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FROM PROTECTORS TO PROVIDERS... *Veterans in agriculture*



Like any career or lifestyle, agriculture is filled with challenges, opportunities, and rewards. Who better to rise to those challenges than military veterans? It's not uncommon for members of the military to transition to life on the farm. And while it's not without its risks, no doubt veterans often have the very dedication, discipline, and resilience required to succeed. Not only that, but many veterans turned farmers/ranchers note that it can be rewarding, meaningful, and even therapeutic.

Whether you come from a military background or not, experts encourage any new or beginner

farmer to do their due diligence in order to prepare themselves for success. For starters, it's important to think a farming endeavor as a business. From market research and book keeping to technical knowledge and equipment, as well as considerations such as taxes and family life (just to name a few), transitioning into an agriculture career can be a steep learning curve that takes preparation, passion, purpose, and perseverance.

If you are a veteran (or know one) looking to transition into a career in agriculture, there's so much to consider and learn. But you're not alone. There is a wide variety of resources out there, many of them free, specifically to assist veterans take on their next big mission. Here are just a few...

USDA programs

United States veterans have endured extreme hardships to protect our country and its values, often by putting their lives on the line. But when their service is complete, many find reentering civilian life to be challenging.

Housed within USDA's Office of Partnership and Public Engagement, the Military Veteran Agricultural Liaison (MVAL) helps veterans explore ways to launch successful careers in agriculture:

- Coordinating with the USDA Human Resources Office to help veterans and their spouses **find employment** at USDA agencies.
- Connecting veterans with **paid apprenticeships** through USDA and the Department of Labor.

- Connecting veterans to nonprofit and other partners who can provide veterans with **training and hands-on experience** in agriculture.
- Working with the Department of Veteran's Affairs help veterans to gain **valuable civilian work experience** through non-paid internships with USDA agencies.
- **Sharing information** about more than 40 loan, grant, and technical assistance programs.

To learn more about MVAL and all USDA resources available to veterans, visit www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/veterans, or contact veterans@usda.gov.

Beginning or Veteran Farmers & Ranchers

This program offers an array of tools from planning to risk-management. Visit www.farmers.gov/your-business/beginning-farmers or contact the Louisiana program coordinator Anthony Reed at Anthony.reed1@usda.gov or 318-473-7730.

LDAF's Minority & Veteran Affairs

LDAF's Minority and Veteran Affairs program aims to provide veteran farmers with the technical assistance needed to make more informed agricultural decisions on their farms, as well as sustain and increase the number of minority farmers in Louisiana. Our staff can help connect you with resources best suited to your needs.

Learn more at www.ldaf.la.gov/about/community/minority-and-veteran-affairs or email minorityandveteranaffairs@ldaf.state.la.us.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

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The diplomacy of agriculture: Conversations with Cuba

I recently returned from the USAAC's 2024 Agriculture Business Conference in Cuba.

The United States Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC) includes members of the U.S. food and agriculture community who are on a mission to improve agricultural trade between the U.S. and Cuba. Through an increased exchange of ideas, knowledge, capital, and credit, USACC strives to build trade relations with an honest appraisal of the past and a fresh look to the future.

This was my fourth trip to Cuba since 2016. Through my visits, I've met with the Cuban President, toured small farms and markets, and gained a greater

understanding of the challenges their people face. I also learned ways that U.S. farmers, particularly Louisiana producers, could contribute to mutually beneficial solutions.

For starters, even though about 10% of all the people in Cuba are involved in agriculture (compared to roughly one percent in the U.S.), only half of the farmland is being farmed. One reason for that is that they have no fertilizer, no pesticides, no modern seeds, and very little modern ag equipment.

Amazingly, almost everything is done using oxen or bulls with hand plows. So, overall production is down more than 70% over the past 10 years. Currently, they import about \$2 billion worth of food products. Additionally, half a



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- Bermuda Large Round**Premium \$200/ton
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- Bermuda Large Round**Good/Premium \$240-\$300/ton
- Bermuda Small Square**Good/Premium \$260-\$330/ton

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<p>ALLEN Oberlin Farmers Market 228 West 6th Ave Wed 9AM-1PM</p>	<p>CLAIBORNE Harvest Time Homer W Main & N 2nd St Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct</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>Natchitoches Farmers Market Mobile Market #1 (City Park) Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN Stephensville Market Rec Park 3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City 2nd Sat, 10AM</p>
<p>ASCENSION Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market 39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM April-Aug, Oct-Dec</p>	<p>CONCORDIA Delta Farmers Market, 405 Carter St, Vidalia Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze</p>	<p>JEFFERSON DAVIS Cajun Country Farms Roadside Produce 26105 Liberty Cemetery Rd</p>	<p>Natchitoches Mobile Farmers Market #2 (Riverbank) Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov</p>	<p>ST. MARY Berwick Town Market Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St 3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun & Sept-Dec)</p>
<p>Riverside Farmers Market of LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun 10AM-2PM</p>	<p>EAST BATON ROUGE Red Stick Farmers Market #1 Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge Sat 8AM-12PM</p>	<p>Coushatta Farmers Market Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton 1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun</p>	<p>ORLEANS 2301 Gallier St, Barcelo Gardens Sat 10AM-1PM, Jan 22</p>	<p>ST. TAMMANY Abita Springs Art & Farmers Market, 22049 Main St Sun 11AM - 3 PM</p>
<p>ASSUMPTION Barcelo Gardens Farmers Market, 211 Franklin Ave, Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM</p>	<p>Red Stick Farmers Market #2 Pennington Biomedical (Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM</p>	<p>Main Street Farmers Market 1333 Elton Rd, Jennings Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec</p>	<p>Crescent City Farmers Market — UPTOWN New Orleans, 200 Broadway Tues 8AM - 12PM</p>	<p>Covington Farmers Market 609 North Columbia St Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM</p>
<p>AVOUELLES Palace Farmers Market 112 SW Main St, Bunkie Mon-Sat, 9AM-6PM, Sun 9AM-3PM</p>	<p>Red Stick Farmers Market #3 7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct- Dec</p>	<p>Welsh Farmers Market 103 W. Grove St Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept</p>	<p>Crescent City Farmers Market — MID-CITY New Orleans Lafitte Greenway Plaza 500 N. Norman Parkway Thurs 3PM - 7PM</p>	<p>Mandeville Trailhead Market 675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM</p>
<p>BEAUREGARD DeRidder Farmers Market 206 N. Washington Ave Daily 7AM-6PM</p>	<p>Zachary Farmers & Artisans Market, Memorial Park Sat 10AM-2PM</p>	<p>LAFAYETTE Acadiana Farmers Market 801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St, Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round</p>	<p>Crescent City Farmers Market — CITY PARK New Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium Marconi @ Navarre Sun 8 AM - 12PM</p>	<p>Pearl River Farmers Market & Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41 1st Sat 8AM-2 PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>Red Stick Farmers Mobile Market, ExxonMobil YMCA, 7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct- Nov</p>	<p>Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea Market, 3011 NW Evangeline Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun 10AM-5PM</p>	<p>Farmers & Artisans Market Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St, Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM</p>	<p>Camellia City Farmers Market 333 Erlanger, Old Towne Slidell Sat 8AM-12PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>EVANGELINE Ville Platte Farmers Market East Main St, May-Aug, Fri 4-6PM</p>	<p>LAFOURCHE Lafourche Central Market 4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland Sat 9AM-12PM</p>	<p>OUACHITA Monroe Farmers Market 1212 Washington St Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov</p>	<p>TANGIPAHOA Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave, Sat 8AM-12PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>GRANT Colfax Farmers Market 8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov</p>	<p>LASALLE Olla Town Square Market 2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM, May-Aug 11</p>	<p>West Monroe Farmers Market 1700 North 7th St Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct</p>	<p>TENSAS St. Joseph Tailgate Market Gazebo on Plank Rd Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>IBERIA Delcambre Farmers Market 605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330) 1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec</p>	<p>LIVINGTON Four Seasons Farmers Market Sat 8AM-12PM</p>	<p>RAPIDES Alexandria Farmers Market 2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM</p>	<p>TERREBONNE Cajun Farmers Market of Houma, Naquin St & Martin L King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>Da Berry Fresh Market 520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM</p>	<p>LINCOLN Ruston Farmer's Market 220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM</p>	<p>Boyce Farmers' Market 627 Pacific Ave Wed 3-6PM</p>	<p>VERMILION Abbeville Farmers Market, Magdalen Sq, Abbeville Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>Teche Area Farmers Market 102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM</p>	<p>LIVINGSTON Livingston Farmers Market 215 Florida St, Denham Springs Sat 7AM-12PM</p>	<p>Delhi Farmers Market 1104 Broadway St Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov</p>	<p>Kaplan Farmers Market Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave 2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>IBERVILLE St. Gabriel Farmers Market 3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74 3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM</p>	<p>MADISON Tallulah Farmers Market #1 404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65 Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p>	<p>German Coast #1 St. Charles Parish Library, 160 West Campus Dr, Destrehan Sat 8AM-12PM</p>	<p>VERNON Leesville Farmers Market S. 3rd St Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>JEFFERSON Rotary Grand Isle Farmers Market, Oak Lane 2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM</p>	<p>Tallulah Farmers Market #2 Court House Square Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec</p>	<p>German Coast #2 West Bank Bridge Park 13825 River Rd, Luling Wed 1-5PM</p>	<p>WASHINGTON Franklinton Farmers Market Washington St & 15th Ave Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>Gretna Farmers Market Huey P. Long Ave Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM</p>	<p>MOREHOUSE Morehouse Parish Market 305 E Madison, Bastrop Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM</p>	<p>St. Charles Parish Library, 160 West Campus Dr, Destrehan Sat 8AM-12PM</p>	<p>WEST FELICIANA St. Francisville Farmers Market 9961 Wilcox St Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</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>St. Helena Parish Farmers Market, 6032 LA-10, Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM</p>	<p>WINN Winn Farmers Market 301 West Main, Winnfield Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out</p>
<p>BOSSIER Barksdale Market 3226 Barksdale Blvd Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun</p>	<p>Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters, Sam Houston Jones Pkwy Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct</p>	<p>ST. HELENA St. Helena Parish Farmers Market, 6032 LA-10, Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM</p>	<p>ST. LANDRY St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St, Hwy 190, Opelousas Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-11AM, Apr-Nov</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN Stephensville Market Rec Park 3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City 2nd Sat, 10AM</p>



