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KARY'S ROUX & PIG STAND BBQ SAUCE

In a recent episode of "Crawfish Tales," Commissioner Mike Strain visited Kary Lafleur and his son Ross Lafleur, the owners of Kary's Roux and Pig Stand BBQ Sauce, based in Ville Platte, Louisiana.

From a young age, Kary was immersed in the food industry, working closely with his father, who owned the Pig Stand restaurant. "I was an only son, and I was always with my dad," Kerry recalled. "He ran a pig stand restaurant from 1950 to about 1980 when he passed away." This early exposure laid the groundwork for what would become a lifelong passion and career. After high school, Kary's father encouraged him to attend college before joining the business. It was during Kary's senior year that the idea for Kary's Roux was born, inspired by friends who sought their homemade roux for weekend gumbos and stews.

The journey of Kary's Roux began in a kitchen on Main Street, where Kary, his mother, and his aunt made roux in a small kettle. When Kary wasn't in the kitchen, he was helping his dad at the restaurant by delivering pig stand BBQ sauce. After his father passed away, Kary took the reins, integrating the

roux into the existing barbecue sauce business.

Kary's Roux and Pig Stand BBQ Sauce is more than just a business—it's a family legacy. "Our main product, the Kary's roux, has my dad's first name on it," Ross notes. "Pig stand barbecue sauce goes back to my grandfather being in the restaurant business." This connection to family history is a source of pride and motivation, driving the company to uphold the standards set by previous generations.

"We make it from scratch, as your grandmother made it," Kerry explains. "We just have a bigger kettle. No additives or anything like that in it." This commitment to authenticity is the heart of the brand, ensuring that every jar carries the essence of home-cooked tradition.

As Kary's Roux continues to grow, the company embraces modern marketing strategies while staying true to its roots. Kary's son, Ross, is taking on a larger role, bringing new energy and ideas to the business. "He gets on social media and YouTube and different things," Kary said.

"You've got to change with the times, but the roux stays the same."

The company's products have a huge following, with customers spanning across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Restaurants nationwide, including those as far away as Portland, Oregon, rely on Kary's Roux for its authentic taste. "Whenever people see that logo on our products, they know where it's made," Kerry stated. "They know that it's an authentic Louisiana Cajun product and they can trust that."

Currently, around 800 companies are certified in

Louisiana, representing various aspects of the food delivery system. When searching for products that authentically represent "Louisiana," be on the lookout for Certified Louisiana logos in stores, markets, and restaurants. Purchasing products with these logos supports Louisiana businesses and families, keeping dollars local and boosting the economy.

These logos not only guarantee authenticity but also ensure that Louisiana's rich cultural heritage is preserved and celebrated. By choosing these products, you're embracing a story, a community, and a legacy.

Looking to the future, Kary's Roux aims to educate more people about Cajun cooking and expand its reach. "I think the future of Kary's Roux has a space," Ross believes. "Our future is trying to educate people how to use traditional ingredients to cook the way that we cook here in Louisiana." With a steadfast commitment to quality and family, Kary's Roux is set to continue its legacy for generations to come.

Visit karysroux.com, to get your's today.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Livestock Brand Commission to host saddle microchipping on May 29

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) Livestock Brand Commission will host its next saddle microchipping event on Friday, May 29, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. It will be held at the Burton Complex located at 7001 Gulf Highway in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in conjunction with the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association.

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

"Saddles are expensive and typically do not have identifiable marks or serial numbers," said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. "This program assists with the return of saddles in the event they are lost or stolen. We've had great success with the program thus far, chipping hundreds of saddles since its inception. We are excited to partner with organizations like the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association to serve equine-focused youth and support the next generation of riders."

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

Should there be any questions, please contact the Livestock Brand Commission at 225-925-3962 or Stephanie Rodrigue with the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association at 337-540-4623.



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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BI-WEEKLY HAY REPORT, APRIL 30, 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, MAY 1, 2026

Bermuda Large Round	Fair/Good	\$75/ton
Bermuda Small Square	Fair/Good	\$9/bale



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● VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET ●

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

AQUACULTURE

EQUIPMENT

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

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

- Tack
- Other ag implements

FERTILIZER

FOOD

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

HAY & GRAIN

HOBBIES & LEISURE

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- Sewing & fabrics

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

LUMBER & SAWING

PLANTS & GARDEN

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

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

ANIMALS

BEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATTLE

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

One pure Angus cow, not registered, born 2023, we have her weanling calf to look at for sale separately, exposed to a pure Angus bull since 4/17/2026, he is registered, \$3,700. Duane Scott, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 359-7535.

Three registered Angus cows, born 12/2022, have weanling calves to view, sold separately, exposed to registered Angus bull since 4/17/2026, \$3,700 each. Duane Scott, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 359-7535.

Register Angus Bull, several calves to show off of him, born 10/21/2023, sire DB Iconic G95, call or text for pictures, \$5,700. Duane Scott, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 359-7535.

BRANGUS

One cross-bred Brangus/Angus 14-month-old heifer, Sire was an F1 Brangus, she will be a good one, \$3,000. John Rougeou, Boyce, Rapides Parish; (318) 955-8811.

One cross-bred Brangus/Angus 15-month-old bull, Sire was an F1 Brangus, he will be an excellent addition for your herd, \$3,500. John Rougeou, Boyce, Rapides Parish; (318) 955-8811.

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.

HEREFORD

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

ZEBU

5-year-old AMZA registered bull, also have an exposed heifer for sale, text for pics and information, call for pricing. Crystal Frederick, Mire, Acadia Parish; (337) 288-1139.

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

DOGS

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.

Rat Terrier pups, born 3/7/2026, small type, shots and wormed, \$300. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Full-blooded German Shepherd puppies, born 3/03/2026, wormed and 1st set of shots, call for pricing. Chris Edwards, Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 481-8294.

AKC German Shepherd female puppy, 4-months-old, family companion and home security, call or text for more information, \$1,800. Barry S Fank, Covington, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 249-9276.

