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HOME IS WHERE THE HEARTH IS

In the latest issue of CRAWFISH TALES with Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, we rolled up our sleeves and stoked the fires with Daniel Dreher, executive chef of Restaurant 1796, located at The Myrtles in the picturesque rolling hills of St. Francisville.

As you probably know, The Myrtles, which is billed as one of America's Most Haunted Homes, is a popular bed and breakfast spot



offering tours of the grounds and historic properties. But don't let that scare you away from this Certified Louisiana Farm-to-Table Restaurant.

Named after the year The Myrtles was built, Restaurant 1796 is centered on a 10-foot wood-fired hearth where fresh Southern ingredients are finished to perfection in a relaxed environment reminiscent of a shared family gathering.

After all, home is where the hearth is... but it also feeds the fire of inspiration. Dreher says the restaurant tries to incorporate some element from the hearth in all of their dishes. "Everybody always says it smells good in here," he says. "The wood fire imparts so much flavor into everything that's cooked over it." Indeed, that smoky flavor infuses the whole dining experience from the moment you walk through the doors.

“ We try to incorporate some element from the hearth in all of our dishes. ”

~ Daniel Dreher

Classically trained in French and Italian cuisine, Chef Dreher briefly left Louisiana for his culinary studies but returned to his native West Feliciana Parish, where he brushed up on his Cajun and Creole cooking.

As a Certified Farm-to-Table restaurant, 1796 creates seasonal menus with local ingredients from nearby producers, like gourmet mushrooms from Mushroom



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

**MIKE STRAIN, DVM
COMMISSIONER**

Enhanced protective measures, increased biosecurity in the wake of emerging cattle disease

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is encouraging dairy producers to increase biosecurity measures at their operations in response to several reports of an emerging cattle disease across the nation. Herds affected by the emerging cattle disease have had detections of Bovine Associated Influenza-A (H5N1) Syndrome. It is currently unknown if this is the only contributing cause of the cattle illness.

To date, the syndrome has been detected in dairy cattle in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Michigan,

Idaho, Ohio, North Carolina, and South Dakota. At this time, there have been no reported detections of Bovine Associated Influenza-A (H5N1) in Louisiana dairy cattle or other livestock.

In an effort to protect the dairy herds in Louisiana, no dairy cattle exhibiting clinical signs or testing positive for Bovine Associated Influenza-A (H5N1) Syndrome may be imported into Louisiana.

Additionally, all dairy cattle entering Louisiana from states affected by Bovine Associated Influenza-A (H5N1) Syndrome in dairy cattle will require permitting by the State Veterinarian and may be required to complete pre-movement



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- Bermuda Large Round**Good/Premium \$240-\$300/ton
- Bermuda Small Square**Good/Premium \$260-\$330/ton


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CATTLE

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

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

ANGUS

Registered black Angus bull, 5-years-old, calves on the ground to show, email or text for pictures and video, \$3,000. Mark Bordelon, Avoyelles Parish; 318-264-5970.

12 Registered Angus Heifers, 18-26 months old, most are calving in the next 30 days and the younger ones are ready to breed, call for pricing. Philip Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; 985-637-7538.

BEEFMASTER

One 2-year-old Beefmaster Bull, dehorned, clean sheath, out of a closed herd, \$2,500. Bill Parks, Ethel, East Feliciana; 225-287-2882.

Beefmaster bred cows, gentle, vaccinated and wormed, bulls, black and red, call for pricing. Roy, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-563-4566.

BRAHMAN

25-month-old, virgin Purebred Red Brahman bull, thick and very gentle, \$3,000, 14-month-old gray Brahman Bull, extremely gentle, \$1,700. DJ Normand, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-1183.

BRANGUS

Registered Brangus bull, dob 11/30/2022, sired by Mile Marker, the dame is Ultra Black from Blackwater Cattle Company from Florida/College Station Texas, Registration number R10521080, \$5,500. Monroe Thompson, Boyce, Rapides Parish; 318-447-0594.

CHAROLAIS

Low-birth weight heifer, gentle, \$1,800. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-6345.

3 young registered Charolais bulls, low-birth weight, gentle, \$1,800 each or \$5,000 for 3. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-6345.

Charolais bulls, \$4,400, Charolais cows, \$3,300; pairs \$4,000, Charlangus cows, \$2,200, pairs \$2,800, Open Charolais heifers, \$1,600, Charlangus heifers, \$1,300. Dr. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

Registered Charolais Bulls, 20 and 22 months old, low birth weight, easy calving and high weaning weight, excellent bloodline, \$3,000. Al Mahfouz, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-729-5252.

SANTA GERTRUDIS

PB Santa Gertrudis Bull, 2-year-old, birth wt. 90.5 lbs., very gentle, Sire reg. Swamp fire 633 AI from rocking A Ranch in Grayson County TX, call for pricing. Frank Badeen, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 479-295-6665.

WAGYU

Full blood Wagyu bulls, 14-16 months, \$2,850 each and up. Chip Durand, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-344-0486.

18 F1 WagyuXAngus, 2-5 years old, pairs-breds-3 in 1's-exposed, \$2,500 each and up.

Chip Durand, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-344-0486.

28 full blood Wagyu cows, 2-5 years old, pairs-breds-3 in 1's-exposed, \$2,500 each and up. Chip Durand, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-344-0486.

1 Black Wagyu Bull, FB85851, Tedi Kuma, 85% Black / 15% Red, 3-years-old, fertile, dehorned, UTD on vaccinations, \$7,500, 1 Black / Red Wagyu Bull, FB85853, Lil Mitsue, 53% Red / 47% Black, 2-years-old, not tested will guarantee fertile, UTD on vaccinations, \$4,500, both prices negotiable. Randy DeMarcy, Abbeville, Vermillion Parish; 337-522-3312.

ZEBU

Reg. mini zebu bulls, cows, calves, show quality, \$500 and up for each. Jerome Hammons, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-508-0800.

DAIRY

4-Month-old purebred jersey bull calf off of registered jersey bull, \$600. Tommy Stockman, Allen Parish; 318-306-4328.

OTHER

Registered Longhorn cow, Texas Twist horns, sired by "Trophy" who sired a 70" horned female from limited breedings, Dam is a daughter of "Buena Chex", this cow is outstanding in her conformation, color, horn, pedigree and milking ability, she is sound and an asset to any breeding program, \$3,500. Ed Durr, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-5556.

1/2 Jency 1/4 Angus 1/4 Hereford, top-notch nurse cow, halter broke, very gentle, raises 4 calves each year, pictures available, bred back to Brahman bull, will accept new calves easily and nurse them in pasture, \$2,750. Ben Baggett, Mittie, Allen Parish; 337-370-8254.



WANTED: Miniature calves, bull and heifer. Ray Reynolds, St. Helena Parish; 985-247-2927.

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.

Reg. Paint mare "Two Straw Sundae", sire is Two Straw Robin, dam is MS Classic Dyna who was the State champion Cowboy Mounted Shooting horse for 2005, eye-catching color pattern, dark red, sorrel and white, gentle to handle, beautiful, straight and sound, never bred but ideal for producing outstanding foals, negative Coggins, pictures on request, \$2,500. Ed Durr, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-5556.

AQHA Filly DOB 7/10/23, Bayroan color, CJ Heck No Dixie off stud Peponita Figure Four and Heck No Cryin, \$2,000. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Beautiful pair of black mules, 14.3 hands tall, over 900lbs each, would make a great pair of riding mules, Coggins in hand, \$3,500 each. Daniel Brock, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-839-2764.

Foundation & Running Bred Quarter Horses, Imprint as Foals, Freeze Branded and vaccinated. \$3,500 and up. Fred Rodosta, St. Landry Parish, 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA Sizzling Two Hat #6118839 Red Roan Stallion, Neg. Coggins and Health Cert. Required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Josh Himel, Plattenville, Assumption Parish; 225-776-3319.

AQHA horse, Peppi 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.

AQHA WYO-Blue Buddy, born July 3, 2012, team roping headhorse or to pin your cattle with, kids can ride, blue roan stallion, Reg.#5505700, health cert. & neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

(4) Foundation bred stallions, \$800/\$10 mare care, before coming mares are required to

have a negative Coggins test and vet checked ultrasound. Dr. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

AQHA Buckskin Stallion, smart, little, Lena Bloodline, super gentle, \$400 fee. Joe Kimble, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; 225-326-9112.

EQUINE SERVICES

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

53 ft Round Pen made out or sch. 40 pipe, 15 sect 10 ft long, 4' gate, 3 ft mats at bottom, \$2,000. Vernon Humphries, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-937-6625.

AGM horsemanship and training, tune ups, colt starting, basic discipline, and problem horses, call or text for more information. Abigail Melder, Allen Parish; 318-229-1918.

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

TACK

Handmade nylon bull whips, \$50/up, repair whips too. Billy Anderson, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-592-2431.

Tackroom Cleanout, assorted bits, bridles, reins, 2 old saddles for cheap, call or text for more information. AGMhorsemanship, Allen Parish; 318-229-1918.

