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HOP-Y HOLIDAYS WITH CHAFUNKTA BREWING



Here in Louisiana, the craft beer and spirits scene is getting better by the day. In the latest episode of CRAWFISH TALES WITH COMMISSIONER MIKE STRAIN, DVM, we bring you to visit one of the local nanobreweries that is seeing success in the industry - Certified Louisiana member, Chafunkta Brewing Company. Chafunkta is located in Mandeville, a vibrant city on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

The 'Chafunkta' name (pronounced Che-funk'-tuh) is derived from 'Tchefuncte,' which is itself derived from the Choctaw word 'Hachofakti,' meaning a type of shrub oak tree that produced a small edible nut called 'chinquapin,' which is similar to a chestnut. These trees once lined the banks of the Tchefuncte River, which forms part of the border between St. Tammany and Tangipahoa parishes. This area was once a Native American settlement called Tchefuncte, or the easier to say and spell, Chafunkta.

"We wanted to come up with a name that was very unique and also very local," says Josh Erickson, Chafunkta Founder/Brewer. "Once we settled on Tchefuncte, we knew we'd need a more phonetic spelling; hence, it was Chafunkta. Also, we like the idea of putting the FUNK in Chafunkta."

Chafunkta is a small, family-run nanobrewery formed by Josh & Jamie Erickson in June of 2011. They produce a variety of unique brews, including some less common styles like a robust porter, a cream ale, and an Irish red. In their Tap Room, you can enjoy 11 different Chafunkta brews in 5oz, 10oz, 16oz, a flight of four, or take a 32-oz crowler to go.

"Over the past year, we've updated our operation from a 5-barrel system to a 15-barrel system," remarks Erickson. "We are also about to launch our canning distribution. Until recently, we've only been available on draft in bars, restaurants, and the Tap Room, but in the coming weeks, we'll release our first can out into the market. We are trying to keep up with demand, which is a good problem to have."

Erickson started as a home brewer, primarily focusing on IPAs. His wife, Jaime, led to dabbling in the creation of other recipes. "She liked chocolate, vanilla, and coffee, so we sat down to create a new recipe. That is how we came up with our *Old 504* - a vanilla coffee porter." Since then, they've done all types of beers. "We've created blondes, Irish reds, hazy IPAs, stouts, anything you can think of. We always try to be



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

From the Bayou to Big Ben

MIKE STRAIN, DVM
COMMISSIONER

I was recently invited to the United Kingdom with the US Agriculture Delegation in hopes to promote Louisiana spices, meet agricultural officials, tour farms and other agricultural sites, but most importantly, develop intergovernmental cooperation.

In recent years, the United Kingdom has left the European Union in a monumental event known as "Brexit." Since this change, the agriculture process in the UK has taken a hit. Farms that have been around for over 1,500 years cannot produce anywhere near what we are doing in Louisiana. They do not have tractors or combines, and at their core, lack modern techniques.

In a similar fashion to the recent efforts in Cuba, I met with members of parliament to discuss exporting Louisiana products across the pond. As farmers, our mission is to feed the world. Setting up these relationships with other countries is both beneficial for our economy but also aids the needs of the receiving party.

As we develop these relationships, there is also room for expansion. Already, we have begun selling rice to Cuba and are now in talk to sell other products such as poultry, chicken feed, and seeds. More precious than gold are seeds.

I will be in Cuba again this week and through all these negotiations, we are beginning to expand our export facilities. It is critical that we sell products overseas to increase our market prices.



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

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, DECEMBER 6, 2024

- Bermuda Large RoundFair/Good \$135-\$155/ton
- Bermuda Small SquareFair/Good \$235-\$265/ton

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

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BRAHMAN

PB Brahman bull, 18 months, \$1,000. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (979) 479-0929.

PB Brahman cow, 4 years old, gentle, good milk bag, very good bloodline, \$1,500. Sam Broussard, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (979) 479-0929.

BRANGUS

Ten Brangus/ Baldie heifers, gentle, 16-18 months old, 750 lb average, exposed to Angus bull for 90 days, worked and wormed, \$1,800 each or \$17,500 for all (preferred). Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 363-3196.

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

CHAROLAIS

Charolais bulls, breeding age, BSE and Trich negative 9/19/24, \$4,500 per bull. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

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

DAIRY

WANTED: Bred Jersey heifer. Leroy Arabie, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (985) 665-9773.

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Registered Miniature Hereford Heifer and Bull Calf, up to date on vaccines, cosmetically de-horned, sire and dam on site, \$3,000 each. Blaire LeBlanc, Saint Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 931-3450.

5 Registered polled Hereford bulls, sire is R Leader 6964, bulls born February 2023, fertility tested, sound and excellent EPDs, \$3,500 each. Denny Schenck, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 606-5797.

Registered polled Hereford bull, born March of 2023, thick, deep bodied bulls, outstanding pedigree, excellent EPDs, fertility tested and sound breeder, sire is out of R Leader and on site for viewing, \$3,500. James, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-6101.



OTHER

Scottish Highland Bull baby, should be black, 6-months-old, \$1,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

WAGYU

Registered PBB three year old virgin bulls, U85341 and U85342, also have younger bulls with great bloodlines available, \$4,000. John Murphy, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 912-0389.

DOGS

Heeler puppies born October 27, red and blue, working parents on site, \$300 each. Al Reames, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-1673.

Free, one white and black male Pitbull, less than a year old, one male half German Shepard, 1-2 years old. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 452-3826.

ASDR Mini Australian Shepard puppies, beautiful markings, most with blue eyes, females and males, born 9/17/2024, first vaccine done, call for pictures or questions, call for pricing. Bernadette Murphy, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 821-8301.

ASDR Mini Australian Shepard puppies, red Bi's and Tri's, Bi's, 1 female 3 males, born 10/15/2024, call for pictures or questions, call for pricing. Bernadette Murphy, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 821-8301.

Shih Tzu Christmas puppies, cute and fluffy, 4 boys, black and white and fawn color, ready in four weeks, no shots or papers, \$600 each. Cherry Taylor and Kermit Richard, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 349-7414.

AKC Belgian Malinois Pups, Excellent bloodlines, well socialized, easily trained, great family protection dogs, \$2,000. Cindi Gascon, Gretna, Jefferson Parish; (601) 299-0264.

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

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

Rat Terrier pups, born 10/18/24, small type, shots and wormed, \$250. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Cur pups, OMCBA registered, born July 17, 2024, shots and wormed, \$200. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

NKC registered Feist pups, born April 9, 2024, started on squirrels, tails bobbed, shots and wormed, \$400. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-0244.

Beautiful 11-month-old Pyrenees/ Anatolian male, good around goats, call for more information, \$250 OBO. James Dillon, Oakdale, Rapides Parish; (318) 748-7796.

AKC German Rottweiler puppies born November 13, ready for Christmas, tails docked, dew claws removed, will have first shots and wormed, 5 males, 4 females, taking deposits, \$900. Janet

White, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 625-4004.

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

Anatolian Shepherds born October 28, 2024, AKC registered parents, reside 24/7 in pasture, fully exposed to livestock and poultry. 2 male, 6 female available December 23, 2024, \$600. Lee Wise Jr., Goldonna, Winn Parish; (318) 576-3601.

Jack Russel puppies, squirrel dogs, house dogs, kill rodents, 1 male, 5 females, bark at intruders, ready in early 2025, \$75 deposit, \$150 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Purebred Jack Russell puppies, squirrel dogs, easily trained, 2 males, 4 females great Christmas present, \$75 deposit, \$150 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Belgium Malinois male, neutered, 2 1/2 years old, needs a younger owner, text for pictures, \$200. Ted Smith, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-6506.

Small CKC Registered Yorkie puppies, have shots, \$850, CKC Yorkiepoo puppies, ready for Christmas, \$800, taking deposits. Tommy Melancon, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 344-7634.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

9 Bourke parakeets, 2 rosy and 7 normals, all DNA tested, males, \$125 each. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 652-6614.



