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A winter crawfish harvest in idle rice ponds makes good economic sense. It promotes customer loyalty, gives the industry a jump on foreign competition and makes for fresh, live crawfish nearly year-round in Louisiana.

Year-round Crawfish

Danny Durand harvests live crawfish from one of 3,000 traps he and his five brothers check daily (left). Danny steers his 20-foot bateau with hydraulic foot pedals as he baits a pyramid crawfish trap. Danny's dog Max accompanies him on the run (above). His brother, Greg, loads five sacks of crawfish caught in 350 traps from one pond.

A springtime crawfish boil in Louisiana is as popular as a late summer barbecue in Texas, but few folks realize that a good winter crop of crawfish sets the tone for the rest of the season.

Savvy pond crawfish farmers also know that it's best to get their crops in before the spring flood of the Mississippi River funnels water into the Atchafalaya Basin and opens up the "wild" crop causing prices to drop, at times dramatically.

From its humble beginnings as a source of protein for poor Cajuns to worldwide acclaim as a culinary delight, the crawfish market has grown so large and profitable that the Louisiana industry is under attack from foreign competition in China, Thailand and Spain.

These economic pressures make it critical that crawfish farmers bring in an early winter crop to take advantage of higher selling prices and build customer good will for when the market is oversupplied in the late spring.

Few crawfish farmers are able to take advantage of the high-priced window of opportunity like the Marin Durand family of St. Martinville and their Durand Ponds and Farms company.

With access to more than 1,300 acres in the Isle Labbe lowlands adjacent to Bayou Amy south of St. Martinville, the Durands are able to double crop their land with rice and crawfish. They also lease their flooded ponds to duck hunters, which helps offset water-pumping expenses.

Marin Durand is the 72-year-old patriarch of a large family enterprise. With his nine children, the entire family is involved in some way in the crawfish farming business. Success in the business is part nature and part using the best available technology. "Crawfish are part of nature and sometimes it's hard to figure out how they're going to do," said the elder crawfish producer.

Despite nature's influence on crawfish farming operations, the Durands practice every available land management technique to help ensure a profitable winter crawfish crop.

Marin's 44-year-old son, Jeff, is the business manager for their extensive operation. He emphasized that some of the practices he and his eight brothers and sisters use to maximize the crawfish harvest are both useful and economical.

"We begin pumping water into the ponds in late

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The wetter the fall the better the crop

There was a time when finding live crawfish in December and January in Louisiana was as difficult as scoring a ticket to the 2004 Sugar Bowl. It would take scientific research, promotion by noted chefs and acceptance outside the backyard crawfish boil to create a demand that spanned the entire year.

Little was known about the hard-shell creature when the first large-scale crawfish pond building efforts began in south Louisiana in the 1960s.

Pioneering research into the lifestyle characteristics of the lowly crustacean at the LSU AgCenter and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Crawfish Research Center in the 1960s and '70s provided much of the scientific know-how that resulted in a major growth spurt in the late '70s and early '80s. During those years crawfish pond acreage exploded from only 20,000 in the early 1970s to a peak of 137,000 acres in 1988.

In addition to the impetus from university research, promotional emphasis placed on the culinary value of the crustacean by the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Association and famous south Louisiana restaurants like Pat's Waterfront Restaurant in Henderson and Don's Seafood Restaurant in Lafayette contributed greatly to the industry's growth.

There's considerably more to successfully harvesting a large winter crop than simply flooding ponds in the late summer and baiting traps in November, said ULL's Crawfish Research Center Director Dr. Jay Huner. Fall weather conditions, particularly rainfall, play a vital role in the success of the early crop.

Crawfish will not leave their burrows and release their young into the wild until rainfall signals that it is safe to do so and man-made pond flooding is not a substitute for rainfall. The emergence of the

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The Marin Durand family of St. Martinville begins fishing more than 800 acres of crawfish ponds in November. Pictured on the front row (l to r) are cousin Randy, Jeff, Marin, Edgar and Danny. C.J. sits on a bulldozer. Brother Greg and sisters, Margo, Connie and Joanna, who are not pictured, are also involved in the day-to-day activities of Durand Ponds and Farms and Teche Valley Seafood.

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September so we can begin fishing in November," Jeff said. "Since we have laser leveled our fields we really only need to pump in about two to three inches of water to cover the land."

Before harvest, they keep only three inches of water in the ponds because it is easier and less expensive to drain if weather conditions create low oxygen levels. Jeff said they only fill a pond to its 30-inch capacity once the crawfish have reached maturity and it's time to put boats in the pond for harvest.

"In the fields where we have harvested rice, the rice stubble provides cover and food for the crawfish," he said.

Only 800 acres of the available land is put into pond production and by late December the Durand's have about 6,000 of a possible 20,000 traps set in water.

Skillfully piloting a 20-foot aluminum-hull bateau with a Go-Devil motor and foot-controlled hydraulic steering, Jeff's brother, Danny, begins his daily run through the D-1 (Durand Pond 1).

"We alternate what ponds we fish and only raise half of the traps in a day," Danny said. "But the other traps that we'll run tomorrow are all baited now so it gives the crawfish plenty of time to move into the cage."

Just before Christmas, the Durand's are catching about 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of crawfish daily. They are receiving anywhere from $1.25 to 1.75 a pound for their efforts, but with new replacement traps costing $10, water pump maintenance, boat replacement costs and cheap Chinese crawfish competition, it is imperative that Durand Ponds does everything it can to get the highest prices for their catch.

"The winter time is the ideal time for us to get the higher prices," Jeff said. "But we're really fishing right now to maintain our customers and hopefully, they'll be there when we really need them later in the spring.

"Right now we're doing ok, but it's not always like this," he said.

A cold snap could bring water temperatures down to below 50 degrees and cause the crawfish to stop feeding, growing and moving.

Danny said at times he has had to break ice off of the ponds to free the traps and retrieve the crawfish inside, but it is worth the effort to keep their buyers happy.

"The buyers are complaining about size right now, but they're still asking for more," Danny said.

"Normally we like to let them grow more, but the demand is too great right now," Jeff said. "At this time, we're not even grading them."

Durand Ponds and Farms markets their product through its sister company called Teche Valley Seafood. Jeff's sisters, Margo and Joanna do most of the marketing, while brother C.J. is the crawfish plant manager. Danny along with brother Greg are the pond managers. All of the brothers fish the ponds.

Many of the Durand's customers are crawfish boiling restaurants that have built their reputations on having live Louisiana crawfish available as often as possible. Jeff said those customers are willing to pay top dollar for the early crop.