2 sets of identical harnesses which fit large mules or horses and one single harness, \$1,500. Brenda Benoit, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-257-4433.

WANTED: 12-13-inch Seat Barrel Saddle for full-size horse (not pony), willing to pay for quality made saddle. Joseph Sylvestri, Richland Parish; 318-381-5532.

SHEEP & GOATS

2 purebred Nubian Bucklings, DOB 2/25/24 and 3/6/24, Disbudded, Bottle Babies and ADGA, registerable, eating grain and hay and drinking water, \$350 each. Robin Rayburn, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-978-4532.

Two buckling Brush goats, DOB 12/30/2023, one is tan the other is white, \$100 each. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5757.

St Croix/Australian White lambs 250 Ewes 200 Rams, call for pricing. Melanie Moore,

Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-794-9533.

Young Boer goats and barbecue goats, call for pricing. Esley Auttonberry, Caldwell Parish; 318-649-3544.

9-month-old Katahdin ram, colorful, small horns, \$150. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-1705.

Male brush goats, 2 to 4 years old, \$150, \$200, \$250 depending on size. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-448-1813.

St Croix Hair Sheep, no sheering, worm resistance, naturally polled, best breed for the heat of the south, 2024 Lambs priced \$150 Male and \$200 Female, ready to go in May, also have Registered Adults available for sale, call for prices, lambs born to different sires, will discount large orders, best to text or email. Willie Johnson, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; 225-802-2910.

5 doelings, \$200 each, 1 buckling \$175, 2 more does due, DOB 3/6, Kiko buck is out of reg stock, does are Boer, Nubian, and pigmy. Kimberly Graham, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 985-514-3685.

3 male Pygmy goats, 1 brown, 1 black and white, 1 black with white ears, daddy is registered Pygmy and mama isn't registered, they are 6 weeks old (Mar.10), they eat grain, grass, and hay, ready to go, call for pricing. Della Hebert, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-500-5183.

Three Katahdin / Dorper rams, born December 9 and December 23, 2023, youngest one is solid black, and bottle raised, \$100-\$125. Pamela Dunn, Lena, Rapides Parish; 318-419-7264.

Brush goats, male and female with baby, \$225. Bobby Broussard, Carencro, Lafayette parish; 337-852-1589.

Kiko goats, 3 months old, females \$200, males \$150. Jay Meadows, Kentwood, St. Helena Parish; 985-614-3373.

Goats for sale, males and females, \$75 or \$100. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-6200.

WANTED: Boer, Spanish, and Savannah goats, please call or text. James Dillon, Oakdale, Rapides Parish; 318-447-3439.

DOGS

AKC registered, male Border Collie with glass eyes for stud service. Brenda, Allen Parish; 318-335-1414.

AKC European Belgian Malinois, excellent bloodlines, well socialized, great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; 601-299-0264.

Reg. Toy Rat Terriers, assorted colors, UTD on shots, worming, \$400. Jerome Hammons, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-508-0800.

AKC German Shepherd pups for sale, AKC pure bred, shots and meds are up to date, \$300 each. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-342-8015.

CKC Toy Poodles, up to date on all meds and shots, \$800 OBO. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-342-8015.

Jack Russell puppies, to be born June 10 and June 20, males and females, good house dogs, squirrel dogs, and let you know if something is outside, \$75 deposit, \$150 each. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Labrador Puppies, 1 yellow, 3 black males, both parents OFA certified, all shots, wormed by vet, Texas Troubadour Bloodline, \$800. Kenneth Seago, Mansfield, DeSoto Parish; 318-560-3282.

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

1 male brown mixed breed, 1 male black and fluffy mixed breed, both 1-year-old, friendly, affectionate, protective, FREE. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-3826.

Redbone, tan, and black pups, 3-months-old, 1 male, 3 female, \$100 each. EB Smith, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-1524.

Two red male Golden Doodle puppies, medium size, looking for a forever home, call for more info, ready to go April 1st, asking \$1,000 firm. Kirk Foret, Lockport, Lafourche Parish; 985-413-4314.

AKC Rottweiler pups, born 2/29/24, ready on 4/11/24, tails and dewclaws removed, first shots/ worming, call for pricing. Janet White, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-625-4004.

Rhodesian ridgeback male, 5 years old, purebred with ridge down his back, sweet dog, would make a good barn dog, \$100. Trase Satcher, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-937-4303.

AKC European German Shepherd Pups, excellent bloodlines, well socialized, easily trained, 2 yr health guarantee, will make great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; 601-299-0264.

Rat terrier puppies, born 3-16- 24, 5 black and white, \$75 each. Greg Perron, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; Day: 337-789-7724, Night: 337-468-5144.

Maltypoo puppies, male and female, \$750 and up. Lester Markham, Imperial Kennels Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-323-9445.

AKC registered Pembroke Welsh Corgis, 2 yr old males, Blk/wht and sable/white, \$300. Paul Gil, Patterson, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-6407.

ASDR mini-Australian shepherd puppies, born 12/28/23, located in Eunice, La, 1 Black tri female and 1 black tri male, \$600, beautiful markings and up to date on all shots, parents have clear genetic testing. Please call or text for more information. Christopher Berza, Acadia Parish; 337-305-1276.

German Shepherd puppies, full- blooded, wormed at 2,4, and 6 weeks, 1st set of shots, call for pricing. Sherry Edwards, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; 318-481-8294.

4-Month-old Yorky Terrier, CKC Breed, small bred, \$500. Donald Vidrine, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-459-5951.

SWINE

Berkshire piglets, sired by registered boar, \$100 each. Brad Bardy, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; 504-628-0936.

Large potbellied pig, female, \$25. Don Thompson, Woodworth, Rapides Parish; 318-729-2415.

Female potbelly mini pigs, \$50/1, \$140/3. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

BBQ pigs for sale, some are over 50lbs and 100lbs, \$50 or \$100. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-6200.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

Peacocks, males and females, assorted colors, \$200 each. Jerome Hammons, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-508-0800.

Diamond Doves available, \$30 each. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St John the Baptist Parish; 985-652-6614.

White doves, \$15 each. Mike Hanley, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-356-6693.

Straight run 2-week-old chicks, \$3 each, Straight run 2-week-old Quail chicks, \$2 each, text. Kaela Lipscomb, Livingston Parish; 985-969-2864.

Ring Neck doves, \$5 each, Pure White doves when available, \$10, minimum order 4 doves. Victor Dugas, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-258-7565.

Mature Peafowl, \$200 each. Jim Hatfield, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-981-2020.

POULTRY & FOWL

Pure Bred Rhode Island red chickens, \$4.50 per chick, call ahead. Roger Latiolais, Breaux

Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-962-3463.

Fertile Rhode Island Red eggs, \$15 per dozen, Buff Orpington chicks, \$2.75 each. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-783-1084.

Silver Laced Wyandottes 5 weeks old \$10/each, Chicks \$5/each. Jeff Scott, Bastrop, Morehouse Parish; 870-853-6969.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, as well as mixed colored quail, price depends on age. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

Cubalaya Chicken Bantams, critical endangered, Sumatras for sale as well, starting \$50. Lester, Markham, Imperial Kennels, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-323-9445.

Beautiful white mute swan, 4-year-old male, \$700, Red junglefowl roosters \$15/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

Heritage turkey poults, \$10 each and up, grown pairs, \$75, eggs available, bobwhite, \$2.50 each and up, will consider trades for call duck and goose eggs. Andy Anderson, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; 318-715-3881.

Grown Muscovy Ducks, \$10 each. Brian Jones, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-402-0212.

Copper Maran Roosters, 16 weeks old, \$10 each. Harold Bolton, Tallulah, Madison Parish; 318-341-4689.

Serama rooster and hen 1-year-old, Rooster has the traditional colors, and the hen is grey with white specs, \$20 for the pair. Brian Clement, Lafayette Parish; 337-962-8290.

WANTED: Chicken whisperer, teach how to keep chickens from pooping on front porch and give alternative, already know how to fry chicken. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

WANTED: Looking for pairs of wild type ducks for a new aviary now or after breeding season, located in Crockett, Tx. Wayne Fontenot, Calcasieu Parish; 409-882-4001.

WANTED: Female White Chinese goose. Malcolm Saacks, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-796-5456.

WANTED: We are interested in wood duck, mandarin duck, teal, etc. Andrea Leonard, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; 985-278-0714.

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, \$20 each. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-873-8440.

Rare and Standard colored Homers, Stencils, Bronze Kites, Dilutes, Reduced, Almond, Opal, White, Blues, Pedigreed and non., \$25 and up. Larry Landry, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; 985-414-8220.

EGGS

Fertile Rhode Island Red eggs, \$15 per dozen. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-962-3463.

Barred Plymouth Rock Road Island Red and black Australorp

fertile eggs, \$4 a dozen. Kerry Riviere, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; 225-235-2482.

Pharoah quail egg, \$.20, Pickled egg, \$.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 3-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$3-\$4 male and female. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; 337-856-5884.

