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UNITING RURAL AND URBAN FARMERS



In the picturesque landscape of Vacherie, Louisiana, lies River Road Farms, an emblem of resilience, community spirit, and sustainable agriculture. Owned by Leroy Conish and his wife, Gail, this 35-acre farm stands as a beacon for both rural and urban farmers seeking to establish sustainable food systems. With a rich history rooted in community farming, Leroy's journey from a child planting okra in his family's backyard to a transformative figure in the agricultural landscape is inspiring and vital to understanding the importance of collaboration in food production.

Mr. Conish cherishes his early memories of farming in Hillaryville, Louisiana, where he had a loving and supportive village around him. Growing up in a family that cultivated their own produce, he learned the significance of agricultural practices not just as a means of livelihood but as a way to foster relationships within the community. "We need the community, and it needs us," he emphasizes, highlighting the reciprocal bond between farmers and the people they serve. This philosophy drives his work at River Road Farms, where he is dedicated to bridging the gap between rural and urban farmers, ensuring that everyone has access to fresh, locally grown produce.

At River Road Farms, Mr. Conish cultivates a variety of crops, with okra taking center stage due to its personal significance in managing his health. He also grows a variety of squash, zucchini, mustard greens, turnips, cushaw, and pumpkin, reflecting Louisiana's rich agricultural heritage. By diversifying the crops he produces, he not only enhances market opportunities for River Road Farms but also implements effective disease control strategies. The farm sells its produce both wholesale and retail, making it a vital source of fresh food for the local community.

Leroy's commitment to sustainability extends beyond crop production; he believes in empowering the next generation of farmers. River Road Farms offers training programs for youth and individuals interested in agriculture, fostering a new wave of local farmers who understand the importance of sustainability and community engagement. Through these programs, Leroy aims to increase the availability of fresh Louisiana produce, ensuring that the community benefits from local farming practices.



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Certified Fun: Louisiana Tulip Festival

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Nestled in the heart of Tangipahoa Parish, Yellow Van Farms stands as a testament to passion, perseverance, and the beauty of nature. Owned by Destin Sims, who expertly balances her roles as a lawyer, mother, and florist, the farm symbolizes a journey of revitalization and community engagement.

The history of Yellow Van Farms is rich; once an old dairy farm, this property had remained undisturbed for many years. It has been in Destin's husband's family for over four decades. After spending ten years in New York, the couple returned to Louisiana with a vision to restore the untouched land. While clearing the area, they stumbled upon an old yellow van concealed at the back of the property. Initially intended for disposal, the van was moved to the front and soon became a cherished symbol of the farm, inspiring its name. They also transformed the milking parlor into their home.

Destin's love for flowers blossomed into a thriving business, beginning with a modest order of 1,000 tulip bulbs.



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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WEEKLY HAY REPORT, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

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



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<p>ACADIA</p> <p>Rayne Farmers Market Frog Fest Pavilion, 210 Frog Fest Dr 2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM</p> <p>ALLEN</p> <p>Oberlin Farmers Market ● 228 West 6th Ave Wed 9AM-1PM</p> <p>ASCENSION</p> <p>Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market 39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM April-Aug, Oct-Dec</p> <p>Riverside Farmers Market of ● LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun 10AM-2PM</p> <p>ASSUMPTION</p> <p>Barcelo Gardens Farmers ● Market, 211 Franklin Ave, Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM</p> <p>AVOUELLES</p> <p>Marksville Farmers Market 122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun</p> <p>BEAUREGARD</p> <p>DeRidder Farmers Market ● 206 N. Washington Ave Daily 7AM-6PM</p> <p>BOSSIER</p> <p>Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p> <p>Benton Farmers Market 495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM</p> <p>Bossier City Farmers Market 2950 E Texas St Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov</p> <p>CADDO</p> <p>Greenwood Farmers Market ● William Peters Town Park, 9381 Greenwood Rd Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug</p> <p>Shreveport Farmers Market River front at Festival Plaza Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug</p> <p>CALCASIEU</p> <p>Cash & Carry Farmers Market ● 801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake Charles, Corner of Broad & Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM</p> <p>Charlestown Farmers Market Bilbo St. behind old City Hall Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Iowa Farmers Market 115 N. Thompson, Sat, 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters, Sam Houston Jones Pkwy Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct</p> <p>CALDWELL</p> <p>Columbia Farmers Market ● Main Street Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July</p>	<p>CLAIBORNE</p> <p>Harvest Time Homer ● W Main & N 2nd St Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct</p> <p>CONCORDIA</p> <p>Delta Farmers Market ● 405 Carter St, Vidalia Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze</p> <p>EAST BATON ROUGE</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ● Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ● Pennington Biomedical (Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ● 7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-Dec</p> <p>Red Stick Farmers Mobile ● Market, ExxonMobil YMCA, 7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Zachary Famers & Artisans ● Market, Memorial Park Sat 10AM-2PM</p> <p>EVANGELINE</p> <p>Ville Platte Farmers Market East Main St, May-Aug, Fri 4-6PM</p> <p>GRANT</p> <p>Colfax Farmers Market ● 8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p> <p>IBERIA</p> <p>Delcambre Farmers Market ● 605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330) 1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec</p> <p>Da Berry Fresh Market ● 520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM</p> <p>Teche Area Farmers Market ● 102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM</p> <p>IBERVILLE</p> <p>St. Gabriel Farmers Market 3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74 3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM</p> <p>JEFFERSON</p> <p>Rotary Grand Isle Farmers Market, Oak Lane 2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>Gretna Farmers Market ● Huey P. Long Ave Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM</p> <p>Harahan Farmers Market ● 501 Oak Ave @ Wilson & Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Crescent City #1 2614 Jefferson @ Maine St. (Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul</p>	<p>Crescent City #2 325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy. @ the Lake (Bucktown) Fri 3-7PM</p> <p>Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ● Market, 3000 Downs Blvd, Metairie Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM</p> <p>JEFFERSON DAVIS</p> <p>Coushatta Farmers Market Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton 1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun</p> <p>Main Street Farmers Market 1333 Elton Rd, Jennings Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec</p> <p>Welsh Farmers Market 103 W. Grove St Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept</p> <p>LAFAYETTE</p> <p>Acadiana Farmers Market ● 801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St, Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round</p> <p>Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea Market, 3011 NW Evangeline Thrw, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun 10AM-5PM</p> <p>Farmers & Artisans Market ● Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St, Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>LAFOURCHE</p> <p>Lafourche Central Market 4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland Sat 9AM-12PM</p> <p>LASALLE</p> <p>Olla Town Square Market ● 2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM, May-Aug 11</p> <p>Town of Tullos Farmers' Market Corner of S Main & Park St Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28</p> <p>LINCOLN</p> <p>Ruston Farmer's Market ● 220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM</p> <p>LIVINGSTON</p> <p>Four Seasons Farmers Market ● Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>Livingston Farmers Market 215 Florida St, Denham Springs Sat 7AM-12PM</p> <p>MADISON</p> <p>Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ● 404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65 Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p> <p>Tallulah Farmers Market #2 Court House Square Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p> <p>MOREHOUSE</p> <p>Morehouse Parish Market 305 E Madison, Bastrop Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM</p>	<p>NATCHITOCHES</p> <p>Natchitoches River Front, Sat 8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Natchitoches Farmers Market Mobile Market #1 (City Park) Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>Natchitoches Mobile Farmers Market #2 (Riverbank) Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p> <p>ORLEANS</p> <p>Barcelo Gardens ● 2301 Gallier St, Sat 10AM-1PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ● Market — UPTOWN New Orleans, 200 Broadway Tues 8AM - 12PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ● Market — MID-CITY New Orleans, Lafitte Greenway Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway Thurs 3PM - 7PM</p> <p>Crescent City Farmers ● Market — CITY PARK New Orleans, Tad Gormley Stadium Marconi @ Navarre Sun 8 AM - 12PM</p> <p>OUACHITA</p> <p>Monroe Farmers Market ● 1200 Washington St Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov</p> <p>W Monroe Farmers Market ● 1700 North 7th St Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct</p> <p>RAPIDES</p> <p>Alexandria Farmers Market ● 2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM</p> <p>Boyce Farmers' Market 627 Pacific Ave, Wed 3-6PM</p> <p>Cabrini Farmers Market 2211 Texas Ave, Alexandria Sat 9AM-12PM</p> <p>RICHLAND</p> <p>Delhi Farmers Market 1104 Broadway St Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov</p> <p>ST. CHARLES</p> <p>German Coast #1 ● St. Charles Parish Library, 160 West Campus Dr, Destrehan Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>German Coast #2 ● West Bank Bridge Park 13825 River Rd, Luling Wed 1-5PM</p> <p>ST. HELENA</p> <p>St. Helena Parish Farmers ● Market, 6032 LA-10, Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>ST. LANDRY</p> <p>St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St, Hwy 190, Opelousas, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30- 11AM, Apr-Nov</p>	<p>Eunice Farmers Market Second St & Park Ave Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p> <p>ST. MARTIN</p> <p>Stephensville Market Rec Park 3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City 2nd Sat, 10AM</p> <p>ST. MARY</p> <p>Berwick Town Market Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St 3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun & Sept-Dec)</p> <p>ST. TAMMANY</p> <p>Abita Springs Art & Farmers ● Market, 22049 Main St Sun 11AM - 3 PM</p> <p>Covington Farmers Market ● 609 North Columbia St Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM</p> <p>Mandeville Trailhead Market ● 675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM</p> <p>Pearl River Farmers Market & Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41 1st Sat 8AM-2 PM</p> <p>Camellia City Farmers Market ● 2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>TANGIPAHOA</p> <p>Hammond Market ● Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave, Sat 8AM-12PM</p> <p>TENSAS</p> <p>St. Joseph Tailgate Market Gazebo on Plank Rd Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day</p> <p>TERREBONNE</p> <p>Cajun Farmers Market of ● Houma, Naquin St & Martin L King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM</p> <p>VERMILION</p> <p>Abbeville Farmers Market ● Magdalen Sq, Abbeville Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM</p> <p>Kaplan Farmers Market Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave 2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM</p> <p>VERNON</p> <p>Leesville Farmers Market S. 3rd St Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM</p> <p>WASHINGTON</p> <p>Franklinton Farmers Market ● Washington St & 15th Ave Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM</p> <p>WEST FELICIANA</p> <p>St. Francisville Market ● 9961 Wilcox St Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall</p> <p>WINN</p> <p>Winn Farmers Market ● 301 West Main, Winnfield Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out</p>
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Honeybee swarms in spring, taking orders, \$80. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

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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

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

PB Black Angus Heifer, 7-months-old, \$1,000. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; (985) 515-8883.