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.

10-year-old saddle horse gelding, gentle and gaited, \$2,500. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-7127.

AGHA Mr San Peppy, OK Star, Highbrow Cat bloodlines, all ages and genders, call or text for pricing. David Yount, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 332-3565.

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

6-year-old Paint Miniature stud, \$290. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

Mini horse boys, \$300, mini horse girls, \$500 most are bred, mini Burros boys, \$300, mini Burros, \$450 most are bred, baby Mule dark brown 24" tall, \$400. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

14.5 Buckskin Gelding 10 to 12-year-old broke to ride and very gently, \$1,700. Sonny Detraz, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-5172.

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

Silkie, Polish and Serama chicks, \$10-\$30 each, Silkie hatching eggs \$12 per dozen. Dianne Arndt, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 630-9558.

Red Jungle Fowl, sell out, \$20 per pair firm. Penny Baker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 390-9108.

Pekin ducks, \$15 each, Flying Mallard ducks, \$30 a pair. Ray Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4566.

Lavender Guineas, beautiful and young, \$25 each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

Blue Ameraucana chicks, straight run, please call for pricing. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

Rhode Island Red Chicks straight run. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

Baby Moscow ducks 3 weeks old, \$4. Vince Jordan, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 628-7636.

One pair of IB peacocks 7months old, \$150. Vince Jordan, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 628-7636.

WANTED: Brown Leghorns, Americana or Aurconas, both roosters, hens, or chicks. Randy Baker, DeRidder, Beauregard Parish; (337) 390-9108.

WANTED: Young Bantams trio. Richard Derouen, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; (337) 365-3786.

RABBITS

Netherland Dwarfs rabbits, whites, grays, blacks, black spotted whites, browns, \$20. Chester Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 783-3154.

SHEEP & GOATS

Registered African Pygmy goats, herd dispersal of various colors, ages, and sexes for pet, show, and breeding, \$50-500. Allison, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 884-8492.

Pb Dorpher ram, 10 months old, \$350. Blake Bertrand, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 665-0499.

9-month-old white Boer/ Saanen buckling goat, ask for

pictures, \$200. Dwain, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-4300.

Katahdin, 2 rams, 2 females, born 2/15/2024, \$150 each, 2 sets of twins, 1 female, 1 1/2 years, \$150. Jeremy LeDoux, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 230-1519.

Purebred Myotonic goat dispersal, no papers, 2 and 3 year old herd sires, \$250, 3 and 4 year old bred females, \$300, Yearling females \$150, weaned females, \$150. Ray Fugatt, Moss Bluff, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 842-6020.

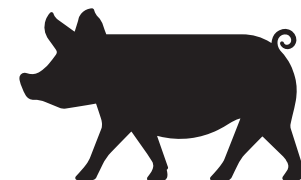
Registered 100% NZ Kiko buckling, born 1/22/24, very friendly, Sire - AKGA #20P054RMT36, Dam - AKGA# 20P108RMT52, call for pics and details, \$550. Tim Thousand, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 280-1205.

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

WANTED: Need to buy a few goats to clean up a small pasture, within 100 miles of Ruston. Skip Russell, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

SWINE

Pigs for sale, Hampshire and Yorkshire, barrows, gilts and boars, call for pricing. Audrey, Summit, MS, Tangipahoa Parish; (601) 248-0881.



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.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2019 305 CAT excavator, excellent condition, 3 buckets, 36-inch, 24-inch and 11-inch, \$62,000. Bert Lavergne, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-4167.



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

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

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

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.

We do light trackhoe work, light dozer work, stump grinding, and skidsteer work, \$1,000 minimum. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

HAY EQUIPMENT

310 Hayliner by New Holland, good working condition, call or text for pricing. Frank Hebert, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 304-1157.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, call for pricing. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 878-9765.

150 Bushel grain cart, \$2,500. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

670 John Deere side hay rake, \$1,000. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

Hay spear bolt on frontend bucket, \$200. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (985) 637-5984.

WANTED: New Holland 4X5 Hay Baler- BR 740 for parts. Don Willis, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; (985) 205-0348.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

John Deere model X718 ULTIMATE, 4WD, Diesel, 61" deck, good condition, asking \$4,900. Carl Rieger, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-4525.

Jari 42" sickle bar mower, Honda GX200 6 1/2 hp, excellent condition, \$650. George McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-6852.

Semi Trash pump model 109160 with Honda GX120 power, \$225. George McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-6852.

Stihl FS-56 straight shaft gas weed eater, excellent condition, \$120. Robert Roy, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 563-9111.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

John Deere 95-R Round back, 28" X 26" 7 grips, extra motor from 55 square back under-shed, mod-12 pull type, \$950. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000, Taylorway 8-row cultivator,

5-plow gangs with shields, \$800, Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

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

PLANTING & TILLAGE

Metal seeder, 700lb capacity, PTO connecting, \$250. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

Harrow plow, AMCO LTF 100B- 2022, width 7' 3", excellent condition, 20-disc quarter inch at 22" size, 2,450lbs, 3pt hitch, recommended minimum 60hp, stump jump springs, \$8,000. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (512) 673-3362.

Woods Disc Harrow, Model DHM6, 72" wide. Works fine, haven't used it for years, 13 years old. \$800. Lester Bourgeois, Schriever, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 637-3287.

3pt galvanized 9 1/2ft breaking plow, new plow, tax, title and license, \$3,900. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.



TRAILERS & WAGONS

Donahue equipment trailer, 28x7, good condition, \$550. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Shop made trailer with ramps and extra tires and rims, 19' long, 8' wide, \$850. D. F. Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 686-9066.

Cotton Trailers for storing Crawfish traps, Mardi Gras floats, hauling Hay, Nursery Bark potting, \$4,200 plus delivery available. T L Enright Sr, Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish; (318) 282-6299.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

2 3/8" pipe, 30ft to 31ft long, \$45 per joint. Adrian Landry, Pierre Part, Assumption Parish; (985) 226-1480.

Three, 3Point hook up middle buster, \$350 OBO. Albert Howard, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 223-0916.

Buckets for tractor, 5ft and 6ft, call for pricing. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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

Tracks for Trackhoes, one may have a bad spot, size 450X81 NSX76, \$200. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

12' Taylorway disc, fair condition, \$900. Charles

Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

15' stalk chopper, 3PT, heavy duty, good condition, \$1,999. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, 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.

2 10-ply 265X75XR16 KLEVERM/T Kenda, \$40 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

2 Combine sieves for JD 95, \$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

24' JD field cultivator, fair condition, \$600. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

3 grain carts, 2 tristate 250 and 350 BU, 1 Rayne grain 250BU, \$2,700 for all. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

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

1000-gallon fuel tanks used for diesel, \$1,000. Chester Lee Guidry, Morse, Acadia Parish; (337) 378-3154.

250-gallon spray tank with boomless nozzle, \$300. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

Buffalo 14ft wide, 18-wheeler hub on roller, \$2,000. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

Land leveler 30ft long, 17ft wide, \$2,500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

All size pipe, metal \$.50 per pound, Jam pot/bell, wagon wheel, small and big sausage stopper, sugar kettle, call for more information. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 713-4942.

Four 18inch Dodge steel wheel rims with Dodge center logo, like new, leave message, \$75 or best offer. Gary Horne, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (318) 335-5251.

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

15" heavy PVC fittings, new, never used, 15" PVC coupling, \$80, 15" PVC 45 degree angle fitting, \$174. Larry Duhon, Rayne, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.



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6' Bush Hog, \$1,000. Mike Schexnaydre, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-8123.

4 Michelin tires, LT275/70R18, \$200 for all. Ronnie Fairchild, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 647-4299.