"We've got a broker who comes from as far away as San Antonio and several New Orleans restaurants picking up product," Jeff said. "Those customers have got to have the crawfish now."

As long as there is a sizable demand and a short supply, prices will remain steady most likely through Easter. A huge demand for boiled crawfish during the Sugar Bowl week fueled premium prices for their product and created a spike that had not receded two days after the big game.

"But that could change by the week's end," Jeff said.

In the meantime, Teche Valley Seafood and Durand Ponds and Farms will continue to harvest crawfish and hope for the top price.

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burrowed female crawfish is a primordial response triggered only by rainfall.

"Crawfish are from the Jurassic Period or before," said Huner. They've survived for 200 million years because "they're not foolish."

"Crawfish cannot grow until they come out of the burrows," he said. "And they won't come out until they know that there is a good chance of water being in the fields. When a front moves through Louisiana, usually every 10 to 14 days, the rainfall generates signals to the females that it's safe to release her young crawfish."

Little to no rain in the fall means a late and small winter crawfish crop, Huner said. Water temperatures below 55 degrees also mean the crawfish will not molt and grow.

Even then, Huner said, "All females are not created equal and they all produce differently."

Huner says the wetter the fall, the more plentiful the crawfish in the winter and spring. But all ponds must be flooded by October to have a usable crop by February, he said.

If the pond farmer is lucky enough to have a wet fall and a plentiful pond harvest, it can also mean an early Mississippi River rise will usher in the beginning of the Atchafalaya Basin crop. When an early basin crawfish crop comes in, pond farmers are suddenly faced with falling prices and rising expenses.

Despite the risks and vagaries associated with crawfish pond production, more than 1,200 pond farmers in 2002 supplied the market with 62 million pounds of product.

With 106,000 acres of man-made ponds in production, the farm value of Louisiana crawfish is nearly $50 million. Louisiana is by far the largest producer of crawfish in the world.

The lowly crustacean has not crawfished onto menus across the United States; it has crawled right to the top, claws held high and is now *haute cuisine*.

Joseph Richard of St. Martinville attaches a 30-inch steel-anchoring rod to an extension pyramid trap at Teche Valley Seafood (above, left). Floats (left) are attached to the pipe collar of the trap to keep them upright in the 30-inch deep water of the crawfish ponds. The traps are placed in straight lines to facilitate harvesting.

Agriculture & Forestry Today *with Commissioner Bob Odom*

Louisiana consumers can continue to eat meat with complete confidence, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

"In the face of the report of mad cow disease Dec. 23, 2003, in one cow in Washington state we have gotten calls from Louisiana citizens concerning the safety of our meat," Odom said.

"To as near a certainty as humanly possible, we know the disease is not present in Louisiana livestock or in the meat being sold to Louisiana consumers," Odom said.

Louisiana has a surveillance program in which the Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) state veterinarians monitor any sick or "downer" animals. Samples of the animals are taken for further testing. In 2003 the department tested samples from 31 downer animals and they all came back negative. "This program is in full effect today and will continue. All tests have been negative," Odom said.

In 2003, the LDAF Agricultural Chemistry Lab also tested 24 samples of beef and dairy cattle feed for contaminates including animal renderings, which can transmit the agent responsible for mad cow disease, and all of the results were negative.

Odom noted that the chief ramification from the positive test for mad cow, properly known as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), in Washington is the severe economic impact to the U.S. cattle market. "The cattle markets closed down the maximum possible in the first week of trading after the U.S. Department of Agriculture received confirmation of the positive diagnosis of BSE."

In the first cattle auctions in Louisiana following a two-week Christmas holiday closure, cattle prices were off slightly but there was a substantial decline in the volume of cattle sold. The LDAF's Market News Division reported a drop in West Monroe from about 600 head before mad cow was confirmed to about 200 following the announcement. In Baton Rouge, the numbers dropped from about 400 to 100, and in Kinder they dropped from about 1,000 to 170.

Livestock officials attribute the decline in volume of cattle sold to ranchers' reluctance to sell until they know how prices will be affected.

"The responsibility for the major damage being done to the cattle industry rests squarely with the Bush administration," Odom said. "I have made the point on several occasions to federal officials that they should be testing all the herds that come into the U.S. from Canada following the finding earlier this year of a single case of BSE there.

"They failed to do that and now we are paying a heavy price."

Mad cow infects the brain, spinal column and the lower part of the small intestine. The meat sold to consumers is muscle meat. It does not contain parts from the brain, spinal column or intestine.

But, he added, "I had our meat inspection division canvass the state looking for any meat products that may have come into Louisiana from the plants identified in Washington as having processed meat from this animal. Nothing was found."

Also, the department's veterinary division is checking all dairy herds to determine if any replacement dairy cows had been moved into Louisiana from dairy herds in Washington or Canada, Odom said. Again, none were found.

The state is in daily contact with USDA officials keeping abreast of the latest developments in the Washington state case, Odom said.

In addition to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's surveillance program, Louisiana's meat supply does not typically come from the far western states.

"The meat that is sold in our supermarkets is normally from animals much closer to home than 2,000 miles away in Washington state," Odom said.

A Web site with links to a wide range of topics on mad cow is www.louisianalivestock.org/bse.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pasturient or post pasturient animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

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

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmydad breeding, cert. herd, $1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmydad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, $1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., $550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. horned & polled Hereford bulls, 2 yrs., excellent bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, $1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, 18-24 mos., excel. cond., ready for service, $1100-$1650. B. J. Landry, Jennings; (337) 824-3350 or Brian Guillory, (337) 824-2181.

Reg. 5/8, 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, $700/1-up; bulls, $1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 8-9 mos., $550. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

(1) Reg. Char. bull, born 10/21/01, fertility tested, all shots, $1500; (1) reg. blk. Angus bull, born 12/09/01, son of EL Tigre of Cquin, fertility tested, all shots, $1500 or both for, $2800. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3270.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, Spartacus & Grand Cherokee bloodlines, ready for service, $850; (12) F-1 Beefmaster-Angus heifers, ready to breed, $650/1 or $600/1 if all taken. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

Reg. Shorthorn heifers & bulls, yrlgs., polled, quality cattle, reds, whites & red/white, heifers, $600/1; bulls, $700/1. Jerry Epperson, Baker; (225) 654-5881.

F-1 Heifers, reg. on both sides, $650/1. Sidney Thibodeaux, Morrow; (318) 346-6781.

Beefmaster bulls & heifers, $625/1. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. Angus bulls, EXT & 2418 sons, pasture cond., EPD's avail., 1, 2 & 3 yrs., $1000, $1600, $2500. Mark LeJeune, Elton; (337) 526-3520 or (337) 584-2912.