9 registered Black Angus virgin bulls, 14-15 months old, good genetics, call for more info leave message if no answer, starting at \$4,000. Rhett Dugas, Saint Landry, Evangeline Parish; (225) 572-6386.

BRANGUS

2 reg Brangus bulls, 22-month- old and 16-month-old, gentle, good bloodline, can send pictures, \$3,200 for older bull \$2,500 for younger bull. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; (985) 291-5204.

CHAROLAIS

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

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

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

HEREFORD

4 Registered polled Hereford virgin 2-year-old bulls, sire RLeader 6964, proven genetics, excellent EPDs, fertility tested, vaccinated and ready for work, call for pictures, \$3,000 each. Calvin Schenck, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; (504) 606-5797.

Polled Hereford bull and horned Hereford bull, low birth weights, super gentle, all shots and wormed, 9-months-old, \$1,800 + \$300 for registration papers, delivery available for



an additional charge. Laura Hughes, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 933-2997.

OTHER

Black Angus X Santa Gertrudis cross bull, 2 1/2 years old, call for pricing and more information. Allen Parish; (318) 306-0199.

Two large dark red long horn cows, huge horns, \$750 each. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

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

DOGS

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

Registered AKC Border Collie, has glass eyes, for breeding, call for pricing. Brenda, Oakdale, 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.

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

Registered OMCBA Mountain Cur puppies, from good

squirrel dog parents, \$300 for females, \$250 males. Greg, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 337-6241.

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

Great Pyrenees LGD puppies, born Feb 4, 2025, will be ready April 1st with first shots and wormed, males, \$225, females, \$250. Kristen Burfield, Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-3604.

Anatolian Shepherds born October 28, 2024, AKC registered parents, reside 24/7 in pasture, fully exposed to livestock and poultry, 2 male, 6 females available, \$400. Lee Wise Jr., Goldonna, Winn Parish; (318) 576-3601.

AKC Anatolian Shepard puppies, best livestock guardians, ready now, call for pricing. Loretta Dubose, Longville, Beauregard Parish; (337) 692-2322.

Six PB Great Pyrenees puppies for sale, born 12/19/2024, first shots and wormed, 3 males, 3 females, 1 female all white, all others have some color, \$200 each. Mark Corkern, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-3621.

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

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

Beautiful, registered 11-month-old Anatolian Shepherd, free to a good home, neutered, microchipped, all shots, heartworm negative. Ray Fugatt, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 842-6020.

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

Pure Labrador/Pyrenees Mix Puppies, \$200 OBO. Rose Pyles, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish; (405) 568-5676.

3-month-old, half Cur-half Plott hunting dogs, \$50 each. Sam Woodard, Leesville, Vernon Parish; (337) 463-5091.

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

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

WANTED: Purebred female Simese cat, sealpoint or bluepoint, not spayed. Elaine Racca, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 936-7115.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS

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

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.

Miniature Mule, gelded male, halter broke, born April 2022, pictures upon request, he has the cross on back and striped front legs, \$425. Rachel Fusilier, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 336-1682.

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

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

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

PIGEONS

Button Quail Hatching eggs, includes foam shippers and shipping cost, Louisiana sales only at this price, eggs chosen from 16 color varieties, money order, can be picked up at farm is prior arrangements are made, \$40-\$45. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

POULTRY & FOWL

Peacocks for sale, \$100 for 2 year olds, \$140 for 3 year olds. Becky Clay, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 451-3554.

India Blue Peacocks, breeding age males and females, worming and care instructions with each leave message, \$200 each.

Beverly Matheson, Bell City, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 274-1342.

Peacocks and peahens available, 2 years old in May, call for more information, \$150/\$100. Claire Triche, Bourg, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 696-1254.

Old English Bantams for sale, BB reds, blacks, and BB goldens, \$25 per pair and up. Dwight Bordere, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish; (318) 789-5743.

Dark Brahma Bantams, young birds, super layers of nice pretty eggs, \$20 per pair, Ko Shamo Bantams, young adult birds, several Young pairs available, \$150 per pair. Garrie Landry, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; (337) 578-2311.

Chicks, Rhode Island Reds and Green Egg Layers, 10 chick minimum, \$3 each. Mike Clements, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (985) 209-1169.

Lavender Guineas, hatched July 2024, \$15 each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

Rhode Island Red and Americana chicks available, call for pricing. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 519-0999.

Chickens, several breeds and sizes chicks to chickens, Black stars, White leghorns, Easter eggers and lots more call for more information, \$10. Westley Cloud, Castor, Bienville Parish; (318) 423-3506.

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

RABBITS

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

New Zealand cross meat rabbits, \$12 and up. Mike Clements, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; (985) 209-1169.

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

SHEEP & GOAT

Lambs males and females Katahdin doper sheep mixed, \$300. Joey Roy, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-2535.

Barbados and Katahdin lambs, hair sheep, do not need sheering, males and females, \$75 to \$100 each. Brent Bergeron, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 580-2230.

2-year-old Barbado ewe with male lamb born Jan 20, 2025, \$175. Buford Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 461-5282.

Male Barbado, born January 14, 2024, \$130. Buford Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 461-5282.

Barbado ewe, born July 15, 2024, \$120. Buford Landreneau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 461-5282.

Purebred Boer Billy, no papers, 3-years-old, gentle and lead rope trained, \$500, 3-month-old purebred Boer Billy available, \$300. Cheri McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-8229.

Registered Nubian bottle doeling, CAE/CL negative, vaccinated, disbudded, heavy milk production bloodline, born 1/16/2025, \$600. Hollie Smith, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 692-2949.

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

Two Registered Boer Bucks with papers, \$350 each. John Deville, Plaquemine, Iberville Parish; (225) 776-1738.

Kiko/Lamancha Doe with 2 bucklings at side, doe born 3/23/2023, bucklings born 2/10/2025, bucklings will be disbudded, Sire to bucklings is a Minature Lamancha Buck, \$175. Rachel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 336-1682.

Katahdins sheeps, KHSI 100% registered RR breeding ewes, yearling ram, ram lambs, ewes lambs, Midwest champion bloodlines, excellent genetics, prices vary, contact, text for more information. Ricky LoBell, Galvez, Ascension Parish; (225) 715-9219.

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


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

WANTED: Kinder milk goats. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-1596.

WANTED: Painted Desert Sheep. Elaine Racca, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 936-7115.

SWINE

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



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

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

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2 3/8 tubing, tested to 5,000 pounds, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

2008 John Deere 310J Backhoe, 4,237 hours, nice machine, runs but undiagnosed mechanical issue, no time to fix bought another, \$30,000 OBO. Carlos Avila, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 304-6657.

Two diesel engines from D31P Komatsu dozers, both run good, one low hours, 8.3 Cummins overhauled engine, call for

pricing. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 716-1781.

Kubota track hoe, KX121-3-SS, looking to downgrade to smaller machine, 3,000+ hours, comes with three quick-attach buckets, 1ft, 2ft, 6 1/2ft, four-way blade, leave message if no answer, \$26,500, open to trades. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

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 Helmingier, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-5767.

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

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

Mobile welding, track hoe, handyman, call for quote. Patrick, Acadia Parish; (337) 526-8825.

HAY EQUIPMENT

Worksaver 3pt hitch hydraulic round bale forks, lifts

round bales 6-7 ft above ground level, \$1,200. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 277-3932.

Vermeer baler, 605 Accubale Plus XL series, 5,519 bale count, shed kept, excellent condition, automatic tie string, \$8,500. J L Williams, Spearsville, Union Parish; (318) 778-3248.

8-wheel hay rake, heavy duty caddy 15 tires, \$1,850. J L Williams, Spearsville, Union Parish; (318) 778-3248.

8-wheel v- rake on Hodge frame, all new wheels and hydraulic lines, good condition, \$3,500. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

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

NH 616 disc 7ft haycutter, \$4,500. Mark Jarreau, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-2011.

Vermeer Rancher 664 round hay baler, string and net wrap, moisture monitor, keep under shed, baled less than 5,000 bales, in excellent condition, extra parts go with baler, call for pictures if needed to make decision, \$18,000. Ray Bergin, Kentwood, Washington Parish; (985) 514-3310.

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

LAWN EQUIPMENT

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.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

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

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

PLANTING & TILLAGE

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

Covington 1-row planter on cultivator with 4 sweeps,

6 different seed plates, 2 different sprockets, and user manual, seed can, fertilizer hopper, shaker pan, fertilizer tubes replaced, works perfectly, \$1,100. Dave Hensley, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-3316.

Heavy duty 1-row hipper, CAT 1 pins, 24" outside and 18" inside disc blades, work perfectly, \$500. Dave Hensley, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-3316.

494 A John Deere 4-row planters, pull type, \$500, hydraulic hay spear, lifts 2 high, \$500. Don Willis, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; (985) 205-0348.

12ft Finishing plow, leave message, \$2,500 OBO. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

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

TRAILERS & WAGONS

3-ton grain trailer, dual axel, electric brakes, spindle hitch, loads from the top-rear slide door, \$2,500. A.J. Planche Jr, Marrero, Jefferson Parish; (504) 491-9817.

1997 Top Hat Trailer, 6'11" wideX20' long, 6,000lb axle front and rear, \$4,000. Manuel Thibodaux Jr, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish; (985) 413-5503.

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

16ft Double axel trailer, 12ftX75inches wide bed, wide enough for most zero turn mowers, new treated wood deck Bearing Buddies, \$1,000. Stephen Couvillion, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-3519.

Cotton Trailers for storing crawfish traps, Mardi Gras floats, hauling Hay, nursery bark potting, \$4,200 - \$4,500 + delivery available. T L Enright Sr, Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish; (318) 282-6299.

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.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

3-point hookup turning plow, \$120, 3-point hookup PTO drive seeder and fertilizer,



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\$225. Berle Gray, Elm Grove, Bossier Parish; (318) 746-6949.

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

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

Buffalo 14ft wide, 18-wheeler hub on roller, \$1,500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

490 Disk, 28ft, new blades on front, \$4,500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

Land leveler 30ft long, 17ft wide, \$2,000. Donald Meaux, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 458-1730.

American made King Cutter 30- inch dirt scoop, 3-point hitch, works forward or reverse, 2 hitch pins included, \$400. Floyd Armand, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-2628.

Set of small choppers and 8' harrow, \$400 OBO. Gerald Landry, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (337) 519-1887.