200 AMP double throw switch, \$200. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

200 Gallon sprayer with hoses, pump and broadcast nozzle, in fair condition, \$200. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

Category II top link for New Holland tractor, \$150. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

Four rear wheel weights for John Deere 4020 tractor, \$100. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

Heavy Duty Steel Gantry Crane A-Frame with two 2-ton chain hoists and beam roller, height 9ft, base 6ft4, length 12ft, \$3,300. Wade Rosteet, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 540-3678.

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

WANTED: Used Bushhog 296 gearbox, Darrin Manuel, Longville, Beauregard Parish; (337) 532-8814.

WANTED: Gear box for Howse bush hog or whole cutter for

parts. Jeff Clark, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (985) 514-8178.

WANTED: 8 to 10ft 2-way towable with hydraulic lift, no 3pt lift. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

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

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

Long horn saddle, comfort cutter by Billy Cook, 15 1/2 " saddle, \$400, leather halter, \$10. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 686-9066.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

WANTED: Used Utility shed, sized 8X8 to 12X12, to keep my tools in, Raymond, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

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

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

Culvert pipe concrete, \$400. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Set of concrete steps, small crack on the side, \$35. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

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

Oat Tank, heavy duty steel, holds about 2,400 lbs, great condition, on skids, \$2,000. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-1239.

LT275X70X18 Mickey Thompson tire, \$70. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

One or more 18.4-38 R2 bias rear tractor tires, 14.9-46 rear tractor tire R1 or R2, one or more 18-4-42 10-hole wheel for INT tractor with or without tire, call for pricing. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

400 used crawfish cages, \$3 each. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

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

Big chicken cage, call for pricing. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

Birdcage, \$100. Gary Hebert, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-4942.

16ft Waterlevel blade, \$950. Kentry Prather, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 466-2058.

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

10 ft joints of used well pipe, 8" \$80 per joint, 10" \$100 per joint, can load. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

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

Cow pen to be moved, 40'X80' with 30' work site and head gate, 7 gates, \$2,000. Maxie Johnson, St. Landry, Evangeline Parish; (318) 715-9373.

Visqueen laying machine, factory built, \$2,000. Mike Schexnaydre, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-8123.

Wood heater Papa Bear, \$2,500. Samuel Roland, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 445-3244.

Iron Beam, 17 1/2ftX6inX7in, \$300. Tommy Montgomery, Lottie, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-5724.

WANTED: 2 original, 36-inch, wood wagon wheels with wood hubs. Debra Lambert, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-0072.

FERTILIZER

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.

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

Chicken litter or ag lime spreader, we spread it all over LA, ask that you order 4 or more loads, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

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

FOOD

EGGS

Pharaoh quail egg, \$.20, Pickled egg, \$.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 3-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$2.50 male. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (337) 856-5884.

FROM THE FARM

GrangeGroceries is an app connecting local communities with local producers, if you grow any food and would like to sell directly to consumers, join our app today. Alyssa, Orleans Parish; (337) 523-5063.

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

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

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Louisiana Mirlitons for sale from heirloom plants. Original vines from pre-Katrina Metairie, \$5/pound. Marguerite Constantine, Moreauville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-0954.

HAY & GRAIN

Bahia grass hay, 4X5 bales, clean, second-cutting, no rain, net wrapped, barn kept, bales tight and heavy, \$50 per roll. Roland Fontenot, Pine Prairie, Evangeline Parish; (337) 599-2021.

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

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

4X5 good, fertilized, clean hay, no weeds, treated grass string, \$50 per roll. Charles Bell, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 839-9222.

Bahia hay 5X4 round bales, cow hay, \$25 per roll. Clifton McZeal, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 278-9770.

Bahia hay, fertilized, no rain in barn, \$7 square bales, \$40-60 per roll. Danny Schleismann, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-8341.

2024 Horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, fourth cutting, fertilized, sprayed, fine stem hay, tight square bales, \$7 in barn. David Joiner, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-3073.

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

Clean mixed Bahia and Dallas grass hay, second cutting, 4X5 bales, \$30. Eddie Sullivan, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-3641.

Large hay bales, Jackson Rye grass, \$58 per bale, Crabgrass-Bahia grass, cared without rain, \$48 per bale, all under hay barn, will load. Ernest Spears, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 229-8430.

28 Acres Jiggs Bermuda Pasture to be cut for hay, \$2,500 per year starting 2025 Hay Season. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

4X5 Bahia, net wrapped, no rain, horse quality, kept in barn, delivery available, \$55 per bale in barn, \$45 outside ten or more \$35. Homer Dutsch, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 807-4046.

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

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

2024 mixed grass hay, 6X5 bales, \$30 per bale. Kentry Prather, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 466-2058.

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

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

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

Common / NK 37 hybrid Bermuda squares sprayed & fertilized. Also have round 4x5 net wrapped Bermuda, \$8/\$9/\$10 and \$40. Lee Romero, Kaplan, Vermillion Parish; (337) 298-8658.

Bahia square bales baled Saturday October 19, 2024, \$6 per bale. Marvin, Holden, Livingston Parish; (225) 567-1428.

Bahia 4X5 round bale, kept in barn, \$45 per bale. Michael Gueringer, Kinder, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 526-5835.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, \$45 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

4X5 net wrapped mixed hay, \$35, 4X5 net wrapped pure Alicia Bermuda, fertilized and sprayed, \$70. Steve Miller, Iota, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-0963.

100 Russell Bermuda 4x5 net wrapped fertilized clean horse/cow, \$50, 200 fertilized clean common Bermuda, \$40, local delivery. Tim Peart, Lecompte, Rapides Parish; (318) 308-5701.

Bahia hay field for rent on a percentage bases of bales produced, average round bales produced is between 60-66 per cutting. Timothy Butler, New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish; (985) 209-6960.

2024 crop, Argentine Bahia, barn kept, fertilized, 4X4 1/2 rolls, \$50 per roll, 10 or more 40. Wayne Prats, Plainview, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

HOBBY & LEISURE

CRAFTS & WOODWORK

Cypress wood duck nest boxes, all made of new cypress



wood, \$40 each. James LaBorde, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 240-4772.

Cypress wood duck nest boxes, \$55 each. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-7925.

Predator guards, \$30 each. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-7295.

SEWING & FABRICS

Baby Lock Spirit Embroidery Machine Model BLPY, like new, used very little, \$2,500 firm. Sharon Hargis, Vick, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-0023.

Commander vintage sewing machine, used Sears model 605, pedal and power cord included, no case, working condition unknown, pretty item for display, \$60. Simpson Neal, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 500-5515.

OTHER HOBBY & LEISURE

2,000 Louisiana hard covers, 1st edition books, all categories, 1800s through 1964, \$3,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

FISHING AND TACKLE

Catfish wire nets, 3ft tall, around 15-inch diameter, will not ship, \$45 each. Thomas Clifford, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 613-9829.

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Diamond Back Firearms DB10, .308 caliber Rifle on an AR platform, 2 magazines, used very little, good condition, \$1,000. Craig A Laborde, Saint Landry, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-7802.

JC Higgins model 101-16, S.L.L.R, like new, \$260. J.H. Boss, Church Point, Lafayette Parish; (337) 896-5783.

Smith and Wesson revolver, 6-shot 44 special, \$600 OBO. Jimmie Newsom, Kelly, Caldwell Parish; (318) 953-4237.

357 Ruger revolver, never shot, new condition, \$600. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

MISC. HUNT/ FISH/CAMP

WANTED: Woodland camo BDU or fatigue military shirts, 2XXL size, and western snap closure shirts. Bob LeMaster, Summit, MS; (601) 248-8843.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

15 lots, water available and electricity, for new construction, \$600,000, prefer to sell all at once. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572

47.1 acres of land, Lincoln parish off parish road 820, pond, utilities available, close to Squire Creek golf course, \$11,000 per acre. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

260+/- acres of agriculture, woods, and batture, 840 ft frontage LA 3127 and LA 18, RR crossing property, \$7,000 per acre, negotiable. T. Bourgeois, Vacherie, St. James Parish; (985) 859-2341.