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

THE A MAZE ING TRACE NURSERY & NATURE TRAILS

1.5-mile scenic woods trail, catch and release fishing, kayaks, waterfall, cave, etc, picnic areas, group parties, churches, schools, playground, games, golf cart rides for elderly, flowering plants and signage throughout,

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FOUR OAKS FARM

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



Honey Do Farms are offering Western lessons, ages 4 & up, we supply everything, summer camps & birthday parties. Kori Schexnayder, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; 337-668-4777 or 337-316-4619.

ANIMALS

CATTLE

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

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

Angus

Two, three-year-old Registered Red Angus bulls, will have fresh semen and trich test prior to sale, \$4,000 each firm. Dennis Kieffer, Montgomery, Winn Parish; 318-663-2115.

14-month-old bull, pure bred angus out of GAR Ashland and OCC lines, call for more info, \$3,000. Jeffrey Arcemont, River Ridge, Jefferson Parish; 504-432-4843.

Virgin registered Black Angus Bull, born 2/4/2023, sire Renown 06 Of CQUIN, Grand Sire SAV Renown 3439, LBT 40-45 lbs, WWT 600 lbs, fertility tested 85+, hand fed, all vaccinations, docile, wt. 1,350

- 1,450 lbs, ready late spring or early fall breeding, \$4,500. Bill Saulnier, Welsh, Jefferson Parish; 337-842-7549.

Purebred Black Angus bull, 7-months-old, \$800. Clinton Breland, Angie, Washington Parish; 985-515-8883.

Braford

Registered Braford Bull, registered Braford cow with calf, will be 6 years old this summer, with papers, asking \$2,500 for the bull, \$2,500 for cow and calf. Joe Coram, Deridder, Beauregard Parish; 337-396-2905.

Registered Braford tiger stripe bull, registered Braford tiger stripe cow with calf, \$2,500 each. Joe Coram, Deridder, Beauregard Parish; 337-396-2905.

Brahman

2 pure bred Brahman bulls, born 10/23/23, dehorned, wormed, and vaccinated, very gentle, \$800 each. Murrell Hoffpauir, Church Point, Acadia Parish; 337-258-1383.

Brangus

2 registered Brangus bulls, 18-months-old, good blood lines, gentle, low birth weight, can send pictures, will guarantee fertility, \$3,000. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; 985-291-5204.

Charolais

Charolais bulls, \$4,400, Charolais cows, \$3,300; pairs \$4,000, Charlangus cows, \$2,200, pairs \$2,800, Open Charolais heifers, \$1,600, Charlangus heifers, \$1,300. Dr.

Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-331-3151 or 337-948-6511.

Registered Charolais bulls, 18-months-old, semen tested, vaccinated, BSE approved, \$4,000 - \$5000. Coy Fitch, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; 337-276-5991.

Hereford

Registered Hereford Bulls, 2-2 1/2 years, \$3,250. Eddie Knoll, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish 318-717-5532.

Wagyu

1 Black Wagyu Bull, FB85851, Tedi Kuma, 85% Black / 15% Red, 3-years-old, fertile, dehorned, UTD on vaccinations, \$6,500, 1 Black / Red Wagyu Bull, FB85853, Lil Mitsue, 53% Red / 47% Black, 2-years-old, not tested will guarantee fertile, UTD on vaccinations, \$3,500, both prices negotiable. Randy DeMarcy, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-522-3312.

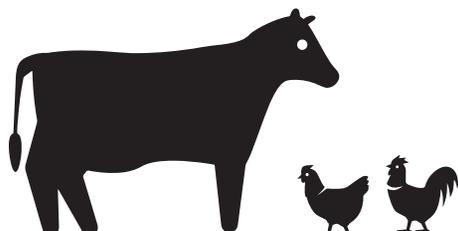
Full blood Wagyu bulls, 14-16 months, \$2,850 each and up. Chip Durand, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-344-0486.

18 F1 WagyuXAngus, 2-5 years old, pairs-breds-3 in 1's-exposed, \$2,500 each and up. Chip Durand, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-344-0486.

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

Zebu

WANTED: 1 to 3 years old mini bull. Ray Reynolds, St. Helena Parish; 985-247-2927.



Other

2 Black white face bulls, 18-months-old, out of registered Brangus and PB Hereford bull, Registered with IBBA, gentle, low birth weight, can send pictures, guarantee fertility. \$2,500. Ronald Chiasson, Larose, Lafourche Parish; 985-291-5204.

2-year-old mid-sized Jersey heifer, A2A2 milk, polled, halter broke, recently bred to mini jersey bull, \$1,200. Cynthia Villar, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-264-7880.

Embryos with recips, Sire: Spring Grove Equity 8074 AAA 19055584, Dam: Welytok Rampage Erianna 6D74 AAA18563775, two heifer calves and one bull calf due 9/17, call for pricing. Joseph Gendron, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-931-5751.

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

WANTED: Roping steers/ heifers for sale near central LA. Doyle White, Concordia Parish; 318-481-2152.

DOGS

Anatolian Shepard Puppies, AKC registerable, Fawn and brindle, will be exposed to chickens, goats, sheep, and pigs, working parents on site, due late May and ready in July, \$600. Kimberly Hall Triple H Kennels, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; 985-789-9692.

Heeler puppies, born May 1, parents on site, \$300 each. Al Reames, West Feliciana Parish; 225-721-1673.

Australian Shepard puppies to be born in June, ready early July, cow dogs and kid dogs, fun loving, train easy, will have first shots and dewormed, docked tails, \$100 deposit, \$250 total. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Great Pyrenees puppies, to be born June 13th, ready to go July 25th, protect your family, fun and loving dogs, will be UTD on shots, \$250, \$100 deposit. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

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

Golden labs, born 3/5/24, wormed and UTD on shots, 3 males and 1 female left, \$175 each. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; 337-423-3507.

Black mouth female Cur, 12-month-old puppy, UTD with shots, playful, loving, indoor, bundle of joy, FREE to the right family. Danny Hyorth, Killian, Livingston Parish; 504-450-9350.

FREE, male brown pit bull puppy. Amanda Chatelain, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-452-3826.

Rat Terrier pups, born 4-9-24, small type, dewormed and vaccinated, \$250. Harold Vercher, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-447-0244.

CKC registered Jack Russell Puppies, 8-weeks-old, 1st shots and wormed, Dam and sire on-site, call or text for pics, \$500. Bradley Duhon, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish; 337-516-4021.

Registered Border Collie puppies, black and white with a smooth coat, male and females available, off of working parents, \$500. Philip Chiasson, Galliano, Lafourche Parish; 985-637-7538.

Yorkie Puppies available, UTD on worming and vaccinations, CKC registered, call for pricing. Sarah Walker, Acadia Parish; 337-298-8218.

Long-haired Chihuahua puppies, 1 male and 1 female, CKC, Pedigree papers, vet checked, puppy record folder and vaccination record, sample of food, born 2/11/24, \$675 each. Donna Saacks, Folsom, St. Tammany; 985-966-2456.

6-week-old Padderdale terrier pups, very good stock and very good rat and snake killers around the barn, 3 females left, \$250. Corey Johnson, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-459-4961.

AKC Anatolian Shepard puppies, vet checked, shots, health guaranteed, will travel to help with travel times, ready now, \$500. Loretta Burton, Longville, Beauregard Parish; 337-692-2322.

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

CKC Toy Poodles, up to date on all meds and shots, \$500 OBO. Walter Bourque, St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish; 337-342-8015.

Registered Springer Spaniel, male and female, \$1,000. Zula Istre, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; 337-368-1535.

AKC registered, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, male 2-year-old, love him, but can't keep him, \$200. Paul Gil, Patterson, St. Mary Parish; 985-397-6407.

Lassie Collie pups, dark sable, light sable, also tricolor, male and female, \$450 and up. Imperial Kennels, Amite, Tangipahoa parish; 985-323-9445.

Maltypoo puppies, male and female, \$750 and up. Lester Markham, Imperial Kennels,

Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-323-9445.

Registered German Shepherd puppies, born 2/3/24, \$500 each. Steve Lansing, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; 225-931-2856.

Beautiful Australian puppies, ready to go, \$400. Daisy Cox, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 281-413-7754.