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.

7 weeks old 5/8 Jack Russell and 3/8 Rat Terrier puppies, two males, two females, third generation chicken and livestock raised, \$100. Frank Henry, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 962-1582.

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.

AKC Belgian Malinois Pups, both parents are working K9s, these pups will be great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

WANTED: Male Collie for service. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 306-0199.

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.

Baby Mallards, \$4 each, Dominique baby chicks, \$2 each. Natalie Dauzat,

Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-0382.

Female and male peacocks, white, pied ,and blue, 1-year-old to over 3-years-old, \$100 to \$150. Dale G Fontenot, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 287-5145.

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.

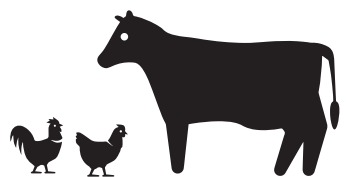
Mealey split Blue pairs, \$800 for a pair. Milford Johnson, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 241-8782.

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), \$350. Tommy, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 939-3040.

One pair Ultimate Red Diamond doves, \$100. Tommy, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 939-3040.



HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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

Foundation and Running bred Quarter horses, \$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.

Quarter-Horse Gelding Leo bloodline, 19-years-old, well-mannered no bad habits, excellent health letter by veterinarian, anyone can ride, pleasure, trail, or cattle, \$1,500. Linda Duhon, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 577-2823.

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.

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

Three-month-old Pullets, Barred Rock, Buff Orpington, and others, \$14. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-0889.

Roosters, 3-months-old, Austrolop, Rhode Island, and cross, \$10. Dale Falcon, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 278-5567.

Young pullets and roosters, some purebred, some mixed breed, baby chicks to 5-months-old, \$5 and up. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

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

Coturnix quail, butcher age males \$2, fertile eggs \$4/dozen, text or leave a message please. Steven Coco, Singer, Beauregard Parish; (337) 563-9553.

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

English Cornish chickens, dark and red/white-laced Cornish, dual purpose for meat and laying, roosters, hens, and chicks available, \$5-\$25. Shane, 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.

RABBITS

Large breed, New England ,Californian, colored and mixed, different sizes, also San Juan available, \$15 and up. Dale Falcon, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 278-5567.

New Zealand bunnies, white, red and white, solid black, and black and white, \$20 each. Daniel Gaspard, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-5478.

Purebred New Zealand, California, and Texas A&M bucks, does, and youngs, ages 5-weeks to 5-months-old, \$20-\$45. Michael Beard, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-7036.

SHEEP & GOAT

Katahdin and Katahdin/Dorper lambs, ewe lambs for sale, call for pricing. Robert Knott, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-5107.

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.

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.

Mini-Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf / Pygmy, Mini Alpine bucklings, all spotted and blue eyes, born early March, perfect for small to medium sized pets, lawn mowers, and breeders, extremely sweet and well socialized, ready for new pastures, call for pricing. Kim, Bogalusa/ Sun/ Bush, Washington Parish; (985) 789-9692.

Katahdin males and females for sale, ready in a month, call for pricing. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 651-5164.

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

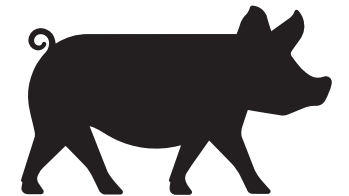
SWINE

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 American Guinea Hogs, nice red meat marbled, very docile males and females, 10 available, 4 girls and 6 boys, born 3/10/2026, \$65 males and \$75 for females. Sandy mire, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-1819.

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

York, Hamps and crosses, priced according to size and quantity purchased. Audrey Wilson, Summit, MS; (601) 248-0881.

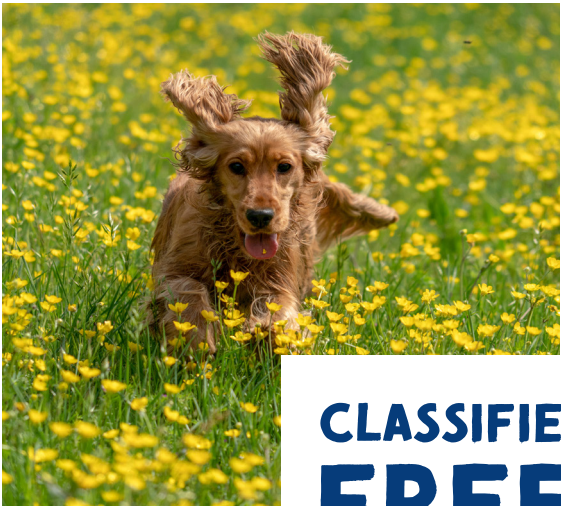


AQUACULTURE

Beautiful outdoor pond goldfish/ Shubunkin, nice size, rare all black, all white, and some mixed color, \$3 each. Pat Breaux, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 258-6707.

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.



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EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

Case Skidsteer, rubber tire with tracks OTT, 2,500 hours, \$19,500 or trade. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

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

2010 3-wheel forklift, Moffett brand, off road, good tires and everything works, \$10,000 OBO. Adam Sr, New Orleans, Orleans Parish; (504) 382-3686.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

HAY EQUIPMENT

John Deere 335 Round Baler, hydraulic tie, used last season, 5-wheel Tonutti Rake, 9ft Hay Tedder and Landpride 3-prong hay spear, \$5,000. Tracy, Effie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 451-7737.

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.

PZ Holland fluffer, \$750. 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.

John Deer 458 round baler, mega-wide pickup 4X5 rolls, net wrapped or string, no scratches or dents, ready to go to the field, text for pictures, call for pricing. Steve, Vernon Parish; (337) 208-6464.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

Kubota ZD321 Diesel, 52" HD commercial deck-runs and starts as should, good machine, will send video if needed, \$4,500. Ray Bushnell, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 515-2294.

Heavy duty 3ft steel roller, homemade, heavy and well built, text for pictures, \$250. Lawrence Ryder, Leonville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 349-8733.