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EQUINE SERVICES

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

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

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

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Commercial and residential demo, land clearing, lowboy

hauling, roll back service, debris haul off w/dump trailer or trucks, dirt, sand, gravel, limestone, pit run, call for quote. Francis Keller, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-8499.

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We do roofing, fences, stump grinding, concrete and underground drainage, handyman available, we work with insurance companies, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

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

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

WANTED: Walk-in Raccoon traps. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

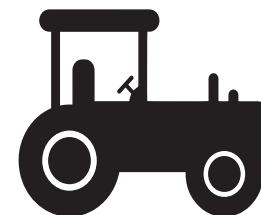
STALLION SERVICE

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

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

TRACTORS

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



Kubota M6040 4wd canopy top 8 speed shuttle shift 19xx hours, with Woods dual 195 loader, good condition, used daily, \$23,000. Anthony Santangelo, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-3928.

M-H 44-LP Rare project tractor, \$600. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

Two Agri-Cats, one 4WD and one 2WD, \$1,200 both. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

Two Belarus A-5 250, new Injector pump, \$1,200 both. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

Two Deutz 40-06, one running the other for parts, \$3,400 all. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; (318) 201-8807.

9130 230 HP Case, 6,400 hours, \$12,000. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

99 Massey Ferguson 4253 4WD with cab and loader, with bucket and bale spear, AC blows cold, tractor has been well cared for, \$25,000. Lamar Holmes, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

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

1937 Allis Chalmers WC unstyled, excellent pulling 4,000lb tractor, call for pricing. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

1950 Minneapolis- Moline UTU, electronic magneto, new 16.9X38 rear tires, not the original engine, lots of upgrades, excellent 5,500 pound to 7,500 pound tractor, call for pricing. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

Farmall 560 gasoline, electronic ignition, doctored carburetor, deluxe seat, narrow front, \$4,000. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

International wide front end, from 560, \$500. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

JD 520 2-cylinder gasoline, new water pump, electronic ignition, roll-o-matic, fairly new rear tires, \$4,500. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

JD 820 2-cylinder diesel 1958 black dash converted to electric start, pony motor available, new front tires, diesel engine overhauled with crankshaft and bearings, pistons, rings and valves, call for pricing. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

JD wide front end with tires, from 4020, \$750. Thomas Sitton, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 237-1426.

WANTED: 2 post canopy for Farmall tractor and a weight bracket for front of tractor. Ray Roden, Ringald, Bienville Parish; (318) 401-4486.

VEHICLES

ATVS

Yamaha Rhino 660, Halogen lights, front and rear windshield, new seat covers, \$2,250. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

BOATS

Crawfish boat, 6ft wide, 16ft long, Kohler 25hp motor, \$3,500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

2018 Seadoo GTI Limited with only 19 hours, one owner and bought in 2018 from Lafayette Powersports, clean title on jet ski and trailer, \$10,000. Ike Richard, Duson, Lafayette Parish; (337) 945-7719.

Storage Available for boats, campers, Rv's, trucks,

trailers, and equipment, covered and uncovered options, \$175. Shayne Knapp, Vidalia, Concordia Parish; (601) 807-6705.

Brand new 16hp Briggs Vanguard engine, mounted on go devil frame not a homemade frame, \$1,800. Thad Broussard, Erath, Vermilion Parish; (337) 937-6781.

FARM TRUCKS

2008 F250 Super Duty, gas with flat bed and storage box excellent condition, has fifth wheel hook up, 49,758 original miles, \$14,500. John Leger, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 308-9185.

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

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

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

2005 F-350 flat bed with fuel tank and toolboxes, excellent condition, 121,000 miles,

\$21,000. Bert Lavergne, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-4167.

2010 F750 9yd dump truck, excellent condition, 6.7 Cummins Diesel, 123,000 miles, \$41,500. Bert Lavergne, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 230-4167.

1984 1-ton Chevy diesel truck with lift bed, used to dump hay bales, \$700. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

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

1990 Wayne bus, 125,000 miles, \$3,000, 700' 2" schedule 40 PcP, \$600. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

3 trucks for sale and 2 flat bed trailer, flat bed 53ft and 48 ft, 2000 Peterbilt, 2004 Peterbilt and 2007 International, trucks can be sold individually or with the trailers, \$40,000-55,000 or negotiable. Larry Hutchins, Winnsboro, Catahoula Parish; (601) 807-3523.



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CERTIFIED DELICIOUS RECIPES



BEEF BROTH

Submitted by Three Twelve Beef

Ingredients:

1 cup apple cider vinegar
 Beef bones
 Water
 Onions
 Carrots
 Cabbage
 Any additional vegetables
 Cheesecloth

Instructions:

Brown beef bones on broil in the oven until golden. Place bones in a large stock pot and cover with a generous amount of water. Bring to a simmer, not a rolling boil. Skim the top of the pot with a strainer. Add apple cider vinegar and vegetables. Simmer for 24 hours or longer (can also use a crockpot). Filter by pouring over a cheesecloth and strainer. Cook down for an additional 12 to 24 hours, adding no water to make a strong concentrate. Can be stored in the freezer until ready for use.



BAKED BRIE

Submitted by Robin's Rockin' Cajun Pepper Jelly

Ingredients:

6 14 x 18 sheets phyllo dough
 1 stick butter, melted
 1 lb. round brie
 1 jar of Robin's Rockin' Cajun Pepper Jelly, any flavor
 Crackers for serving

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Before opening the phyllo dough, have a clean, dry cloth on hand to cover the phyllo that you are not working with. Unroll the phyllo dough and lay one sheet onto a large cutting board. With a pastry brush, brush the dough with melted butter. It's okay if it tears a bit – as you use more layers of phyllo dough, the tears will be covered. Wrap phyllo around the brie (you can use more butter to get the folds to stick to the brie). Take the next sheet and brush it with melted butter. Place the wrapped brie fold side down in the center of the phyllo sheet and wrap around the brie. Repeat until you have wrapped 5 sheets around the cheese, always turning the cheese over each time so that the folds are on the bottom. Brush a generous amount of butter on your 6th sheet of phyllo dough, then spread the Robin's Rockin' Cajun Pepper Jelly across the top of the wheel. Gently place the phyllo over the Pepper Jelly, butter side down, being careful not to tear the dough. Finish wrapping the brie with the dough, folding the edges underneath the brie and using additional butter as needed to smooth the phyllo folds around the cheese. Brush additional butter over the top. Place in a round baking pan or on a cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes in 425 degree F oven or until lightly brown. Let sit for 5 minutes before serving with crackers.





BLACKENED WALLEYE

Submitted by Acadian Kitchens

Ingredients:

- 6 Walleye fillets
- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 4 Tbsp. Cajun Choice's Blackened Seasoning

Instructions:

Place fillets into a hot pan without crowding. Carefully pour about 1 teaspoon melted butter over each fillet. Cook until fish has a charred appearance, about 2 minutes. Turn fillets, spoon 1 teaspoon melted butter on each and cook until charred. Repeat with any remaining fish.

SAUTÉ MUSHROOMS

Submitted by Cajun Blast Seasoning

Ingredients:

- 4 8 oz. packages of tiny, whole mushrooms
- 3 medium onions
- 2 large bell peppers
- 10 oz. of bacon
- 4 oz. Lee & Perrin
- 8 oz. Cajun Blast Lemon Herb Basting Sauce
- 4 Tbsp. chopped garlic
- Cajun Blast Creole Seasoning



Instructions:

Cut onions, bell pepper, and bacon into 1-inch squares. Mix with whole mushrooms and season with Cajun Blast Creole Seasoning and chopped garlic. Coat all with Lee & Perrin and Cajun Blast Lemon Herb Basting Sauce. Cook on medium heat until vegetables are soft. Serve as a hors-d'oeuvre or over pasta as a side.