Country Chicken Eggs for sale, Chickens are free range, \$3 per dozen. Brenda Benoit, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-257-4433.

Fresh eggs, \$2 per dozen. Rodney Comeaux, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-2848.

WANTED: Incubator with auto turning and climate control, must have at least 3 to 4 drawers. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-962-3463.

RABBITS

Netherland Dwarfs available, Spotted whites, blacks, grays, \$25 each. Chester Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; 337-783-3154.

Checked giant, California, New Zealand red and white meat rabbits, starting at \$15. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

Imperial rabbits, New Zealand white, purebred California, Dutch all colors even the rare Harlequin Havana and many other breeds, raising quality rabbits for over 80 years, \$35 dollars and up. Lester Markham, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-323-9445.

New Zealand meat rabbits, two mini-Rex Bucks, one black, one blue, starting at \$15 each. Veranas Mire, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-581-5987.

AQUACULTURE

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.

DEER & EXOTICS

WANTED: 2 Pair of Red Fox Squirrels, not Grey or Cat squirrels, will come to where you are. Adam Irvin, New Orleans, Orleans Parish; 504-382-3686.

FARM SERVICES

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

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

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

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or Jason, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-789-1927 or 337-322-7601.

WANTED: Experienced gardener, plow and row garden, assist in raising vegetables, call for more information. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

WANTED: Seeking experienced full-time Farm Manager to manage overall operation of privately owned, 1,500-acre, hunting and farming operation in Louisiana, please send resume to resumes@mpwproperties.com. William Mills, St. Landry Parish; 337-232-1438.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Bennie's Pressure washing, serving the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas, free estimates, houses, barns, driveway, pool decks, insured. Bennie Martin, Livingston Parish; 225-287-3878.

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

For RENT-7-ft till drill, \$100 deposit plus \$8/acre plus \$20/day; feral hog trapping equipment w/camera, \$150 deposit plus \$100/mth. St. Martin Soil & Water Cons. Dist., Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-332-2910, ext. 3.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

Pig Brig hog traps for use in Vermilion Parish only, deposit required, must have 2 people to set up and provide 9 t-posts, renter is responsible for disposing of hogs, required to complete survey after use. Vermilion Soil & Water Conservation District, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-893-5664 (ext. 3).

RURAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

Proof of ownership may be required. Property must be personally owned by seller and not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker, or salesman.

142 acres, improved pastures, cross fences, new deep water well, catch pen, UF Riata grass and more, Indian Village, Allen parish \$4,600/acre. Pat Prudhome, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-305-9455.

WANTED: Old building or lot in Natchitoches rural area to establish taxidermy business,

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Chicken Litter Spreader, we spread it all over LA, ask you to have 4 or more loads, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Ag lime, \$32/ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; call 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.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

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

Grafted pears, my own varieties, hybrid mayhaws, grafted apples, blueberries, exclusive pink lemonade blueberry, thornless black berries, cypress trees and more, all in 3-gallon pots, \$12-\$20 for one. Lee, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-981-7819.

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Spring bee swarms, \$80. Stanley Steward, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-241-2269.



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

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Sugartown watermelons, red and yellow meat, available mid to late June, booking wholesale orders now. Ben Baggett, Mittie, Allen Parish; 337-370-8254.

WANTED: Birdhouse gourd seed. Bozo Anderson, Oak Grove, West Carroll Parish; 318-669-4465.

HAY & GRAIN

Sumrall 007 Bermuda grass square bales, great quality, \$12, 100 or more free delivery within 75 miles. Grant Smith, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; 225-717-5106.

Mix 30 Liquid Cow Feed, \$1.95/ gallon delivered. Kevin Tyler, Pine Grove, Livingston Parish; 225-337-3312.

TRACTORS

Complete Belly mower and all hook ups for IH Cub Tractor, \$300. Raymond Peters, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-1956.

2018 John Deere 5075E Tractor, 4WD, 75 HP, 755 hours, 3-point hitch with 540 Rear PTO, SyncShuttle Transmission, Loader Joystick and frame, Industrial/Construction tires, excellent condition, pickup, \$30,000. Freddie Baragona, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-278-2582.

4030 Kubota tractor, good shape, toolbox, \$8,000. WJ Mims, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish; 318-644-2236.

2009 Kubota MX5100, 50 HP, 4X4, 832 hours, no def, front end loader, new 6ft Atlas box blade, 5' Bush Hog finish mower, 6ft 3pt hook disc, call or text, \$20,700. Richard Watson, Jonesboro, Jackson Parish; 318-533-2631.

JD 2305, Utility with 63" belly mower, backhoe attachment, front end loader, 4ft Bush Hog, 4ft box blade, 931 hours, can text pictures, \$14,000 cash. Donald Richardson, Chatham, Jackson Parish; 318-471-1627.

White tractor 2155 with cab & air, 160HP w/ new allied loader, hay spear, 1,800 hrs., \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

JD 3320, 06, 4X4, open cab, w/ cover, 1200+- hours, hydro, INO tires, front loader piping (no bucket), very good condition, private use, includes 5ft clipper, disc, box, \$13,900. Buddy Elliott, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-324-6843.

Case 7250 MFWD, good shape with duals, 8,100 hours, asking \$55,000, International 806, asking \$17,000. Mike Mitchel, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-9085.

IH 856, extra back tire, 2,200 hours, everything works as should, \$5,500. Mark Bordelon, Avoyelles Parish; 318-264-5970.

IH Farmall AV tractor, four removable wheel weights, new front tires and battery, multiple rear and side draw bars, plows, barrel holder, \$4,500 OBO. Pat Breaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-258-6707.

2015 John Deere 1025R 4x4, Hydro trans, 1 owner 591 hrs, JD 60" mower, JD pallet forks, JD front loader, JD 647 rotary tiller, additional implements available, NO DEF required, \$17,900. Brian Thibodeaux, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-308-0400.

4020 John Deere with 11,000 hours, 1,000 hours since engine rebuild, has some oil leaks, needs sheet metal work and new steering valve, tires are in good shape, would accept reasonable offers or trade for dump trailer or smaller tractor, \$8,500. Danny Doucet, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-309-0769.

Ford 7710 tractor cab and air, front end loader, 2,890 hours, good engine, transmission, and hydraulics, \$12,000. Eric Broussard, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-288-0243.

2009 CASE IH PUMA 165, 18 speed power shift transmission, shuttle shift, 11,000 Hours, 3 Hyd remotes, dual PTO 540/1000, 50% rubber, call for price. Paul Newton, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-6136.

Massey Ferguson 2660 HD, 632 hrs, 4x4, open cab w/cover, one owner, excellent condition, always kept in warehouse, \$27,500. Larry Bordelon, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; 318-452-8767.

JD 4020 Tractor, runs but uses oil, call for pricing, homemade 250 gal. spray rig on trailer, \$250. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-831-8120.

IH 844, 3,351 hours, 73.8hp, with bushog front loader, bucket and hay spear, runs good, \$7,000. Todd Hernandez, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-270-2298.

Mahindra Tractor 4035 with Frontend Loader, 40HP Diesel, run time 408 hours, \$5,000. Rebecca Schmitt, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 225-348-3436.

2021 Mahindra 1635 4x4 78 hrs. with rear remotes and bucket, 2021 18 ft 7k lbs. Top Hat trailer, EA 55" root rake grapple, 5ft Titan cutter, 5ft Armstrong Ag box blade, 6ft Armstrong Ag rake, \$28,000. Marc Hebert, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; 337-660-1578.

IH 244, 24HP Tractor, 1392 hours, 5' woods finish mower, \$4,100. Johnny Vead, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-6318.

Tractor weights, 3-(IH), 90lb each, 2-(Tayfco 165), 80lb each, \$60 each. Gerald Davis, Amite, St. Helena Parish; 985-320-8703.

WANTED: Kubota B8200, 19hp, 4-cylinder, diesel Volvo engine, looking for engine block, please call. Lynn Olivier, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-654-1657.

WANTED: Kubota tractor for parts. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

CUTTERS & MOWERS

2022 JD Z530M, 2 Trak, 54" cut only, 20hrs, 18-month warranty left. Lee Cook, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-517-4009.

2022 John Deere MX8 cutter, excellent shape, like new, \$7,500. Anthony Dommert Sr.,



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Factory built portable animal steel & wire cage, 3'x4'x5', excellent condition, \$425. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; 318-992-4504.

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

12' long iron feeding troughs, \$300. Janice Prejean, Scott, Lafayette Parish; 337-962-1953.

Iron cattleshoot with headgate, stout, \$900. Janice Prejean, Scott, Lafayette Parish; 337-962-1953.

Slightly used Priefert Mutton Bustin Sheep Chute, excellent condition, \$1,000, will consider trade for 6' bush hog in good condition. Vardie Rancher, Livingston Parish; 225-413-2124.

Bird cage, 24"X24"X4' tall with roof and roller legs, 100% shake proof, \$95. Mike Hanley, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-356-6693.