(1) Brangus bull, 14 mos., out of reg. herd, $800 or trade for 3 yr. good quality, bred blk. Brangus cow. Keith Deville, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-2650.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, some w/calves, $800/1-up. Stephen Lewis, Angie; (985) 986-1000 or (985) 732-7004.

Limousin bulls, blk., polled, great EPD's, ready for spring breeding, docile, $1350/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

(4) Brangus bulls, 3 yrs., clean sheath, $1500/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. Char. bull, 14 mos., very gentle, halter broke, has been shown in (2) 4-H livestock shows, $1500; reg. blk. Angus bull, 2 yrs., $1200. Donald deLa Houssaye, New Iberia; (337) 364-5934.

Reg. red & blk. Limousin bulls, AI'ed, by trait leading sires, heavy muscled, $1200/1-up. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

Reg. Brangus bulls, breeding age, $975/1-up; Brangus cows & heifers. Chip Durand, St. Martinville; (337) 394-4008.

(20) Blk. baldy/super blk. baldy, yrlg./spring heifers, $550/1, if all taken; individual selection, $600/1. Mary Cambre, Robert; (985) 345-3432.

(1) Pb Brahman bull calf, 23 mos., from top V-8 bloodline, $700. William Cheek, Kaplan; (337) 643-7146.

Reg. blk. Simm. bull, ready for service, very gentle, calving ease EPD, 21 mos., polled, wh.-faced, 6 frame, performance proven genetics, cert. brucellosis free herd, $1500. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

Reg. Brahman bull, gray, 3 ½ yrs., gentle, selling out herd, $1300. Jerry Fluitt, Gueydan; (337) 536-6522.

Beefmasters, high performing, quality cattle, bulls, 18 mos.-2 yrs., $1600-$2200; heifers, open & bred, $800-$1200, CFH# 88-691, current vacc. Mel Jackson, Alexandria; mjbeefmasters@aol.com or (318) 443-0203.

Brangus & Braford type crossbred heifers, bred to Angus bulls, will begin calving in Feb., $850/1-up; various Angus bulls, $1200/1-up. Ed O'Neal, DeRidder; (337) 463-3946.

Reg. Brown Swiss bull, sire is Forest Lawn Jamarr, born 3/18/03, $800. Paul Alford, Kentwood; (985) 229-7105.

Reg. Corriente yrlgs., $300/1. Ted Champagne, St. Martinville; (337) 394-1222 or (337) 230-6694.

Reg. Char., 34 yrs. of Char. breeding, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet, & Sky Mon. Ease, cert. herd, weaned bulls, up to 24 mos., $750/1-up; weaned heifers, up to 11 mos., $650/1-up; bred cows, $950/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300.

(65) Reg. & comm. Brangus females, 3 yrs. & older, open, ready for bull, $750/1; (35) blk., blk. baldy & red baldy yrlg. heifers, $725/1; (16) reg. Brangus yrlg. heifers, $900/1; (3) reg. Brangus bulls, 2 yrs., $1750-$2500/1; (20) reg. Brangus bulls, 16 mos., $1800/1. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2345.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 14 mos., excel. bloodlines, very gentle, $1000. Jerry Dison, Bienville; (318) 576-8950.

(5) F1 heifers, 10-11 mos., out of reg. Brahman cows, (4) out of a reg. hornedHereford bull, (1) out of reg. Angus bull, also pb Brahman heifer, 12 mos., $650/1. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

Coastal raised for coastal trade, polled Hereford bulls, some from horned embryo transplant dams, all from top EPD lines, a few w/no reg. cert., 6 mos.-3 yrs., $400-$1600/1, no Sunday trades. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

Reg. Horned Hereford herd bull, 4 yrs., OCHS Bros breeding, $2000. Chris Lewis, Angie; (985) 986-1000 or (985) 732-7004.

BBU reg. Beefmaster bulls, 20 mos., red, excel. cond., $800; pb heifer 6-12 mos., not reg., $500. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

Reg. Char. cow, 4 yrs., 3/N/1, w/heifer calf, papers, w/both, $1100. Ray Normand, Hessmer; (318) 563-4475.

Reg. Angus bulls, 13-16 mos., gentle, pasture raised, out of Traveler & Gay Bando 237 & Emulous breed, $1200. Albert Roger, Sr., Carencro; (337) 896-6314.

Reg. Brahman bull, born, 7/03, has a bloodline that contains Suville, Didor Crata, Imperator & Manso, $400. Kami Guillot, Mansura; (318) 253-8585.

Reg. Red Angus bulls, 12-14 mos., all AI top bloodline bulls, $1000. Jim Ortego, Carencro; (337) 278-1183 or (337) 896-7551.

(2) Reg. Angus bulls, 4 yrs., gentle, calves to show, $1325/1. Ronald Chiasson, LaRose; (985) 693-7218.

Brangus heifers, top quality replacement heifers, bred to LBW Angus bulls, large frames, vacc., very gentle, sell any amount, $850/1. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, will be 4 yrs. 2/1/04, excel. animal, calves on the ground, LBW calves, $2000. Ralph Zepp, Natchitoches; (318) 356-7519.

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5 Yr. bay gaited geld., travels well, very gentle, 14 hands, $900. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

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2003 AQHA pal. stud, sire Bubba Gay Holly Bars, Gay Holly Bars, Gay Bar King, dam Melon Kali Dude, Stampede Dude, Blondy's Dude, born 6/23/03, $7500. Charles Seal, Oakdale; (318) 748-8572.

2002 AQHA gelds., (2) Strait Silver's, super nice, very athletic, good disp., sire is the $46,000 stud from the Four 6's Ranch in Texas, started ground working, only (1) will sell, $1700. Wayne Mouch, Addis; (225) 322-6100 or (225) 776-1688.

1993 AQHA sorrel mare, Doc's Sug x Sport Model, used mare for penning cows & hunting, 90 days pro cutting training as a 2 yr., ride or raise babies, $1800. Louis Mouch, Brusly; (225) 749-2140.

Pal. mare, gentle, 4 yrs., halter broke, $500; blk. & wh. paint mare 18 yrs., gentle to ride, $500; APHA sorrel tobiano mare, halter broke, 4 yrs., gentle, sire, $100,000 LTE, w/7 ROM's, $1200. Fred Gossen, Rayne; (337) 334-5417.

QH/Arabian mare, 2 yrs., very gentle, anyone can ride, beautiful mane & tail, $800. Connie Savoy, Church Point, (337) 684-1196.

Beautiful pal. TW, 7 yr. geld., 15.2 hands, quick & fun ride, selling tack w/horse, $2000. Tyler Savoy, Church Point; (337) 654-9076.