Anatolian Shepard and great Pyrenees puppies, born 1-27-24, parents on premises, excellent guard dogs, \$250 each. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

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

Great Pyrenees LGD puppies, born 2/24/24, ready 4/21/24, will come wormed and with first round of shots, parents working LGDs and are with sheep, cow, chickens, ducks, cats, and yard bunnies, 5 females \$350, Males \$300. Summer Simpson, Avoyelles Parish; 337-302-3620.

DOMESTIC BIRDS

Sun Conures, \$300 and up. Donald Brown, Eunice, St. Landry; 337-466-3749.

2 pairs of Quaker Parakeets, \$250 each. Donald Brown, Eunice, St. Landry; 337-466-3749.

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

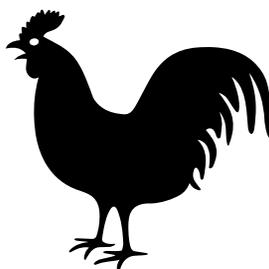
Peacocks, males, one-year-old, Indian Blues, \$150 each. Robert Church, Acadia Parish; 337-873-7682.

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

Doves, different colors, different prices, white, pied, brown Ringneck, \$12.50 each. Kent Ardoin, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-655-8174.

30 plus Breeder Parakeets, not tame, will not separate, not the Aviary just the birds, \$200 firm. Kim Manasco, Many, Sabine Parish; 318-315-4903.

American Parakeets, \$10, and Cockatiels, \$100. LeRoy Abshire, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-230-5476.



HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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

Belgium mare mule, sound, broke to work double, but should work single or to a plow without much training, Negative coggins test guaranteed, \$1,500. Eddie Durr, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-5556.

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

8-year-old Molly Mules, about 100 miles of riding and 200 miles of pulling, gentle, needs more riding and pulling, Coggins in hand, \$2,500. Robert Amons, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-452-3471.

Pair of 13.2 pulling mules, gentle, anyone can drive, Coggins in hand, \$4,000. Robert Amons, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-452-3471.

10-year-old Sorrel Gelding, heel horse, 14 hands, 1,000lbs, UTD shots/Coggins, easy to haul and ride, will make a great team penning or trail riding horse, \$6,500. Carey Dubois, Ethel, East Feliciana Parish; 225-936-6946.

WANTED: Full-size child horse, inexperienced rider, needs to neck rein and stop, preferably within 200 miles, contact before 8:00 pm please. Timond Faulk, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; 337-652-5560.

PIGEONS

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

10 pairs of racing homers for sale, first \$300 buys them. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; 985-873-8440.

POULTRY & FOWL

Royal Palm, Black Spanish, Narragansett poults, \$10 each and up. Andy Anderson, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; 318-715-3881.

Adult turkeys \$120 a pair. Andy Anderson, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; 318-715-3881.

Bobwhite quail, \$2 each and up others. Andy Anderson, Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish; 318-715-3881.

Barred rock and black Astrolorp chicks, 2-weeks-old, \$2, 4-weeks-old, \$3, 8-weeks-old, \$4. Brenda Dignam, Haughton, Bossier Parish; 337-540-0188.

Taken orders for Guinea Keets, all colors, hatching weekly, \$2.50 each. Marvin Cryer, Leesville, Vernon Parish; 337-424-8764.

Buff Orpington chicks, \$2.75 each. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-783-1084.

Full grown Guinea's for sale, 2 to 5 years old, \$25 each. Ory Persick, Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish; 202-247-7542.

Chicks, all ages, Silkies, Black Australorp, price according to age. Mike Schexnaydre, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-8123.

Baby Mallard ducks, \$5. Natalie Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-0382.

Baby Peking ducks, \$5 each. Natalie Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-0382.

Baby chicks, \$2 each. Natalie Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-0382.

Pullets, Rhode Island Red, Red Sex Link, Black Sex Link, Black Astrolorp, Welbar, and others, 2-months-old, \$11, 3-months-old, \$13. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

Blue laced Red Wyandotte chicks, \$5 each. Jordan Denoux, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-573-0898.

Lavender Orpington chicks, \$5 each. Jordan Denoux, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-573-0898.

Mystic Onyx Chicks, \$5 each. Jordan Denoux, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-573-0898.

Hatching eggs available, \$20 a dozen. Jordan Denoux, St. Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-573-0898.

India Blue peacocks, 1and 2-year-olds, \$100 each. Becky Clay, Pollock, Grant Parish; 318-451-3554.

Beautiful white mute swan, 4-year-old male, \$700. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

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Red junglefowl roosters, \$15/1.

Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

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

Hatching now, Mandarins, Wood Duck, Northern Pintail, Ringed Teal, Silver Bahama Pintail, Chiloe Widgeon, \$30-\$50/1, Peacock chick's, India Blue, Black shouldered, solid white, pied, \$35-\$50/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

Easter Egger chicks and

Plymouth Barred Rock chicks, \$3 straight run. Vickie Courville, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; 337-519-0999.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, one week old, price starts at \$1.25. Dennis Lavergne, Opelousas, St Landry Parish; 337-831-1596.

RABBITS

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

Meat rabbits, New Zealand, Flemish Cross, good breeding stock, 4-months-old, text for prices. Sandra Castille, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-280-7547.

Meat Rabbits, Californian and New Zealand, proven Does and Bucks and grow-outs available \$15 to \$25. John Rabalais, Avoyelles Parish; 337-298-1356.

Rex Rabbits, \$20 each. Ricky Deshotel, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-363-4032.

Imperial rabbits, New Zealand

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

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

Meat Rabbits, White Californian New Zealand cross, \$15. Lynn Calamia, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-939-9075.

SHEEP & GOATS

Pygerian (Pygmy/Dwarf Nigerian) Doeling, blue eyes, tan and white spotted, super sweet and friendly, 3 months old and weaned, \$150. Kimberly Hall Triple H Kennels, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; 985-789-9692.

Mini-Nubian Doeling, blue eyes, tri-colored, 3 months, weaned and ready, sweet, puppy dog personality, would make a great pet or medium sized milker, \$200. Kimberly Hall Triple H Kennels, Bogalusa, Washington Parish; 985-789-9692.

St. Croix Ram, 5-years-old, proven breeder, \$250. Dillard Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-336-2483.

St. Croix ewes and St. Croix/ Australian white lambs, \$150-\$200. Melanie Moore, Deville, Rapides Parish; 318-794-9533.

Herd Reduction sale, all sizes, ages and colors, males, females, and Wethers, prices vary, moms with kids are our best deals, herd. Danny Hyorth, Killian, Livingston Parish; 504-450-9350.

F1 Mini Nubian buckling, moon

spotted, with registration paperwork, and come from great milk lines, \$200. Lorrie Faber, Ruston, Jackson Parish; 318-957-2224.

F1 Mini Nubian doeling, moon

spotted, with registration paperwork, and come from great milk lines, \$400. Lorrie Faber, Ruston, Jackson Parish; 318-957-2224.

Young buck goats, Toggenburg cross with Oberhasli. \$100 each. Michael Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-8585.

Katahdin ewe lambs and ram lambs, born April 2024, \$120. Jason Vidrine, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-8403.

Barbados hair sheep do not need sheering, Males and females, \$100 each. Brent Bergeron, Eunice, Acadia Parish; 337-580-2230.

Pure bred Dorpers, Ewes \$150, Rams \$250. Blake Bertrand, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-655-4851.

Registered Boer bucks, born March 11, 2024, 2 available, very tame, have been bottle fed, call or text, \$400 for biggest one \$300 for other. Clint Bickham, Plaquemine, Iberville parish; 225-385-8702.

Boer Savanna bucks, \$275. Norris Deville, Plaquemine, Iberville Parish; 225-385-8503.

Nigerian goats, males and females, \$100 for males, \$140 for females. Sandra Bradshaw, Washington, St. Landry Parish; 337-692-0316.

Dorper x Katadin and Dorper x Barbado male and female lambs available, born Jan.-March 2024, contact for pricing. Clayton McDonald, St. Martin Parish; 337-441-0682.

ADGA registered Nigerian

Dwarf bucklings, \$150. VHC Farm, St. Tammany Parish; 985-334-1653.

Male goats \$75, females \$100. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-6200.

Two Nigerian Dwarf females, 4 1/2 months old, blue eyes, \$125 each. Bobby, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-852-1589.

Nigerian Dwarf Male Goats, various ages from 9-months and older, \$75 and up. Lynn Calamia, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-939-9075.

Young buck goats, Nubian/ Toggenburg cross with Oberhasli, \$100 each. Michael Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-8585.

Lamancha bucklings born March 22, 2024, disbudded, Mom is a registered Lamancha doe, Sire is a Miniature Lamancha buck, one buckling has waddles, pics upon request, \$75/each. Rachel Fusilier, Evangeline Parish; 337-336-1682.

Kiko/Lamancha doe, 16-months-old with Doeling at side, Doeling born March 23, 2024, disbudded with blue eyes, Sire is a Miniature Lamancha Buck, can be sold separate, pics upon request, \$325. Rachel Fusilier, Evangeline Parish; 337-336-1682.

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

SWINE

Purebred Mangalitsa pigs, two sows, \$400 each. Kasi Treser, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 504-274-6232.

One 50lb gilt, \$400. Kasi Treser, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 504-274-6232.

One boar piglet, \$200. Kasi Treser, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 504-274-6232.

Pigs, some are over 50lbs and some are over 100lbs, \$50 and \$100. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-6200.

Female mini pigs, \$25/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 504-451-6655.