Two potato diggers, dirt scoop, 6ft grader box, 5ft grader box, 3pt hitches, call for pricing. Lawrence Drude Jr, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 969-2523.

Cattleguard 14'W X 7'L, constructed of 2 7/8" oil field pipe, heavy duty, never used, \$1,275, another used, \$675.

Alden Kuhn, Winn, Winnfield Parish; (318) 827-5800.

480-disc 14ft no wings, \$4,000. Mark Jarreau, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-2011.

5ft bush hog, gearbox in good shape, call for pricing. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

Servis PTO hole digger, 6-inch auger, \$500. Sam Williams, Simsboro, Lincoln Parish; (318) 245-9721.

Rear tractor tires, one 15X9.5 R4 tire mounted on JD rim, \$200, one 15X19.5 R4 tire on damaged JD rim, \$75. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

200-gallon sprayer with hoses, pump and broadcast nozzle, in fair condition, \$200. 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.

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

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

2 3/8" and 2 7/8" oilfield tubing available, \$35 and \$40 respectively. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: 5ft or 6ft disc with greaseable bearings. Raymond

Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

Hand braided nylon cow whips \$50/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.

13-inch youth barrel saddle, \$225. Sue, Tickfaw, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-7167.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

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.

Two calf creep feeders, used, \$650 each or \$1,200 for both. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

Gooseneck 6'6" wide 24' long stock trailer great condition, call for more information,

\$4,500. Carlos Glass, Tallulah, Madison Parish; (318) 341-1795.

3-year-old Whirlpool, gas stove, \$200, 5-year-old washing machine, Kenmore brand, \$100. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

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.

IBC Totes, 275 gal, previously contained oil, \$30, without cage, \$10. Joel Williams, Spearsville, Union Parish; (318) 348-3670.

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

One Dek 5650 watt / 7060 surge generator, \$325, one Coleman 5,000-watt generator, \$225. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

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.

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

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

Canopy top outside porch swing with cushions and papasan swivel chair with cushions, great condition, \$30 for the porch swing, \$100 for the papasan. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 227-2500.

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.

WANTED: Mustard green planter. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

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.

Call (225) 925-3780 or email weightsinfo@ldaf.state.la.us for more information.

Chicken litter or ag lime spreader, we spread it all

over LA, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

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

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

FOOD

EGGS

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

Fresh country eggs, chickens are free range, \$4 per dozen. Brenda Benoit, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 257-4433.

Coturnix quail eggs, \$2.25 per dozen. M&M Farms of Belledeau, LLC, Mark Gagnard, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 719-0388.

Farm fresh, pasture free range eggs, very healthy yellow yolks loaded with vitamins, \$5. Whiskey Creek Farm, Castor, Bienville Parish; (318) 423-3506

FROM THE FARM

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

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Louisiana Mirlitons potted, \$15 each. Stanley Stewart, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 241-2269.

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

HAY & GRAIN

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

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

Jiggs Bermuda performance horse Square bales, well fertilized weed free, all fields sprayed and fertilized after every baling to keep clean, no rain after cutting, bales are tight and heavy, delivery of 200 bale loads available if you can unload, \$9 per bale. Chris Douget, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 224-2896.

Premium large round bales of Bermuda, Bahia, and Rye hay, superior horse and cattle quality, tightly wrapped, barn/pasture stored, fresh, nutrient-rich, \$30-\$65. Clint Manuel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 459-6706.

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

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

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

Bermuda horse quality square bales, fertilized, large bales, \$8. Dwight Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-3758.

4x5 fertilized rye grass hay. Net wrapped, \$25. Dwight Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-3758.

Bermuda horse quality square bales, fertilized, large bales, \$8. Dwight Brignac, Washington, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-3758.

Bahia hay, 4X5 round bales, fertilized to soil test, stored in barn, 2024 season, \$65 dollars per roll, square, \$7.50 dollars/bale. Harvey Husser Jr, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-1792.

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

Alicia Bermuda square bales, horse hay, fertilized heavy square bales, will assist in loading, 15 bale minimum, \$9 per bale. Jessie Wheat,

Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Fall 2024 4X5 round bales, net wrapped Bahia, wrapped tight, no rain, \$45. Jimmie Hayes, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; (318) 447-2427.

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

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

4X6 round balls Bahia grass, good hay, need gone, \$15 per bale. Lance, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 305-3655.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4x5 net wrapped Bermuda hay, fertilized with chicken litter, outside hay \$35. Sean Coody, Jonesboro, Jackson Parish; (318) 355-6968.

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

HOBBY & LEISURE

SEWING & FABRICS

Kenmore sewing machine in cabinet, embroidery quality, used little, \$300. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

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) 320-4930.

OTHER HOBBY & LEISURE

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

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

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

Two metal adjustable cushion stools, one black and one reddish orange, \$35 each. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 227-2500.

5ft TV cabinet with sliding doors, brand new, grey/silver color, \$200. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 227-2500.

9-drawer mirror and nightstand dresser, great condition, \$150. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 227-2500.

HUNTING, FISHING, & CAMPING

GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Remington 870 Express super magnum 12 gauge 2 3/4, 3" or 3 1/2" magnum, black synthetic stock, 25 1/2" barbell, excellent shape, \$400. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 652-6200.

Two M1 Garands, reparkerized and stocks refurbished, 30-06, shoot fantastic, \$1,600 each, 1903 30-06 original, \$1,250,

Palmetto State Armory in .350 Legend with Opmod scope, new, \$1,100. Paul Bellon, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 200-0532.

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

LUMBER & SAWING

Large 2-story Cypress log home to be torn down, roof and ceiling 2" thick Pecky Cypress with 4x6 Cypress rafters and large Fir beams, call for pricing. Richard, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 308-2282.

Oak firewood, half cord minimum, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.

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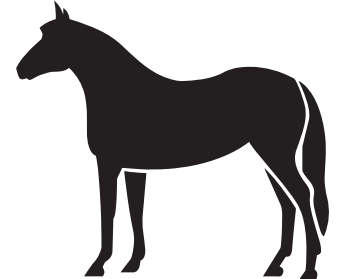
20ftX8ft mobile home, ideal for Mardi Gras float for parade, call for pricing. Clifton McZeal, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 278-9770.

10 acres, 2 homes, surrounded by national forest, \$600,000. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

20'X40' Custom cabin, you move, \$40,000. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

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Down, \$50 per day. Ed or Cordel Cormier, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 326-7087.

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

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

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

FARM SERVICES

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fields and pastures mowed, mulched, cultivated, contoured, aerated, and drained, trees

removed, recondition arenas and gravel roads 8” deep, install and repair ponds, culverts, roads, walls, and fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

Bushhog and finishing mower work, cut up and clean up trees, call for quote. Blake Ducote, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4949.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

Pig Brig net and camera, must supply own t-posts and installation, district will be on site for assistance of installation, \$100 Deposit. Mitzi Dohrman, Vermilion Parish; (337) 893-5664.

STALLION SERVICE

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

AGHA 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.

AGHA 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.

65hp John Deere tractor 5065, front end loader and hay forks, 1,050 hours, with bucket, \$20,000. Ernest Spears, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 514-1172.

John Deere 6330 cab and a/c, 2-wheel drive tractor, 2 remotes,1-deluxe, 1616 hours, 16/16 with power reverser, pre def, 2008 year, clean hay tractor, always kept inside, \$49,950. Jessie Wheat, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 485-5252.

Ford 9N project tractor, clean, straight metal, excellent tires, needs block work, converted to 12-volt, husband passed away before he could finish restoration, \$1,200. Nancy Tubre, St. Landry, Evangeline Parish; (337) 446-7547.

Kubota M9000, 4wd, front loader, low hours, open cab, leave message if no answer, open to trade for small track hoe or skidsteer, \$24,500. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

2009 IH Case 165 PUMA 11,000 hrs, drive type MFWD,18-speed power shift trans, shuttle shift, 3 remotes, dual PTO 540/1000, 50% rubber, call for price. Paul Newton, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 447-6136.

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

BOATS

20ft Pontoon boat, 70hp Yamaha, \$4,500. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

FARM TRUCKS

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

1997 Ford F250 XL Superduty, 7.3 power stroke diesel, 4X4, 5-speed transmission, 250,000 miles, runs great, \$5,500. Chad Lasseigne, Bueche, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 413-9138.

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

1999 Ford Ranger, good farm truck, some body damage, \$2,500. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

2007 F350, 4-door work truck, runs and pulls, \$3,800. Patrick, Jennings, Evangeline Parish; (337) 246-3112.

Getting in shape: Pruning boosts health and productivity of fruit and nut trees

Late winter is an ideal time for pruning many trees, and fruit trees are no exception. Regularly trimming away damaged and unsightly branches is key to maintaining a healthy tree with an aesthetically pleasing shape. It also triggers a hormonal response that promotes healing and regrowth — things we want to encourage ahead of spring.

In the case of fruit trees, pruning offers additional benefits.

“You want to increase airflow and sunlight. If you do need to spray your fruit trees, they’ll be easier to spray,” said LSU AgCenter fruit and nut specialist Michael Polozola. “But it also helps because you’ll also need to spray them less because you’ll rely on nature to help reduce that disease pressure by having that good airflow and sunlight to prevent humid pockets.”

Pruning to maximize sunlight penetration also helps produce more and sweeter fruit, Polozola said, as the increased light exposure enhances the fruit’s development and sugar content.

The process of pruning fruit trees is different than pruning other trees. Fruit trees don’t always grow in a form that is conducive to producing lots of fruit or resisting disease pressure. They often need to be trained into a better shape.

It’s easiest to accomplish this while trees are young and have yet to bear fruit. The goal, in general, is to ensure branches are evenly distributed on the trunk and to avoid narrow crotches, which are prone to breakage. But there’s not a one-size-fits-all approach.

“Each fruit tree species needs a little bit different training strategy,” Polozola said.

For most fruit trees, pruning keeps their height in check so it’s easier to harvest. It also helps avoid low-hanging branches that may get too close to the ground when laden with fruit.

Below is Polozola’s advice on pruning and training the shape of some common fruit trees as well as pecans, which we usually think of as nuts but actually are drupes, a type of fruit.

Peach: Polozola recommends training these trees in the open center or vase form, which features three or four main limbs that grow outward. After you bring home peach trees from the nursery, you should prune them to a single stem that’s about 3 feet tall. You may have to cut off a good bit of growth to achieve this, but that’s OK, even if it looks severe.

Pruning trees back will force new branches to grow. Polozola suggests using limb spacers to train the new growth to go in three to four different directions.