APHA reg. paint mare, 6 yrs., $1700; sorrel geld., 5 yrs., $1200 or trade for Wells Cargo trailer, 16'-20'. Ferall Venable, Scott; (337) 277-2389 or (337) 277-2422.

2001 APHA filly, bay, tobiano/overo, w/medicine cap, foaled 1/29/01, green broke, Broseco Rocket, Cardinal Lady Anna, $1000. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

(15) Reg. AQHA weans., sire, Zippididoodah by Zippo Pine Bar, $1500/1-up; (2) reg. paints by Totally Awesome, $1000/1 or $1500/both; (10) reg. AQHA yrlgs., by Zippididoodah, $1750/1-up. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8423 or (318) 435-4280.

AQHA reg. gray filly, 10 mos., good bloodlines, very gentle, halter broke, $850. B. Harris, Baton Rouge; (225) 769-2978.

AQHA bay mare, in foal to muscular reg. red roan App. stallion, mare dbl. bred, King bloodline & very gentle, mare & foal, $1250. Kaitlin Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

12 Yr. mare, granddaughter of Doc Goldwood & Doc's Goldmire, dbl. bred Doc Bar on papers, easy breeder, raised with (2) colts, pal. & sorrel w/wh. socks, $1800. Jay Berza, Eunice; (337) 789-5118.

15 Yr. AQHA pal. geld., calf roping, breakaway & team roping horse, great in box, $3800. Scott Bertrand, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2259.

2002 Thoroughbred reg. stud colt., ready for training, sire Winter Halo by Halo by Hail To Reason, dame Lester's Legend by Alydar & Graustark, $4500 obo. Nolan Moran, Folsom; (985) 796-8369.

(2) AQHA reg. fillies, (1) yrlg., (1) wean., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Sonny Dee Bar bloodlines, $1200/1-up. A. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. App. geld., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, also mare mule, 14.2 hands, $1000/1 nego. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

1999 AQHA bay geld., ranch horses, very gentle, $2500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

AQHA yrlgs. & weans., Handle Bar Doc, & foundation bred bloodlines, $1200/1-up, broodmares avail. Betty Hertzog, Natchez; (318) 379-2482 or (318) 379-2221.

POA pony geld., 48", 14 yrs., used for pleasure & show, great barrel & judged events, good second pony, $2000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

2001 AQHA sorrel geld., Peponita's Acre x Doc's Oak mare, $3000. Richard Morvant, Jr., Thibodaux; (985) 447-8165.

2000 Gray reg. QH geld., both grand sires are world champs in roping events, $3000. Darrell Walker, Jennings; (337) 734-3132.

2003 AQHA pal. colt, excel. conform., sire is over 90% foundation, Blondy's Dude/Puddenhead, dam WP futurity winner, w/AQHA pts., C.E. Image/Two-Eyed Jack, $1500. V. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

AQHA reg. 4 yr. red dun filly, good handle, used to work cattle on ranch, very gentle, $2000. Ralph Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

2002 AQHA sorrel geld., ready to break, $1500; '89 AQHA pal. mare, Investor & '89 AQHA mare, Skipa Star, both ride, open to breed, $1250/1. Dr. R. Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

Paso Fino mare, chestnut, w/wh. markings, 13 yrs., reg. & well gaited, excel. trail ride horse, $1500. Steve Thibeaux, New Iberia; (337) 229-6859.

AQHA reg. mare, child's horse, 22 yrs., very well trained, does jumping, excel. for trail, gray, 15 hands, $2000. S. Thibeaux, New Iberia; (337) 229-6859.

1999 AQHA mare, beautiful, heavily muscled, sound, started on barrels, super handle, $2500. Lisa Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

Paso Fino geld., 3 yrs., ready for training, gentle, heavily muscled, $1500. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

AQHA 2002 Snorty Lena filly, $2250; '02 Snorty Lena colt, $1500; '01 Dulces Peppy filly, $1750; Sonita's Last & Tenino San granddaughter, $2750. Charles Champagne, Cut Off; (985) 632-3389.

Blk./wh. spotted mare, 7 yrs., $1600. Danny Lee, Bernice; (318) 285-7333.

AQHA 3 yr. filly LQHBA bred, running bred, green broke, very nice, sire is Village Hero, $1500. Kerry Vallet, Maringouin; (225) 625-3239.

AQHA pal. mare, bred, $1500; pal. stud colt, $1000; red & wh. paint stud colt, blue eyes, $750; sorrel stud & mare, blk. & wh. stud & mares, pal. paint pares, App. mare, 14 yrs., gentle for kids, $750-$1200; donkeys, $250. Shelia Wells, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

AMHR miniature horses, $400. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

AQHA blk. colt, very gentle, will make excel. pleasure horse, good stud prospect, sire: Rom Pleasure, dam: AQHA points, $1500; APHA mares, good riding, showing or broodmares, $3500. L. Kurz, Folsom; (985) 796-0555.

White horse, $600. Jennifer Robinette, Pineville; (337) 523-9846 or (318) 452-7837.

Reg. AQHA 6 yr., very good looking bay, rebred to sire of her colt, $2500; colt is by King's Ranch reg. stud, $1500; 18 mos. paint colt, by same mare, $1000; 18 mos. colt by above mare, $1500, all haltered. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

12 yr. Cherokee Treasure & Goldie Leo Annver., easy to handle, can be hand bred or pasture bred, $2500; (3) ¼ Belgian weans., (1) ½ Belgian, $1000/1; 2 yr. green broke filly, ¼ Belgian, $1500. Loretta Williams, Creston; (318) 875-4210.

Colts & fillies, sired by Lena's Leo by Doc O'Lena, out of foundation mares, $1000/1-up; '03 gaited Molly mule, 8 mos., $1000; gray Jack, w/stripes, $200. William Loftin, Delhi; (318) 878-2274 or (318) 878-3457.

(2) 2 yr. sorrel mares, $895/1; 1 yr. mule, off reg. QH mare & mammoth Jack, $800; young paint stud colt, $6500. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Reg. AQHA/AHR 9 yr. geld., gray, easy to handle, easy loader, all shots & easy to ride, $800. Paul Pruitt, Atlanta; (318) 646-3172.

Male donkey, 5 mos., weaned, very cute, just a pet, light in color, $150. Billy Weatherford, Leesville; (337) 238-4803.

2002 AQHA stallion, sorrel, w/flax mane & tail, green broke, moves & looks good, Peppy San Badger, Peppy's Lena, Zantanoh H, Gay Bar King, Sugaree Doll, King Hankins, $1500. Lawrence Fontenot, Reeves; (337) 666-2798.