<https://cajunblast.cajuncreolemarket.com>

CERTIFIED SPOTLIGHT



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Briggs Blanchard is the founder and owner of Blanchard's Cajun Seasoning. Growing up in Southern Louisiana, whether it was hunting, fishing or crawfishing with his dad and grandpa, he spent most of his time in the outdoors. Cooking Cajun cuisine is in his family's roots! That's why Briggs decided to start a company that produces authentic Cajun seasoning without any MSG. To buy online or find a store near you that carries Blanchard's Seasoning, visit <https://www.blanchardscajunseasoning.com/>.

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USDA to conduct the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties this winter to provide a comprehensive picture of the U.S. horticulture industry. Survey codes will be mailed this month to more than 40,000 horticulture producers nationally to respond online, including more than 350 producers in Louisiana. Collected just once every five years, the Census of Horticultural Specialties is the only source of detailed production and sales data for U.S. floriculture, nursery, and specialty crop industries, including greenhouse food crops.

"Horticulture is a very important part of U.S. agriculture and our economy," said Kathy Broussard, State Statistician, Louisiana Field Office. "Responding to this census is the best way for growers to help associations, businesses, and policymakers advocate for their industry, and influence program decisions and technology development over the next five years."

The 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties results will expand the 2022 Census of Agriculture data with information on horticultural crop production, value of products, square footage used for growing crops, production expenses, and more. Producers who receive the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties are required to respond by federal law (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113), as it is part of the Census of Agriculture program. The same federal law that requires producers to respond also requires NASS to keep all individual information confidential.

Growers are asked to use their unique survey code to complete the horticulture census online via NASS' secure website. The online questionnaire is user friendly, accessible on most electronic devices, and saves producers time by calculating totals and automatically skipping questions that don't apply to their operations.

The deadline for response is February 14, 2025. Results will be available December 16, 2025, in the Quick Stats database at quickstats.nass.usda.gov. For more information about the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties, visit nass.usda.gov/go/hort.



2024 CENSUS OF HORTICULTURAL SPECIALTIES

Your response means stronger data.
Good data inform better decisions.

Respond online, by mail,
or phone by February 14, 2025.

COMING THIS DECEMBER
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USDA United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE #AgCensus

USDA to Collect 2024 Agricultural Data

Starting in late November, a sample of producers around the country received Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2024 production of crops.

NASS contacted nearly 1,500 Louisiana producers to determine 2024 crop acreage, yield, and production as well as to gather quantities of grains and oilseeds stored. The data will help the industry evaluate export potential and calculate the supply of crops available for the marketing year.

Producers can respond to the Agricultural Survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by phone or fax, or by mail. Producers who have not responded may be contacted by a NASS representative from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

"NASS safeguards the privacy of respondents by keeping all

individual information confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only to ensure that no operation or producer can be identified," said Kathy Broussard, NASS Louisiana State Statistician. "We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their participation."

NASS will publish state and national data in the quarterly Grain Stocks and annual Crop Production reports on January 10, 2025, on the NASS website.

The survey data also contributes to USDA's World Agricultural Outlook Board's monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE).

All NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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Simple Hack Makes Louisiana Live Christmas Trees Last Longer

Thanksgiving is a bloated memory for most in Louisiana. Now it's time to turn our attention to the other holiday tradition. That would be getting the Christmas Tree

Louisiana loves its Christmas Trees and while many families have opted for the convenience of an artificial tree there are some of us traditionalists who just can't enjoy the season without a live tree.

What Can I Do To Make My Live Christmas Tree Last Longer?

If you can boil water then you can add an extra week to maybe ten days to the "freshness" of your fresh-cut Christmas Tree.

First, choose a vibrant and healthy tree that looks great to begin with. Check the needles and make sure they are firm and firmly attached. The branches should bend but not break. This is the kind of tree you're looking for.

Second, boil a pan of water. Just bring it to a boil and let it sit for five minutes. Now, add that hot

water to your Christmas Tree's water pan. Insert the tree as usual and voila, you're done.

Why is Hot Water Good For Christmas Trees?

Experts in the Christmas Tree field, both literally and figuratively, say the hot water "melts" or softens the tree sap that has hardened at the base of the tree where it was cut. The warmth allows the sap to flow, clearing any blockages caused by hardened sap. This allows for better moisture distribution throughout the tree.

Of course, to keep your tree green and fresh for the entire holiday season you'll want to check the tree's water pan daily. No, you don't need to add hot or warm water to the pan every time but room-temperature water would certainly be better than adding cold water to the pan. Again, it helps with moisture distribution throughout the tree.

By Bruce Mikells, KPEL



Crawfish Season 2025: Louisiana Experts Predict Early Start and Strong Harvest

As the holiday season approaches, Louisiana is gearing up for the return of one of its most beloved traditions soon after: crawfish season. While it's not quite here yet, experts are optimistic that the 2025 season will bring an early and plentiful harvest, a welcome change from last year's challenges.

Todd Fontenot, a crawfish specialist with the LSU AgCenter, has been closely monitoring crawfish farms across the state. The good news? Crawfish are emerging earlier than they did last year, setting the stage for a strong season ahead.

"We're seeing a lot of newly hatched crawfish emerging now," Fontenot said in an interview with WBRZ last week. "Last year, this didn't happen until mid-December or even January in some areas. This earlier emergence is a very positive sign for farmers and consumers alike."

Louisiana Crawfish Farms Recovering from a Tough 2023

In Louisiana, most crawfish farming is tied to rice production. After rice fields are harvested, they're flooded to create ponds where crawfish grow. This year, farmers were able to flood their fields as early as October, giving crawfish ample time to grow before the season's official kickoff.

"This is a complete turnaround from last year," Fontenot explained. "The extreme heat we

experienced in 2023 baked the ground, and we believe many crawfish didn't survive in their burrows. Those that did emerge were delayed, leading to a reduced harvest overall."

The improved weather conditions and early activity in 2024 are encouraging signs for the industry, which plays a vital role in Louisiana's economy and culture.

Crawfish Are Already Making Early Appearances

Although crawfish season hasn't officially started, some seafood vendors in Louisiana have already gotten a sneak peek at what's to come.

Another promising indicator? The price of early crawfish this year. One Baton Rouge restaurant, B&T Seafood, started selling at \$10.99 per pound, significantly lower than last year's starting price of \$14.99, according to WBRZ. This suggests that supply will be much stronger in 2025, translating to better prices for consumers throughout the season.

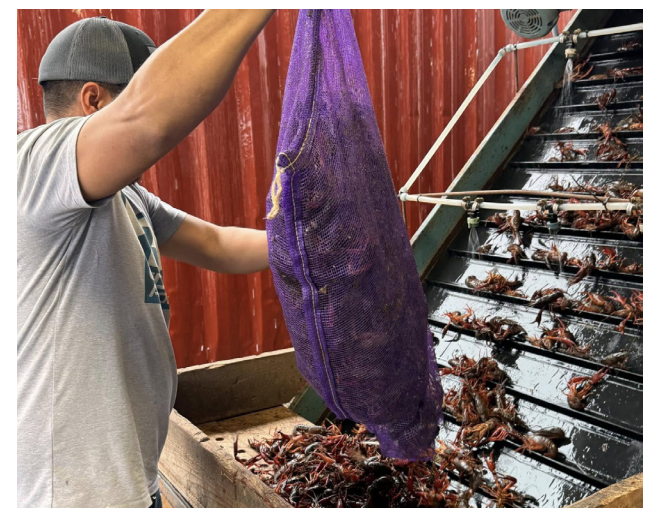
What This Means for Louisiana

The early signs of a stronger crawfish season are more than just good news for seafood lovers. They represent a vital economic boost for Louisiana's farmers, seafood markets, and restaurants, many of which rely on strong crawfish sales to thrive.