PICKERS & HARVESTERS

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

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

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

PLANTING & TILLAGE

John Deere 215 Dise plow 15ft, \$3,500. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

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.

12ft Finishing plow, leave message, \$1,500 OBO. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

Spin ditchers and other implements for sale, call for pricing. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 526-8825.

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.

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

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.

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

CM 16' aluminum stock trailer with side door, great condition, \$9,500. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

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

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Fimeo 200gal 3pt sprayer, 21ft spray boom, also equipment with boomless spray nozzle, \$1,800. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

12ft Bush Hog rigid back 3pt rotary cutter, working condition, needs repair on deck, \$2,000. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

Durabuilt Pasture Puncher, 10ft, good condition with hydro cylinder, \$7,500. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

7ft Bush Hog, working condition, deck needs work, \$700. Pat Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-9455.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



BUY

Nursery Plants

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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.

Draw bar for Reynolds scraper, was on JD tractor \$250. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

Four JD5203 rims with turf tires, \$500. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

JD quik hitch CatIII, \$300 each. Mike Dupre, Bunkie, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5333.

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

26-gallon ATV boomless spot sprayer, two nozzle boom, used once, cost \$400, asking \$200. Oran Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-0973.

3-point ditcher, \$500. Oran Gaspard, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-0973.

Two new 13.6-38 BKT RT135 tires and tubes on John Deere rims and cast center #F1500R sand blasted and painted, \$1,500. Myron Sieren, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 462-8469.

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.

Used 10" John Deere MX10, needs some repair, \$3,500. Richard Burlette, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-2589.

5ft LandPride Rotary Cutter, \$2,400. Richard, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-2589.

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

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



FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

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

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

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.

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.

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

2-axle trailer mounted hydraulic seed mixer and loader, used to mix chemicals and auto load seed hoppers on planters, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 758-4504.

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

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

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.

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: 8ft hydraulic pull type disk. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-0697.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

Metal building, already down, 24X40FT with metal for three extra bays, roll up door and windows, call for pricing. Vince Larussa, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-4571.

8X12 Shed building, \$1,900. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

100 percent Cyprus wood barn with loft, around 2,500 sqft, serious inquiries only. Laszlo, St. Joseph, Tensas Parish; (504) 496-1319.



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Ag Lime, \$35 per ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

Mulch for sale, \$5 per yard. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

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

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

Rabbit manure compost, five- gallon bag, \$15. Sherry Kitchens, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (225) 422-9208.

FOOD

EGGS

Clean farm fresh eggs, \$4 per dozen. Rogers, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-1995.

FROM THE FARM

GrangeGroceries is a FREE app and website connecting local consumers to local producers, sign up online today and sell directly to consumers! Alyssa, Allen Parish; (337) 523-5063.

WANTED: Grass-fed beef, processed and wrapped. Una Palmer, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 560-1963.

JAMS AND JELLIES

Gallon glass jars with lids, six in a case, \$6 per case. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

Quart jars with lids, 12 in a case, \$6 per case. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

Pint jars, 12 in a case, \$3 per case. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

FREE SADDLE MICROCHIPPING

The logo is an oval emblem with a decorative border. At the top, the word "Louisiana" is written in a red, cursive script. Below it, "HIGH SCHOOL" is written in blue on a white banner, and "RODEO ASSOCIATION" is written in blue on a white banner. In the center is a white silhouette of the state of Louisiana with a red silhouette of a cowboy on a horse inside it.

BURTON COMPLEX
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Lake Charles, LA

Friday, May 29

10 AM - 2 PM

A photograph of a brown leather saddle with silver-colored conchos and stirrups, resting on a wooden saddle rack. The background is a clear blue sky.

The logo features a blue square with a white outline of the state of Louisiana on the left and the letters "DAF" in white on the right. Below the square is a green silhouette of a tree and a green wavy line representing a field.

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Seeing red: Avoiding destructive pests with timely cover crop management

Cover crops are an important off-season tool for farmers looking to improve soil fertility, reduce erosion and manage nitrogen, all while creating an ecosystem for pollinators and other beneficial insects to thrive.

However, they can also be a “green bridge” for undesirable pests like the redbanded stinkbug.

LSU AgCenter entomologist Jeff Davis extolled the benefits of cover crops, such as the leguminous crimson clover present in fields behind the Burden Museum & Gardens in Baton Rouge.

“In general, these crops do provide a good cover,” Davis said. “They can suppress weeds and provide refuges for birds and beneficial insects like lady beetles.”

According to Davis, the popular crimson clover crop also attracts pests like stink bugs, especially the redbanded variety, which can cause pod damage in soybean plants and severely damaging seeds.

“We’ve seen populations 20 times greater in cover crops like a crimson clover than we do in soybean,” he said. “However, crimson clover is still a great cover crop in that it self-seeds. You’re going to see it year after year.”

He said that, while providing excellent erosion control, crimson clover also creates

a green bridge to main crops for the pests to infiltrate when looking for alternate crops in which to survive.

“So, the redbanded stink bugs are going to be in there, going to be feeding there, going to be multiplying and then going to be leaving,” he said. “When that green bridge is burned down if you have a crop near already, like soybeans maybe planted in late March or early April, if you’re burning it down at this point, those stink bugs are going to move into your crop.”

Because of this, Davis cautions about proper maintenance, saying that farmers should always burn down, or terminate, cover crops a minimum of four weeks before planting to ensure they have had a chance to start turning into mulch, thus curtailing the encroachment of harmful insects into main crops once planted.

Davis said recent AgCenter research shows that while cover crops can be a breeding ground for harmful insects, they also provide a habitat for beneficial ones.



“The majority of what we’ve seen move from these cover crops into adjacent fields are spiders, which are natural enemies that are going to eat the unwanted pests,” he said.

Davis reemphasized that, overall, cover crops provide important ecosystem services to farmers by reducing erosion while capturing nutrients and to natural enemies by providing areas to thrive, but they also provide dwellings for pests to occupy while waiting for their next food source to grow.