Reg. '94 sorrel mare, very gentle, good disp., great handle, good all around horse, $2000. Paulette or Kent Bailey, Forest Hill; (318) 748-6103.

Feb. '01 AQHA filly, halter broke, granddaughter of Colonel Freckles, $2000. Raymond Lemaire, Gonzales; (225) 664-4475.

Reg. AQHA red roan mare, 4 yrs., very gentle, great trail riding, Leo & King bred, $2000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

Beautifully gaited, mature Paso Fino geld., strawberry roan, Slidell area, $1000. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

AQHA 3.5 yr. mare, wonderful youth horse, started on cattle & barrels, neck reins, trailer loads, awesome mare, easy to handle, wonderful breaks, great bloodline, $2000. Patti Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA chestnut filly, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar, Page Steel, Doc Bar bloodline, outstanding filly w/winning bloodline, $1800. J. Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA IF 6 yr. liver chestnut mare, great kid's horse, W. Pleasure prospect, easy breeder, foaler of (3) foals, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar, Zippo Pine Bar, can be sold w/a breeding to an IF nominated stallion in '04, $2500 nego. Jim Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

Reg. TW, 9 yrs., chestnut geld., 84 mos. training in English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, show, youth horse & trail, 3 gaited, exceptional horse, $3500. Skipper Hastings, Lake Charles; (337) 598-2090.

Wanted: horse, will pay reasonable price for blk. & wh. geld., children's horse, must be older, friendly, used to children, well ridden, strong & healthy & all shots. Dewey Lonsberry, Glenmora; (318) 659-4398.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA, FQHA chestnut, Page Steel, Aguila Baron, Chocolate Convoy bloodlines, incentive fund nominated for '04 breeding season, very calm & easy breeder, $300 LFG. Jim Thompson, Springfield, luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

APHA sorrel/wh. overo, Investers Delta, could produce your next cutting or reining champ, Gallo Del Cielo, Peppy San Badger, Colonel Freckles, Mr. Norfleet & more, $500/$8 mare care. Jim Carte, Parks (337) 845-5122 or (337) 273-5963.

Lineback red dun, own son of Tanquery Gin, bloodline: Poco Lena, Doc Bar, Doc O'Lena, Poco Bueno, top & bottom, cow sense & performance, $600. Warren Iquess, Welsh; (337) 734-3672.

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mare, $350; grade mare, $250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, $350/$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Blk./wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, $200/$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

AQHA '00 gray, Doc's Hickory, Dry Doc, Mr. San Peppy, Right This Minnick, large frame, good bone, lots of athletic ability, in calf roping training, $400. Lanie Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA dark bay/blk., 15 hands, Peppy San Badger grandson, Puddenhead Doc, very muscular, trained in heading, healing & working cattle, $350. Gina Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA bay stallion, own son of Docs Stylish Oak, dam Freckles Playmate, NCHA money earner & producer of Smart Plan, $750/$8 mare care. Joe Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA '98 sorrel, son of Eatin Out, 187,000 NCHA, son of Doc's Hickory, dam daughter of Bob Acre Doc & Poco Josie Bueno, $450/$7 mare care. Tyler Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

8 Yr. grandson of Puddenhead, according to AQHA there are only (2) grandsons of Puddenhead stallions remaining, bay, star, great disp., $400/$4 mare care. Jeannette Bucklin, Jackson; www.quarterhorse.com, (337) 824-1642.

Smart Zan Lena, own son of Smart Lil Lena, 743000, out of Sparkle Suzanna, 3x world champ., $75,000 LTE, athletic as they come, $750/$8 mare care. Kevin Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

APHA blk. tobiano/overo stallion, beautiful head & great disp., $250/$5 mare care. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com, (985) 878-4151.

AQHA perlino stallion, homozygous, guaranteed pal. or buckskin out of your sorrel & bay mares, foundation bloodlines, $300/$5 mare care. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com, (985) 878-4151.

AQHA beautiful bay stallion, great conform., 90% foundation bred, Doc Bar & King breeding, $300/$5 mare care. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com, (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, produces Tanks w/color, currently his babies are earning APHA points in halter & color, $300/$5 mare care. Anthony Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com, (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, over 90% foundation, Doc Bar & King bred, produces a lot of size in his babies, $300/$5 mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com, (985) 878-4151.

AQHA/PHBA pal. stallion, sire Mr. Golden Dish, Artic Blizzard, dam Skipas Foxy Lena, Fox Quest, $300. Charles Seal, Oakdale; (318) 748-8572.

2000 AQHA dbl. bred Doc Bar stallion, sorrel, already team roping off of him, has disp. like a geld., 5 generations of NCHA money earners, $350 LFG/$3 mare care. Bill Hutchinson, Pride; heelsteer@aol.com or (225) 654-0799.

AQHA bay stallion, own son of Streak in LaJolla, ¾ brother to Jess Perry, dams bloodline all blk. type, $500/$8 mare care. Richard Guidry, Oberlin; (337) 639-2671.

Standing 2 AQHA & FQHA stallion, buckskin 94.9%, $250; red L. B. dam, 91%, $200. Chris Chiasson, Scott; www.clfarms.homestead.com, (337) 896-4576.

Standing 2 AQHA & FQHA stallions, dark chocolate pal., 96.8%, $300; red. L. B. dun, 96.8%, $300. C. Chiasson, Scott; www.clfarms.homestead.com or (337) 896-4576.

Doc Fitz son, Doc Bar grandson, Mr. San Peppy, Rey Del Rancho great grandson, will show NCHA '04, $500; Doc Bar, Flying Bob,

Raisin Sand, Lee Cody bloodline, blood bay, finished head & heel horse, $300 reg., $200 grade mares, pasture bred only, no mare care. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

Cream buckskin, Poco Bueno & Bogie Black great grandson, sire is NCHA money earner, will show in futurity '04, $700; Poco Bueno grandson top, great grandson bottom, Wimpy & King great grandson, NCHA money earner, $500, pasture bred only. J. Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

APHA bay/wh. tobiano, Tinky Sugar Bar, Lady Galliant, Super Speedie, Speck's Spot, King Greasebar & Puerto Rico Lass bloodlines, ancestors have points in halter, hunter, reining, pole bending, roping & W. pleasure, $300 reg. mares, $200 grade mares, $5/mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519 or (337) 207-3217.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. 100% Boer male goat, kids to show, $175. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Fb IBGA Boer buck, born 2/16/03, $300. R. Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

Fb IBGA reg. does, bred to full SA buck, some w/kids at side, $200/1-up. Bennie Byargeon, Vidalia; (318) 336-5735.