10" ID well pipe, 10ft joints, threaded on both ends, most with collars and shaft guides, can load, \$100 per joint. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-1705.

12"x20' PVC water pipe, was used as a culvert, asking \$200. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; 337-509-5812.

FROM THE FARM

25-gallon Crawfish boiling pot, 316 grade stainless steel, 1/8 inch thick, comes with strainer, lifting hooks and cover, \$400. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5757.

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

Approximately 2,000 black nursery pots, 1-5 Gal, \$150 for all. Lee, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-981-7819.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

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Classified advertisements in this category include ATVs, archery/accessories, boats and equipment, fishing tackle/supplies, sportsmen's leases, fishing/hunting leases and memberships, and guns/accessories.

2001 school bus, Diesel engine, auto transmission, runs well, 168K miles, makes a good camp or RV conversion, \$2,800. Jason McDowell, Trout, LaSalle Parish; 318-715-5538.

WANTED: Catapula worms (live), to seed on trees for personal use, will purchase and pick up. Darren Dickens, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; 281-229-1161.

ATV

2004 Honda 400 AT Rancher, shed kept, adult ridden, perfect condition, asking \$3,500. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, Vernon Parish; 337-509-5812.

WANTED: Kawasaki mule 3010 motor and parts. Jim Smith, Stonewall, Desoto Parish; 318-218-9690.

WANTED: Honda 300 4X4, running or not, for frame, fenders, and other parts. Charley Andrepoint, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; 337-543-8178 or 337-943-7883.

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

357 Ruger pistol revolver, never been shot, like new, \$600. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; 985-241-2269.

BOATS

17ft Bass boat 150 Yamaha V6 boat motor and trailer for sale or trade, \$3,000. Aubrey Savoy

Jr, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-400-6577.

(2) Crawfish boats for sale, (1) Venable and (1) Hughes crawfish traps, call or text for pricing and more information, can send pictures. Goldie Hebert, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-319-8249.

AGRITOURISM

The Urban Aquafarm & Training Center in Marrero, LA, tour of aquaponics farm with production in warehouse and greenhouse, see the cutting edge of agriculture! \$20. Kenneth Rust, Jefferson Parish; 225-308-4132.

South Louisiana Truck and Tractor Pull, March 22-23 6 PM, \$20 admission. Star Equipment, 15107 East Yellow Water Rd, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-974-0603.

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Enjoy a unique video and education on family roots and crops that we farm today, then a bus tour to see all things happening on the farm during sugarcane harvest, after there will be crafts to take home and tasty treats to try, come experience the truth and joy of what we do. Limited spots for certain dates, private tours available upon request, minimum of 20 people, call for scheduling and pricing. Four Oaks Farm, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-718-3221.

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.

Save with the LLC's new vendor program

Louisiana Logger Magazine, www.laforestry.com

Louisiana Logging Council (LLC) members can now participate in a new vendor program that will offer discounts to logging companies for goods and services.

Companies that offer goods and services, such as tires, repairs or parts, for example, wanting to participate in the program are required to have an active membership in LLC. Logging companies wanting to receive discounts must show proof of membership in the LLC.

Participating companies are offering special discounts to LLC members. Certain conditions and some restrictions on discounts might apply. Logging companies need to confirm the discount with providers for the best deal.

Companies participating in the vendor program also are included on a webpage on the Louisiana Forestry Association website — www.laforestry.com — that will include information about the discounts and will have links to the companies' websites.

Anyone seeking the discount, however, must contact the company for information about any restrictions.

Vendors wishing to participate can contact LLC Administrator Gracee Texada at gtexada@laforestry.com for more information.



USDA's "Product of the USA" rule finalized

USDA finalized a voluntary "Product of the USA" label claim allowing for the claim to be used on meat, poultry and egg products only when they are derived from animals born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States.

The label will also remain eligible for generic label approval, meaning it would not need to be pre-approved by USDA's FSIS before it can be used on a regulated product, but would require the establishment to maintain documentation on file to support their claim. Establishments voluntarily using acclaim will need to comply with the new requirements by Jan. 1, 2026.

USDA has also published an updated labeling guidance on the use of voluntary U.S.-origin label claims to provide examples of claims and the types of documentation that establishments may maintain to support the use of the claims. The guidance will be open for public comment for 60 days after publishing in the Federal Register. You can submit public comments at www.regulations.gov.



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CERTIFIED DELICIOUS RECIPES



PICKLED QUAIL EGGS WITH HONEY

Submitted by Kjun Bees

Ingredients:

Pickled spicy Cajun eggs:

16 boiled quail eggs
1 cup white vinegar
1 tablespoon KJUN honey
1 bay leaf
¼ teaspoon pickling or kosher salt
1 cayenne pepper
½ tablespoon Zatarain's seafood boil seasoning in bag
¼ teaspoons Zatarain's liquid seafood boil

Pickled dilled eggs:

16 boiled quail eggs
1½ cup white vinegar
1 tablespoon KJUN honey
3/8 teaspoon dill weeds
⅛ teaspoon white pepper
1½ pickling or kosher salt
⅛ teaspoon mustard seeds
¼ teaspoon dried onion
¼ teaspoon chopped garlic

Pickled golden eggs:

16 boiled quail eggs
1 cup cider vinegar
1 tablespoon KJUN honey
1 teaspoon pickling or kosher salt
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
1 teaspoon peppercorns
½ teaspoon whole allspice
⅛ teaspoon celery salt

Instructions:

Boil or steam quail eggs for 5 minutes until hard boiled. Peel and rinse. Mix all ingredients for either recipe together except for the eggs and any listed peppers (where applicable). Warm to a simmer in a stainless steel pot on the stove or in a glass bowl in the microwave. Place eggs and peppers (where applicable) into cleaned and prepared glass jars. Pour vinegar mixture into the jars to completely cover the eggs. Seal and place in the refrigerator for at least one week before eating. Keep refrigerated at all times and eat within 3 months.

Notes: For spicier Cajun eggs, Zatarain's seafood boil amounts can be doubled and up to three cayenne peppers can be added. Make sure to only use undamaged boiled eggs without holes or exposed yolk.

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LAGNIAPPE COOKIES

Submitted by C.S. Steen Syrup Mill, Inc.

Ingredients:

½ cup shortening
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ cup water
1½ teaspoons ginger
1 cup Steen's Pure Cane Syrup
½ teaspoon ground cloves
3½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoons allspice

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream together shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Combine water and syrup. Sift together flour, salt, baking soda, and spices. Add alternately to creamed mixture with water and syrup, blending well after each addition. Chill in bowl in refrigerator overnight. Roll out dough ¼ inch thick on lightly floured board or pastry cloth. Cut into rounds with a 4-inch cookie cutter. Place 4 at a time on greased baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. To store, place in tightly covered container.

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BUTTER PECAN COOKIES

Submitted by Sugar Land Pecan

Ingredients:

Pecan butter:

2½ cups raw pecan halves
Pinch of sea salt

Cookies:

1 tablespoon ground flax
3 tablespoons plain plant milk or pecan milk
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons pecan butter
½ cup coconut sugar
2 tablespoons maple syrup
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup sifted spelt flour (white)
½ cup oat flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon fine sea salt
⅓ cup chopped Sugar Land pecan pieces
Extra pecan halves and pieces for topping

Instructions:

Pecan butter: Preheat the oven to 300°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spread the raw pecan halves on the sheet, careful not to crowd them too much. Toast in the oven for 20 minutes. Let cool slightly. Once cooled, add them to the bowl of a food processor along with a pinch of sea salt. Blend until smooth and creamy, scraping down the sides as needed. Use in recipe below, and store leftover pecan butter in an airtight jar in the fridge for up to two weeks.

Cookie dough: Preheat the oven to 325°F. In a small bowl, combine the ground flax with the plant milk then set aside and allow to thicken for 5 minutes. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the pecan butter, coconut sugar, maple syrup, and vanilla extract. Add the thickened flax mixture and stir to combine. Add the spelt flour, oat flour, baking soda, cinnamon, sea salt, and pecan pieces on top of the wet ingredients. Using a sturdy spoon, incorporate the dry into the wet ingredients. The mixture will seem stiff, but keep mixing until a gooey cookie dough forms. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and scoop the cookie dough into 12 equal balls. Roll each ball so that it is smooth, place on sheet, then press down slightly on each ball to flatten it slightly. Press a single pecan half, or a teaspoon of chopped pecan pieces, into the center of each cookie (pressing down well). Bake the cookies for 12 minutes, let cool for 2 minutes on the cookie sheet, and then transfer to a wire rack to finish cooling. Enjoy warm off the rack, and store leftovers in an airtight container on the counter or chilled in the refrigerator. Best if enjoyed within 3 days.