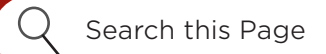
By V. Todd Miller, LSU AgCenter

SWCD 2026 Big Branch Planting at Bogue Chitto Pearl River

On April 16th, 2026, a planting of 2,500 plugs of California bulrush was completed at Big Branch Wildlife Refuge in Lacombe with partnerships between Bogue Chitto-Pearl River SWCD and US Fish & Wildlife. We had around 20 volunteers between US Fish And Wildlife, Common Ground Relief and LDAF. With the 2,500 plugs of bulrush, we covered 12,500 linear feet in an interior marsh section on the refuge. This project aims to revegetate shallow areas of marsh that were devastated by past hurricanes. This project also aims to increase wildlife habitat to the area.

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CERTIFIED DELICIOUS RECIPES



Fiesta Chicken Rice Bowl

<https://panolapepper.com/recipes/fiesta-rice-bowl/>

INGREDIENTS

- Panola Popcorn Rice (cooked)
- Panola Clearly Hot Sauce
- Chicken (rotisserie chicken works well)
- Panola Poultry Seasoning
- Cumin
- Paprika
- Green Onions
- Black Beans
- Minced Garlic
- Panola Spicy Sweet Jalapeno Peppers
- Cilantro
- Cheese (Queso Fresco Crumbling Cheese works well but so does shredded Mexican Cheese Blend)
- Avocado Cilantro Crema (recipe below)
- Salsa

Avocado Cilantro Crema:

- Mexican Crema or Sour Cream
- Panola Cajun Jalapeno Hot Sauce
- 1 Avocado
- Cilantro

INSTRUCTIONS

Add the Mexican crema, 4 to 5 dashes of Panola Cajun Jalapeño Hot Sauce, avocado, and approximately 3 tablespoons cilantro to a blender. Blend until smooth and creamy. Adjust ingredients to taste, adding more hot sauce or cilantro if desired. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to use. Prepare rice according to package directions, adding a few dashes of Panola Clearly Hot Sauce to the cooking water for added flavor and color. Warm chicken in a skillet and season with Panola Poultry Seasoning, cumin, and paprika. Heat black beans with minced garlic until warmed through. Add rice to a serving bowl and top with chicken, beans, green onions, jalapeños, cilantro, cheese, salsa, and avocado cilantro crema. Finish with extra dashes of Panola Clearly Hot Sauce and serve immediately.

Coconut Rum Slide – 1827 Spirits

<https://www.1827spirits.com/pages/recipes>

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup chocolate ice cream
- 1 1/2 oz Sandbar Duel Coconut Rum
- 1/2 oz orange liquor
- Chocolate syrup or chocolate shavings
- Whipped cream
- 1/2 cup ice

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine everything except chocolate syrup and whipped cream in a blender. Blend until smooth. Pour into a glass. Garnish with chocolate shavings or syrup and whipped cream. Serve immediately and enjoy!



Pasta Frittata with Fresh Herbs – Hereau Farms

<https://www.hereaufarms.com/recipes/pasta-frittata-with-fresh-herbs>

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz spaghetti, broken in half
- 16 large eggs
- 4 oz shredded cheese (white cheddar, Swiss or gruyere are all good options)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped parsley
- 4 tsp minced fresh herbs (thyme, chive or garlic chives are great)
- 6 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 8 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 leek, white and light green parts thinly sliced

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven to 350 F with the rack in the upper-middle position. In a large saucepan, bring 3 quarts of water to a boil. Add the pasta and 1 Tbsp salt, then cook until pasta is al dente. Drain, then rinse under cold water. Set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, 1 tsp each salt and pepper. Stir in half of the shredded cheese, all the parmesan, the parsley and the chopped herbs. In an oven-safe 12 in skillet (we suggest well-seasoned cast iron) over medium, heat 3 Tbsp of the oil until shimmering. Add the leek and 1/2 tsp salt. Cook, stirring frequently until softened, about 6 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant. Add the pasta to the pan, adding more oil if needed to coat. Add the egg mixture to the pan. Fold in with a silicon spatula. Continue to gently fold and scrape the sides of the pan, allowing the uncooked eggs to flow to the sides. Once the egg has begun to thicken and set, sprinkle with the remaining cheese and transfer to the oven. Bake until eggs are set at the center, 10-15 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes, slice into wedges and serve.

How Ford Tractors Successfully Returned to the 1960s Horsepower Race

Twice Ford reigned supreme in the world of tractors. By the late 1950s, however, the glory years and high sales of the Fordson and N-series eras had faded. To complicate matters, Ford was being left behind in the horsepower race. Its largest machine delivered less than 50 hp. Competitors, in the meantime, were bringing out new models in the 60- to 80-hp range.

Ford was losing market share, and the eyes of over 350,000 stockholders were riveted on the company since it had gone public in 1956. In reaction, the company not only set about retooling its tractor line but also, for good measure, restructured itself. In 1961, the separate British and U.S. tractor operations were merged, creating the Ford Tractor Division. Sales of Fords may have weakened in the U.S., but what was said of the British Empire also applied to Ford in that the sun never set on its truly world market.

The New Hope

A newfound enthusiasm to reassert itself as a major farm manufacturer was reflected in the introduction of the model 6000. This high-styled machine offered a beefy 242-cubic-inch six-cylinder diesel. Here was the precursor of great things to come from Ford engineering.

Equipped with a hydraulic system, the 6000 employed an accumulator to store hydraulic power that supplemented the pump during times of high demand. Other advances included disk brakes, a category II three-point hitch with

lower-link draft sensing, and Ford's unique 10-speed Select-O-Speed transmission. In the rush to get the 6000 to market and to prove it could produce a higher horsepower machine, the tractor wasn't fully field tested. From the start, problems plagued the tractor's engine, hydraulic system, final drive, and transmission. Eventually, Ford recalled all the tractors to rebuild them and fix these issues.