Fig: Figs can be pruned in either tree or bush forms. Polozola recommends following the open center method to achieve a tree form in south Louisiana.

But the tree form can be more sensitive to winter cold damage, so a bush form with multiple trunks is better for north Louisiana, he said. To grow figs as bushes, cut young trees back to about half their original height before transplanting. Prune shoots that grow upward while keeping those that grow outward.

Apple: The modified central leader technique is ideal for apple trees. Cut off upper branches that may meet the trunk at narrow angles to encourage new limbs to grow.

“You’re going to work on training out scaffold limbs,” Polozola said. “Limbs that come out at 90 degrees are stronger and easier for sunlight and air to get through.”

Citrus: Citrus trees typically don’t need a lot of pruning. But feel free to remove branches that are crossing each other and any thorny rootstock. You also can prune to control height to make it easier to protect trees during cold weather.

Pecan: “Pecans are completely different,” Polozola said. “These we’re aiming to get really tall. These we are pruning lower limbs a little bit up every year to push the fork up.”

For more information on fruit trees, check out “The Louisiana Home Orchard,” a free publication available on the AgCenter website at www.lsuagcenter.com/LAHomeOrchard. You’ll find helpful diagrams and detailed instructions for pruning various trees as well as grape and muscadine vines and blackberry plants. The publication also includes advice on choosing and planting fruit trees, recommended cultural practices and common pest problems.

By: Olivia McClure



The Quiet Genius Who Designed Deere's Most Popular Tractors



In 1911, a quiet and thoughtful man left Massachusetts, bound for East Moline, Illinois, to take on the job as superintendent of Deere & Co.'s Marseilles Manufacturing Company. Management at Deere quickly took note of Theophilus (better known as Theo) Brown's ability to conjure innovative solutions to engineering challenges.

Brown was one of those rare talents who could recognize a problem and then visualize its solution. Brown would note improvements to a design and then move with uncharacteristic speed (at least for an engineer) to create an advance. Using colored pencils to draw out his concepts and copious notes annotating instruction, Brown spearheaded the effort to move John Deere into the forefront of tractor design.

Brown first brushed up against horsepower while assembling Joseph Dain's All-Wheel Drive tractor. By 1916, he advanced to head of the experimental department at Deere's plow shop, where he tweaked the designs of the company's extensive tillage line.

He Got a Taste for Horsepower

After working on the All-Wheel Drive, Brown had an appetite for horsepower and began focusing his efforts on helping Deere develop a reliable tractor. Those efforts would be delayed a bit. Disappointed with the failure of the All-Wheel Drive to sell (mostly due to an economic depression at the time), instead of designing a replacement, Deere bought its way into the tractor market by acquiring the Waterloo Boy tractor in 1918.

Beefy, Bellowing Oliver Diesels

The Waterloo Boy sold, but at a slow pace. Already, it was being outgunned by the more advanced designs offered by arch rivals, International Harvester, J.I. Case, and Ford. The latter company's highly affordable Fordson was red-hot at this time, outselling all other machines 100-to-1.

The Introduction of the Model D

In response, Deere set out to create a tractor entirely of their own design, which resulted in the 1924 introduction of the Model D. Just prior to the birth of the Model D, Brown had climbed the engineering ladder, contributing to the D's development.

As a result of the Model D, Deere caught up to current technology. The tractor was rugged and powerful enough to take on most tillage chores or power station equipment.

But the same year the D was introduced, International Harvester brought out the next generation of tractor technology: the revolutionary Farmall.

Demand for a Multipurpose Tractor

The demand for power and convenience ignited a swarm of manufacturers to build machines that could do more than just pull a plow or drive a thresher. Their wallets were out and readily opening up to tractors that could run down rows to cultivate crops, power implements with a shaft (rather than a belt), and lift implements that didn't use a trip mechanism or strong-arm levers.

Farmers wanted a multipurpose tractor. And the Farmall met many of the buyers' demands. Deere's response to the Farmall was its General Purpose (GP), which Brown had a major influence in designing. This, the first multipurpose tractor for Deere, provided farmers with four different sources of power delivery via a drawbar, a PTO, a belt pulley, and a power lift. This latter advance, which Brown helped create, was an industry first.

Model GP Fell Short

Launched in 1928, the GP was sold in various wheel configurations, including a standard front, narrow front, a wide tread variant, and an orchard version (the first orchard model for Deere). But the tractor was plagued with shortcomings, not the least of which was its lack of horsepower (compared to competing tractors).

Brown designed the GP to operate with 3-row equipment such as planters or cultivators, which farmers shied away from. The GP was outclassed not only by the Farmall Regular and its successors, the models F-12 and F-20, but also by tractors from other firms like Allis-Chalmers, J.I. Case, Massey-Harris, and Oliver. Many of these machines provided more fit, finish, features, and power than the GP.

Deere's president at the time, Charles Wiman (John Deere's great-grandson), worked tirelessly to elevate the importance of tractors in the Deere product line before taking the reins of the firm in 1928. Despite the shortcomings of

the GP, Wiman had faith in Brown's abilities and kept him at the head of tractor development.

Brown did not let him down. He plowed forward to create an advanced tractor design that would not only catch up to the competition, but surpass them.

Challenged by the Great Depression Brown's task was made more challenging by the advent of the Great Depression. What kept the engineering department inspired was the continued success of the Model D that sold more than 100,000 units by 1930.

The consummate engineer, Brown worked tirelessly on new concepts. A Deere man through and through and a born leader, his engineering team set out to build off the foundation of the GP and create a new line of tractors.

Their efforts saw light on the factory floor in 1934. That year saw the introduction of the 16-drawbar-hp Model A. Its little brother, the 9 1/4 hp Model B, came out the next year. Powering both tractors was Deere's bulletproof 2-cylinder engine that was both rugged and long-lived, economical to operate, and easy to maintain. Despite tough economic times, both tractors sold well. Brown and his team immediately set about introducing numerous variations of the tractors, including narrow and wide wheel stances, narrow and wide front axles, and high crop and orchard models to spread the appeal of the tractor to a wider population of farmers.

The models A and B remained in production until 1953, superseded only by the Model D, whose production run from 1924 to 1953 marked it as Deere's longest-lived model. All told, over 320,000 Model As and over 300,000 Model Bs sold, making them the most popular tractors in John Deere history. The tractors also established a foundation upon which an expanded fleet of Deere "lettered" models emerged, including the L (1937), G (1937), H (1939), M (1947), and R (1949).

Brown spent his professional life continuing to exert his engineering intellect on a variety of tractors and implement advances, retiring from Deere in 1952, after being awarded more than 150 patents.

By: Dave Mowitz

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Submitted by El Guapo Bitters

Ingredients:

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2 ounce Jim Beam

Large ice cubes

Orange twist & rosemary sprig, for garnish

Instructions:

In a mixing glass filled with ice, combine Jim Beam, amaro, orgeat, and bitters. Stir until well chilled and strain into a lowball or coupe over a large ice cube before garnishing with an orange twist and rosemary sprig.

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PALEO BANANA NUT MUFFINS

Submitted by Renee Dillard of Guidry Organic Farms

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- 3 ripe bananas
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 3 pasture raised eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ cup coconut oil, melted
- ¼ Guidry Organic Farms Pecan Butter
- ⅓ cup coconut flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Optional: add in ⅓ cup of chopped pecans or nuts of choice

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease muffin tin and set aside. In one bowl, add all ingredients in order then combine well with whisk. Then mix in chopped pecans/nuts if desired. Fill muffin tin with batter then slightly tap tin on the counter to make sure all the batter settles evenly into the muffin tin cups. Bake for 12 minutes then check with toothpick to see if comes out clean. If not, add 5 minutes then check again. Bake until nicely golden color. Let cool then store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days.

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SPICY SWEET JALAPENO BIE CRESCENTS

Submitted by Panola Pepper

Ingredients:

- 1 8 ounce can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 1 8 ounce round brie cheese
- 3 tablespoons Panola Spicy Sweet Jalapeno Peppers, chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 pear, unpeeled and sliced
- 1 apple, unpeeled and sliced

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Unroll dough, separate dough crosswise into 2 sections. Press dough to form 2 squares, firmly pressing perforations to seal. Place 1 dough square on cookie sheet. Cut cheese horizontally into 2 equal layers. Place bottom half of cheese on center of dough on cookie sheet. Spread Panola Spicy Sweet Jalapeno Peppers over cheese. Top with remaining cheese half. Lay other dough square over the cheese. Bring the bottom dough up around sides, pressing and pinching dough. Brush dough with beaten egg. Bake 20 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool 15 minutes before serving. To serve, place warm pastry-wrapped cheese on platter. Arrange fruit around cheese.

www.panolapepper.com



Pappy, or Doc, was a Cajun veteran who served 20 years in the U.S. Navy. No matter where he traveled, he always cooked a pot of his special gumbo for each event. After his passing his family wanted to keep the tradition going by creating Pappy's Gumbo Mix.

www.pappysgumbo.com



Johnson's Boucanière, located in downtown Lafayette, LA, has been continuing a tradition that began in 1937. They are known for their world famous boudin as well as their smoked sausage, tasso, and cajun specialty meats. They also serve BBQ and smoked meats using rubs and sauces developed over 15 years ago.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER....CONT

Certified Fun: Louisiana Tulip Festival

To their delight, these bulbs sold out in just days, leading to a significant expansion in the following years, with orders of 10,000 and then 20,000 bulbs. Last year, however, they accidentally ordered an astonishing 43,000 bulbs, prompting the creation of a vibrant tulip festival to manage the surplus. This festival concept emerged during a flower-cutting activity at a wedding, showcasing how joyful moments can spark fruitful endeavors.

The second annual Tulip Festival, held on February 22nd, was an overwhelming success, attracting crowds eager to experience the colorful display of blooms. The event featured over 20 local vendors, two food trucks, live music, and a dedicated area for children's activities. A highlight of the festival was the opportunity for attendees to pick their own bouquets, fostering a connection between visitors and the beauty of nature. A percentage of the ticket sales are donated to the Louisiana Flower Festival for St. Jude, held in Baton Rouge on the first weekend in April.

Growing tulips at Yellow Van Farms is an interesting process. The bulbs, sourced from Holland, are stored in a cooler for 12 weeks to simulate winter conditions before being planted in Louisiana soil. Last year, the farm planted over 40,000 bulbs, ensuring a spectacular array for this year's festival. Their unique harvesting technique of leaving the bulb intact allows the flowers to stay fresh for up to six weeks in a cooler.