Young female pigs, \$150. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

AQUACULTURE

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

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

CASE 850C Track Loader, 4-way bucket, 904 hrs, excellent mechanical condition, ready to work, can text pictures, \$18,500. Anthony Taulli, Madisonville, Jefferson Parish; 504-756-6830.

Two 300-gallon metal tanks, \$300 each. Randy Saacks, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-966-5865.

Heavy plastic 250LT gallon tank \$100. Randy Saacks, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-966-5865.

Heavy plastic tank 450LT, used for oil storage, \$150. Randy Saacks, Folsom, St. Tammany Parish; 985-966-5865.

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, fourway blade, leave message if no answer, \$26,500, open to trades. Patrick, Acadia Parish; 337-246-3112 or 337-368-3624.

Large shackle with 1 1/2 pin, brand new, \$40. Bennie Martin, Livingston Parish; 225-287-3878.

7X16 garage door with automatic opener and all framework, \$700. Russel Duhon, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; 337-893-5493.

22'- 16" diameter pipeline pipe, \$220. Russel Duhon, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; 337-893-5493.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$100 per hour, \$1,000 minimum. Lattie Martin, Livingston Parish; 225-405-5229 or 225-664-4020.

Mobile welding/track hoe/handyman. Joseph or Patrick, Acadia Parish; 337-246-3112 or 337-368-3624.

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

HAY EQUIPMENT

WesternDorf 3-point forklift, has hay spear made for it with receiver hitch, will double stack hay and can load and unload trailers, \$800 or \$900 with third link cylinder. Danny Doucet, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-309-0769.

10-wheel rake, shed kept, ready to go, made by National, \$3,500. James, Bossier Parish; 318-560-2625.

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, \$6,800. William Myers, Boutte, St. Charles Parish; 770-468-8204.

Two hay spear bolt on frontend bucket, \$200 each. Tony Carrere, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 985-637-5984.

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

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

Hay spear, fits John Deere 520 loader, \$300. Michael Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-253-8585.

Vermeer round baler 604R, signature silage capable, moisture sensors, net or twine, has baled 2,950 bales, new in 22, \$40,000. Lamar Holmes, Desoto Parish; 318-286-7406.

Hay Rake, NH 256 Rolabar, fingers recently replaced, working condition, \$850. Ken Allen, Pleasant Hill, Sabine Parish; 337-304-4647.

NH 851 round baler, barn kept, \$4,000. WM Schliegelmeyer, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 225-294-3777.

NH 10' hay cutter, \$3,500. WM Schliegelmeyer, Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish; 225-294-3777.

240 Kuhn hay cutter, new blades, hydraulic lift added, \$3,500. John Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; 318-729-3478.

1999 John Deere 566 Hay Baler, shed kept, good condition, \$8,500. Karen Saizan, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-5293.

Vermeer WR 22 10-wheel rake, kept in barn, good condition, \$3,500. Jefferey Bouillion, Rayne, Acadia Parish; 337-278-6996.

2018 case IH RB455A round baler, 4x5 bales, automatic twine tie, monitor, bale kicker, 1,700 bales, great condition, always shed kept, \$18,000. Matthew Stewart, Washington Parish; 985-516-4335.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

John Deere 2023 batwing 15ft shredder, factory warranty, used only for 15 acres, tax included \$16,900. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-466-2915.

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

Mower Finishing, King Cutter 6ft, rear discharge, 2009, well maintained, must use with a 30-60hp tractor with a pto speed of 540rpm, \$1,800 OBO. Brett Babin, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-202-4211.

6' Bush Hog finishing mower, new wheels, belts and blades, \$1,000. Ronald Holland, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; 318-471-9669.

Rhino 15' bushhog, good gear boxes, needs some structural welding, \$2,000. Josh Morris, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-721-0333.

DOTD 15' bushhog, brand unknown, one gear box is bad, \$2,000. Josh Morris, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-721-0333.

Woods 10' bushhog, pull type, some deck rust, \$1,000. Josh Morris, Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish; 225-721-0333.

John Deere 15-foot batwing, deck is good but needs other repairs, \$2,500. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

2011 72" wide Bush hog brand finishing mower, lightly used, works well, 3-point hitch rear

discharge, \$2,000. Billy Miller, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-232-1412.

WANTED: Husqvarna 48" cut lawn mower or John Deere Model 140 48" cut mower with low hours and in like new condition. Robert LeMaster, Summit, Mississippi; 601-248-8843.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

New 9½' Galvanized 3-pt plow, cuts hard ground, with tax, title, and license, \$4,690. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-466-2915.

Pull type Wil-Rich model 1400, row conditioner, 8 row, very good condition, ready to go to work, \$16,000. Russell Deselle Sr, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-5745.

Case IH 3950 disc approximately 27ft wide, good blades, ready to go to work, \$16,000. Russell Deselle Sr, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-5745.

WANTED: Single row potato digger. Donald Garber, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; 337-288-7048.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

Shop made trailer with ramps, extra tires and rims, \$850. D F Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

40-ft, 30,000 lb Gooseneck Trailer with dovetail, \$12,000. Dillard Fontenot, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-336-2483.

16' Utility trailer, good wood, good under carriage, 5 new tires, LED lights, \$2,000. Tommy Pommier, New Iberia, Iberia Parish; 337-519-5901.

Chuck wagon on a new army escort undercarriage, body is 3 boards high, exact replica of the Charles Goodnight chuck wagon, pristine and ready for use, has bows and cover, \$14,000. Eddie Durr, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-748-5556.

2016 Featherlite horse trailer, 20' long, dressing room with fridge, microwave, coffee pot, toaster oven, 2 burner cook stove island, \$13,500. Danny Williams, Winnsboro, Franklin Parish; 318-272-0562.

Truck Bed Trailer, 2-inch Ball hitch, \$125. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-831-0889.

Antique doctor's buggy with top and new wheels, ready for parades, trail rides, \$1,600, new Amish Buggy with top, \$2,200. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; 318-843-6312.

Reese fifth wheel hitch, 14,000 lbs, \$200. Harris Boss, Church Point, Lafayette Parish; 337-896-5783.

2005 Trails West LQ, fridge, stove, microwave, bunkbeds, full queen, 4 stalls, tack, lots of storage under managers, some storm damage on inside wall, \$8,500. Jerry Baker, Carencro, Lafayette Parish; 337-277-2820.

20' bumper pull heavy duty utility trailer, w/ramps, two 7,000 lb. axles, 18" 14 ply tires, 2 5/16" ball, 4' sides, call for pricing. Paul Newton, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-447-6136.

15 K Reese fifth wheel hitch with rails, \$500. Esley Auttonberry, Kelly, Caldwell Parish; 318-649-3544.

WANTED: Bumper pull cattle trailer, 12'-16' long. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-201-0697.

WANTED: Two-horse trailer, bumper pull, good condition, reasonable price. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, Richland Parish; 318-381-0455.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

TACK

Long horn saddle, comfort cutter, by Billy Cook, 15 1/2 peat, \$450. D F Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; 225-686-9066.

Roping saddle, champion handmade, 16" seat, excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-1239.



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Tucker Trail saddle, Gen II, 17" seat, brown, \$1,300. Diana Patterson, Colfax, Grant Parish; 318-623-2458.

Saddles, one roping saddle, good condition, \$600, one new ladies saddle, \$400. Zula Istre, Gueydan, Vermilion Parish; 337-368-1535.

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

Cattleguard, 12'W X 8'L, constructed of 3" pipe, heavy duty, \$1,350. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-363-3196.

Complete horse hoof trimmer set battery powered 20-volt, all accessories, two years old, used on one horse. Call for pricing. Diana Patterson, Colfax, Grant Parish; 318-623-2458.

Bulk feed trailer holds up to 3,000 pounds, brand new tires, \$1,650. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-363-3196.

Squeeze chute, homemade, cable operated, great for field catch pen, \$400. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-363-3196.

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

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Honda 190 gas pressure washer, has different sizer nozzles, runs

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25-gallon crawfish boiling pot, 316 grade stainless steel, 1/8 inch thick, comes with strainer, lifting hooks and cover, \$300. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5757.

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6-ft CAT 1 disc plow, 4 gang, 16" chopper blades, only used twice, \$500. Steven Webb, Mamou, Evangeline Parish; 337-254-2265.

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Jr, New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-618-9337.

24'x100' greenhouse, \$1,000. Charles Glaser Jr, New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish; 225-618-9337.

Pallet fork for front end loader, excellent condition, \$700. Jim Varnado, Greensburg, St. Helena Parish; 225-222-6343.

500' Schedule 40 CPVC rolls, full rolls of 500', \$700 per roll. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; 318-277-6572.

Commercial Oat Crimper 220, on a stand or corn cracker, very heavy duty, good shape, \$1,500. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; 337-308-1239.

Vintage water pump, F.E. Myers & Bros of Ashland, OH, 50" tall primitive farmhouse hand water pump with faucet and reversible long handle, \$300 OBO. Charles Morel, St. Landry Parish; 337-290-5129.

3-point quick hitch, like new, \$300 OBO. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; 225-588-5757.

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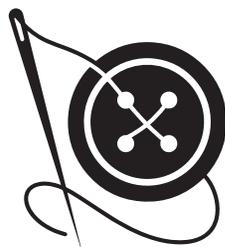
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2010 Cardinal model number 3150RL. 38' Fifth wheel camper with 3 slides, 2 AC, 2 TVs, stored in enclosed shed all its life, \$27,500. Roy Quirk, Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish; 318-359-7106.