When those tractors returned to their owners, they came with a new color scheme of blue and light gray, heralding a significant change about to occur. Red was dead; the new world color was blue. What happened next to the Ford line was a series of dizzying, almost nonstop, introductions. In 1962, the models 2000 and 5000 hit the market.

In 1965, the 2000, 4000, 5000, and 6000 were retooled with a wider offering of standard equipment and options. These models came with either a gas or a diesel engine. The new model 6000 was now trouble-free. Ford engineers weren't done yet. In 1968 came the arrival of the big blue muscle machines led by the model 8000.

The 8000's eight-speed manual tranny would be upgraded in 1969 with a partial-range powershift unit that offered 16 speeds. Topped off with a true operator's platform with a 43-gallon tank located behind the operator's chair, the 8000 was equipped with three hydraulic pumps for full-farming power.

One pump supplied the power steering. The second unit fed the differential lock and PTO. A third pump pressurized the three-point hitch and remote outlets. The results were far more responsive hydraulics. The PTO didn't lag if the three-point was activated, for example.

Leap Ahead of the Horsepower Race

Now keeping up with the horsepower pack, Ford took a leap by introducing the beefy model 9000 in 1969. This tractor looked like an 8000, but there was a richer package of performance goods. A turbocharger (a first for Ford) was paired to the 401-cubic-inch diesel, allowing the 9000 to turn out an impressive 131 maximum PTO hp. The engine platform had been fortified throughout its structure and improved with a higher capacity fuel pump, radiator, and oil cooler.

The 9000 was also option-rich, reflecting farmers' demands for more performance. Customers could add a two-range powershift auxiliary gearbox (with 16 speeds), a cab, dual rear wheels, and beefy 18.4-38-inch rear rubber wheels.

The 8000 and 9000 created the platform upon which a new generation of high-horsepower Fords would be launched. In 1973 came the 8600 (110½ hp) and 9600 (135½ hp). Ford capped this off by bringing out a line of four-wheel-drive machines (built by Steiger) in 1997.

By Dave Mowitz, Successful Farming

Pasture mealybug confirmed in Louisiana

Louisiana State University AgCenter researchers have confirmed the presence of a new invasive insect in Louisiana sugarcane fields. The pasture mealybug was detected in Vermilion and Iberia parishes late last year, raising concerns among growers, ranchers and researchers.

Blake Wilson, AgCenter entomologist, said the insect was observed by crop consultants Nick Daigle and Ryan Viator, who noticed a yellowing canopy in commercial sugarcane fields. AgCenter researchers collected specimens from the fields in Vermilion Parish.

"Specimens were sent to U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, where scientists with the National Identification Services were able to confirm the species identification based on morphological characteristics and genetic comparison with specimens collected from Texas," Wilson said.

Yellow canopy syndrome

Fields in Louisiana where the pasture mealybug was detected showed severe yellow canopy syndrome and suffered severe yield loss, Wilson said.

"The pest status of *H. summervillei* in sugarcane is not well understood," Wilson said. "Evidence from Australia has noted that both nymphs and adults are found on the leaves and roots

of sugarcane. Only the nymphs are thought to feed. This feeding may be associated with yellow canopy syndrome, but the mealybug has not been identified as the direct cause of the symptoms."

Sugarcane fields in St. Landry Parish, La., also expressed yellow canopy symptoms, but Wilson said it is not known if the pasture mealybug was present there.

The insect was detected in Texas, where pasture dieback was reported in 22 counties last year as well. As the name suggests, the pasture mealybug is known to kill various species of pasture grass used in livestock production.

"Early symptoms of infestations in pasture grasses cause discoloration ranging from yellowing to reddening," Wilson said.

AgCenter researchers will conduct surveys to determine where the pasture mealybug may be in Louisiana sugarcane fields and pastures.

Potential host plants include all species of pasture and turfgrasses, in addition to sugarcane. Suspected infestations of pasture mealybug should be reported to Wilson (bwilson@agcenter.lsu.edu) for sugarcane and Ed Twidwell (etwidwell@agcenter.lsu.edu) for pasture.

By: Tobie Blanchard, LSU AgCenter

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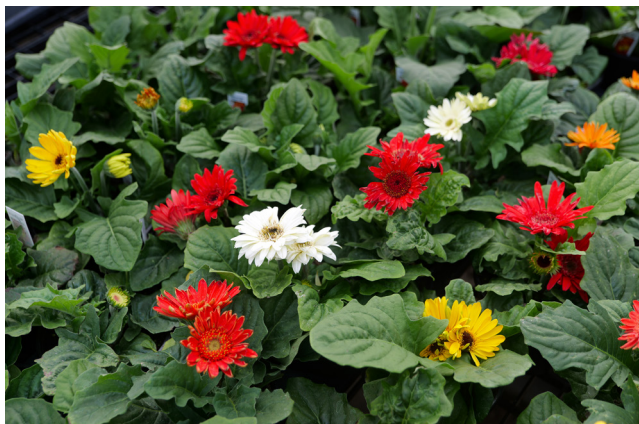
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Once found only at the florist, gerbera daisies can now be enjoyed in the garden

Gerbera daisies are staples of cut flower arrangements sold at florists' shops. And for years, this was practically the only place you could find these colorful daisies here in Louisiana. They just couldn't stand up to our hot, humid climate.

All of that has changed in the past five to 10 years. Breeding efforts have produced a number of new gerbera daisy cultivars and series that we can successfully — and easily — grow in our Louisiana gardens.



Spring is when these cheery flowers, with their long, narrow petals surrounding a central disc, begin to bloom. It's also a good time for planting them. Head to your local garden center now, and you'll likely find a good selection of gerbera daisies in a wide range of colors — reds, pinks, oranges, yellows and whites.

Various heights of gerbera daisies are available, too. To decide which cultivar to purchase, think about your purpose.