For Louisiana families, the prospect of gathering around a pile of boiled crawfish feels a little closer with each passing day. "This season is looking like it'll bring crawfish back to the tables of families and restaurants sooner and at better prices," Fontenot said.

With optimism high and early shipments already selling out, the countdown to crawfish season has officially begun. Crawfish lovers, get ready—2025 is shaping up to be a season to remember.

By: Joe Cunningham, KPEL



HOP-Y HOLIDAYS... *continued from front*

very creative with what we do and try to give people something new," says Erickson.

"When I try to think of new products, I want to do something different, something that we don't already have," states Kristen Hasney, Head Brewer at Chafunkta Brewing. "The different beer styles depend on your different ingredients. For example, the kind of malt you use can change the color and flavor and make a completely different beer style."

"We like to use local ingredients as much as possible," says Hasney. "Local helping local - that's what we like to say. So, for the *Old 504* coffee porter, we use FLAMJEAUX coffee, a local coffee shop in Mandeville."



If you are new to the craft beer scene, you may be asking yourself what exactly qualifies for the title. Craft beer is defined as "a beer made in a traditional or non-mechanized way by a small brewery," meaning the beer uses conventional methods and at least semi-conventional ingredients during the brewing process. The two main qualities of craft beer are that small, independent breweries make them and allow for unlimited experimentation.

Another distinction worth making is that of a nanobrewery, like Chafunkta. A nanobrewery

is a loosely defined term but can describe any brewery that 1) makes very, very little beer (say, between one and three barrels or roughly ninety gallons at a time), and/or 2) boasts an ultra-limited distribution footprint.

With that in mind, you can guess the intended audience for craft beer. It's for people who want something new, want to experiment, want to leave their comfort zones, and have fun. Another important aspect of the craft beer scene is the social aspect. Small, tight-knit communities are at the heart of the practice. Unlike big brands, craft breweries serve niche audiences from where they themselves sprang up.

Chafunkta Brewing excels in the community and social aspects of the craft. The Tap Room at Chafunkta offers fun activities and local food trucks. Weekly events include a Monday running club, \$5 Yoga on Tuesdays with a free beer with social media check-in, Murph's Magical Mystery Trivia Ride on Wednesdays, Pint Night on Thursdays with Bingo, food trucks on Fridays & Saturdays, and on Sundays: "Pups and Pints" where you can bring your dog to get your second pint free. Additionally, a percentage of all sales from "Pups and Pints" are donated to the Northshore Humane Society. Other occasional events include Saints and LSU tailgate parties and holiday events.

"We do lots with charities and the local community here at Chafunkta," says Ian Welcome, Chafunkta Director of Operations. "Each quarter, we host cooking for a cause. We pick a local charity or cause to do a cook-off for. We've just completed our first chili cook-off, which was a great success."

"As a member of the Certified family of businesses, this company is integrated into not only the local community but also the entire state," says LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM. "And you can tell Chafunkta is very community-oriented because people come here in the evening for more than the delicious beer. They come for the yoga classes, the camaraderie, and/or the beers that donate portions of their proceeds to local charities."

Chafunkta prides itself on its belief that passion and personal attention result in great-tasting, complex craft beer. Love and attention are facets of every part of the process, providing consistency and quality to the drinker.

This holiday season may be a great time to try craft beer. A great craft beer can help elevate your holiday table or celebration. With an abundance of styles and flavors, these artisanal



brews pair perfectly with a rich roast and a cozy fireplace. Whether you're gathering gifts for your beer-loving friends or stocking the fridge for family celebrations, a Certified Louisiana Craft Beverage family member will have just the thing.

"Craft beverages have been a tremendous revolution in Louisiana. They are growing exponentially," remarks Commissioner Strain. "Everyone wants to drink locally. So, when you are out in the bar or restaurants or are traveling throughout our great state, ask what is fresh and local so that you can be sure to taste our culture - taste Louisiana. Be sure to ask for Certified Louisiana."

"We are super easy to find," exclaims Erickson. "We are really active on social media, so that is the best way to keep up with what we are doing. We are also in bars and restaurants anywhere in Baton Rouge and on the North and South shores of New Orleans. Anywhere in those areas that carry craft brews can carry us, so if you don't see us and would like to, just mention it to them, and we'll get it to them."

"If you have a product that is produced in Louisiana, we invite you to give us a call and join the Certified family of businesses," remarks Commissioner Strain. "Small businesses, like Chafunkta, continue to grow and employ more people. These are long-term jobs. You can tell the people here are invested in not only the company but in the community, and that is what this is all about."

Most of the state's craft breweries offer regular tasting tours, so for a refreshing day, designate a driver and plot a course for one of these crafty spots throughout our state. Chafunkta Brewing would undoubtedly love to see you! Check them out at <https://chafunkta.square.site/> or <https://www.facebook.com/chafunktabrew>.

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2024 Tree Farmer of the Year

Covering 862 woodland acres in East Feliciana Parish, The Shades Plantation has been a witness to Louisiana's history since the 18th century.

Located near the community of Wilson, the plantation was established by Alexander Scott in 1796, whose family first landed on America's East Coast from Galway, Scotland in 1690. Nine generations later, this unique place remains in the hands of a Scott descendant, Jackie Berger Harvey, who continues to nurture this remarkable family legacy.

Originally part of a Spanish land grant, The Shades has had multiple uses over the years, growing cotton and other crops, hardwood and pine timber, livestock and hay, as well as supporting wildlife and recreation.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Shades has been selected as winner of the Louisiana Forestry Association's annual Tree Farmer of the Year award, which was presented during the organization's annual meeting in Lake Charles in August.

"It's a beautiful place. This land has been managed by the same family for over 228 years. I truly feel that there is not a piece of land that has this much history in the entire state," said forester Ronald Ard, who nominated the property for the award. Both Ron and Jackie are members of the Feliciana Forestry Association as well as the LFA.

"It is a huge honor to get this award," said Jackie, who grew up in the stately Shades Plantation home along with her sister Scott. Their parents, George and Edrye Berger, raised beef and dairy cattle and sheep on the land, along with soybeans, corn, hay and timber, and had a freshwater shrimp farm for a time.

Jackie has happy memories growing up on this land, climbing the ancient oaks that surround the house, roaming the forests and splashing in the creeks. Jackie recalls her parents inviting friends there to hunt, fish and pick berries on the property over the years.

"My roots run as deep here as these old oaks," she said. "This place is part of my heritage, part of my being. This is my home. Everywhere else I have lived has been a house. I want my children to see this as their home, too"

In a remarkable twist to the story of this tree farm, Jackie and her husband Melvin S. Harvey Jr., have family ties that go back generations. The couple knew each other as children, and two of their ancestors — John Livingston Delee and Alexander Scott — were also friends from nearby plantations.

They relate the story that Delee and Scott fought together alongside General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812, defending New Orleans from the invading British. In 1819, on his way home to the Mt. Delee Plantation, Delee spent his wedding night with his bride at The Shades. Two hundred years later in March of 2018, their descendants — Melvin and Jackie — were married in California, thus linking the Scott, Berger, Delee and Harvey families.

Environmental Improvement

The land is about 40 percent hardwood and 60 percent planted pine in what once were open fields, intersected by ponds, deer stands and food plots for game. Forester Ron Ard is currently at work designing and implementing a management plan for the acreage that promises to reinvigorate and sustain the property for years to come.

"We drew up a plan to get the land back in good shape and we are now implementing that plan," said Ard. "The reason they want me in the equation now is to help them bring the land back to the way it was. I think we can accomplish that within the next two years."

That plan includes timber harvests, reforestation, controlled burns and enhancements to wildlife management. Water bars have been built to inhibit erosion in selected areas.

"It's been 12 years since any controlled burns have been conducted here," Ard added.

Wild About Wildlife

The family enjoys deer hunts on the property and derives income from turkey and deer hunting leases on portions of the land.