The farm cultivates tulips in a vibrant variety of colors, including red, blue, pink, orange, yellow, and purple, with various shapes and patterns. Among the many varieties, Destin's favorite is the double tulip, which resembles a peony.



As a Certified Louisiana Member, Yellow Van Farms understands the importance of Louisiana agriculture. Their commitment extends beyond tulips, as they are dedicated to reintroducing native flowers and plants into the floral industry across the state. This mission promotes biodiversity and fosters a deeper connection to Louisiana's unique flora.

"At Yellow Van Farms, we've made it our mission to provide you with the freshest and most exquisite flowers that make a direct journey from our farm to your vase," the farm proudly states. Through their spectacular tulip festival and commitment to sustainable practices, Yellow Van Farms serves as an example of the power of passion and the importance of nurturing both the land and the community.



6 Ways to Stay Safe This Spring

Spring planting season can be a busy time, so farm families and employees need to be extra cautious. Planning to be safe can make the job go smoother and more efficiently. Follow these tips for a safe planting season.

1. Get Enough Sleep

We know this is a tough one, but sleep deprivation can contribute to more incidents and injuries on the farm. When workers are fatigued, they make poor decisions about safety. Get rest where you can and prioritize rest as much as possible.

2. Check Your Equipment

Always do an equipment check before heading out on the road. This includes things like safety guards, headlights, taillights and hazard signs/SMV emblems, which should be checked before planting begins. Be sure to fold equipment into a transport position, even when moving between fields. Make sure all exposed PTO units are properly guarded.

3. Choose Age-Appropriate Jobs

With family farms, it is common for kids and teens to help out. However, giving chores or tasks that are appropriate to the age and stage of each family member can help eliminate injuries and risks. Try to involve youth in farm safety projects, inspecting the farm for obvious hazards, and teaching youth proper safety skills. Never allow kids or other riders on tractors, farm implements, wagons, or trailers, or inside the bed of a pickup truck.

4. Check Your Surroundings

This seems like an obvious one but before you begin planting, survey the fields and make note of any ditches, holes or other hazards. Make sure employees know about them too. When moving augers and other large equipment, have another person act as a spotter for you to make sure you don't come into contact with power lines. If you are in a piece of equipment that makes contact, stay in the cab and call for help. Flagging a ditch or washed-out area could prevent a tractor rollover.

5. Be a Safety Role Model

Develop a safety plan for the farm. Teach proper safety skills to kids and teens and remember they will mimic what they see their parents and mentors do. Practice what you preach.

6. Have an Emergency Plan

While no one wants to think about the worst-case scenario, it is always best to know how to respond in case something happens. Communication is key to preparing an emergency action plan for your farm. Create maps and lists of access routes, buildings, inventories, and important locations. Make a full emergency contact list available to everyone on the farm. Work with your insurance provider to review plans and determine what emergency supplies you need. Compose action plans for several possible farm emergencies and go over them with employees and family.

By: The University of Texas at Tyler



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Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show,

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Location: John M. Parker Coliseum on LSU campus
Time: Fri, 5 to 8 p.m.,
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Sun, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Northshore Garden and Plant Sale,

March 28 to 29
Location: St. Tammany Parish Fairgrounds
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Southwest Louisiana Garden Conference and Expo,

March 28 to 29
Location: Burton Coliseum
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spring Garden and Pet Show,

March 29 to 30
Location: Destrehan Plantation
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Orleans Spring Garden Show,

April 5-6
Location: New Orleans Botanical Garden
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hammond Spring Garden Day and Plant Sale,

April 12
Location: LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



6 BEST NATURAL WONDERS TO

Beyond its famed Mardi Gras celebrations, culinary scene, and New Orleans culture, Louisiana has some of the most unique natural landmarks and landscapes in the United States. From geologically rare islands to bewitching cypress-lined swamps, travelers can encounter some truly special scenes and experiences in this Southern state. Each natural wonder, whether maintained at a preserve, spotlighted as a tourist attraction, or seemingly untouched by human development, would capture the heart of any nature lover in 2025.

Cypress Island Preserve

The Cypress Island Preserve is one of the best places in Louisiana to see the state's iconic cypress trees and wildlife. Spanning nearly 10,000 acres, the park boasts a blend of cypress-tupelo swamp and hardwood forest habitats, supporting a range of enchanting flora and fauna. More than 300 of its cypress trees are over 300 years old, which can be best viewed from the popular 2.5-mile Levee Trail.

At the northern end of the trail, visitors can also find the park's kayak launch to paddle the area's swamp. Bear in mind that both the trail and launch are closed from around June through September during alligator nesting season. However, spring is undoubtedly the ideal time to visit the preserve anyway. With thousands of nesting birds like Roseate Spoonbills and Great Blue Herons migrating here each spring, Lake Martin comes alive with the colorful sights and sounds of a Louisiana swampland.



An American alligator in the Cypress Island Preserve, Louisiana.



The publicly open Tabasco Museum in Avery Island, Louisiana. Photo credit: Cheri Alguire.

Atchafalaya Basin

The Atchafalaya Basin, also called the Atchafalaya Swamp, shines as the largest wetland and river swamp in the country. The Basin began forming around 900 AD, and today, it spans nearly one million acres from the town of Simmesport toward the Gulf of Mexico. Its origins are linked to the Mississippi River, whose rerouted flow allowed the Atchafalaya River to overtake one of its abandoned channels. Gradually, this led natural levees (ridges of sediment along the river) to take shape, trapping overflow. The Basin features some of the country's greatest bayous, cypress and tupelo swamps, backwater lakes, and bottomland hardwood forests.

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Avery Island

Although Avery Island is heavily branded as the birthplace of Tabasco, it also boasts one of Louisiana's most extraordinary natural features. Some would argue that the island is not a natural wonder, as its main attraction, Jungle Gardens, is largely manmade. While it is true that the botanical garden features an array of non-native plant species from around the world, Avery Island's natural beauty existed long before Jungle Gardens was opened to the public in 1935. Native oaks draped with Spanish moss cover the landscape, shading and enchanting visitors. However, the true wonder is in the island itself.

Often called a "geological oddity," the island is one of five salt dome islands in Louisiana. Estimated to be "deeper than Mount Everest is high," geologists speculate that the salt deposit is the leftover trace of an ancient seabed. They believe the previously buried seabed surfaced due to the pressure of its surrounding sediments over 165 million years ago, resulting in the Avery Island people see today. Much like other Louisiana attractions, the spring months of March and April and the fall months of October and November are popular times to visit due to milder temperatures. Spring, however, is preferred by those hoping to see Jungle Gardens in full bloom.



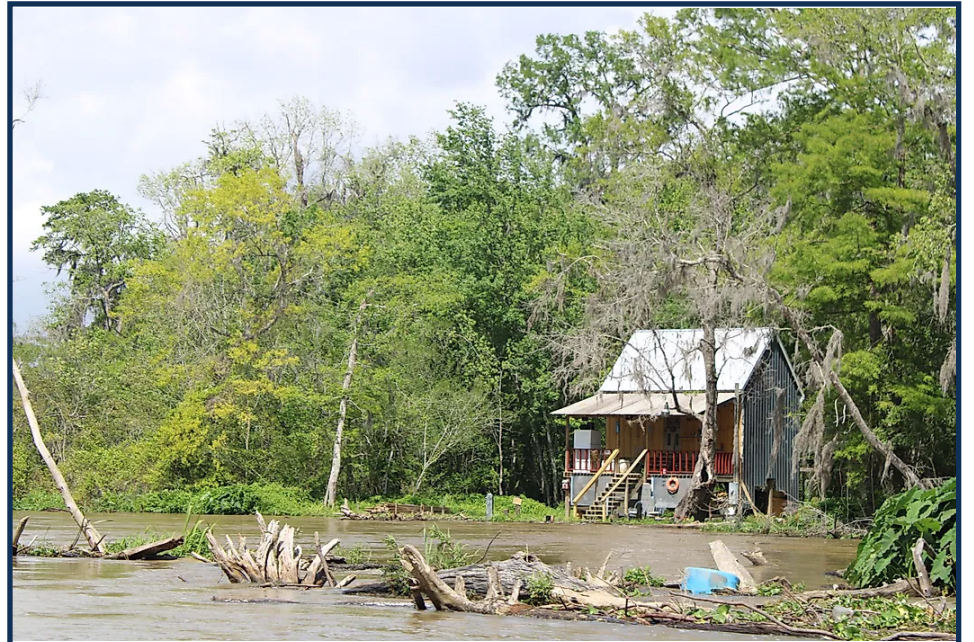
Yellow-crowned night heron in the Atchafalaya Basin in Louisiana.

VISIT IN LOUISIANA THIS YEAR

Honey Island Swamp

In eastern Louisiana, travelers can find Honey Island Swamp, a beautiful wetland frozen in time. Named after the area's once-abundant honeybees, the Honey Island Swamp has a colorful past, yet its landscape remains largely unaltered. From the first Indigenous who thrived off the landscape to the trappers and fishermen that followed, the area was utilized while remaining undeveloped. It even played a role as an escape and transport route during Prohibition. Bootleggers took advantage of the swamp's secluded and complicated layout to evade the law, hiding their whiskey and moonshine in hollowed-out cypress trees.

This dense and sheltered setting between the East and West Pearl Rivers is largely why the swamp remains frozen in time, even in 2025. Today, it is also part of the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, which maintains this preservation. Nevertheless, the area can still be explored. Honey Island Swamp Tours are a great way to experience some of the swamp's 70,000 acres, which can be tricky to navigate without a native guide. Summer tours can feel a bit too humid and uncomfortable, making spring or fall the best seasons to visit. However, spring steals the show for wildlife viewing, with many of the swamp's alligators and birds at their most active.



Boat houses Along the Pearl River On The Honey Island Swamp Tour In Slidell, Louisiana. Photo credit: Christy A Row.

Kisatchie National Forest

For a change of scenery, why not visit Louisiana's one and only national forest? Blanketing over 600,000 acres, Kisatchie National Forest is a hub of natural beauty and recreation, showcasing a different side of Louisiana beyond its swamps. With over 100 miles of hiking trails to choose from, the park can feel a bit overwhelming at first. However, each comes with its own extraordinary sights and scenes along with a range of trail lengths and levels, depending on what you are looking for. For instance, families and less experienced hikers love the 1.5-mile Longleaf Vista Interpretive Trail loop for its easygoing path, ridge views, and picnic areas.

