators are a climate benefit. A study in the journal *Scientific Reports* last year found a strong correlation between the abundance of alligators in a wetland and how much carbon that wetland stores. That's important because when released into the atmosphere, carbon dioxide is a main cause of global warming. That team is developing another study to see whether gators directly contribute to carbon storage, possibly by eating animals that nibble carbon-storing vegetation, said lead author Chris Murray, an adjunct professor of biology at Southeastern Louisiana University.

"Alligators can't stop climate change," Murray said, but "there's the chance they are participating in the global challenge of climate change for the good and not the bad."

Murray said he's not doing the research to help the industry, but for conservation in general. He sees value in gators beyond luxury bags and he wants others to see it, too.

"It's more than just this cool thing for kids to look at," Murray said. "It's, 'hey, they have an important role in the functionality of the earth that you live in.'"

By Melina Walling, AP news



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# USDA Seeks Farmer Input in Fertilizer Price Collusion Probe

Bloomberg's Ilena Peng and Michael Hirtzer reported that "the Trump administration is seeking information from farmers to help with an ongoing Justice Department probe into high costs for fertilizer, machinery and other farm inputs."

"U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden said he has met with officials at the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission to discuss lines of inquiry, and knows that 'farmers have a lot of information that might be relevant to these investigations,'" Peng and Hirtzer reported. "The Department of Justice is investigating whether fertilizer producers colluded to raise prices, Bloomberg reported in early March."

"We need farmers to help provide us with that information on a confidential basis, so that that can help inform the investigations that are ongoing," Vaden said at the North American Agricultural Journalists' annual conference in Washington on Monday," Peng and Hirtzer reported. "'I think we will have a mechanism in order to help encourage that exchange of information.'"

"The fertilizer industry has faced scrutiny as only a handful of producers account for most of the US's supply of crop nutrients, and prices have never fully cooled after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 upset supplies," Peng and Hirtzer reported. "The administration has tried to tamp down production costs for farmers, a key voting bloc that is largely backing President Donald Trump even as his trade policies have hurt crop prices and restricted some fertilizer imports. The war on Iran has sent fertilizer prices surging even further."

## USDA Deputy Secretary Again Calls Out Fertilizer Companies

Progressive Farmer's Chris Clayton reported that "USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden continued his criticisms about concentration in the fertilizer industry, calling out The Mosaic Company for announcing it will close phosphorus mines in Brazil."

"Vaden spoke to members of North American Agricultural Journalists (NAAJ) on Monday, with most of his comments focused on fertilizer markets and USDA's reorganization plans," Clayton reported. "Vaden raised broader concerns about market concentration, noting a small number of companies dominate key fertilizer segments."

"Speaking to reporters, Vaden challenged Mosaic's announcement last week that the company would idle production at two plants in Brazil — removing roughly 1 million metric tons of phosphate fertilizer

from the global market — as contradicting basic supply-and-demand economics at a time when prices remain historically high," Clayton reported. "... With fertilizer prices elevated for multiple years, Vaden argued the global market is signaling a need for more supply — not less. He questioned why a major producer would scale back output under those conditions."

"Vaden added, 'At a time when everyone is saying we need more supplies ... why would they cut supply? They're playing games,'" Clayton reported. "He suggested the actions could be aimed at tightening supply and supporting profit margins, raising questions about whether current pricing reflects true market competition."

## Mosaic and Simplot Support Keeping Phosphate Fertilizer Tariffs

With fertilizer prices continuing to increase in recent weeks, ag groups have repeatedly called for the International Trade Commission to revoke countervailing duties on imports of phosphate fertilizer.

But Agri-Pulse's Oliver Ward reported at the beginning of the month that "fertilizer producers Mosaic and Simplot say they support keeping countervailing duties on Moroccan and Russian phosphate fertilizer in the five-year review now underway."

"The tariffs on both countries' product, which range from 16.6% to more than 47%, have been in place since 2021 after Mosaic filed a countervailing duty case. The duties are up for a five-year sunset review, in which Commerce's International Trade Administration and the International Trade Commission assess whether they are still warranted," Ward reported. "If the domestic industry had said it no longer needs them to prevent injury, the tariffs would have been lifted."

While Mosaic and Simplot support keeping the countervailing duties in place, National Today reported that "Nutrien, one of the largest U.S. producers, says it is time to lift the tariffs."

"Nutrien, which produces 20% of the U.S. phosphate fertilizer output through facilities in North Carolina and Florida, has been one of the main beneficiaries of the countervailing duties," National Today reported. "However, the company now says that 'based on evolving global phosphate supply and demand dynamics since 2021,' removing the tariffs would be a 'constructive step' to support U.S. farmers and agricultural productivity."

By Ryan Hanrahan, Successful Farming





# Irrigation Management on your Farm

Irrigation management is a vital part of successful farming, particularly in areas where rainfall is inconsistent or insufficient to meet crop needs. At its core, it is the process of applying the right amount of water at the right time and the right application rate to achieve optimal crop production all while conserving water, energy and protecting soil and water quality. When done properly, this practice supports plant health, reduces input costs and promotes long-term sustainability of agricultural operations.

For farmers, effective irrigation management offers a wide range of benefits. First and foremost, it improves water use efficiency. By tailoring water applications to the specific needs of the crops, taking into account weather conditions, soil types and field variability, farmers can avoid overwatering or underwatering. This leads to healthier crops, reduced disease pressure and ultimately higher yields. Additionally, managing irrigation wisely helps reduce labor costs and energy usage, especially for systems that rely on pumps. Less water applied means less energy needed, which can result in significant cost savings.

Beyond economic gains, good irrigation practices also play an important role in environmental stewardship. Over-irrigation can lead to surface water runoff, which may carry field nutrients, pesticides and sediments into nearby waterbodies. These pollutants can have negative impacts on water quality and aquatic ecosystems. By applying water more efficiently, farmers help protect these natural resources and support the long-term health of the land.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers valuable support for

farmers looking to improve their irrigation systems and water management practices. Through technical and financial assistance, NRCS works directly with producers to assess their current systems and identify opportunities for improvement. Conservation practices like irrigation water management (practice 449), irrigation pipeline (practice 430), micro irrigation (practice 441) and sprinkler system (practice 442) can be personalized to each operation's needs.

When a farmer partners with NRCS, the process begins with a conservation plan that evaluates soil, water, crops and existing infrastructure. From there, NRCS conservationists can recommend practical steps to optimize irrigation efficiency. These might include adjusting application schedules or pressures, upgrading to a more efficient system or installing tools to monitor soil moisture and weather conditions. In many cases, financial assistance is available through programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewards Program (CSP), making it more affordable for producers to invest in upgrades that benefit both their bottom line and the environment.

Ultimately, irrigation water management is about making the most out of every drop. As weather patterns become more unpredictable and water resources face increasing environmental pressures, it is now more important than ever for farmers to take a thoughtful, proactive approach to how they water their crops. With the support of NRCS, producers can build more resilient operations while increasing their productivity and protecting their valuable farmland.

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