Do you want to use the flowers as a border, at the front of a landscape bed or in a container? Choose a cultivar that stays shorter. Taller cultivars work farther back in beds, and their long stems are ideal for cut flowers.

Gerbera daisies should be planted in full to partial sun. Although full sun boosts flower production, these plants do benefit from a bit of protection from the harsh afternoon sun.

Make sure to plant in well-draining soil. Gerbera daisies do not like "wet feet."



For such a beautiful flower, gerbera daisies are surprisingly easy to grow. One maintenance item you should note is deadheading: Removing spent blooms throughout the growing season will keep plants looking tidy while promoting additional flowering.

Native to Africa, gerbera daisies (*Gerbera jamesonii*) often are treated as annuals but can perennialize in Louisiana. They bloom throughout spring and summer before dying back when cooler weather arrives. Mulch them well in winter, and their clumps will come back bigger and better the following spring.

By Olivia McClure, LSU AgCenter

House Passes Letlow Bill Supporting Louisiana Farmers, Forest Landowners

The House of Representatives has passed Congresswoman Julia Letlow's bill to protect Louisiana's signature timber industry by cutting red tape for forest landowners, while also strengthening support for impacted livestock producers.

The Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act would better support Louisiana's timber economy in the event of natural disasters, assuring more timely and effective support when disasters like wildfires strike. These events not only devastate forest land, but also disrupt grazing operations, destroy fencing and water infrastructure, and create significant recovery costs for livestock producers.

"I'm thrilled to see the House pass my bill to protect Louisiana's signature timber economy. We are quickly approaching wildfire season, and when disaster hits, recovery cannot wait," said Congresswoman Julia Letlow. "Our family foresters and livestock producers shouldn't be left picking up the pieces after their own after extreme weather events, and often don't have the operating cash to do so. My legislation would ensure that help is available as soon as disaster strikes, with more flexibility and less red tape."

The measure would provide nonindustrial forest landowners with advance emergency payments following natural disasters, rather

than requiring them to pay upfront and wait for reimbursement. It also enables livestock producers to receive upfront support through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to cover critical repair and recovery costs. The legislation also includes damage caused by man-made fires when spread by natural conditions, as well as wildfires originating from federal actions.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise praised Letlow's successful efforts to fight for Louisiana priorities.

"When disaster strikes, it can take weeks, months or even years for communities to get the help they need to rebuild, and this bill by Congresswoman Letlow that we passed today will bring relief more quickly to families impacted by disasters. Congresswoman Letlow has been a real fighter and champion for Louisiana farmers and landowners and this bill will expedite relief for thousands of Louisiana families," said House Majority Leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana. "I applaud Congresswoman Letlow for her continued leadership and hard work to reform the disaster recovery process for our farmers and homeowners."

In recent years, wildfires burned over 60,000 acres of prime forest land in Louisiana, causing evacuations and severe damage to timber

operations and surrounding agricultural activity.

"Louisiana is no stranger to natural disasters. The dynamic effects of wildfires, floods, hurricanes and even ice storms can leave foresters and landowners deep in the red for years to come," said Richard Fontenot, Louisiana Farm Bureau President. "Louisiana Farm Bureau is thankful to Congresswoman Julia Letlow for hearing our cry for help, working with us to develop solutions, and bringing forth the Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act to the House floor and getting it passed to the next chamber. This will truly get aid to agriculture when needed, not years down the road."

"On behalf of the Forest Landowners Association and the millions of acres of working forests our members steward, I want to thank Congresswoman Julia Letlow for her leadership on H.R. 1011. This legislation provides critical, commonsense improvements to disaster recovery programs that will help forest landowners and family forestry businesses respond more quickly and effectively after hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters. By ensuring timely access to assistance, Congresswoman Letlow is helping strengthen the resilience of working forests and the rural communities that depend on them," said Scott Jones, CEO of the Forest Landowners Association.

Secretary Rollins Announces the Creation of the USDA Office of Seafood

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins alongside U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, White House National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett, Alaska Senator Dan Sullivan, and Maine Senator Susan Collins announced the creation of the new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Seafood. This first of its kind office will prioritize customer service and ease of navigation for American seafood cultivators, producers, and processors to access USDA programs.

“President Trump is the first President to recognize fisherman for the essential work they do to sustain our food supply,” said Secretary Rollins. “With the launch of the USDA Office of Seafood, we are honoring decades of hard work on the water and opening the door to new opportunities, stronger support, and a brighter future for the seafood industry. Today’s announcement, in addition to the historic tax cuts and investments in rural America made possible through the priorities and provisions in the Working Families Tax Cuts, is truly a new chapter for America’s fishermen.”

“The Department of the Interior is thrilled to support the establishment of the first-ever Seafood Office at the Department of Agriculture - an initiative that puts the people who help feed America first,” said Secretary Burgum. “American fishermen are the backbone of coastal economies and a vital part of our nation’s food security. By improving coordination across agencies, the Seafood Office will ensure these fishermen can fully access the tools and programs they need to thrive.”

“The Trump Administration is committed to supporting American fishermen, strengthening our coastal communities, and ensuring families have access to affordable high-quality American seafood,” said Secretary Lutnick. “When our fishermen win, America wins.”

“Fishing is the very foundation of Maine’s heritage. Today, the seafood industry in our region generates more than \$5 billion in income and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs, in addition to providing a nutritious food supply, delicious restaurant meals, and sustaining entire coastal communities,” said Senator Collins. “I appreciate that USDA is recognizing our fishermen as farmers of the sea and establishing the Office of Seafood. The creation of this office is a long overdue, essential step to expanding seats at the table for our hardworking fishing families, who are a key piece of our nation’s history and our future as well.”