2012 Crossroad camper, 3 slide outs, outdoor kitchen, might have used ten times, excellent condition, shed kept, gooseneck hook up, \$15,000. Bernard Leger, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; 337-948-9366.

2012 Palomino camper, 26ft, bumper pull, good condition, \$10,000. Charles Thomas, Plain Dealing, Bossier Parish; 318-780-1992.

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Pig net trap, new, net only, \$1,000. A. J. Angelloz, Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish; 225-776-8295.

riding lessons, call for pricing. Rachel Bertrand, Crowley, Acadia Parish; 337-384-6997.

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

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

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Submitted by New Orleans Distillers, LLC

Ingredients:

1 pint of cherry tomatoes (grape tomatoes also work well)
1 cup New Orleans Distillers vodka
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1-2 tablespoons hot sauce

Dipping salt:

2 tablespoons lemon pepper seasoning salt
2 teaspoons celery salt

Instructions:

Poke a couple small holes into each cherry tomato with a toothpick. Place them in a sealable jar. In a small bowl, mix together vodka, hot sauce, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over tomatoes and seal. Place in refrigerator and let marinate for at least 2 hours, up to overnight.

When ready to serve, mix together lemon pepper seasoning and celery salt in a small dipping dish. Drain tomatoes and place with dipping salt and toothpicks. (Remember to save that vodka for a killer bloody mary!)



CHOCOLATE PECAN THUMBPRINT COOKIES

Submitted by Classic Golden Pecans

Ingredients:

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 1/3 cups sugar
2 eggs, separated
4 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup baking cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups Classic Golden Chef's Choice Pecans
Chef's Choice Pecan Halves to top off cookies

Filling:

1 cup confectioners sugar
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
4 teaspoons milk
1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
52 milk chocolate kisses or hugs, unwrapped

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a mixing bowl, beat butter, sugar, egg yolks, milk, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Combine flour, cocoa, and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Cover and chill 1 hour or until firm enough to roll into small balls. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, lightly beat egg whites. Shape dough into one-inch balls; dip in egg whites then roll in nuts. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Make an indentation with thumb in center of each cookie. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until center is set. Combine the first four filling ingredients in a small bowl; mix until smooth. Spoon 1/4 teaspoon into each warm cookie; gently press chocolate kiss or Classic Golden Chef's choice Pecan halves in the center. Carefully remove from baking sheet to wire racks to cool.

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Submitted by Dip Me Snacks

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 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped, leave some for serving
 Kosher salt
 Tortilla chips

Instructions:

Process avocados, sour cream, vinegar, and cilantro in a food processor until mixture is very smooth, light, and thick. Add salt to taste. Garnish with extra cilantro leaves if desired. Serve with tortilla chips and a lovely white wine.

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ALMA GROWN BLOODY MARY

Submitted by Alma Grown

Ingredients:

2 ounces vodka
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TRACTORS

W&W 2022 Stock trailer, 16'X6', very low mileage, \$6,290. Russell Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; 337-466-2915.

John Deere 4020, about 1,000 hours since engine rebuild, would accept reasonable offers or trade for small tractor or dump trailer, \$7,000. Danny Doucet, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-309-0769.

2 Ag CATS, one FWD, one 2WD, \$1,200. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

2 Belarus-250-AS, \$1,800. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

2 Deut2 40-6, one running, other for parts, \$4,800. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

M-H 44-LP Rare project, \$480. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

M-F 261, good condition, with B/H \$7,500, without, \$7,000. Billy Welch, Oakdale, Evangeline Parish; 318-201-8807.

JD 3320, 06, 4X4, open cab, w/ cover, 1200+- hours, hydro, INO tires, front loader piping (no bucket), very good condition, private use, includes 5ft clipper, disc, box, \$12,500. Buddy Elliott, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-324-6843.

4030 Kubota diesel tractor, good shape, toolbox, roll bar, good tires, auxiliary plugin, \$8,000. W. J. Mims, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish; 318-644-2236.

Belarus 562 4WD with loader, 60 hp, loader cylinders recently refurbished, starts like a charm, decent rubber, text for pictures, \$5,500. Cynthia Eyre, Slaughter, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-921-5300.

2018 John Deere 5075E Tractor, open station, 4WD, 75 HP, 755 hours, 3-point hitch with 540 Rear PTO, SyncShuttle Transmission, Loader Joystick and frame, Industrial/Construction tires, excellent condition, pickup, \$28,000. Freddie Baragona, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; 318-278-2582.

140 International, running, some tools, \$2,800. Mike Schexnaydre, Prairieville, Ascension Parish; 225-715-8123.

Kubota M9000, 4wd, front loader, low hours, open cab,

leave message if no answer, \$26,500, open to trade for small track hoe or skidsteer. Patrick, Acadia Parish; 337-246-3112 or 337-368-3624.

Tractor Box Scraper, 5ft, heavy duty, reconditioned, new angle braces and plow bolts, good condition blade and rippers, \$399 OBO. Brett Babin, Gonzales, Ascension Parish; 225-202-4211.

180 Massey Ferguson 75 HP, runs good, diesel, \$1,000. Curtis Wittie, Robert, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-662-6142.

Ford New Holland TD80D 4-wheel drive tractor, canopy top, less than 1,000 hours, front end loader with quick hitch bucket, hay spear, and pallet forks, shed kept, very good condition, \$28,000 OBO. JP Hebert, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; 337-828-1967.

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

International 806, asking \$7,000. Mike Mitchel, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; 318-481-9085.

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

Kubota M4700, 47 HP, quick connect front end loader, 6ft bucket, 5-cylinder diesel engine, \$11,000. Angelo Costanza, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-351-8732.

1999 4639 Ford tractor, 600 actual hours, 63HP, super clean, \$15,000. Angelo Costanza, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; 985-351-8732.

Fiat Allis 100-C Motor Grader, motor strong, tires 50%, all functions work, \$6,000. James Womack, Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish; 225-978-5605.

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15' x 42" Cajun alum. semi vee, 20hp Vanguard Go- Devil, and trailer, very good shape, \$2,200. Darrel Jester, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; 337-302-4670.

FARM TRUCKS

Ford F250, 04, gas, 4x4, crew, 356,000 miles, bad motor, \$1,900. Buddy Elliott, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; 225-324-6843.

2016 F250 Super Duty, diesel engine, 4X4, 149,500 miles, one owner, \$25,000. Aaron Slayter, Grant Parish; 318-652-8107.

1992 F450 Super Duty, Century Wrecker Body, 5-speed standard, 7.3 diesel, 122,000 miles, \$12,000. John, St. Tammany; 504-909-6297.

2007 F350, 4-door work truck, runs and pulls, \$3,500. Patrick, Acadia Parish; 337-246-3112 or 337-368-3624.

2019 Ford F-350 Lariat Ultimate Dually 6.7 Diesel Truck, one owner, excellent condition, very clean, 112,000 miles, \$53,000. Jodie Kibodeaux, Acadia Parish; 337-654-0546.

1999 Freightline FL80, day cab, 3126 cat engine, Eaton 10-speed transmission, air ride cab, spring suspension, excellent condition, \$15,000. Barney Laborde, Hessmer, Avoyelles Parish; 318-305-8349.

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million young people (aged 22-35) have left Cuba just in the last two years. With an aging population and much of the working-age population leaving due to lack of opportunity, people are struggling to feed themselves.

The embargo appears to have done its damage, and they are ready to work toward a resolution and increase trade with the United States. Louisiana, with its rice, poultry, and other ag products, not to mention our ports, can be part of that increased trade. But to be successful, we must establish two-way trade, as they currently don't have the money to buy the products they need.

Right now, the upcoming federal elections have things in a holding pattern. However, these incremental, step-by-step efforts continue. We're building relationships, sharing information, and working toward a resolution that will benefit both of our countries.

Yes, there are still large-scale issues to address, but it's exciting to think about the bright future ahead as we move forward with these negotiations. The potential benefits for people on both sides are immense, and I'll continue to be part of the conversation.

To learn more about USACC and its efforts to re-establish Cuba as a U.S. food and agriculture export market, visit www.usagcoalition.com.





Celebrating **GREENS**: Preserving culinary heritage in Northern LA

By Robin Mosley, SlowFoodUSA.org

Advocating for good food that is native to a community is at the heart of Greens on Red, an event that happens every year (most recently on March 17) and is hosted by We Grow Together, a partnership of the Slow Food North Louisiana chapter, the LSU AgCenter, and the Red River Coalition of Community Gardeners. What makes Greens on Red so important to North Louisiana is the history of the food. Often, when people think of Louisiana, they think of delicious dishes such as gumbo, jambalaya and more—signature foods of the Creole-rooted southern part of the Louisiana Bayou. But at its core, North Louisiana has its own cuisine that's often misunderstood by outsiders; sometimes North Louisianans themselves aren't aware of its history.

What North Louisiana is known for is an abundance of greens, which, as Angie White, chair of Slow Food North Louisiana, said, “grow very, very well here.”

Greens are so ingrained in North Louisiana that “this is just an area where a pot of greens on the stove is something that you probably saw your whole life growing up. Everyone's grandma,” Angie said.

While there's certainly nothing wrong with eating delicious greens the way many Southerners grew up, there's so much more that can be done with them. This is what Angie says Greens on Red is all about. Not only do visitors learn about how well greens grow, but this event also teaches younger generations that “you don't have to be scared of it because it's a green vegetable,” Angie said.