The time of year may also influence your choice of trail or attraction since many shine brighter in certain seasons. The Wild Azalea Trail, for instance, blooms with a stunning array of azaleas in the spring, and the Sugar Cane Trail around Caney Lake also comes alive with wildflowers in spring and summer. Spring and fall are also the best times to explore the latt Lake Observation Pier for birding, with migratory birds taking to the water's edge. These cooler months are also preferred for the forest's longer hikes, like the Longleaf Trail Byway. With elevations ranging from 80 to 400 feet, this rugged 17-mile route features gorgeous views of the forest's longleaf pines, sandstone outcrops, and Kisatchie Bayou.

By: Mina Wiebe, WorldAtlas



A trail sign on the Backbone Trail in the Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana.

Barataria Preserve

The Barataria Preserve, a portion of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, is another stunning example of the state's wild wetlands, offering even more to explore. While smaller than Honey Island Swamp at 26,000 acres, the preserve is more developed for tourists to navigate its swamps, marshes, forests, and bayous. The preserve is also just a 30-minute drive from vibrant New Orleans, making it a popular escape from the city. April is an especially great time to visit when the Barataria Preserve takes part in the annual "Spring in the Swamp" event. While exact 2025 dates are yet to be determined, spring is generally a good time to visit Barataria for its wildflower blooms, which include giant blue irises.

Visiting Barataria outside of spring comes with its own rewards. For instance, the preserve's freshwater marsh transforms into a bright green each summer, while its autumn landscape brightens with red maples and yellow bur marigolds. While some of the preserve's trails are still being redesigned and reconstructed after Hurricane Ida in 2021, paths like the Bayou Coquille Trail and Visitor Center Trail remain open, both of which are wheelchair accessible. Paddling the park's seven interconnecting waterways is another popular way to explore the park, with three canoe launches to choose from.



A turtle resting on a log of wood in the Barataria Preserve.

UNITING RURAL AND URBAN FARMERS

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In his quest to strengthen the local food supply chain, Leroy actively participates in the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). This initiative focuses on maintaining and improving the resilience of food and agricultural supply chains. The program aims to serve feeding programs by procuring and distributing local foods, including food banks and organizations catering to underserved communities. Leroy's partnership with the Greater Baton Rouge Foodbank and Second Harvest Foodbank exemplifies his dedication to increasing local food consumption and expanding economic opportunities for local producers.

Leroy's professional background in real estate has played a pivotal role in his career by equipping him with unique insights. He has translated this into sustainable farming models that empower small-scale farmers to thrive in larger markets. He recently participated in the inaugural SOWTH: Regional Small Farms, Big Community Conference in Atlanta to showcase his innovative strategies.



Building trust within the community is crucial for Mr. Conish. He understands that a successful food system relies on strong relationships between farmers, consumers, and organizations. "Trust is key," he asserts, emphasizing the importance of transparency and collaboration in agricultural practices. His future plans include developing a network of minority farmers who can collectively access markets and resources, enabling them to farm sustainably and independently. By educating farmers about Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and the significance of government programs, he aims to create a robust farming community that thrives on its own terms.

The vision for River Road Farms extends into agritourism, a sector that not only promotes sustainable farming practices but also draws urban dwellers into the rural farming experience. Leroy hosts tours at his farm and facilitates visits to other local farms, showcasing the beauty of agricultural life and the importance of supporting local food systems. His musical talent adds a unique touch to these events, as he can often be seen performing live with his guitar, creating a joyful atmosphere that celebrates the connection between farming and community.

Looking ahead, Leroy has ambitious plans for River Road Farms. At the start of the year, he was approved for two high tunnels through a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant. These greenhouses will enable him to transition towards organic production, enhancing the sustainability of his farming practices. Under Gail's leadership, the couple plans to diversify their crops further by adding tomatoes, cucumbers, and bell peppers, ensuring that River Road Farms remains a vital source of fresh produce for the community.

As the agricultural landscape continues to evolve, the need for collaboration and sustainability



becomes increasingly critical. Leroy's work at River Road Farms serves as a model for other farmers seeking to make a difference in their communities. By fostering connections between rural and urban agriculture, he is paving the way for a future where food systems are not only sustainable but also equitable and inclusive.

In a world where food security remains a pressing concern, the initiatives led

by individuals like Leroy Conish are essential. His dedication to training the next generation of farmers, building trust within the community, and advocating for sustainable practices is helping to reshape the narrative of agriculture in Louisiana and beyond. As River Road Farms continues to flourish, it stands as a reminder of the vital role that farmers play in creating a healthier, more sustainable future for all.



THE BEST R.O.I.

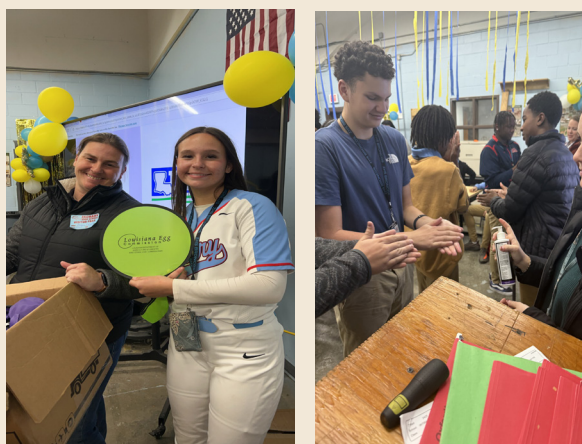
According to Mr. Conish, okra is one of the top crops to cultivate in Louisiana, and here are the reasons why:

- Okra plants yield a substantial harvest, allowing farmers to gather 2 to 3 times a week for market sales.
- The long production period of okra means it can be harvested over several months, ensuring a steady income for farmers.
- Adding value to okra post-harvest can boost its worth by as much as 500%.

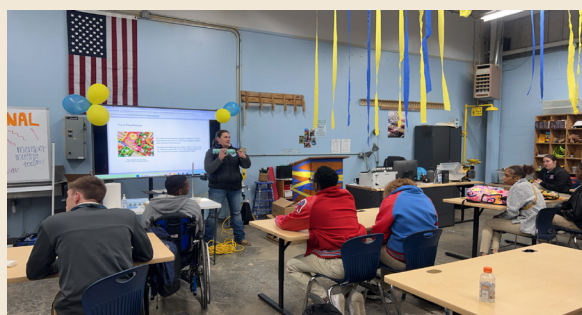
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National FFA week



Representatives from LDAF's Poultry & Eggs and Produce Safety programs spent time last week celebrating National FFA week with students from Zachary High FFA talking about careers in the Office of Animal Health & Food Safety and provided interactive demonstrations on how to grade and candle eggs and produce safety. Over 200 students from Ag I, II, III, and IV classes participated. We would like to thank Mrs. Melissa Brumbaugh and Zachary High FFA for having us speak to the students.



Why are eggs so expensive? LSU experts explain the bird flu's effect on egg prices

In the past weeks eggs have become a hot commodity, with Trader Joe's seemingly always out of stock, Walmart's prices springing from around \$4 to more than \$8 and Costco limiting the number of cartons customers can purchase.

Though eggs prices have risen over the past year, the swift spike in pricing can be attributed to the rise of the avian flu in chickens and other bird populations.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention says bird flu is incredibly contagious between birds and is capable of killing domestic birds, with some birds carrying the disease without showing symptoms. Though the CDC says bird flu has been around since the late 1800s, a new strain of the virus emerged in aquatic bird populations in 2020. The strain then moved to infect hundreds of other species like ducks, swans and chickens.

According to the CDC, the H5N1 strain of the bird flu only took a few months to infect humans and non-bird animals after its emergence. In 2021 the virus emerged in Europe and East Asian. Other variants of the virus began to spread, killing 18 people in China.

The next few years saw small but contained cases across the world. It wasn't until late 2022 that the virus began appearing in the U.S., infecting birds, foxes and other wild animals. Bird flu began to clearly affect farm animals across the U.S. last year. When these animals contracted the infection, so did humans.

Last month, a patient in Louisiana died from bird flu, marking the first U.S. death from the virus. Currently, the CDC and other agencies are working to minimize the spread of the infection.

William Strickland, an assistant extension agent at LSU's AgCenter and the university's resident bird flu expert, explained the virus and its impact on farmers, animals and the agricultural industry. He said the bird flu is "fairly highly contagious and has a very high mortality rate in our poultry populations," and the virus and the consequential egg shortage are "probably not going anywhere anytime soon."

Currently, many birds are being tested and observed for symptoms. If a group of birds in a population seem to be contracting the virus and dying, farmers begin to depopulate the group with the help of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to stop the spread of the virus.

Strickland points to the fact the virus is highly contagious and that whole groups of chickens have to be killed to stop the spread of the virus to explain the strain on the production of eggs.

When farmers realize their animals are infected, they must follow guidelines to stop the spread.

Strickland highlighted the problems that come after a farmer has to depopulate their flock, including having to find a way to safely discard the dead chickens to stop the spread of the virus. Before the farmer can repopulate the farm, they have to check with the USDA to make sure it is safe and clean from bird flu.

Though the first and only human death from avian influenza happened here in Louisiana, Strickland cites the CDC in their knowledge that there is not much risk to humans. He also cites the USDA, saying that properly handling and cooking meat and eggs kills the virus.

"There's a lot of other USDA safeguards in place to keep it out..." Strickland said. "As long as you properly handle and cook them, those products are safe to eat."

For anyone worried about domesticated birds, such as chickens and turkeys, Strickland advised contacting the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. For wild birds, he said to contact the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Daniel Keniston, an economics professor at LSU, explained how a drastic shift in egg prices and the bird flu are affecting citizens' pockets. Keniston said one of the reasons for such a big shift could be because of how universal and prominent eggs are in the American diet.

If the high prices of eggs continue, Keniston said that people's tastes may change, and they may adopt different eating habits to soften the financial blow. He proposed that some people may stop buying eggs or people will develop a new way of getting eggs, such as importing them.

Keniston explained product shortage and a steep rise of prices has occurred before, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"That was driven more by demand than supply, but during Covid we saw bottles of hand sanitizer going for \$100 and stuff like that," Keniston said. "You can get these rapid shifts in prices."

As an economics professor, Keniston said seeing eggs' price-shifting dynamic offers students a chance to apply what they learn in the classroom to real life. He even thinks economics professors will use the egg shortage as an example in their classes over the next decade.

"It's very gratifying to see what we call ECON 2000 at work here," Keniston said. "It's a classic case of a reduction in supply causing shortages and then causing price increases. It's absolutely what we teach in Econ 2000."