As her parents did, Jackie has worked with LSU researchers on research and practices that help improve the herd. Working with the deer hunting lessees, the Harveys have created an outreach program that invites terminally ill youth to participate in deer hunts.



Jackie Harvey, center, and her husband, Melvin, pictured with their forester Ron Ard, manage The Shades in Wilson, the 2024 Tree Farmer of the Year. (Photo by Melanie Torbett)

"One of the great pleasures I have is when kids that are fighting cancer are able to come out on the property and take their first game," said Jackie. "To see the look on their faces, for them to experience the thrill of the hunt and observe the wildlife ... I get emotional each time I think about it."

Wildlife on the land also includes wild turkeys, rabbits and squirrels. Ard said the Harveys hope to encourage duck nesting by adding duck boxes near the ponds. He added that blackbelly whistler ducks, also known as Mexican squealers, are increasing in the state, and they hope to attract them. Other plans call for adding fruit trees such as crabapple, mayhaw and others in open fields for deer and as pollinators for bees.

Among the ownership challenges Jackie cites are "making sure the right people are managing the land, making sure the people who lease and hunt the land are good stewards of the land and the wildlife."

She added that food plots, roads and property lines are always challenging to maintain, and Jackie takes part in such chores.

"We keep food plots on the property year-round, planted twice a year in the spring and fall, which supply nutrients the wildlife need. It's never a dull moment here."

Lasting Legacy

Ard pointed out that finding local mills to take timber harvests nowadays is a hurdle for timberland producers in the region.

"Our challenge here is that we have very little timber market," said Ard. "It's hard for us as private landowners to get in all the pine pulpwood that needs to be thinned."

"Running a timber plantation, there is always something to do, including maintaining a 228-year-old house, which was built when George Washington was still alive," said Jackie. The house was built by Alexander Scott in 1796 with timber cut from the property and bricks made on site. The property was initially known as Scott Plantation and later renamed The Shades owing to the many live oaks Scott planted around the home in the early 1800s.

"This property is a lasting legacy to the Scott family from Galway, Scotland," said Jackie. "I've been fortunate enough to have been reared on this land and will pass this on to my children and to their children for generations to come. Matthew and my daughter Amelia will be the 10th generation to manage this property. I do want to keep that family connection, of loving the land."

By: Melanie Torbett, Louisiana Forestry Association

Dry early fall affecting pecan quality for some producers

Some Louisiana pecan producers could amass a larger pile of rejected nuts because of abnormally dry weather through the late summer and early fall, said Michael Polozola, the LSU AgCenter state fruit and nut specialist.

A lack of rain just before harvest prevented some pecans from filling out, Polozola said, leading to lower yields for many producers.

“It’s not that the overall pecan crop will be of low quality, but there will be pockets of lower quality due to the late-season drought. While some early season pecans were well-developed, poor fill and kernel quality will be more of an issue for pecans that drop later in the season.”

Pecan production is a multimillion-dollar business throughout Louisiana, with native trees and improved orchards producing 6.9 million pounds of the nuts in 2023, a crop worth \$7.6 million, according to the 2023 Louisiana Summary, a publication published by the LSU AgCenter. Pecan harvest season begins in October and lasts until Christmas, with different varieties of pecans reaching a mature stage at different points in the season. Many producers plan to finish by Thanksgiving.

Prices for pecans have dropped nationwide, Polozola said, even though Hurricane Helene hurt the crop in Georgia, which is the nation’s largest pecan producer with more than 170,000 acres of pecan trees. Polozola has seen prices in Louisiana range from 48 to 80 cents per pound depending on the variety.

Not all pecan growers are suffering. Some pecan producers with orchards that have high water tables, including those near the Mississippi River in Pointe Coupee Parish, have reported higher yields and fewer quality issues,



Polozola said.

Many pecan varieties have an alternate bearing tendency, which means trees produce a larger crop in one year — an “on year” — and then a smaller crop the following year, Polozola said. For producers experiencing an on year this fall, more pecans might go to the reject pile.

Abnormally dry weather that began in 2022 and peaked with a sustained drought in 2023 did not severely affect pecan production, Polozola said. Some diseases that affect yield, such as pecan scab, do not gain a foothold in dry conditions, he said.

“Even though there were some varieties that did well because of the drier conditions, it’s not something we would want to happen all the time,” he said. “It has a cumulative negative effect on tree health, and we had two years in a row of that, and it was hard.”

Looking ahead, producers are concerned about the trend of adverse weather conditions creating challenging production environments and consistently low pecan prices, Polozola said. They are exploring strategies to mitigate these effects, such as selecting low-input varieties, to continue producing with fewer resources.

By: Kyle Peveto, LSU AgCenter

Forest-product gift ideas for the Holidays

Let forest products take center stage at your holiday with these gift ideas! Forest management is vital to forest health and forest products make sure the benefits of trees keep on giving.

Tip: Look for FSC or SFI labels to ensure your forest products are sustainably sourced.

Forest-product gifts for the *dad who “doesn’t need anything”*

- sandalwood and pine candles
- whiskey aged in white oak barrels
- locally-grown nuts to snack on
- BBQ smoking wood chips
- a guitar (and maybe some lessons...)
- back scratcher

Forest-product gifts for the *cool best friend*

- charcuterie board
- wooden jewelry
- collectible or personalized matches
- journal or notebook
- handmade wreath or decor
- cute wooden bowls or mugs

Forest-product gifts for the *office white elephant*

- a desk organizer
- puzzles (bonus if it’s tree-themed)
- wooden kitchen supplies for the resident baker
- locally-produced maple syrup

Lecture on hemp fiber highlights its history, modern relevance

Casey Stannard admits she didn't have any experience with hemp fiber throughout her studies and career in apparel design until she took on a recent research project.

The associate professor in the LSU College of Agriculture Department of Textiles, Apparel Design and Merchandising said that was the case for many of her students and colleagues even though hemp was the first cultivated fiber, with evidence of hemp ropes in ancient China and along the Dead Sea dating back between 3,000 and 10,000 B.C.E.

Stannard presented a lecture on Nov. 8 at the Louisiana Old State Capitol showcasing the multifaceted history, uses and industry potential of hemp fiber. The lecture was part of Hemp Impressions: Sustainable Fiber and Fashion Reimagined, a pop-up exhibition of hemp garments and accessories at the Louisiana Old State Capitol.

Stannard's research and the exhibit was part of a grant she received from the LSU AgCenter's Therapeutic Cannabis Research Committee.

Hemp has come in and out favor as a crop in the United States, according to Stannard. She said our Founding Fathers grew it, but production slowed in the 1930s. It saw a resurgence during World War II as a war crop under the "Hemp for Victory" campaign.

"They were really trying to get people excited to grow hemp for the war effort. We were running out of fiber, and everything was going overseas," Stannard said. "So that gave it a little bit of life again."

In 1970, the Controlled Substances Act outlawed the production of hemp, but the 2018 Farm Bill reintroduced industrial hemp, and it is grown again in the U.S. Its economic value in 2023 was \$291 million. Louisiana farmers have had issues growing hemp in our climate. Stannard said the disease southern blight has made it difficult.

In addition to the history of hemp fiber, Stannard discussed the method of harvesting and processing hemp fiber, its sustainable aspects and how it fits into the fashion industry.

Stannard said reflecting on her lack of experience with hemp, she realized there was likely an issue with others teaching or studying apparel design who didn't have strong knowledge of hemp as an option.

"We just need to get exposed to hemp. We need to know what it is. We need to know why it's cool," she said.

Part of the project was an exhibit challenge. Stannard put out a call for hemp garments earlier this year and got 31 entries. They accepted 22 into the Hemp Impressions exhibit. The pieces ranged from a transformable outfit that converted into two looks, a necklace, a tufted top, denim pieces and even a wedding gown.

The pieces were on display during Stannard's lecture where she described each. Attendees could get a closer look at the details when the lecture concluded.