Among this free, family-friendly and diverse crowd, there were people from all walks of life, racially, socioeconomically, etc. These demographics just highlight the reach and appeal it has to so many people. With this in mind, there were many opportunities for the community to join in the festivities. One of the ways people celebrated greens was as “champions” for specific greens by preparing a recipe with their green and offering samples, or even dressing up as their green. Others wrote poetry. There was even a bike

that people could ride that would power a smoothie machine.

Lauren Jones, executive director at Shreveport Green, participated in the most recent edition of Greens on Red. As a booth participant, she dressed up as a collard (and took a photo with Angie) while also getting people interested in the greens they're growing. With the greens on her table and a mission of growing food regeneratively, education was always the goal during this event.

For example, Shreveport Green's Shanetta Brown made Callaloo, a stew made with greens. This dish this year celebrated a special crop of greens. “Kids loved it. Oh! And something I didn't mention. The greens that we cooked were from last year's Plant a Seed kit and donated by Slow Food USA. So it was one of y'all's greens from last year: Yellow Cabbage collards,” Lauren said.

Similar to Lauren, Angie created a well-known herbaceous dish, gumbo z'herbes, a traditional Lenten gumbo out of South Louisiana. This dish, according to Angie, “is supposed to be eaten with no meat, although if you look up a lot of recipes today, a lot of them have pork, but we make ours vegan.” This choice, just like Shreveport Green's, was intended to let the vegetables speak for themselves without meat.

“The lore around Z'herbes is that you have to have an odd number of greens. We had 15 for this last event,” Angie said. Angie's booth also gave away heirloom seeds of root vegetables in connection with this year's Plant a Seed campaign from Slow Food USA.

Thinking back on the positive experience, Angie had this to say about the work everyone did and the reactions of people. “I'm always impressed at how people who have clearly never eaten greens will come up and they'll kind of ask me about what I have, and I'll ask if they want to try it, and they're not really sure.” She continued, “Eventually, I can talk them into it, because I'm just good at that. That's the superpower I have. I can make people eat things they think they don't want to, and then eventually they'll come back and they'll ask for another.”

Excess property program assists local firefighters

The LDAF Office of Forestry is proud to participate in the **Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)** program. Through a cooperative agreement with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), this program helps provide volunteer fire departments throughout Louisiana with equipment to help in fire suppression and prevention efforts.

The FEPP program makes USFS-owned property available for use on loan for the purpose of wildland and rural firefighting.

- Once acquired by the USFS, equipment is loaned to state cooperators, like LDAF, for fire fighting purposes.
- Through state cooperators, like LDAF, the equipment can be placed with local departments to improve their fire programs.
- State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service have mutually participated in the FEPP program since 1956.

LDAF's FEPP program currently has 103 active assets at 69 different fire departments in 33 parishes across the state.

Recently, the Oak Hill Fire Department (OHFD) took possession of a Rescue Truck they obtained through LDAF's FEPP Program.

OHFD serves a spectrum of citizens, businesses, homes, ranches, and farms in Rapides Parish, as well as large sections of Kisatchie National Forest and timber company land. These zones where homes and wildlands meet are on the frontlines of wildfire threats like our state saw last summer.

“The new Rescue 63 will greatly enhance response to emergency calls,” said Oak Hills Fire Chief Travis Cutts. “With the large size of our district and limited budget, this cooperative agreement allows us to better serve our community.”



PRODUCERS TO PROVIDERS... *continued from front*

Small Business Association (SBA) resources

SBA Veterans Business Development Officers

Veterans Business Development Officers in each of the SBA's district offices are familiar with federal, state, and local programs that assist veteran, service member, and military spouse entrepreneurs. They can also provide schedules and points of contact for any relevant courses in your area.

Contact the Louisiana District Office in New Orleans at 504-589-2054 or alec.banksjr@sba.gov.

Veterans Business Outreach Center

The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) program offers resources to veterans, service members, and military spouses who are interested in starting or growing a small business. See how they can help you at www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/veterans-business-outreach-center-vboc-program.

SCORE Business Mentoring

Another free SBA resource is SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors. Through SCORE, you can find a mentor with experience in the specific areas you need help with.

To find a mentor, visit www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/score-business-mentoring.

Farmer Veteran Coalition

With resources like mentorship, the Homegrown by Heroes branding program, discounts at ag suppliers, and the small-grant, direct assistance Fellowship Fund, the Farmer Veteran Coalition is the nation's largest nonprofit organization assisting veterans to embark on careers in agriculture. Learn more at farmvetco.org or connect with the Louisiana chapter on Facebook.

These are just a handful of resources that stand ready to help you. You can't do it all at once. But building your network of resources is a sure-fire first step toward success.

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USDA's 2501 PROGRAM for underserved & veteran farmers/ranchers

The USDA has announced approximately \$22.3 million available to community-based and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Tribal entities that help underserved and veteran farmers and ranchers own and operate successful farms. Funding is made through USDA's 2501 Program, administered by USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE).

"2501 Program partners are based in local communities and rural areas where they serve a critical role in maximizing USDA's outreach efforts to underserved communities," said OPPE Director Lisa Ramirez. "They provide training and technical assistance to help these agricultural producers succeed and also connect them to USDA programs and services."

For more than 30 years, and in partnership with organizations nationwide, the 2501

Program has helped reach underserved farmers and ranchers. The 2014 Farm Bill expanded the program to include assistance to veteran farmers and ranchers. The 2018 Farm Bill increased mandatory funding for the program through fiscal year 2024. With 2501 funding, organizations conduct education, training, farming demonstrations, and conferences on farming and agribusiness.

Since 2010, the 2501 Program has continued to increase access to USDA's programs and services and awarded 615 grants totaling more than \$194 million. For example, FY 2023 grantee Farm to Table Guam is helping farmers in Guam with business training, financial planning, and technical assistance

in crop production and distribution. Quivira Coalition is reaching rural producers in New Mexico with radio spots in English, Spanish, and Diné Bizaad (Navajo) about arid land stewardship practices and conservation.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and a range of higher education institutions.

Applications must be submitted through grants.gov and received by Friday, July 5, 2024.

To learn more, follow the links below and sign up to attend their upcoming webinar on June 26, 2024, at 2 PM EDT.

2501 Program: www.usda.gov/partnerships/underserved-veteran-farmers-ranchers-foresters
Fact sheet: www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2501-fact-sheet-2023.pdf

STEP BY STEP: Building quality irrigation and soil health

Steady progress, dedication to improvement define on-farm water efforts.

By Raney Rapp, FarmProgress.com

Generational farms in the Mississippi Delta are imbued with a special blend of history, camaraderie and commitment to quality. Visiting places where the roads share the family surname and corners carry on the legacy of tenant growers long gone puts into perspective the heritage of growing in some of America's richest soils.

At the Wiggers Farm partnership near Winnsboro, La., next-generation producer Drew Wiggers, alongside his uncle Scott and cousin Rusty, contributes to the slow, steady progress of on-farm improvements that hallmark modern agriculture.

On-farm progress

Wiggers represents the fifth generation of family farming the same nearly 2,000-acre farm. It is split into two 1,000-acre portions, one characterized with a soil profile as "gumbo," a more flood-prone, clay-heavy field a few miles away from the main farm, which has a more characteristic sandy-silt loam profile.

"Here we have a very, very shallow soil profile topsoil," Wiggers said. "It's anywhere from six to 12 inches deep. And then we hit a fragipan layer and it's hard for us to pull water much deeper than that or get root penetration. So, we're basically just watering the top of the ground to keep it pulling up enough water."

That intimate knowledge of soil structure and how to treat it is the first building block to pinpointed farm progress. The Wiggers family's commitment to the understanding of those fundamental principles, as well as

implementing tailored strategies to fit them, is showcased in the main farm shop where soil structure maps and aerial images from nearly the last 100 years make a mosaic on the walls.

When Drew returned to the family farm unexpectedly in 2009 following the death of his father, his uncles were finishing up the Louisiana Master Farmer Program, which poised the farm for improvement and investment. The result is a steady upward trend to completing a few central family goals - make the land more efficient, move to 100% irrigated acreage, monitor water usage and improve soil health.

Investing in Improvement

Investing in Veris data and variable rate applications using Conservation Stewardship Program funds through NRCS became one of the first major upgrades the farm pursued following Drew's addition to the partnership in 2009. An upgrade that continues to impact on-farm productivity today.

"At that time, we did 600 acres with Veris and then did variable rate fertilizer applications behind that," Wiggers said. "CSP paid that out over three years and that was kind of our introduction to using programs. We took the money we saved and bought AgLeader monitors for yield monitoring. And then since

that time, we've been able to use them as well."

Not only did the introduction to cost-share programs allow the Wiggers farm to make improvements, it also introduced them to the principle of targeting resources to unique soil needs as a way to guide on-farm efficiency.

"We did some grid sampling but with the Veris data, we can get a percentage of soil samples, representative of all soil types in the field," Wiggers said. "And so, we liked that better. We found that on average, we would probably use the same tonnage of potash and of TSP (Triple superphosphate), that we would put out straight, but instead of putting it straight across every acre, we were able to put more when needed and less when we didn't."

Understanding soil structure, moisture and variation across the field, as well as the newfound knowledge that precision technology could help guide resource use, opened up a world of new opportunity for the Wiggers farm.