Fb Boer billy, $300; 1/3 Boer nannies, $50/1; Boer wether, $50; ½ Boer young billy, $40. Glen Austin, Winnfield; (318) 628-6150.

Katahdin ram, 3 ½ yrs., 250 lbs., $250 or trade; Barbado/Katahdin cross ewes, 6-10 mos., $50/1-up. Cale Deville, Branch; (337) 684-5328 or (337) 581-9227.

Reg. 100% Boer buck, red head, 3 yrs., $275. R. Johnson, Basile; (337) 432-5073.

NDGA Nigeria dwarf bucklings, blue eyes, bottle babies, $200; miniature goats, bottle fed, $50/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Wanted: used sheep, goat or hog wire & barbwire. B. Miller, Scott; (337) 234-3464.

Wanted: Katahdin sheep. Randy Campbell, Doyline; (318) 745-2581.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

CKC great Pyrenees pups, born 12/19/03, raised w/goats, horses, chickens & grandchildren, have both parents on premises, $150/1. William Lowery, Port Allen; (225) 627-5580.

AKC reg. Lab retrievers, yellow, sire is a champ hunter, dam has a champ bloodline, born 10/26/03, $400. S. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637 or (985) 969-7450.

Beautiful, healthy blue Heeler pups, born 11/22/03, $100. L. Kirkwood, Elmer; (318) 793-5392.

CKC rat terrier pups, wh., blk. & tan markings, great family pets or hunting dogs, $200; AKC miniature dachshund pups, $300/1-up; CKC Jack Russell pups, smooth coat, short legged, $350. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

SWINE

#1 Hogs, 180-260 lbs., $99/1-up; feeder pigs, $35/1-up; hogs, 90-150 lbs., $67.5/1-up, all grain fed. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

½ Razorback pigs, $35-$50/1. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Lovebirds, $20/1; parakeets, $8/1 all colors, 10 or more, $15-$6. Warren Oubre, Lutcher, (225) 869-3656.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., $7.5 & $10/1; proven mated prs., $20 & $30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Parrot or cockatiel cage, $30; cage used for hamster, $30; (5) compartment wire bird cage, $45. D.L. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 267-9842.

ABS & BAA banded English budgies, young birds & breeders, from champ. breeder, $15/1. Paul Boyer, River Ridge; (504) 737-6263 or (504) 737-7990.

Lovebirds, peach faced, orange faced, green & lutino, $12-$40/1; diamond doves, $10/1; parakeets, $7/1 for (10) or more; Bourke parakeets, $30/1 or trade. Wade Hendricks, Convent; (225) 562-7719.

(3) Female sun conures, breeders, $225/1 obo; breeder pr. of red-sided eclectus, $1200 obo; pr. ringnecks, w/cage & nest box, yellow female, green split to blue male, $350. Jane Brown, Des Allemands; (985) 758-3774.

Ringneck doves, wh. w/blk. spots, wh. w/brown spots, cinn., also all wh., no paired, $5/1. Sybil Gauthier, Hessmer; (318) 563-4338.

Bonded pr., dbl. yellow headed Amazon, w/large cage, $1250. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

GQF 1200 series incubator & hatcher, set includes scale, all excel. cond., $250. Dixie Batrous, Prairieville; (225) 673-2745.

Baby eclectus, 3-4 wks., $400/1; Solomon eclectus breeder male, $750. Lennis Hebert, Duson; (337) 981-0574.

(2) Peahens, (2) peacocks '03 hatch, $35/1. Jeff Kuehny, Clinton; (225) 683-8585.

Blue & gold to Java rice birds, buildings, cages, incubators, brooders, nest boxes, everything goes, $20,000 obo. Rickey Foret, Raceland; (985) 532-5443.

Wanted: (3) Jenday conures, females, w/DNA papers or trade male for female. Wade Hendricks, Convent; (225) 562-7719.

Wanted: ringneck doves, quantity of normal colored ringnecks, no pieds, no exotic colors, call with number if birds avail. & price. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Chukar, fully mature & flight cond., $6/1; mallard ducks, babies to mature flyers, $3.50-$8.00/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Toulouse geese, young adults, $30. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Flying mallard ducks, day old, $2/1; month old, $3/1-up; breeder hen, $10/1; drake, $7/1; bobwhite, flight cond., $3/1, will ship. Sunny Daigle, Lake Charles; sunprapa29@aol.com or (337) 598-2072 or (337) 540-2416.

Pullets, Rhode Island reds, sex link & barred rock, $7/1. Floyd Cook, Saint Amant; (225) 675-2675 or (225) 622-6188.

Pharaoh quail, chicks, 25¢/100; meat birds, $20-$22/doz.; all sizes, 25¢-$1.5/1; pickling eggs, $10/100. Bruce Richard, Sunset; (337) 662-6088.

Large Pharaoh quail, chicks, 25¢/1; adults, $1.5-$2/1; Texas A&M wh., 25¢/1; fertile eggs, 10¢/1; non-fertile eggs, 6¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

Barred Rock range chickens, chicks & fertile eggs, chicks 1-10 wks., $1/1, plus 25¢ for each additional week; fertile eggs, $2/doz. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

Super large quail hatching eggs, $25/100, plus $12 S&H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; $25/doz. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Bobwhite quail, $2.5/1. James Madere, Hahnville; (985) 783-6367.

Female greater currasow, $200. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Araucana roosters, all colors, $4/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

Wanted: Araucana or buff orpington hens, within 50-75 miles of Raceland. Tammy Loupe, Raceland; (985) 537-4081.

Wanted: white male Sebastopol, pr. of buff & gray Sebastopol, pr. of American buff, pr. of gray saddleback Pomeranian, hatching eggs of any kind. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Wanted: new or used game-bird brooder, metal w/feed & water troughs. Paul Carlton, Avondale; (504) 436-0493.

PIGEONS

Racing homers, Birmingham rollers, $5/1-up; fan tails, $7/1-up, various colors, singles & breeding prs.; (4) compartment wire breeding cages, $40/1. D. L. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 267-9842.

Wanted: Oriental frills, satinettes, blondinettes, bluettes, African owls, will purchase or trade for racing homers. David Staney, Laplace; (985) 652-9544.

DEER & EXOTICS

Rocky mountain elk, male & female, 18 mos.-4 ½ yrs., $800/1-up. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

San Juans, Florida cottontail crosses, $5/1-up; other breeds, $5/1-up; new wire cages, $15/1-up. Ishreal Thibodeaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-7726.

NZW/Flemish mixed bucks & does, $6/1-up; (2) 4-compartment wire cages & feeders, $35/1. D.L. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 267-9842.