“Alaska’s fishermen deserve the same federal attention, resources, and risk management tools afforded to America’s incredible farmers,” said Senator Sullivan. “The new USDA Office of Seafood—an action I’ve been strongly advocating for over the past decade—opens the door to that opportunity. This office is going to benefit everybody: all of Alaska’s fishermen, our small businesses, and our many coastal and Interior communities from across the state. I thank Secretary Rollins and Secretary Lutnick for working closely with me and my team over the past year to fully understand the challenges facing our fishermen and coastal communities and for taking meaningful action on their behalf. With this new office, we’re going to build a stronger partnership between USDA, Department of Commerce, the entire Executive Branch, and our fishermen, so they can continue to do what they do best: sustainably harvesting the freshest and healthiest wild seafood in the world.”

“Proud to be part of the launch of the inaugural, first-ever USDA Office of Seafood! Food security is national security which means prioritizing domestic production and strengthening our food supply here at home. From our Florida coasts to communities across the country, we’re cutting red tape, backing our fishermen, and ensuring American seafood competes—and wins—

on the world stage. This office will not only elevate and support commercial production, but also advance commonsense conservation so future generations can thrive in this industry. As Chair of the Aquaculture Caucus, I’m grateful for the tenacious leadership driving this effort forward—Secretary Rollins, Secretary Lutnick, Secretary Hassett, Secretary Burgum—and President Trump,” said Representative Cammack.

Fifty years ago this week, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act—the primary law governing marine fisheries in U.S. federal waters—was signed into law, providing the fishing industry with long-term economic stability. However, for years, fishermen across the country have been struggling to navigate programs at USDA that can help support their businesses.

With the creation of the USDA Office of Seafood, the Federal government now enters a new era of seafood policy where American fishermen will be recognized by USDA as a key part of the U.S. food supply.

One of the primary roles of the new USDA Office of Seafood will be coordinating across USDA agencies to ensure fishermen are integrated into USDA programs and working alongside the U.S. Department of Commerce and other Federal partners to revitalize the American seafood industry.

Today’s action supports USDA’s implementation of President Trump’s Executive Order 14276, Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness. The USDA Office of Seafood will play an important role in coordinating with the U.S. Department of Commerce in the development of the America First Seafood Strategy to promote production, marketing, sale, and export of U.S. fishery and aquaculture products and strengthen domestic processing capacity.

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Buttercup - An indicator or a problem?

Driving around Louisiana pastures in Jan-March, you'll see lots of pastures dominated by the plant Charles Allen recently wrote about: Hairy buttercup, Pasture Buttercup, or Crowfoot (*Ranunculus sardous*). This is an introduced herbaceous annual.

Allen describes the plant as having "hairy and has dissected leaves. The flowers are regular, with three to five green sepals and five showy yellow petals. The stamens and pistils are numerous, and the fruit is an achene that is usually produced in globose clumps."

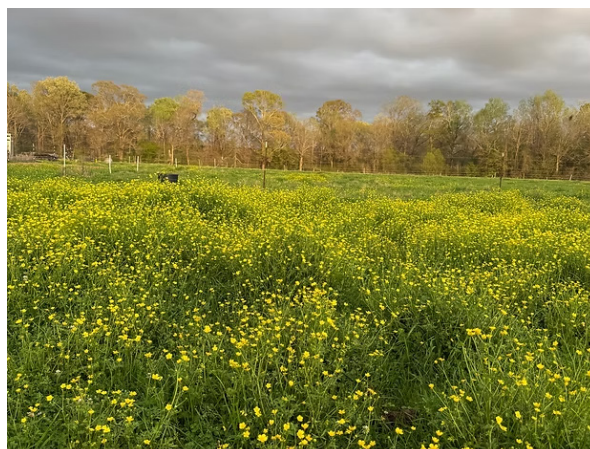
Although the yellow pastures are beautiful in regards to scenery from the road, this is a plant often considered problematic in cattle grazing operations. Charles Allen wrote "The plants are reported to be bitter and poisonous and thus are not eaten by cattle and other livestock, which makes them end up plentiful in our pastures."

Buttercup Issues in Pastures

Ed Twidwell, Extension Forage Specialist from LSU AgCenter lent his advice regarding buttercup ID and management in the below statements.

"One sign that spring has arrived is when you observe a sea of yellow flowers in pastures across the state. These yellow flowers are from a winter annual weed called buttercup. This weed emerges in the fall, grows through the winter and blooms in the spring. It is known for producing large amounts of seed which can remain viable in the soil for many years.

Buttercup tends to flourish in pastures with poor stands of desirable forage plants. Overgrazing pastures in the fall can lead to buttercup infestations. In addition, buttercup plants prefer wet and compacted soils. Maintaining some type of cover, such



as planting annual ryegrass or other grass-clover mixtures will provide competition to the buttercup and help to minimize buttercup infestations.

For control of buttercup, mowing or clipping pastures close to the ground in the early spring before the plants can produce seed may help reduce new seed production. However, clipping alone probably will not totally eliminate seed production.

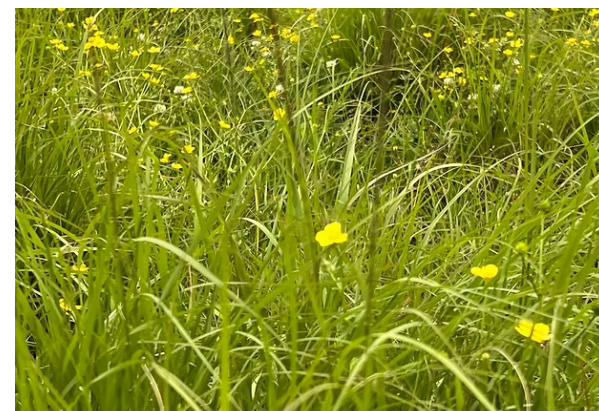
For chemical control, LSU AgCenter scientists have performed many studies on buttercup control, and have found that applying 1 pint of 2,4-D herbicide per acre during the months of December or January provide excellent control of buttercup. Making a herbicide application during this time will also minimize damage to any white clover that is present. Herbicide applications made during the spring months will require higher rates of 2,4-D to be effective in controlling buttercup, and these rates will also cause more damage to any clovers that are present.