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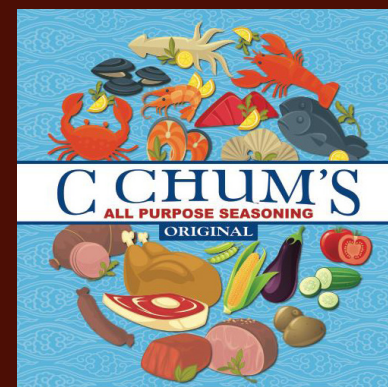
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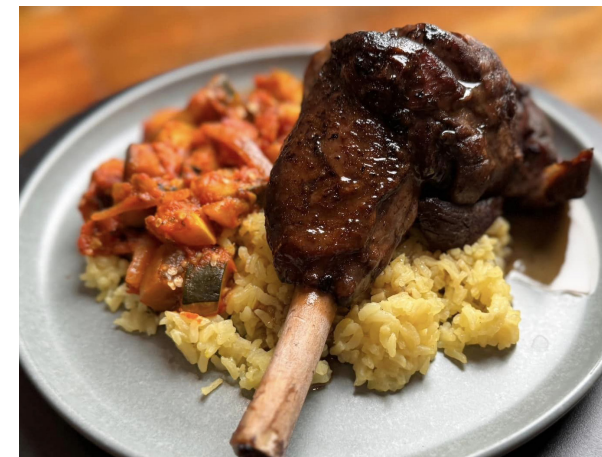
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Maggie's Farm and goat cheese from Ewing Farms Dairy, as well as goods from Bayou Sarah, Covey Rise, and Bonneze Farms, among others.

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- Hearth-blackened redfish with blue corn grits and crab and corn relish
- Sauteed grouper with curry carrot puree and sweet chili grilled cabbage

- Bluefin tuna with coconut purple rice, grilled asparagus, and kimchi aioli
- Ora king salmon with whipped buttermilk, pickled cucumber, roasted butternut squash and mushrooms
- Grilled lamb chops with ratatouille, couscous, and pesto
- Hearth-grilled, center-cut pork ribeye with pineapple salsa, roasted Brussels sprouts, Louisiana purple coconut rice with hot honey

Hungry for more? Check out Restaurant 1796's website (www.themyrtles.com/restaurant-1796) and social media channels for what's cooking and plan your visit today!

About Certified Louisiana

The Certified Louisiana program was established to enhance and promote Louisiana's agricultural industry. The program aids in marketing Louisiana products to consumers for farmers, processors, producers, and suppliers alike.

Projects eligible for inclusion must be made, grown, manufactured, or processed in the state of Louisiana.

- Find Certified Louisiana members, recipes, and more: www.certifiedlouisiana.org
- Watch the CRAWFISH TALES video series featuring more Certified Louisiana members: www.youtube.com/c/LouisianaDepartmentofAgricultureandForestry

What does "farm-to-table" mean?

"Farm-to-table" describes a system where food comes directly from farms to consumers. It focuses on locally grown foods and aims for sustainable local food consumption patterns. For individuals, it can be as simple as shopping at farmers' markets or growing a home garden.

Restaurants that adopt farm-to-table practices often form partnerships with local producers and typically offer menus that change seasonally and depend on what's fresh locally.

Eating "farm to table" is a delicious way for consumers to connect with fresh, local, high-quality food sources. Additionally, it supports local economies and is often credited with promoting environmental stewardship and cultivating healthier eating habits.



LDAF's annual field inspector training

The Office of Agricultural Environmental Sciences (AES) hosted its Annual Field Inspector Training in Opelousas, Louisiana on March 27, 2024, providing a platform for sharing program updates and fostering collaboration among field inspectors and staff from all four AES programs. The event brought together dedicated professionals from the Horticulture and Quarantine, Seed and Industrial Hemp, Pesticide and Environmental, and Agricultural Chemistry programs for a day of learning and recognition.

The training sessions included informative updates on the latest developments in each program, interactive discussions, and networking opportunities for inspectors to enhance their skills and knowledge in the agricultural field. The highlight of the event was the awards and recognition ceremony, where outstanding individuals were honored



Left to right: Rising Rock Star Daniel Zaunbrecher and Leadership Award Winner David Hinton

for their exceptional contributions and achievements. This year's award recipients:

- **Pesticide Awards:** Danielle Whittington and Janee' Zenon
- **Agricultural Chemistry Awards:** Ronny Zaunbrecher and Becky Wilkinson
- **Seed Awards:** George Shepherd and Jeremi Rabalais
- **Horticulture and Quarantine Awards:** Meredith Williams-Mautemps and Shawn Corley
- **Rising Rock Star Awards:** Chris Dilly and Daniel Zaunbrecher
- **Leadership Awards:** David Hinton and Michelle Poole
- **AES Administrator Award:** Shreveport District Office — Alvin Anding, Linzi Poole, Harold Cotton, Justin McCommon, and Katherine Cox

Dr. Ansel Rankins, presented the awards to the deserving recipients in a ceremony that celebrated their hard work and dedication to upholding the highest standards in agricultural enforcement.

"We are incredibly proud of the commitment and excellence demonstrated by our field inspectors in advancing the mission of AES," said Dr. Ansel Rankins, Assistant Commissioner of AES. "Their passion and dedication play a vital role in ensuring the integrity and safety of our agricultural programs."



Left to right: Horticulture & Quarantine Award winner Meredith Williams-Mautemps and Pesticide Award winner Janeé Zenon



Dr. Ansel Rankins with Shreveport District Office Staff, winners of this year's AES Administrator Award

The AES Annual Field Inspector Training serves as a testament to the agency's ongoing efforts to empower and recognize the contributions of its staff. Through events like these, AES continues to foster a culture of excellence and collaboration within its diverse programs.

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testing as determined by the State Veterinarian. Permits can be requested through the Office of the State Veterinarian at vetreports@ldaf.state.la.us.

More information is available online at www.ldaf.la.gov/animals/transporting.

Individuals from Louisiana interested in transporting animals and animal products to other states and countries should contact the destination state/country to learn about their import requirements before transporting animals.

"Hopefully Louisiana will not see a confirmed case of Bovine Associated Influenza-A (H5N1) Syndrome, but we will continue to closely monitor the situation. In order to protect the health of Louisiana livestock and minimize the impact the disease could potentially have on our dairy and poultry producers, we all need to be diligent in practicing enhanced

biosecurity," said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. "This is the easiest to implement and most effective measure to take against the potential spread of this disease into Louisiana."

If dairy producers notice symptoms—acute sudden drop in milk production, changes in milk color/consistency, decreased feed intake, and other clinical signs—they should contact their herd veterinarian and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry immediately at 225-925-3980. The herd veterinarian will assess these animals and consult with LDAF for additional steps.

According to the USDA, at this stage, they do not anticipate that this will impact the availability or price of milk or other dairy products for consumers. Additional information regarding milk safety during these outbreaks is available from the Food and Drug Administration.

LDAF is collaborating with producers, veterinarians, officials with other State Departments of Agriculture, and the USDA to closely monitor the situation to protect Louisiana producers and their livestock.

Commercial producers should review their biosecurity activities to ensure the health of their animals. Poultry and Dairy operations can find materials about biosecurity, including checklists and a toolkit, at www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock.

For more information and guidance from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), visit www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock.

H5N1 Current Situation Summary can be found at H5N1 Bird Flu: www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-flu-summary.htm.

Sprayer drone use and utilization in Louisiana agriculture

By Randy Price and Albert Orgeron
LSU AgCenter

The Louisiana sugarcane industry has persevered for more than 225 years, even though it is a tropical crop is growing in a temperate environment. Growers regularly face a challenging climate, which includes the threat of early winter freezes before the crop is harvested. An early freeze can kill the sugarcane plant and cause the sugar (sucrose) inside of the stalk to deteriorate. Another challenge is the short seven-to-10-month growing season. Due to limited daily processing capacity at Louisiana's 11 raw sugar factories, sugarcane harvest typically begins in mid-September. At the start of the harvest season, sugarcane has low sugar content; thus, growers utilize sub-lethal doses of glyphosate or glyphosate in combination with trinexapac-ethyl to hasten sugar accumulation in the stalk.

Drones were initially utilized primarily by hobbyists, but more recently have become employed in numerous fields of work, especially agriculture. The incorporation of cameras and sensors on drones has led to novel uses and has aided in crop scouting. Recently, commercial production of spray drones has presented the agricultural community with a possible new tool to aid in crop management. Sugarcane ripener has typically been applied by airplane or helicopter. In 2020, LSU AgCenter scientists first investigated the possibility of applying ripener to sugarcane with a spray drone. Drone-treated plots averaged 30 more pounds of sugar per ton of sugarcane after six weeks compared to untreated plots. The increase in sugar per ton of cane is similar to ripener applications by airplane or helicopter.

For those looking to purchase a sprayer drone, the current most popular and well-regarded brands are DJI, Hylío and XAG and come in tank sizes that hold from 10 to 50 liters (2.6 to 13.2 gallons). A typical spray drone setup composed of one drone, one to three batteries and a charger will cost from \$20,000 to \$60,000 depending upon



Randy Price, an agricultural engineer, works on spray pattern testing equipment prior to pattern testing a spray drone. (Photo by Al Orgeron)

brand. Extra equipment is also needed, such as a trailer, extra batteries (at least three), water tank, pumps, chemical storage, hoses, nozzles, quick-fill caps, generator and possibly a cooling system, as some drone batteries need cooling to charge quickly. This extra equipment can add another \$10,000 to \$20,000. For continuous nonstop spraying, two drones may be necessary.