Large breed mixed rabbits, all ages, NZ, Calif., checkered, etc., $5/1-up. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

Fryer rabbits, $6/1; mixed breed adult rabbits, $15/1; Flemish giant babies, $10/1. Greg Rollins, Westlake; (337) 436-7879.

Wanted: rabbits, preferably NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 682-0726.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Crawfish boat, 14' x 5' steel hull, new 16 hp motor, hyd. pump & wheel motor, front wheels in hulls, w/grading type sacking tray, $3500. Joe Musick, Crowley; (337) 788-2551.

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; blk. crappie, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Crawfish graders, 12 volt on board, $500/1. Walter Porche, Morganza; (225) 694-3797.

Questions about circulation or lost bulletins contact the Circulation Department at (225) 922-1268.

BEES/HONEY

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, $1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

10 Acres, located 4 miles east of Eunice, $5000/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; gwyn@beatlemail.com or (225) 665-4413.

Wanted: 200-250 acres in Jefferson Davis or Acadia parish. Philip Guinn, Jennings; (337) 884-8710.

FARM SERVICES

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

Custom hay baling, rd. or sq., complete trac. & hauling service, bush hogging, discing, front loader & blade work, new reliable equipment, free estimates. Mathew Parker, Leesville; (337) 535-4968.

We crack pecans, fast friendly service, 30¢/lb. Jennifer Young, Zachary; 225-654-3264 or 225-445-5012.

Protect your investment & your friend, freeze branding now avail., ID that is humane & visible year round, $45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

We buy, sell, train & board horses and give lessons. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

2003 Hot Peter pepper seeds, $1/100-seed pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash Street, Crowley, LA, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Birdhouse & dipper gourds, cushaw, green stripe, reg. green & long green eggplant, 8" long, cayenne pepper, $1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Rose of Montana, wh. trumpet, Guatemala purple flower/bean, pincushion vines, $1.5/pkt. w/SASE; red bird of paradise, $8/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Fig trees, 2 yrs., $9.5/2-gal., at place, 10 varieties, SASE for list, will ship dormant, $12 S&H included. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Celeste, honeydew & green ishia figs, native persimmon, $5-$10/1; yellow bush datura, $6/1; Mamou tree, $10/1; chinaberry, $5-$12/1; yellow rain trees, $5/1-up; loquats, $5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Biscamp pear, tane nashi & hachiya persimmons, $8/1, at place only, too big to ship. Ray Hauser, DeRidder; (337) 463-9240.

3-Gal. nuttall oak, Shumard oak, sawtooth oak, gobbler oak, river birch, yellow popular, native mayhaw, $6/1. Glenn or Angela Austin, Winnfield; (318) 628-6150.

Vegetable pears, merlitons, well rooted, growing plants in 2-gal. pots, heavy producer, $5/1. E.J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

Citrus trees, several varieties, $10/1. Clyde Jones, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3788.

Cypress trees, 4'-5', $10/1. D. Bordelon, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-4280.

Celeste & brown turkey fig, southern magnolia, Japanese yew, Japanese plum, Chinese fan palm, dwarf pomegranate, $8/3-gal.; monkey grass, 75¢/3 qt.; amaryllis red, $2-$10 by size. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

FERTILIZER

Barnyard manure, for shrubbery, bedding, etc., you load, $2/100 lbs., no Sunday business. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

HAY & GRAIN

2004 Alicia/Bahia/Tifton 44, 4x5 rd. bales, $25/1, in field; $35/1, delivery, $4.85/mls., hauling to location of farm. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net, (318) 471-9273.

Kansas Alfalfa hay, horse quality, $7.5/1 or $7/1 for (50) or more. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

Bahia hay, rd. bales, fert., last yr., $10 & $12; 2003, $16/1, we load. Ina Laprarie, Deville; (318) 466-5529.

2003 Fall season Bahia hay, excel. quality, well fert. & cured w/o rain, (800) sq. bales, in barn, $2.5/1; (300) 4x5 rd. bales, $20/1. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

High quality 4x4 rd. bales of Bahia hay, fert. & kept in barn, $20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1128.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, $3.5/bale, in barn; $4-$4.5/bale delivered, but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, $20 for Bahia; $30 for Jiggs, del. $5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia, 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned, cut & cured, $20/1. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

2003 Mixed grass hay, 4x5 rolls, baled July & Sept. w/o rain, $15/1. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2499 or (337) 831-3746.

2003 Fert. horse & cattle quality hay, barn kept, Bahia/Alicia/Tifton solid core 4x5 rolls, $20-$25/1, loaded, del. avail. Matthew Parker, Leesville; (337) 535-4968.

New & old Bermuda & various other kinds of hay, all from fert. production, you load, $2-$4/1, no Sunday calls. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

Bahia mixed hay, 5x5 bales, cured w/o rain, $20/1 or $17/1 per 100, del. avail. Berwick Olivier, Bourg; (985) 594-2740.

4x5 rd. bales of Bahia, well fert., cured w/o rain, in barn, $25/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

5x5 rd. bales of Alicia Bermuda grass hay, fert. & cured w/o rain, $20/1. Mack Goins, DeRidder; (337) 462-0831.

2003 Pure Bahia 5x5 rd. bales, $25/1; big heavy sq. bales, in barn, $3/1. Kevin Stilley, Loranger; (985) 878-6246.

Alicia sq. bales, fert., clean, in barn, $2.5/1, will help load, del. avail. Chad White, Melville; (337) 623-3754.

2003 Bahia sq. bales, in barn, cured w/o rain, $2.5/1. Larry Roberts, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-2055 or (985) 969-1850.

Rd. bales Bahia hay, 5x5, fert., limed & cured w/o rain, stored in barn, $20/1. Ernest Rion, Jr., Reeves; (337) 666-2404 or (337) 370-7620.

Rd. bales, Bahia & mixed grass hay, $15/1, 650 lbs. Addis Landry, Jr., Thibodaux; (985) 446-2261.

2003 Bahia hay, standard sq. bales, fert. to soil test, cured w/o rain, $3.5/1, del. avail. Melvin Husser, Loranger; (985) 748-7958.

Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, horse quality, cured w/o rain, in barn, $25/1; cow hay, outside, $20/1. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

Bahia & mixed grass, cured w/o rain, $20/1. Whitney Champagne, St. Martinville; (337) 845-4125.

2003 Grass hay, fert., 5x6 rd. bales, $22.5/1, will load. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

Premium quality mulch, machine baled pine straw, in barn, Slidell area, $4/1. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Rd bales of hay, 1 yr., $10/1. Tim Sprowl, Natchitoches; (318) 354-6864.