While the money from their initial cost-share program eventually ran out, it opened up opportunities for future programs and taught the family how to test new technology with the help of cost-share funds before implementing the technology across the broad scale of the whole farm.

Drew Wiggers is the Chairman of the Northeast Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). To learn more about their efforts, visit www.facebook.com/people/Northeast-Soil-Water-Conservation-District/100083206093025/. To learn more about other Louisiana SWCDs, visit www.ldaf.state.la.us/land/conservation.

REMINDER: VFA grant deadline

The deadline to submit 2024 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants is July 1, 2024.

VFA grants assist rural fire departments in Louisiana in several critical ways:

- addressing preparedness needs for firefighter safety;
- increasing initial attack capability suppression efforts and training;
- and protecting state and private lands threatened by wildfire.

Available grants:

- 2024 VFA Grants
- VFA-Natural Disaster & Recovery Supplement Grant — 50/50 matching program
- VFA-Wildland Fire Grant — specific to purchase of wildland items
- Funding for Smokey Bear Fire Danger Signs

Learn more about all of these VFA grants and find guidelines and applications at www.ldaf.la.gov/land/fire/volunteer-fire-assistance-grants.



2024

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANTS



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

JULY 1, 2024



As recently announced by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), all 64 Louisiana parishes have been approved for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) to restore and rehabilitate private forest lands impacted by severe drought and related insect infestation damage. **The EFRP signup period runs from May 13, 2024, to July 12, 2024.**

EFRP is a cost-share program that provides financial and technical assistance to owners of nonindustrial private forestland (NIPF) to restore NIPF damaged by a qualifying natural disaster event.

“It’s important that producers promptly apply for EFRP assistance because program funds will be allocated based on the number of applications received and by on-site inspections to determine the extent of the damage,” said Ronald Guidry, Jr., FSA State Executive Director in Louisiana. “I encourage eligible landowners who haven’t previously participated in FSA programs to contact their local FSA county office as soon as possible to establish farm records.”

EFRP participation requirements

After EFRP applications are received, local FSA county committees determine land eligibility using on-site damage inspections that assess the type and extent of damage and approve applications.

Financial assistance is not provided upfront but is reimbursed at no more than 75% of the lesser of the actual costs incurred or allowable cost after a restoration activity is complete. If an EFRP application is approved, the participant is expected to perform restoration and conservation practices based on the FSA-848A Cost-Share Agreement and restoration plan provided.

The following requirements for participation in EFRP include:

- Restoration must be completed to meet the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and/or state forestry agency technical standards.
- Participants must document and keep records of all costs incurred to complete the restoration activities, including costs associated with personal labor.
- The minimum qualifying cost of restoration is \$1,000.
- The EFRP payment limitation is \$500,000.

To meet eligibility requirements, NIPF land must have existing tree cover or had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and be sustainable for growing trees. The land must also be owned or leased by a nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has definitive decision-making authority over the land.

The natural disaster event must have resulted in damage that, if untreated, would impair or endanger the natural resources on the land and/or materially affect future use of the land.

Eligible EFRP restoration/rehabilitation practices

For eligible program participants who have approved applications, EFRP provides cost-share assistance for the following restoration and rehabilitation practices:

- Forest stand improvement - tree removal and thinning
- Woody residue treatment - woody slash and debris removal
- Site preparation for forest restoration
- Tree planting
- Prescribed burning and firebreaks
- Conservation structures, i.e. roads, stream crossing, fence

Additional assistance available

Landowners experiencing drought related losses, including pine decline, of eligible trees planted on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres may be eligible for up to 50% cost-share, not to exceed the Louisiana state average cost, to rehabilitate and replant the trees. CRP program participants should contact their FSA parish office to determine next steps.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines. TAP complements the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days of the disaster event or the date when the loss of the trees, bushes or vines is apparent.

For more information, please contact your local FSA parish office or visit farmers.gov/recover.



Protect your skin in sunny weather

By Farms.com

As the sun shines brighter, it’s crucial to prioritize sun safety to safeguard against skin cancer risks. Skin cancer remains a prevalent concern, underscoring the importance of proactive prevention strategies. By adopting simple precautions, individuals can mitigate the harmful effects of UV radiation and enjoy outdoor activities safely.

Protective clothing, including long sleeves, pants, and wide-brimmed hats, serves as a barrier against harmful UV rays, reducing the risk of skin damage and cancer development. Additionally, regular application of sunscreen with broad-spectrum protection and a minimum SPF of 15 is essential for comprehensive sun protection.

Incorporating sun safety practices into daily routines promotes overall skin health and reduces the likelihood of sunburn and skin cancer. Regular self-examinations enable early detection of suspicious skin changes, facilitating prompt medical evaluation and treatment if necessary. Annual skin exams by dermatologists further enhance proactive skin cancer detection and management.

By prioritizing sun safety and adopting preventive measures, individuals can minimize their risk of skin cancer and enjoy outdoor activities responsibly. Through education and awareness, communities can promote a culture of sun-smart behavior, ensuring long-term skin health and well-being.



LSUA and LSU School of Veterinary Medicine forge new pathways for aspiring rural veterinarians

LSUA has announced an exciting new partnership with the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine aimed at advancing expertise in rural and agricultural veterinary practices. This new agreement introduces an early admission pathway for LSUA graduates aiming to specialize in rural, agricultural or livestock medicine.

The initiative is designed to cultivate a dedicated pipeline of veterinarians through enhanced early educational experiences, aimed particularly at supporting the food animal and production medicine sectors. Up to ten LSUA graduates per year will have the opportunity to gain early admission to the LSU



School of Veterinary Medicine, provided they meet the specific eligibility criteria focused on rural and agricultural commitment.

Paul Coreil, Chancellor of LSUA, expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "This partnership not only bridges our institutions but also fortifies the future of veterinary medicine in rural settings. We are excited to offer our students such profound opportunities for growth in a profession that is in high demand."

The program is meticulously designed to cultivate a dedicated group of students deeply interested in rural, agricultural and livestock medicine. By enhancing student exposure to food animal and production medicine through a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum, the initiative aims to lay a strong educational foundation. Additionally, it establishes a structured, collaborative mentorship program that includes the LSU College of Agriculture or Pre-Vet Program, the LSU AgCenter and the School of Veterinary Medicine. Ultimately, the partnership seeks to nurture future leaders and ambassadors for the LSU College of Agriculture, LSUA, and the School of Veterinary Medicine, thereby fostering significant contributions to these fields.

Oliver Garden, Dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, noted, "There is a dire shortage of veterinarians in some rural areas in Louisiana, and we want to help solve that problem. One step in that direction is developing these pipeline programs, and we are thrilled that we now have this partnership with LSUA."

Nate Sammons, Dean of the LSUA College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics,

highlighted the partnership's benefits: "Students in 4-H and FFA exemplify the leadership qualities we nurture at LSUA, and their experiences in these programs align perfectly with our commitment to developing the next generation of leaders."

Prospective participants must be high school seniors actively involved in FFA or 4-H programs and residents of rural Louisiana. Candidates should demonstrate significant hands-on experience with food animals, veterinary medicine, or production medicine and possess a keen interest in pursuing a career in rural animal medicine or food animal production medicine. Additional application requirements and materials will be detailed on the LSUA admissions page.

This exciting development promises to open new horizons for students at LSUA, paving the way toward a fulfilling and impactful career in veterinary medicine. For more information on the program and how to apply, please visit www.lsua.edu.



LSU agribusiness program honoring late Gilster-Mary Lee president now accepting applications

By Christopher Borro, SE Missourian

Don Welge, the late president of Gilster-Mary Lee, had a vision. He wanted to start a new kind of agricultural program at his alma mater of Louisiana State University.

"He had this concept of teaching food beyond the farm, meaning not just the growing of the crops and all the sciences that are involved and the economics of all that, but beyond that to the food processors, to food distribution," said Tom Welge, Don Welge's son and current Gilster-Mary Lee president.

Four years after Don Welge's death, his idea has become a reality with the creation of the LSU Food Beyond the Farm Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness, now taking applications for its inaugural class. The entirely online program directly prepares

students for careers in the agribusiness industry.



Don Welge was a 1957 graduate of LSU, majoring in agricultural economics. He was inducted into the university's Alumni Hall of Distinction in 2012. (Photo from www.semissourian.com)

It costs \$10,344 and requires taking 12 credit hours. Students can choose from four of seven three-credit-hour courses from the university's College of Agriculture and E.J. Ourso College of Business. These focus on supply-chain management, food safety management, food manufacturing, food processing, managerial statistics, financial accounting and marketing management.

Tom Welge said the program is not limited to just current LSU students or alumni. Any interested individual with a bachelor's degree and a minimum 3.0 GPA from an accredited university can apply.

Applications for the program may be found on the LSU website — www.lsu.edu — and are due by Monday, June 24.

LDAF NEWS

Mississippi man arrested for timber theft in Louisiana

On May 10, 2024, Kenan Shotwell Gwinn of Natchez, MS, was arrested in Catahoula Parish for theft of timber following an investigation by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) Forestry Enforcement Division.

The investigation revealed that in the fall of 2022, while conducting a timber harvesting operation for a landowner in Catahoula Parish, Gwinn cut across a marked boundary line and cut two acres of Cypress and Harwood logs off an adjoining tract without permission. Even after being made aware of cutting the victim's timber, Gwinn still failed to pay for

the damages after all this time. The loads of timber were valued at \$13,429.