By Sarah Walton, Reveille

Agricultural Exports 101

Trade is a hot topic with a lot of uncertainty. Trade policy decisions being made in Washington will impact farmers and ranchers in the countryside. This Market Intel report is the first in a series exploring different topics related to agricultural trade, including the potential impacts of trade policy changes.

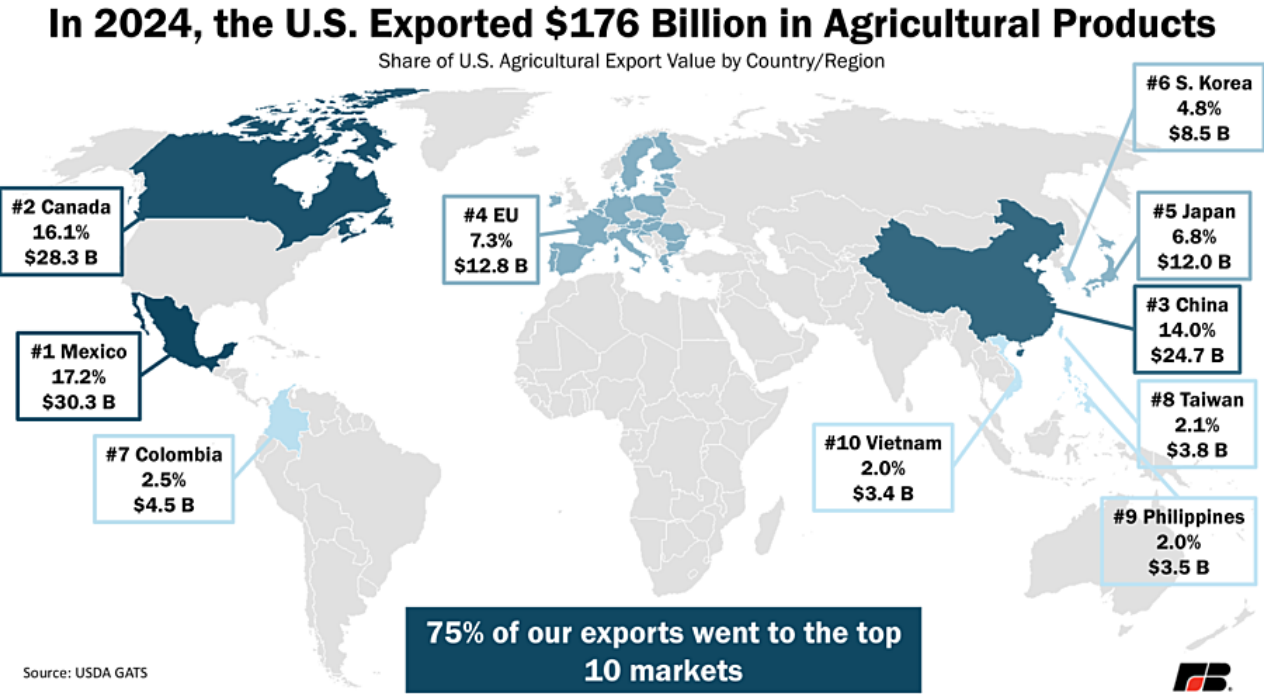
With more than 20% of U.S. agricultural production destined for foreign markets, agricultural exports are vital to the financial success of U.S. farmers. Exports not only allow U.S. farmers to find additional customers among the over 95% of the world population that lives outside of our borders but also add value for farmers as many foreign customers are looking for products for which Americans find little or no value. For instance, consumers in Japan, South Korea and other Asian countries are willing to pay premiums for fruit; and while certain animal parts, such as beef tongue or chicken feet, are undesirable in the United States, they are delicacies in other cultures, and so add value to U.S. production through trade.

Agricultural exports are also important the broader U.S. economy. On average, \$2.09 of domestic economic activity is created for every \$1 of U.S. agricultural exports. This translates to jobs as well, with USDA estimating that over 6,000 jobs are created for each \$1 billion in agricultural exports – equaling approximately 1.25 million jobs in 2022.

Where We Export

In 2024, the U.S. exported \$176 billion in agricultural products to a total of 189 countries and territories. However, 75% of our total exports went to only 10 markets and nearly half (47%) of our agricultural exports went to only three countries: Mexico, Canada and China. Mexico became the top destination for U.S. agricultural products for the first time in 2024. Between 2003 and 2023, the top spot alternated between China (2012-2014, 2016, 2020-2023) and Canada (2003-2011, 2015, 2017-2019).

Additionally, nearly half of all agricultural exports (49%) go to markets with whom the U.S. has a free trade agreement. This is a new record, and interesting as we have not signed



an FTA with a new partner since 2012, when agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama entered into force.

What We Export

What we export is determined by a multitude of factors. Of course, there is geography and climate, which determine where and what we can grow. While the Corn Belt has some of the world’s richest farmlands and ideal growing conditions for its namesake corn, we can only grow extremely limited amounts of such tropical products as coffee and bananas in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Economics is also at play. Labor is expensive in the United States as compared to other nations, leading U.S. farmers to specialize in crops that can be mechanically harvested: row crops and tree nuts.

With that in mind, let’s dive into what we export. By value, 48% of agricultural products we exported in 2024 were in the consumer-oriented products category, which includes products you would find at the grocery store like meat, pasta, tree nuts and fresh fruit. Thirty-two percent were considered “bulk,”

which generally includes unprocessed, row-crop commodities such as corn, soybeans, cotton and tobacco. Intermediate products, which include processed commodities such as soybean meal, ethanol and seeds for planting, were 19% of the total in 2024.

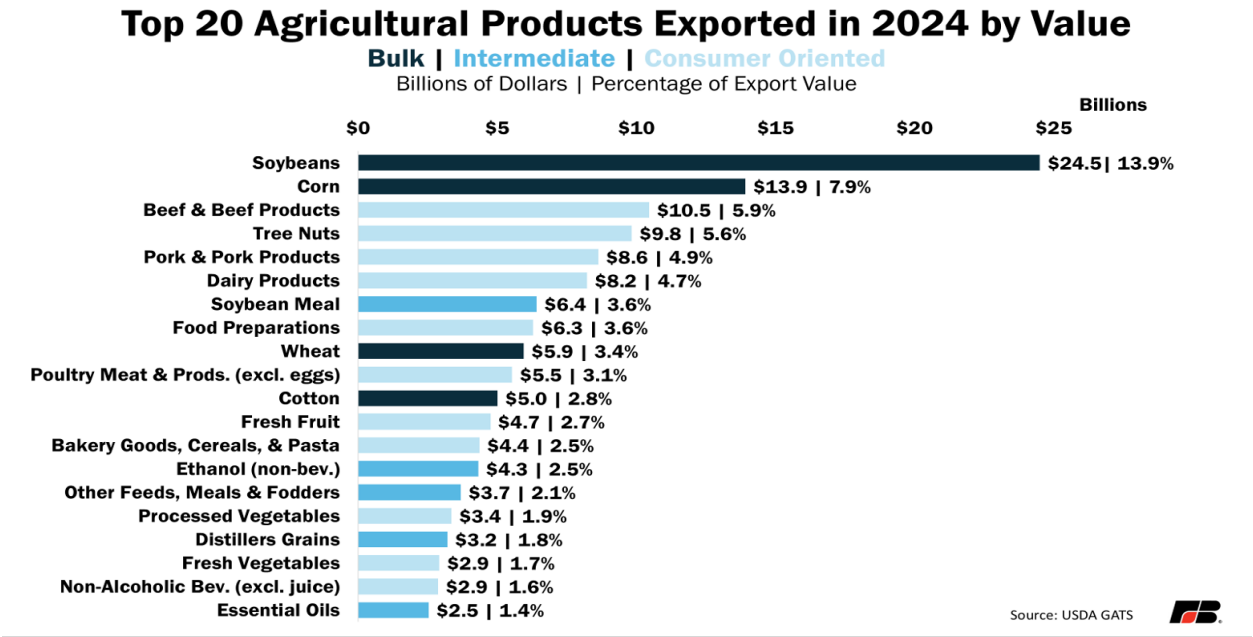
Despite low commodity prices, soybeans and corn – sold with minimal processing – directly accounted for 22% of all exports by value in 2024 (\$38.4 billion). Remember these products also benefit from exports in numerous other ways: as fed to livestock, feedstock for ethanol and as components of alcoholic beverages, among other export products. The U.S. Meat Export Federation estimates 512.7 million bushels of corn and 96.8 million bushels of soybeans were fed to animals eventually exported as beef and pork products in 2023. In 2024, exports of ethanol set a record at 1.9 billion gallons, which at 2.8 gallons per bushel, translates to 684 million bushels of corn. The exports of corn through beef, pork and ethanol alone would increase the amount of corn exported (2.5 billion bushels) by nearly 50%.

Big Picture

Exports are a key component of the success of U.S. farms, accounting for more than 20% of agricultural production by value. In addition, exports are good for the broader U.S. economy, with on average \$2.09 of domestic economic activity created for every \$1 of U.S. agricultural exports. Agriculture is also a key percentage of overall exports for our country – accounting for 8.4% of goods exported in 2024 and 5.5% of total exports, including services.

Agricultural exports have benefited greatly from the expansion of free trade in recent decades. This also means that when the U.S. restricts trade through tariffs on other countries’ products, U.S. farm and ranch goods are often targeted for retaliatory tariffs or restrictive measures, putting farmers on the front line of many trade disputes and jeopardizing American farmers’ access to critical foreign markets.

By: Betty Resnick



Farm Stressors: A Heart Health Concern

Farming is recognized as one of the most stressful professions in the United States, with numerous challenges contributing to significant health issues among farmers. Financial pressures, unpredictable weather, and extreme working conditions can lead to not only mental strain but also physical health problems, particularly concerning heart health.

The Stay Rooted Louisiana program is designed to support agricultural communities by enhancing mental health awareness and providing essential training and resources. These resources focus on crucial aspects such as farm succession, financial management, and disaster preparedness.

Key findings from the CDC and USDA-NASS indicate a concerning trend regarding heart health among farmers:

- Male farmers aged 45 and older have a notably higher risk of heart disease compared to their non-farming counterparts.
- - The average age of producers in Louisiana is 58, highlighting an aging demographic that may face increased health risks.
- Louisiana is home to approximately 25,006 farms and ranches, underscoring the importance of addressing health issues within this community.

Several factors contribute to the heart health challenges faced by farmers:

- The high levels of stress arising from market fluctuations and equipment malfunctions can have detrimental effects on cardiovascular health.