While the operation of spray drone aircraft is not difficult, operators must be aware of several factors that influence the effectiveness and limitations of a spray drone. Just like spraying with a tractor, spray nozzles can impact pesticide drift and effectiveness for targeting a potential pest. It is important to conduct pattern testing prior to pesticide application to evaluate the effective spray width of the spray drone, which varies from model to model; application height; application rate per acre; nozzle type; and weather conditions. Some drones have rotary or centrifugal nozzles that spin a serrated disc below a liquid outlet and create an adjustable droplet size depending upon rotation speed of the disc and the disc design, such as the "double cutter." These nozzles have more concise, smaller droplet sizes than standard nozzles — less than 300 micrometers (um) — but may require higher flying altitudes of 10 to 15 feet above the crop surface to create uniform coverage. It is recommended to fly cross-wind if possible to preserve application patterns.

Long-distance drift of 300 feet seems to be negligible with drones, but they can have quite significant side drift (20 to 50 feet) dependent upon wind conditions and nozzle type. Lowering the travel speed around borders can help reduce this effect.

A limitation of spray drones is the battery life. Batteries typically last for 10 to 12 minutes per flight before needing to be recharged. Extra batteries and a generator that is appropriately sized to recharge the batteries is important. To gain maximum efficiency with spray drones, spray the longest possible distance at the fastest speed allowed by the manufacturer. Research has also shown that faster speeds also create wider swath widths. Refill the tank and replace the spray drone battery by driving to the drone on the turnrow, as opposed to having the drone fly to



Large drones used for spraying crops are now being used to spray ripening agents on sugarcane, a job once reserved for crop dusters and helicopters. (Photo by Randy Price)



A spraying drone applies a ripening agent to a sugarcane field. (Photo by Al Orgeron)

a distant refilling location. Chargers will need 220 to 240 volts at 30 to 50 amps to provide fast 10-minute charging. For sugarcane, corn and other tall crops, an elevated platform may be necessary to visually observe the drone during use. The elevated platform can also be used for landing and takeoff, which saves energy to climb up and over the crop. Every turn or unnecessary flight movement decreases the amount of time the aircraft can fly.

The LSU AgCenter has pattern-testing equipment and offers testing through the Operation Self-regulating Application and Flight Efficiency (S.A.F.E.) program certified by the National Agricultural Aviation Association.

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Spray drone regulations

Spray drones are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and primarily fall under two categories. Spray drones that weigh less than 55 pounds when fully loaded operate under 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 107, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems whereas, drones weighing more than 55 pounds operate under Part 91, General Operating and Flight Rules or via a Special Airworthiness Certificate. Operating larger drones is like any agricultural pilot that flies airplanes or helicopters to apply pesticides and governed under 14 CFR Part 137. Drone pilots must also petition the FAA to be exempted from specific portions of regulations of 14 CFR Part 61, 91 and 137. Additionally, a commercial pesticide certification for aerial application must be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Insurance is also needed to cover any damage to adjacent fields from drift, which occurs when droplets or vapor from herbicides travel to other crops that are not the target of the herbicide application.

Conservation practices can protect livestock from harmful algal blooms this summer

Summer is the season for freshwater harmful algal blooms, which can produce toxins that are harmful to humans, livestock, working animals, and pets. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has several conservation practices that may help farmers and ranchers protect animals and people by restricting access to contaminated water or providing alternate water sources.

The ABCs of HABs

Freshwater harmful algal blooms (HABs) are usually caused by rapid of blue-green algae (known as cyanobacteria) in water bodies such as lakes, ponds, and streams. These organisms can produce toxins (known as cyanotoxins) that are harmful to humans, livestock, working animals, and pets. Contacting or ingesting contaminated water (including water spray or mist) can result in irritation, illness, or even death.

Cyanobacteria are naturally found in water bodies, so they cannot be eradicated. Instead, it's important to understand how and why blooms occur. Cyanobacterial blooms and their potential toxicity often are a result of excess nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, in water bodies. Excess nutrients can come from adjacent agricultural lands, livestock waste, and leaky septic systems, among other sources. HABs typically form in summer, when warm, nutrient-rich, stagnant waters and more frequent sunlight increase the opportunity for their growth.

Treatment of current HABs involves chemical, biological, or mechanical treatment targeted directly at the contaminated waters. Prevention of future HABs involves changing the conditions that favor cyanobacteria, including nutrient management of the surrounding land and trapping or treating nutrient losses to waterbodies.

Symptoms of cyanotoxin exposure in animals include vomiting, excessive salivation, fatigue, staggered walking, difficulty breathing, weakness, convulsions, and liver failure.

In severe cases, HAB poisoning can lead to death. Therefore, any potential intoxication needs to be immediately addressed by qualified professionals. NRCS is not the authority on HAB symptoms in animals and humans. Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website for further information on HAB symptoms or contact your state or county health department.

Steps you can take if a potential exposure to cyanotoxins has occurred:

1. Eliminate animal access to the suspected contaminated water source.
2. Wash animals with clean water and monitor for symptoms of exposure to cyanotoxins. Isolate any animals exhibiting symptoms and seek veterinary care as soon as possible.
3. An alternative source of livestock drinking water might be needed.

4. Contact the appropriate state agency for sampling and testing guidance to test the water source for HABs and cyanotoxins. It is not safe for landowners to sample the water themselves without proper personal protective equipment and procedures.
5. If a HAB occurs, there is potential for recurrence. Therefore, the waterbody should be monitored.
6. Adopt conservation practices that reduce the risk of livestock exposure to HABs and prevent and reduce nutrient loading to waters to minimize the risk of future HABs occurrences.

Reduce livestock exposure to HABs

If HABs or cyanotoxins have been detected in a water body, preventing exposure by restricting access is key to ensuring the health and well-being of people, livestock, working animals and pets on the farm.

NRCS has several conservation practices that may be useful to exclude livestock from contaminated waters or provide alternative water sources. Some examples are fencing, ponds, access control, water wells, and watering facilities.

To learn more about how NRCS can help address HAB concerns or other natural resource concerns, visit the NRCS website or contact NRCS at your local USDA Service Center.

First "U.S. Farmed" certification goes to Anheuser-Busch product

By Diego Flammini, Farms.com

Some beer cans across the U.S. will have a special logo on them beginning in May.

Cans of Busch Light will have American Farmland Trust' (AFT) "U.S. Farmed" certification logo, making the beer the first product to have the designation.

The logo will also appear on cans of Budweiser, Bud Light, and Michelob ULTRA in the future. AFT created this certification



to raise awareness about farmland loss and other factors affecting the industry.

"2,000 acres every day are paved over, built up, and converted to uses that threaten the future of agriculture," Beth Sauerhaft, acting president and CEO of American Farmland Trust, told Farms.com in an emailed comment. "What's more, one third of the nation's farm and ranch land, 300 million acres, will change hands in the next 20 years as farmers retire. This land will be vulnerable to development."

The U.S. Farmed designation provides customers with confidence they're supporting American agriculture.

A product only qualifies to receive the logo when at least 95 percent of its agricultural ingredients come from U.S. farms. And goods must go through an extensive process before AFT awards the certification.

"Companies are required to pass an audit report conducted by a third-party, external auditor verifying that this requirement is met," Sauerhaft said. "Once this is completed, the American Farmland Trust will conduct

a thorough review of the audit to ensure accuracy before granting the product the U.S. Farmed certification and seal."

Anheuser-Busch is proud to have the first products with the U.S. Farmed logo.

This certification helps solidify the company's reputation for supporting American farmers, said John Rogers, U.S. chief procurement officer with Anheuser-Busch.

"Nearly all the ingredients in Anheuser-Busch beers are sourced from American farms, many of whom have worked with our company for generations," he told Farms.com in an email. "The U.S. Farmed certification came as a natural extension of our longstanding commitment to this community and is one we are proud to lead the industry in adopting."

Rogers also encouraged other companies to get involved with AFT and the U.S. Farmed program.

Anheuser-Busch is also launching a new campaign called "Choose Beer Grown Here" to support its U.S. Farmed certification.

Novo Nordisk invests \$4.1 million in Louisiana Small-Scale Agriculture's cutting-edge food system program

Statewide coalition takes lead in bolstering local farming initiatives

Novo Nordisk has announced a 3-year, \$4.1MM grant to support the production and sale of local food on small-scale farms throughout the state. This complex food systems program is the work of the Louisiana Small-Scale Agriculture Coalition (LSSAC), a coalition of seven food system organizations who work on a range of components of food system infrastructure across Louisiana.

The statewide coalition consists of long-standing partner organizations the Acadiana Food Alliance, Big River Economic Agricultural Development Alliance, Louisiana Central, Market Umbrella, New Orleans Food Policy Action Council, Shreveport Green and SPROUT NOLA.