Kenan was arrested on one count of theft of timber in violation of LA Law R.S. 14:67.2 and booked into the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Jail. The bond has been set at \$13,429.34.

Note: All persons accused of any crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

LDAF urges the public to report any forestry-related crimes to the LDAF Office of Forestry at 225-925-4500 or LDAF's 24-hour hotline at 1-855-452-5323.

POULTRY SALES & SHOWS

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

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

Hammond Poultry Swap will be held 1st Saturday of the month at Tractor Supply on Florida Blvd. Only healthy animals. Contact: Jenna at (225) 439-9024.

New Iberia Poultry Swap & Sale every 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday from 8 AM till 12 PM

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

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

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

Reeves Auction & Livestock every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 3 PM. Located at 9271 Hwy 190 in Ragley. Includes general merchandise and poultry. Contact: Danny Reeves at 337-309-9679.

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Cotton Country Open Horse Show Association

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Deep South Stock Horse Show Association

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

Remaining show dates for 2024:

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

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

Jefferson Davis Riders Club

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

Livingston Horse Show Association

All shows are held at South Park Arena in Denham Springs unless otherwise noted.

For more information, visit www.livingstonhorseshow.weebly.com or call 985-507-0605.

Louisiana Little Britches rodeo

All events are held at the West Cal Arena unless otherwise noted.

For more information, visit lalbra.weebly.com or email lalbra@yahoo.com.

Louisiana Stock Horse Association

All shows start at 9 AM.

Remaining dates for 2024:

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

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

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20239 Airport Road, Bogalusa

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14730 Hwy. 10, Clinton
225-316-6779
www.clintonarena.com

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202 Rodeo Rd. Farmerville
www.darbonnerangeriders.com

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USDA seeks proposals for \$10 million partnership funding opportunity to assess CRP benefits

The USDA strongly encourages eligible conservation partners to submit proposals for \$10 million in available funds to research the Conservation Reserve Program's (CRP) environmental benefits and outcomes. CRP is one of the world's largest voluntary conservation programs with an established track record of preserving topsoil, sequestering carbon, reducing nitrogen runoff and providing healthy wildlife habitat.

Funding this research with partners outside of USDA will enable USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to best focus the program's future functionality and goals based on the collective research results. Proposals for funding consideration are due June 7, 2024. (The original deadline was May 31.)

Through the CRP Monitoring, Assessment and Evaluation program, FSA works with

partners to study benefits of the various ways CRP is implemented across the landscape. Project focuses span from multi-award work with research partners studying carbon sequestration and reduced nitrous oxide emissions to smaller scale inquiries into narrow policy questions. Monitoring and assessment activities are conducted in partnership with land grant universities and other research institutions and may also include technical service providers or other cooperators.

USDA is seeking proposals for projects to survey, sample, and measure ecosystem benefits, citizen science, and, in general, evaluate the overall impacts of CRP.

A proposed project can cover one or more of the above practice types, should be for a one- to five-year term and should be a minimum of \$500,000 but not exceed \$5 million.

All interested organizations, including public, small business and nonprofit institutions are encouraged to apply. Project proposals can be submitted from a single entity or from a group of partners who want to coordinate efforts.

The funded projects and subsequent findings will help inform FSA's delivery of CRP as an effective tool for supporting American agriculture and forestry resilience for generations to come.

Read CRP success stories at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/conservation-success-stories>



TARGETING INSECTS IN LOUISIANA HEMP:

Which products work the best for caterpillars?

Jeff A. Davis and Nathan Arey

Research efforts across all aspects of hemp production are currently needed to aid in the successful reestablishment and long-term success of this crop in the U.S. A 2020 survey of licensed U.S. hemp farmers determined one of the most challenging aspects of production was the lack of information on the efficacy of currently labeled hemp insecticides.

Of particular concern for hemp producers are insects that consume floral buds and defoliate fan leaves. Recent surveys have identified an insect pest complex associated with hemp in the order Lepidoptera. These include corn earworm (*Helicoverpa zea*), fall armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*), yellowstriped armyworm (*Spodoptera ornithogalli*), beet armyworm (*Spodoptera exigua*), and cabbage looper (*Trichoplusia ni*). All these caterpillar pests are present in our Louisiana agroecosystem and have been found in hemp within the state.

These pests are polyphagous, which means they can feed on a variety of plant species from different families. They are also found in corn, cotton, rice, sorghum and soybean and are typically controlled using insecticides and plant-incorporated protectants. However, the recent removal of hemp from the Controlled Substances Act in 2018 has only allowed for a limited number of pesticides to be used on this crop. Currently, the EPA has added hemp to the label of 99 pesticide products, and 49 of those are insecticides. These products contain active ingredients classified as minimum risk pesticides under Title 40 of the

U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 152.25). They are exempt from registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and can be applied to hemp if state registration permits. Louisiana has approved their use.

The approved products are not the typical synthetic chemistries our growers are used to, and there is almost no information on their efficacy on hemp insects as previously stated. Thus, to better inform our state's hemp producers, we conducted insecticide efficacy tests on three hemp floral bud pests: fall armyworm, beet armyworm and soybean looper. The list of products tested can be found in Table 1. These products were purchased online or at a local cooperative. We tested five different types of minimum risk insecticides: potassium salts, azadirachtin, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), GS-omega/kappa-Hxtx-Hv1a, and essential oils. Potassium salts and potassium silicate are abrasive, creating pores within the insect cuticle and leading to desiccation. Azadirachtin, a secondary plant chemical from the neem plant, is found in pure neem oil and acts as an insect growth regulator, preventing the insect from molting. *Bacillus thuringiensis* is a microbial disrupter of insect gut membranes. The spider venom peptide GS-omega/kappa-Hxtx-Hv1a works only on insects and essential oils work as deterrents, repelling insects with some insecticidal activity.

To test these insecticides, hemp variety Southern Luck from The Hemp Mine company in Fair Play, South Carolina, was grown in a hoop house at the Plant Materials Center at

the LSU AgCenter Doyle Chambers Research Station. Leaves were then collected, dipped in one of the test products at the maximum labeled rate, dried and then placed in Petri plates with a single neonate of either fall armyworm, beet armyworm or soybean looper. Mortality was assessed at five days after treatment. Results are found in Figure 1.

AzaMax, Leprotec and Leprotec with Spear-Lep provided the best control of all products tested. These products provide three distinct modes of action for insect control and should be rotated in a hemp integrated pest management program to reduce the chance of insecticide resistance. The other products tested provided some benefit with soybean looper being the hardest to control. The least control was provided by the potassium salts of fatty acids and potassium silicate. This is not surprising as these products work best against soft-bodied insects, such as aphids and whiteflies. Thus, when applying potassium salts to aphids and whiteflies, do not expect additional control of caterpillars. These results begin to address the lack of information on insecticide efficacy in hemp and provide a basis for growers to choose between products to test on their own.

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EVENTS

LA Farm Bureau Fishing Rodeo

Wed.-Thurs, June 5-6

To be held at Coco Marina located at 106 Pier 56 Ct. in Cocodrie, LA.

For more information, including entry fees, competition rules, and accommodation options, visit <https://lafarmbureau.org/calendar/fishingrodeo>.

36th Annual Louisiana Corn Festival

Thurs.-Sat., June 13-15

Aw, shucks! Head to Bunkie, LA to celebrate the impact of agriculture on Louisiana's economy. Enjoy live bands, games, corn cooking/shucking/eating contests, and more!

For more information, including live music line-up and a schedule of events, visit bunkiechamber.org/corn-festival.

SW Region Home Vegetable Garden Field Day

Wednesday, June 26 • 5-8 PM

Join LSU AgCenter agents at the H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station, located at 1373 Caffey Rd. in Rayne, LA, as they showcase different varieties of vegetables and talk about fertilization, pest management, and irrigation. Extension agents will also discuss food safety and different ways to cook vegetables.

Learn more at www.lsuagcenter.com.

Louisiana Farm Bureau 102nd Annual Convention

Thurs.- Sun., June 27-30

To be held at the New Orleans Marriott.

For more information and to register, visit <https://lfbfconvention.org/>

La. Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (LGLCI) Events

LGLCI has several tours and workshops coming up this summer.

Livestock Economics Workshop (Alexandria)

Fri., July 19 • 9 AM - 3 PM • \$25

GROW MORE Conservation Outreach:

July 30 (New Orleans)

Aug 1 (Bossier City)

To learn more and register, visit the LGLCI website at Louisianaglci.org/events.

Celebrating Father's Day

Saturday, June 15, 2024



- Make fish prints
- Learn catch & release
with the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Entrance:
\$7/vehicle



LDAF Indian Creek Recreation Area & Campground
100 Campground Rd, Woodworth, LA (318) 487-5058

FREE WEBINAR — Emergency ready: Hazardous materials down on the farm

Wednesday, June 12 • 12-1 PM (CT)

Hazardous materials lurk around many corners of farm shops, buildings, and barns. The health impacts of organic and inorganic exposures can be mild to devastating. Be prepared and be ready to handle identifiable and nonidentifiable materials during everyday farm and ranch work as well as during emergencies.

In this training, we will discuss action steps, strategies, and resources to protect individuals working and living on the ranch and farm.

At the end of this webinar participants will be able to:

- Identify hazardous material exposures in farm shops, buildings, and barns.
- Understand the implications of common agriculture hazardous exposures.
- Select the correct PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to use when working with hazardous materials.



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