- Many farmers have limited access to healthcare services, particularly in rural areas, making it difficult to manage health concerns effectively.
- Low health literacy and a general neglect of heart health awareness further complicate the situation, leaving many farmers unaware of the risks and preventive measures available to them.

To combat these issues, farmers are encouraged to take proactive steps to enhance their cardiovascular health:

- Engaging in regular stress-relief activities can help mitigate the impact of daily pressures.
- Speaking openly about health concerns can lead to better support and solutions.
- Connecting with local resources for health education and assistance is vital for improving overall heart health in farming communities.

Visit <https://www.ldaf.la.gov/about/community/stay-rooted> for more information and resources.



February is Heart Health Month!

February is designated as Heart Health Month, a time to raise awareness about cardiovascular health and the importance of preventive measures. Managing stress effectively can significantly contribute to heart health by reducing the risk of high blood pressure and other stress-related health issues.

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Louisiana Peach Festival Wins Louey Award for Festival of the Year

The Louisiana Travel Association (LTA) announced the Louisiana Peach Festival as the recipient of the 2025 Louey Award for Festival of the Year at its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 18 in Monroe, La. The Louisiana Peach Festival Planning Committee was in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the event.

This year, LTA presented 20 Louey Awards to honor and showcase individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the Louisiana tourism industry.

The Louisiana Peach Festival is a long-standing Ruston tradition dating back to 1951. The event was originally created by area peach farmers to promote their industry throughout the region and has since become one of the longest-running agricultural festivals in Louisiana. Over the years, the Peach Festival has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to Lincoln Parish and pumped millions back into the local economy.

The festival received the award as a result of its unique community collaborations, significant economic impact, emphasis on local culture, and shift to free admission in 2024, which positioned the festival for continued growth and an even greater impact on the area.

“This recognition is such an honor and is truly a testament to the power of community partnership,” said Amanda Carrier, President & CEO of Experience Ruston. “Since joining with the City of Ruston and Downtown Ruston to coordinate the festival in 2021, we’ve been able to make the event more accessible and engaging for residents and visitors alike, which has resulted in positive impacts across our community.”

In 2024, the single-day event drew 27,000+ attendees from all over the region and provided more than \$1.6 million dollars of economic impact to the area, according to the Louisiana Tech Center for Economic Research. This economic impact reaches local businesses, restaurants, and hotels, as well as area makers and artists that participate as vendors at the event.

More festival announcements will follow in the coming weeks, including the headliner and music lineup for the event, volunteer opportunities, and special 75th anniversary celebrations. To stay up to date on festival info, follow Louisiana Peach Festival on Facebook and Instagram, or visit www.lapeachfest.com.

For more information on LTA and the Louey Awards, visit www.louisianatravelassociation.org.



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159 Cherokee Drive, Crowley
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ricearena@appj.org

Assumption Parish Ag Complex & Arena
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www.assumptionla.com/AgComplex

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20239 Airport Road, Bogalusa

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www.sweetwater-campground.com

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www.terrebonne-livestock.org

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1462 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge
(225) 356-5203, dominiquelivestock.com

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58449 Highway 51, Amite
(985) 748-8636, www.cattleusa.com

Dominique Stockyard (TUES)

2800 W. Landry Street, Opelousas
(337) 942-5661, dominiquelivestock.com

Mansura Livestock (WED)
8745 Highway 1, Mansura
(318) 964-5330, www.cattleusa.com

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(318) 932-5691, www.cattleusa.com

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774 Highway 80, Delhi, (318) 878-2394

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

The Louisiana Polled Hereford Association will hold their annual Bayou Classic Sale on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 1 PM at the Dean Lee Livestock Facilities and Sales Arena located at 8105 Tom Bowman Drive, south of Alexandria.

Livestock Committee Beef Tour March 24-28 Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation State Office; 9516 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

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

POULTRY SALES & SHOWS

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

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

Hammond Poultry Swap — Held 1st Saturday of the month at Tractor Supply on Florida Boulevard. Only healthy animals. Contact Jenna at (225) 439-9024.

New Iberia Poultry Swap & Sale — Held every 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday from 8 AM until

12 PM at Tractor Supply on Highway 90. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact Roy at (337) 523-1807.

Opelousas Poultry Swap & Sales — Held every 1st Sunday from 8 AM until 12 PM at the Tractor Supply, Highway 190. No sick animals and no dogs or cats. Contact Larry at (337) 945-2804.

Poultry Swap & Farmers Market — Held every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 7 AM until at the Moss Bluff Tractor Supply. Contact Joyce Conner at (337) 391-1790.

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HORSE EVENTS

Bogalusa Cow Sorting
For more information, call Troy Crain at (985) 516-7507 or Blake Chiasson at (985) 285-0892 or email sorting@3DOTS.us.

Cotton Country Open Horse Show Assoc.
All shows held at the Northeast LA Exhibition Center on Hwy 33 in Ruston. For more information, visit www.ccohsa.com.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Assoc.
All shows begin at 9 AM and alternate between Clinton and New Roads arenas.

March 15th- Clinton

April 26th- New Roads

May 31st-Clinton

September 27th-new roads

October 11th-Clinton

November 1st-New roads

November 22nd-new roads

More information:
<http://dsshsa.weebly.com/> or email: dsshsa@gmail.com

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

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

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

UPCOMING AG HOLIDAYS

National Ground Water Awareness Week
March 6th - 12th

National Johnny Appleseed Day
March 11th

National Plant a Flower Day
March 12th

National Poultry Day
March 19th

National Ag Day
March 21st

REPORT OR SOLVE A CRIME



CATTLE THEFT & AG-RELATED
Crimestoppers Hotline:
1-800-558-9741



FORESTRY-RELATED
Forestry Enforcement:
225-925-4500



AG EVENTS

Free Farmer Training Program

Starts March 20, 2025

Applications for the 2025 cohorts are now open from February 14th - March 11th.

Applications will be accepted from anywhere in the state but these are in-person workshops and field days that meet 2 to 3 times per month on average from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for classroom workshops and during the day (morning or afternoon) for Field Days. Transportation is not provided and 100% attendance is required.

The free Farmer Training Program is a 12-month business development program with workshops, field days, and on-farm implementation. It is designed to help new and beginning farmers (1-10 years experience) grow and sell fruits, vegetables, niche crops, and value-added products made from their products.

For more information visit <https://www.lssac.org/ftp>

Louisiana Regional Fisheries Summit

March 25, 2025 • 9 AM - 3:45 PM

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

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

AGMAGIC 2025

March 24-28, 2025

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Embark on an exciting journey through Louisiana Agriculture with your students! Located at John M. Parker Coliseum on LSU Campus, experience, guided tours, engaging teacher resources, and much more! Don't miss this hands-on learning experience that brings agriculture to life!

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

Second Spring Women's Fishing 101 Workshop

Saturday, April 5, 2025 -

LDWF Waddill Wildlife Refuge, Baton Rouge

APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN!!

The Women's Fishing Workshops are hosted in conjunction with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation (LAWFF). The Foundation was formed to help expand and support LDWF education and research programs with additional resources developed through its own facilities. Encouraging support for LDWF programs is the major focus of the Foundation, accomplished by connecting people and businesses with Louisiana's natural resources. For more information, visit www.lawff.org.

Women's Fishing 101 Workshops are funded by the Sport Fish Restoration Fund, a USFWS grant program that provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for fishery projects, boating access and aquatic education.

For more information visit www.wlf.louisiana.gov/news

Advertising your event in the Market Bulletin is FREE & EASY!



To ensure timely publication, please submit your event (including date, time, location and any other details) at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

- marketbulletin@ldaf.state.la.us
- Fax (225) 923-4828
- 5825 Florida Blvd., Ste. 2001, Baton Rouge, LA 70806



2025 Outdoor Music Concerts

March 22nd • 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Black Water Brake
(Classic Rock, Blues, Country, Dance Mix)

April 5th • 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Clara Rae & The Ramblers
(Bluesey Country, Americana, Classic Rock, Dance Mix)

April 19th • 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Mike McKenzie Band
(Rock, Country, Dance Mix) (Easter Weekend)

May 10th • 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Code Blue & The Flatliners
(Classic Rock, Country, Dance Mix) (Mother's Day Weekend)

September 13th • 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Grape Stomp #1
Lisa Spann & Company
(Rock, Country, Dance Mix)

October 11th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Grape Stomp #2
Flashback 5
(Top 40 Covers, Classic Rock, Dance Mix)

November 1st • 3:00- 6:30 p.m.
Mike McKenzie Band
(Classic Rock, Country Dance Mix)

Admission at the gate:
\$15.00 Adults
\$5.00 13-18 Years
12 & Under Are Free

For Purchase:
Wine by the Glass & Bottle, Wine Tastings, & Peach Wine Bellinis

Food:
Local Food Trucks
12" Pizzas

Bring:
Lawn Chair, Blanket, Optional Picnic Dinner

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

5693 New Natchitoches Rd, West Monroe, LA 71292

DIRECTIONS:
From Exit 108/Cheniere - Go South on LA 546 for 4.8 miles, turn left going east on LA838/New Natchitoches Road and travel 7 miles to Landry Vineyards located on the right.

2025 Lagniappe Saturdays

March 15th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Mason Granade

March 29th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Mike McKenzie

April 12th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Encore

April 26th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Clay LaBeff

May 3rd • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Dave Gore

May 17th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Clayton Maza

May 24th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Flip Flop Man (Steve McCloud)

May 31st • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Mike McKenzie

June 7th • 3:00- 6:30 p.m.
Dave Gore

September 6th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Mike McKenzie

September 20th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Dave Gore

September 27th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Mason Granade

October 4th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Mike McKenzie

October 18th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Encore

October 25th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Dave Gore

November 8th • 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Clayton Maza

- Open hours are from 11AM until the music ends.
- This is NOT a regular concert. This is a single-man band, duo, or trio on the front patio.
- This is a FREE event - no cover charge or tickets. (PLEASE TIP THE MUSICIAN!)
- Landry Vineyards wine will be for sale by the glass & bottle.
- Vineyard and Winery Tours will be conducted as usual.
- Wine tastings & wine flights will be conducted as usual.
- Tables will be first come, first served. No table reservations for Lagniappe events, except for Wine Club Members.
- Guests can bring a chair or blanket in case tables are full.
- We will have 12" pizzas, cheese blocks, summer sausage, & crackers available for purchase, but guests can bring food or snacks.

Come celebrate an afternoon of fun with your family and community while listening to local music and drinking Landry Vineyards wine!

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL
NO PETS



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