Agriculture is an important strategy for mitigating and adapting to the climate crisis that disproportionately affects New Orleans and the greater Gulf South. Although Louisiana is an agricultural state, production is focused primarily on big commodities. If there were no imported food from elsewhere, there would be only enough food grown in Louisiana to feed the state's population for one week.

LSSAC formed in 2022 to combat statistics like these and bolster the agricultural economy while also supporting Louisianans struggling with food insecurity by creating low-cost access to fresh, healthy, local food. Beginning in March 2024, the coalition embarked on an exciting state-wide project to improve the capacity of the local food system. By focusing on infrastructure and technical assistance support for small-scale vegetable farmers, this program will increase the demand for and availability of local, fresh food across the state. Additionally, it will build connections between farmers and market outlets specifically for low income and food insecure residents.

"We know, from our work with both institutions and farmers, that gaps exist between the two. In order to have a strong local food system, LSSAC will work to help fill these gaps in innovative and collaborative ways so that more fresh, healthy, local food will be available for all Louisianans, including our youngest and most vulnerable," says Elisa Muñoz, Executive Director of the Food Policy Action Council.

The team will work across institutional partners like food banks, early childhood education centers, schools and shelters to create market pathways that can be lasting outlets for fresh food. There will be a special focus on building partnerships with food systems leaders and organizations in under-represented parts of the state like the Southwest and Northwest.

In addition, partners are supporting the development of on-farm infrastructure so farmers can scale up, increase capacity, and implement more sustainable business operations. More sustainable farm businesses will mean more fresh food across the state in perpetuity.

"At Novo Nordisk Inc. (NNI), we start and end every day driven by the mission to promote health and wellness in our communities. Through our giving we work with locally based partners, like Louisiana Small-Scale Agriculture Coalition (LSSAC), to ensure that the projects are reflective of the community's input, expertise, and needs the community identifies," says Jennifer Duck, Vice President, Public Affairs, Novo Nordisk Inc. "We're proud to partner with LSSAC on meaningful solutions to improve healthy food access that will benefit the health and wellbeing of marginalized communities that will be served by this project."



The Louisiana Small-Scale Agricultural Coalition (LSSAC) is a statewide organization that exists to strengthen capacity, resiliency and economic opportunities for Louisiana's small-scale agricultural producers.

The coalition's members provide comprehensive technical assistance to farmers, and the Coalition acts as advisors to organizations and institutions that wish to purchase Louisiana-grown, harvested, raised, and produced food directly from Louisiana farmers, ranchers and fishers.

LSSAC member organizations have deep roots in Louisiana agriculture and support small scale producers with technical assistance and programs across multiple program areas.

www.lssac.org

SPROUT started when neighbors and market gardeners came together to provide community space and training to grow food.

We support established and developing small-scale and sustainable farmers in Louisiana with technical and social support to create a more equipped network of growers in Louisiana and access to community food systems.

SPROUT strives for community control of food and to address access problems by giving locals a stake in their own food.

By creating communities that revolve around local food, we take a holistic approach to nutritional justice, encouraging people to enjoy every step of the process.



For more information, visit www.sproutnolafarm.org/news

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HiForm mapping tool, research in action alongside state forestry agencies: Mapping pine death in the footprint of drought

Late last year, the South experienced an extremely hot and sudden drought. When temperatures are high and moisture is low, trees become vulnerable quickly. Across southwest Mississippi and eastern Louisiana, approximately 12 million pine trees began dying. By early winter, 83,000 acres of pines had died. That estimate was derived with HiForm, an innovative tool developed by the Forest Service for high resolution forest mapping.

HiForm uses satellite data and cloud computing to reveal forest disturbances -

insect outbreaks, wildfires, tornadoes, and more - across large areas, at high resolution, and soon after a problem emerges. It was developed by Forest Service researchers Steve Norman and Bill Christie with the Southern Research Station.

The dead trees are scattered across yards, woodlots, parks, planted pine stands, and utility corridors. "Aside from the loss in timber, which is substantial, many of these areas may become safety and wildfire hazards," says Norman.

The HiForm maps will help state agencies and utility companies prioritize areas where dead trees are hazardous and need to be removed.

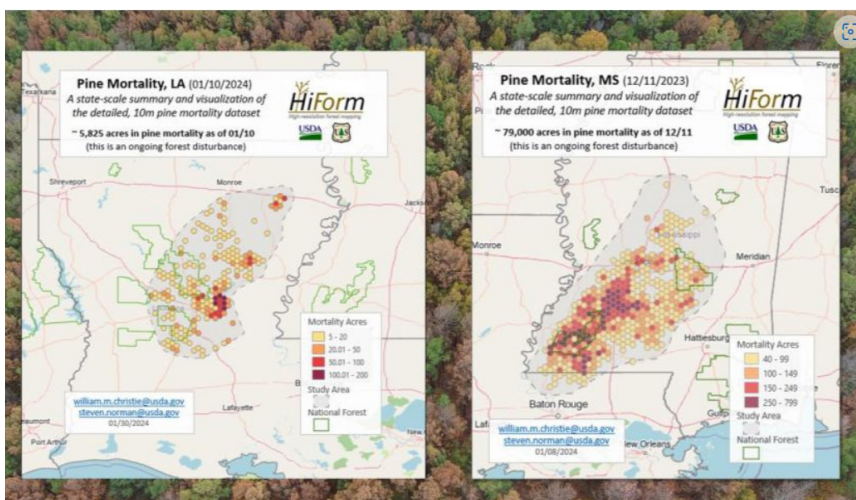
"We shared the maps with our state legislature in support for other state agencies like the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency," says Sean Hodges of the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Within weeks, congressional audiences

and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture were also aware of the scope of the problem. Pines can be seriously stressed by a hot drought alone, but the lethal blow often comes from beetles that take advantage of their reduced vigor. "The hot drought was unprecedented and so, seemingly, was the beetle response," says Norman. Ips beetles are thought to have killed many of the pines. Southern pine beetles had already killed some trees earlier in the season. All the beetles are native to the U.S., but the threat posed by the Ips is less well understood.

Since 2016, HiForm has mapped disturbances using observed changes in satellite data. The researchers calculate a Normalized Difference Vegetation Index, or NDVI, from the European Space Agency's Sentinel-2 satellites, which produce new imagery every five days.

"HiForm is revolutionizing the way we monitor forests," says Norman. "These technologies let us track forest health throughout the year and capture sudden disturbances in near-real-time."

For more information, email Bill Christie at william.m.christie@usda.gov or Steve Norman at steve.norman@usda.gov.



Could a prescribed burn association help you?

The summer of 2023 was the hottest, driest summer in memory. Along with the hot dry weather came wildfires. Through the end of October, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) Office of Forestry responded to more than 1,300 wildfires burning almost 58,000 acres statewide.

Forests cover almost 50 percent of Louisiana, with more than one-third being pine dominated. Historically, the piney woods would burn periodically due to the accumulation of highly flammable needles and frequent lightning strikes. These fires would reduce fuel loads and provide protection from catastrophic wildfires.

Indigenous people used fire to remove old vegetation and provide fresh succulent vegetation to attract wildlife for hunting. Early settlers also burned the woods to "freshen up" the vegetation for grazing cattle.

Starting in the early 1900s, burning was discouraged in Louisiana due to perceived risks. However, fire still occurred frequently in the piney woods. By the 1980s, as open range was abolished and most forestland shifted from grazing to hunting leases, much of the burning in the pine forests ended, leading to a buildup of fuels. Debris from Hurricane Laura compounded this issue, bringing fuel loads to dangerous levels. The exceptional

drought conditions this summer set the stage for extreme wildfires.

Prescribed fire, or a prescribed burn, is the application of fire by trained individuals to achieve an intended purpose on the landscape. Burns are conducted when weather conditions are favorable for controlling the fire. Up to 700,000 or more acres of forest, range and agricultural lands are prescribed burned annually in Louisiana. These fires can achieve a multitude of benefits, with one of the most important being the reduction of dangerous fuels and wildfire risk.

After this wildfire season, there is a consensus that more prescribed fire is needed to help reduce fuel loads and mitigate risks. However, with over 5.8 million acres of pine dominated forests, there is more fire needed than can be provided by the LDAF and contract prescribed burners.

Louisiana is a "right to burn" state, meaning that landowners have the right to burn their property. If landowners follow LDAF Prescribed Burning guidelines, they have "rebuttable presumption of non-negligence" under the law. To assist private landowners in following these guidelines, the LSU AgCenter and LDAF host Prescribed Burn Certification courses. As part of the certification process, participants must serve as a "burn boss"

under a Certified Prescribed Burner on five prescribed burns.

As of 2021, approximately 40 percent of the individuals who completed the Certified Prescribed Burner program had not completed the certification process. I suspect many might not have the opportunity to complete five prescribed burns under a Certified Prescribed Burner. Lacking this critical experience, they choose wisely not to burn. So ... how to get more fire on the ground?