A recording of the lecture can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noBF17laQBc>.

By: Tobie Blanchard, LSU AgCenter



Visitors view garments made with hemp fiber after a lecture by Casey Stannard, associate professor in the LSU College of Agriculture Department of Textile, Apparel Design and Merchandising, about hemp fiber's history and use in fashion at the Louisiana Old State Capitol. Photo by Tobie Blanchard/LSU AgCenter



Casey Stannard, associate professor in the LSU College of Agriculture Department of Textile, Apparel Design and Merchandising, discussed hemp, its history and creative potential in fiber art during Hemp Impressions: Sustainable Fiber and Fashion Reimagined lecture and exhibit at the Louisiana Old State Capitol. Photo by Tobie Blanchard/LSU AgCenter



Garments, including a wedding gown, made with hemp were on display at the Louisiana Old State Capitol during the Hemp Expressions: Sustainable Fiber and Fashion Reimagined exhibit. The garments were part of a challenge to encourage apparel design students and faculty to use hemp fiber in garments and accessories. Photo by Tobie Blanchard/LSU AgCenter

LSU AgCenter ASPIRE Program

The LSU AgCenter ASPIRE program is offering a 10-week paid summer internship program for college students (\$15/hour). The priority deadline to apply is March 7. Apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/ASPIREInternship25>

The ASPIRE Project engages undergraduates in agricultural-related internships in research, extension, and teaching, with mentorship from faculty in the LSU AgCenter and the LSU College of Agriculture. Rising college sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply!

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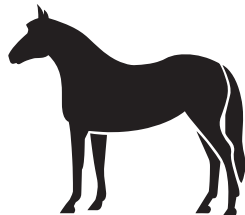
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More information:

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

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Reduce Feed Costs and Waste With Forage Testing

Cow-calf operations are the heart of Louisiana's livestock industry. Cattle in this sector spend much of their lives grazing perennial and annual pastures, so high-quality forage is important. Summer 2023 was one of the hottest and driest in recent memory. The drought took a major toll on crop production, and everyone from sugarcane farmers to cattle ranchers felt the effects. One of the biggest concerns was a lack of hay. Dry conditions made for great baling weather, but hay yields were down nearly 50% compared to a typical year. This had cattle producers scrambling for alternative forage sources like rice straw or cornstalks, and many were putting out hay as early as July.

Forage testing is strongly encouraged by the LSU AgCenter, and with sources in short supply due to drought, knowing forage quality is even more critical. A forage test is a cost-effective

tool providing key information about how much energy and protein cattle will receive from consuming the tested forage. Research has pinpointed values for cow nutritional needs, allowing producers to match feed resources to these needs. With proper management, forage can satisfy the needs of cattle throughout various production stages of life. If there are times when needs exceed feed resources, then higher energy or protein feed sources like grain might be needed. When this happens, a forage test provides information about how much of the cow's requirement can be satisfied by forage alone. From there, producers can work with LSU AgCenter Extension agents or specialists to determine the least amount of grain required per day to still meet requirements. This approach reduces overall feed costs and waste, which helps make Louisiana cattle producers more profitable.

To get a forage analysis, contact your local extension agent. Agents have the supplies needed to take your sample and send it to the LSU AgCenter forage lab in Baton Rouge. After the analyses, results will be emailed to the producer and the parish agent. A routine analysis costs \$15 and will provide a plethora of information about the forage submitted. Results can be overwhelming, so it is helpful to narrow down what's important. All cattle diets should be formulated

on a dry matter basis. Make sure to read the values from the dried sample column when making feeding decisions. From there, producers should take note of the crude protein (CP) and total digestible nutrients (TDN).

Crude protein is the amount of nitrogen in the forage and is especially important for growing and lactating cattle. TDN is essentially the energy value of a forage and is mostly driven by the amount of indigestible fiber present in the sample. Another useful tool that is provided by the forage lab is dry matter intake (DMI) as a percentage of mature body weight.

It is not uncommon for some producers to make decisions about hay quality based on the NDF and ADF values found on their feed analysis. ADF and NDF are lab procedures to determine the fiber fraction of a forage. The cell wall is made up of components called cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin. These three components together are the neutral detergent fiber (NDF) of a forage, while the least digestible components (hemicellulose and lignin) make up the acid detergent fiber (ADF). Essentially, NDF is a predictor of dry matter intake (DMI). ADF is a predictor of digestibility, so the lower a forage's ADF, the more digestible it is.

Many agents do not discourage producers from looking at ADF and NDF values, but they do

not recommend making feeding decisions based solely upon them. Cattle nutritional requirements can be calculated based on TDN and CP, which take fiber into account already. NDF and ADF values do have their place, especially for forage management. The maturity stage of a forage at harvest is heavily correlated to NDF, so if producers are looking to decrease their NDF value, harvesting earlier is a great management strategy to improve hay quality and digestibility.

Testing your hay and knowing how to interpret the analysis is the first step in creating a cost-effective feeding program. Forage testing allows you to know exactly what you are working with, and from there you can supplement strategically if needed. Proper forage management practices can help reduce indigestible fiber values and reduce supplementation and overall feed costs.

The LSU AgCenter continues to encourage testing forage resources and management strategies such as fertilization and more frequent harvests. The implementation of these recommendations helps reduce overall feed costs for producers, which is key to ensuring that Louisiana's cattle industry continues to thrive amid rising production costs.

By: Abigail Sartin, AgCenter agriculture and natural resources extension agent for Vermilion, St. Mary and Acadia parishes.



Missouri Farm Bureau urges USPS to maintain current services

Rural Americans rely on prompt service, the organization says

A farm organization is concerned with how a United States Postal Service (USPS) decision will affect rural Americans.

The USPS's Regional Transportation Optimization plan proposes a consolidation of delivery and collection activities.

"For Post Offices far from regional hubs, pick-up and drop-off of mail will occur primarily in the morning," the plan says.

Typically, mail is brought from regional processing centers to local post offices. Parcels collected from mailboxes are brought to the post office and then taken to the regional centers.

This plan would eliminate the evening portion of the process and apply to post offices more than 50 miles away from processing centers.

This move creates delays that disproportionately affect rural Americans, said Garrett Hawkins, president of the Missouri Farm Bureau.

"We believe these taxpayer-funded services should serve rural and urban areas equally to the maximum extent possible," Hawkins said in a Nov. 13 letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. "Further restricting access to services in rural areas does not accomplish this goal."

USPS reps confirm rural mail could experience longer delays.

"If a mailpiece enters the mailstream near a USPS Regional Processing & Distribution Center and is delivered to a rural area, it will get there as fast, if not faster, than current delivery. If mail enters the mailstream from a rural area, it may take 12-24 hours

extra but is still within our service standards," said Becky Hernandez, a USPS spokesperson.

About 68 percent of single-piece first-class mail could experience downgraded service, estimated Arslan Saleem, the USPS director of corporate performance reporting and analytics, told Congress.

Rural Americans need reliable postal service to receive bills, medication and other items.

Going forward with this consolidation would make the service more unreliable, Hawkins said.

"We urge your team to reconsider this proposal and develop a better path forward that prioritizes efficiency within the service, and equitable treatment between rural and urban citizens," Hawkins said in his letter.



EVENTS

Holly Hill Holiday Jump Around

Saturday, December 21 • 10 AM - 1 PM

Join other equestrians for a potluck and jumper rounds at Holly Hill Equestrian Center in Benton, Louisiana.

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December 21st 2024

10 AM: Cross rails
11 AM: 18" Starter
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1 PM: Novice
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Nominations due December 31!



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We've made efforts to verify that all farms listed here remain open for business this year. There may also be more active farms in your area that were unintentionally omitted. Please check local and/or social media for additional choose-and-cut operations in your area.

If your Christmas tree farm is not listed here, and you would like to be added to the list, please call (225) 925-1243 or email marketbulletin@ldaf.state.la.us.