If you begin to observe buttercup showing up in your pastures, it is a good idea to try and control them in some manner as they compete with your desirable forages for light, water and nutrients. If left uncontrolled, they can take over a pasture in a short amount of time."

Thinking Outside the Box

And then, there are others who like to think about weed management in pastures in a different way. Sheep producers who have watched their sheep graze in early spring know that sheep will almost prefer to nibble the buttercup over other species. Others who have minimized tilling and maximized rest and rotation have reported having less to no buttercup in pastures managed in that manner.

Laura Brenner, Sr. Content Writer at Noble Research Institute wrote an article about weed management regarding ragweed. This article is about mindsets on pasture management in a regenerative way using bale grazing, multi-species grazing, and a holistic look at weeds as an indicator of a larger problem. Western Ragweed is not



buttercup, but the concept and principles are the same.

"Ranchers who find themselves faced with an abundance of ragweed [buttercup] may be initially inclined to grab a quick fix from the feed store shelf. But Moseley advocates for a different approach — a shift in management practices."

"Ragweed is an indicator of something else going on," says Moseley. He says the idea of managing for what you want in your pastures, rather than focusing on what you don't want to see out there, is a challenging concept for a lot of ranchers.

Regarding a pasture that was inundated with the weed, Brenner quotes "It was ragweed for a while," Moseley said of the field. 'Paul AMP grazed it with cattle. He had sheep and goats he would bring through, too. He used no herbicides, no more fertilizer, and he just used quick, multispecies flash grazing and recovery.'

A couple of years later, Moseley says the field looks totally different. 'We recently taught Noble Land Essentials out there in October, and it is a lot of grass now, a lot of diversity,' he says.

"A significant shift in disturbance pressure is just one example of how ragweed may indicate a missing link in the ecosystem. Another common cause of ragweed pressure in pasture, especially among cattle producers, is overgrazing."

"While there's no single solution that will work for everyone, Moseley says animal impact and adequate recovery are essential components to restoring pastures. Rest and recovery during the growing season, to allow the other plants to express themselves, are essential to restoring diversity and balance to your pastures."

"If adding small ruminants isn't feasible, Moseley suggests bale grazing over the top of your ragweed site in the dormant season."

The full article from Noble reflects also what we heard from Allen Williams in our 2023 bus tour of BDA Farm in Alabama- allowing weeds to be an indicator, and simply better your management and grazing until the land replenishes itself.

By Tara Morris, LGLCI

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Managing Farm Safety When Experience Levels Vary

How training and communication can prevent accidents during busy seasons.

Farm operations often move quickly, especially during peak seasons or when unexpected situations arise and additional help is needed. According to Penn State Experts, bringing in temporary or inexperienced workers can introduce safety risks if proper guidance is not provided.

Producers frequently depend on a mix of helpers, including family members who are not regularly involved in farm work, students, neighbors, or even other farmers. While their support is valuable, unfamiliarity with daily routines and equipment can increase the chances of accidents, particularly when tasks are assigned without clear instructions.

High-pressure conditions can make communication more difficult, which further heightens safety concerns.

Fatigue is another important factor.

Researchers describe a “third shift phenomenon,” where individuals juggle off-farm employment, household duties, and farm responsibilities. This combination can lead to exhaustion and reduced focus, raising the risk of injury.

Younger workers may also contribute to safety challenges. Studies indicate that many farm youth view risk-taking as a normal part of the job and may attempt hazardous tasks

without proper supervision. Likewise, retired or occasional workers may lack up-to-date experience with machinery, which can result in unsafe practices.

Creating a safer farm environment requires clear communication and proper training for all helpers, regardless of their experience level.

Farmers should ensure that expectations are well understood and encourage open conversations about skill levels and comfort with specific tasks. Providing simple, step-by-step instructions and reinforcing safety practices can significantly reduce risks.

Recommendations to improve farm safety:

- Provide basic safety training before assigning any task.
- Match jobs to each helper’s skill level and physical ability.
- Use clear signage and visual reminders around the farm.
- Encourage workers to ask questions and report hazards.
- Ensure that all equipment is well maintained and easy to operate.
- Schedule regular breaks to reduce fatigue and improve focus.

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Tax Relief for Farmers from H.R. 1 Hitting

H.R. 1, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA), made enhancements to the Farm Safety Net (see USA Rice Daily, July 7, 2025), and significant changes to the U.S. tax code relevant to farm families. In marking “Tax Day 2026,” following is a summary of the key tax provisions.

Estate and Gift Tax The federal estate and gift tax exemption has been increased to \$15 million per individual (\$30 million per couple) and indexed for inflation on a permanent basis.

Section 199A - Qualified Business Income Deduction The 20 percent Qualified Business Income (QBI) deduction has been made permanent. Nearly 98 percent of farms operate as pass-through entities — sole proprietorships, partnerships, and S Corporations — and are eligible for this deduction. Phase-out thresholds apply for single filers. A new minimum QBI deduction of \$400 is available to those with at least \$1,000 in qualified business income.

Expensing and Depreciation The OBBA restores 100 percent bonus depreciation for qualified property placed in service after January 19, 2025, through 2030, allowing the full cost to be deducted in the year of

purchase rather than spread over multiple years. The Section 179 expensing limit has also been raised to \$2.5 million, with a phase-out beginning at \$4 million.

1099-MISC Reporting Threshold The reporting threshold for 1099-MISC forms has been raised from \$600 to \$2,000, which reduces paperwork requirements for farmers who hire temporary or seasonal workers.

Individual Tax Provisions The OBBA makes permanent several provisions from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that were set to expire in 2025, including existing tax rates and brackets, the increased standard deduction, and the expanded Child Tax Credit.

“We commend the Trump Administration and Congressional leaders for acting boldly to provide critical tax relief to America’s farmers navigating tough economic times,” said Fred Zaunbrecher, a Louisiana rice farmer and chair of the USA Rice Farmers Board. “The provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will ease burdens on farm families, support vital investments in our operations, and strengthen rural communities for years to come.”

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