One solution is the development of Prescribed Burn Associations (PBA) — an association of landowners and other concerned citizens formed to conduct prescribed burns. PBA members pool their knowledge, manpower and equipment to help other members conduct prescribed burns, making safe and effective burns possible.

For inexperienced landowners considering a prescribed burn on their property, PBA's can be a game changer. The Southern Fire Exchange notes the four primary reasons landowners do not burn are:

1. Lack of experience or training. Attending prescribed burn training is no match for live fire experience.

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POULTRY SALES & SHOWS

Abbeville Poultry Sales & Swap will be held every 4th Sunday from 8 AM until 12 PM at the Tractor Supply, 3410 Veterans Memorial Drive. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact: Kenneth Richard at (337) 319-5669.

Denham Springs Poultry Swap will be held every 2nd Saturday from 9 AM until 1 PM at the Tractor Supply on Florida Blvd. Only healthy animals, no dogs or cats. Contact: Daniel at (225) 665-9042.

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2. Lack of assistance from knowledgeable individuals.
3. Lack of equipment. Prescribed fire can be more easily applied and managed with specialized fire equipment. These items can be quite expensive, and may only be used by an individual once every few years.
4. Liability concerns.

No two PBAs operate the same, but all PBAs address each of these issues. Experienced, certified prescribed burners mentor the inexperienced, providing knowledge and guidance and an ideal avenue for interested individuals to complete their burn certification process. With each PBA burn, the pool of experienced individuals to assist with burns increases. Many PBAs own or have members that own fire equipment they are willing to use on sanctioned burns. Each of these factors contribute to safer burns, which is an important step in addressing liability concerns.

Currently in Louisiana, we have two newly formed PBAs. The Piney Woods PBA in the north central parishes and the SWLA PBA in west central Louisiana. Developing additional PBAs within our state would provide myriad of benefits.

The concept of prescribed burning providing wildfire protection is understood by most. With increased use of prescribed fire other benefits may become noticeable, such as reduction of undesirable brush, improved aesthetics, fresh succulent regrowth and increased use by wildlife. These benefits may create interest in burning additional acreage. PBAs can help get more fire on the ground, alleviating wildfire danger and improving habitat. Neighbors helping neighbors for the benefit of all.

**By Cecilia "CC" Richmond,
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Deep South Stock Horse Show Association

All shows begin at 9 AM and alternate between Clinton and New Roads arenas.

Remaining show dates for 2024:

- **May 25** — New Roads
- **Sept. 7** — New Roads
- **Oct. 5** — Clinton
- **Nov. 2** — Clinton
- **Nov. 30** — New Roads

For more information, visit <http://dsshsa.weebly.com/> or email dsshsa@gmail.com.

Jefferson Davis Riders Club

All shows are held at Crowley Rice Arena and begin at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Cathy Meche (337-526-2281) or visit www.jeffdavisridersclub.org.

Livingston Horse Show Association

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

Louisiana Little Britches rodeo

All events are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit lalbra.weebly.com or email lalbra@yahoo.com.

Louisiana Stock Horse Association

All shows start at 9 AM.

Remaining dates for 2024:

- **May 11** — Beauregard Parish Arena, DeRidder
- **June 1** — Rice Arena, Crowley
- **Sept. 14** — Florida Parishes Arena, Amite
- **Oct. 5** — Pointe Coupee Multi Use, New Roads
- **Oct. 26** — Sug Arena, New Iberia;
- **Nov. 23-24** — Beauregard Parish Arena, DeRidder

For more information, visit www.louisianastockhorse.com, follow us on Facebook, or call 225-394-9534.

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Acadia Parish Rice Arena

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ricearena@appj.org

Assumption Parish Ag Complex & Arena

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www.sugarena.com

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www.sweetwater-campground.com

Terrebonne Livestock

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Gulf of Mexico Alliance receives EPA funding for water quality improvement in Louisiana

\$1.4 million will help area farmers reduce runoff

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance recently received a grant for more than \$1.4 million from the Gulf of Mexico Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that will be used to improve water quality in northeast Louisiana.

As part of the project, farmers will learn how to adopt innovative farming practices that can decrease nutrient runoff while also enhancing the farmers' cash crop. When excessive runoff from farms enters into local waterways, it can negatively impact wildlife, human usage (such as fishing and swimming) and water quality down to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone. Using rice as a cover crop also has the added benefit of creating habitat for waterfowl.

This project will take place in the Bayou Lafourche watershed, along Upper Bayou Galion and Bayou Coulee, and will continue through 2026.

In addition to local farmers, the Alliance is working with state agency partners to implement the project, including the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry/Office of Soil and Water

Conservation, and Morehouse Soil and Water Conservation District.

The project will also include educational components as well as research into how to prevent runoff from contributing to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia zone.

"This funding will bring critical health protections and economic opportunities to the communities in the Gulf who have been overburdened by pollution," said Acting Region 4 EPA Administrator Jeananne M. Gettle. "We look forward to seeing transformative projects that will work to advance protection and restoration of this vital watershed."

"A multi-faceted project like this touches on several of our priority issues, from improving water quality in and around the Gulf to supporting underserved communities and creating habitat for wildlife," said Laura Bowie, executive director for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. "Thank you to EPA and to our partners for supporting important projects like this."



To learn more, visit <https://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/>

**LDAF
NEWS**

USDA seeking partners for Summer Food Service Program

For many families whose children receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch during the school year, summer can be a time of food insecurity. To combat this problem, each year the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) participates in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program, which helps ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session, is currently seeking statewide partners for this year's program.

The program's partner organizations, which include schools, local government agencies, camps, and faith-based and other non-profit community organizations, are the backbone of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Participating partners operate summer meal sites all over the state, becoming part of a network of safe and supervised settings - including schools, parks, community centers, libraries, churches, camps, and migrant centers - where children can receive meals

and snacks to eat on-site or on the go.

"Without this program, many children will go hungry this summer, and that's the bottom line," said Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain, DVM. "It's important that we start identifying partner organizations now so that we don't have a time gap where these children don't have access to a meal when schools let out for the summer. The school systems play a part, and if the schools choose not to do it, then other government entities in the parish can do it. If they choose not to do it, then the private nonprofits can do it."

The USDA funds the program, the LDOE approves the partner organizations, and the LDAF stores and distributes the food allocated by the USDA.

Interested parties can read more about the process and complete an application at www.ldaf.la.gov/food/distribution-assistance#summer-food-service-program.

The deadline to submit all required forms is May 17, 2024.



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Destrehan Plantation's 2nd Annual Spring Garden & Pet Show

April 20-21, 2024 • 10 AM - 4 PM

This showcase held at 13034 River Rd in Destrehan, LA, features plant nurseries, vendors who focus on the porch, patio, yard and garden, non-profit rescue havens with dogs and cats available for adoption, and educational presentations on gardening, insects, wildlife and pet care.

LSU AgCenter Wheat & Oat Field Day

April 23, 2024 • 8 AM - 12 PM

The year's field day will be held at the Tom H. Scott Research, Extension & Education Center located at 212A Macon Ridge Rd in Winnsboro, LA. For additional information, contact Trey Price (pprice@agcenter.lsu.edu or 318-435-2157).

PSA Grower Training

April 24, 2024 • 8 AM - 4:30 PM

262 Research Station Drive, Bossier City, LA. In conjunction with the LSUAgCenter Food Safety Lab, this course satisfies the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement for fruit and vegetable growers, farmers market vendors. \$20 registration.

2nd Annual Louisiana Carnivorous Plant Group Get Together

Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 10 AM - 12 PM

Plant swap and meeting to be held at 12655 South Harrell's Ferry Rd, Baton Rouge, LA. For more information, contact Mark Mese (225-405-0762 or mark.mese@keanmiller.com).

SCKA's Annual Gathering & Private Treaty Sale (PTS)

Friday & Saturday, May 17-18, 2024

The South Central Katahdin Association's 24th Annual Gathering will be held at Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, 1335 W Knapp Dr, Fayetteville, AR. For information and registration, visit Hair-Sheep.com.

Louisiana Cattlemen's Association (LCA) Health Summit

Saturday, May 18, 2024 • 12 PM

To be held at the Branch Ranch Development Center. Lunch and will be provided, and registration is free to all members of LCA. For more information, call (225) 428-7163 or email lcamem@labeeff.org.

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Help keep Louisiana beautiful! Love the Boot Week is April 20-28, 2024

You can be part of Louisiana's largest annual litter cleanup and beautification event! In 2023, 12,777 individuals volunteered a total of 61,493 hours, removing 313 tons of litter in all 64 parishes. In addition to litter removal, volunteers focused on community beautification, planting 370 trees and 3,542 plants, and refurbishing 146 gardens.

Sign up to join Love the Boot Week efforts that bring awareness to our state's litter problem and promote litter prevention. Visit the website below for events near you and ways to volunteer. You'll also find educational resources and tools to help make your clean-up successful.

GET INVOLVED at keeplouisianabeautiful.org/love-the-boot/

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