Jiggs Bermuda fert., in barn, 99.9 weed free, 600 lb. bales, $16/1. Curby Richard, Evangeline; (337) 824-1424.

Argentina Bahia sq. hay, $2.75/1. Willie Lewis, Montpelier; (225) 777-4880.

4x5 rd. bales of Bahia, will load, $13/1. Roger Amedee, Jr., St. Amant; (225) 675-5739.

2003 Alicia Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, $35/1; cattle mixed grass, $15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

Sq. bales, fert., clean, cured w/o rain, no weeds, Bahia, $2.75/1; rye grass, $3/1. Lew Overton, Slaughter; (225) 654-0086.

4x5 bales, Argentine or Pensacola Bahia, Alicia or common Bermuda, crabgrass, mixed grass, $18-$25/1, we load. Bryan Alleman, Rayne; (337) 334-9322.

Clean, fert. Bahia hay, rd. bales, $15/1. Henry Blount, Jr., Holden; (225) 777-4376.

Alicia, $3.25/1; Bahia, $3/1 or $2.75 for 20 or more; 5x5 rd. bales, Alicia, Bahia & crab grass, $18-$35, loaded, sq. bales you load. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Yanmar 2000, 20 hp trac. w/new bush hog, box & front-end loader, $6500; 6' box, new, $275; 10' disc, excel. cond., $1150. Patrick McCain, Amite; (985) 748-9291.

706 Int. trac., 95 hp, w/bush hog, $4500; Massey 50 trac., $3000; 18' Case disc, $1500; 16' Oliver disc, for parts, 16' Case cultipacker, $1500; JD 15' bush hog, no wings, $1500; weights for front trac., $250. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

4440 JD trac., 4040 JD trac., 605 XL Vermeer rd. baler, 9' Vermeer cutter, 13' bush hog clipper, $1500-$18,500/each. William Loftin, Delhi; (318) 878-2274 or (318) 878-3457.

5300 JD, 50 hp, w/JD canopy, new front tires, new clutch, (1) owner, excel. cond., $13,000. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

JD 2440, 60 hp diesel, all new tie rod end & rebuilt HD pump, w/Kelly side plow, excel. cond., $7500. Russell Roy, Rayne; (337) 873-8330.

JD 1010 trac., good tires, runs well, in good cond., gas engine, $2500. Ernest Albert, Milton; (337) 856-5726.

Land Pride 4' finishing mower, $450; Ford 1710 diesel, w/ROPS, $4500; Ford 1600 diesel, wide front, $2000; IH 484 diesel, w/new 5' cutter, $5200; 1044 NH bale wagon, $5200. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., $1500; W&A 8-row hipper w/Orthman row markers, excel. cond., $2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8", trailer mounted, PTO driven, excel. cond., $1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

JD 1050, 1 owner, new cond., $7950. William Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

Gehl 1400 rd. baler, good cond., $2000; (2) Vicon hay cutters, 8', leaks oil, bottom plate, $1500; 4-wheel hay rake, $250; Ford 5000 trac., $5000. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-9224 or (504) 559-4390.

8N Ford trac., 12-volt system, runs & starts well, $2200. Irving Taylor, Carencro; (337) 896-0194.

Massey Ferguson 50, butane trac., w/5' bush hog, $2500. Fred Gossen, Rayne; (337) 334-5417.

(1) Super "A", (1) Super AV, (2) cubs, all look good & run great, all w/tools, $2500/1 or trade for dozer of equal value. Wanda Soileau, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-3195.

MF 240 diesel trac., 40 hp, like new, $8500; MF 255, 55 hp diesel, $8000. Ernest Webb, Choudrant; (318) 768-2685.

Ford 860 Power Master, 45 hp, 5 spd., gas, w/5' bush hog & box blade, $4200; 8N Ford, new paint, $2500; 640 Ford, w/box blade, $3800. Jimmy Pitre, West Monroe; (318) 322-6348.

4' Box blade, in good shape, like new, $200. Darre Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 826-5350.

New Burch 4B114 edge drop planters, sword opener, 7 x 18 rubber tire press wheel, w/clamps, $500/1, no fertilizer; new 12' drag-type spring tooth harrow, (3) section w/toolbar, $475. Clement LeJeune, Lake Charles; (337) 478-6885.

JD 30/20, excel. cond., 8 spd. standard, all remotes, ditching blade bored & sleeved, 65-80 hp, front & rear counter weights, 18.4 x 34 tires, good cond., 12' JD disc, $9000. Henry Mallett, Sr., Welsh; (337) 734-2203.

IH 5488 trac., cab/ac, w/duals, new tires, new engine, $14,000. James Stacey, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3692.

Int. Super "A," w/fresh overhaul & paint job, new row tools & front factory dirt blade, $2500. John Soileau, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-3195.

Vermeer 10-wheel hay rake, hyd. open/close on caddy, draw bar attach., excel. shape, $2850. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334.

7.3 Ford diesel motor, $1500; (4) 9.0 Int. diesel motors, $1000/1. Jake McCain, Sweet Lake; (337) 598-4886.

1981 JD trac., 301-A, 3 cyl. diesel, 43 hp, p/s, canopy, 3 pt. lift, PTO, good rubber, looks & runs good, $6500; '94 mini excavator, 320 Bobcat, 3 cyl. diesel eng., rubber tracks, good undercarriage, push blade, runs & operates well, $9000. Ronald Sharp, Springfield; (225) 695-3627.

970 Case 85 hp diesel, 7 remotes, new tires, $6000. Joe Musick, Crowley; (337) 788-2551.

Mitsubishi 3 cyl. diesel trac., 4 wd, 750 hrs., 9 spd., 3 PTO spd., $4900; Ford 2000 diesel trac., 31 PTO hp, 8 spd., very good cond., $4500. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Rebuilt 6-71 Detroit engine, $4000; Lister engine parts, block, heads & crank, $150. Michael Daigle, Branch; (337) 684-6674.

Trac. tire 12-4-28 R1, trac. tire 13-6-28 R1, barely used, $75/1. Edgar Bryant, Lake Charles; (337) 855-2634.

Int. AV, good cond., 12 volt, 3 pt. hitch, front & rear hyd., $1000. Harold Ortego, Bunkie; (318) 346-2541.

JD 4230 trac., w/cab/ac, just painted, very clean, $12,500. Roger Brown, Bunkie; (318) 346-4171.

1982 Ford 1300 trac., 4x4, w/finishing mower & blade, $5000. U. L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

Ford 7840 SL cab/ac trac., w/Woods dual loader, 95 hp, '94, very good cond., $20,000. Glenn Gisclair, Cut Off; (985) 632-5190.

8N Ford trac., w/bush hog, runs good, $2500. Melvin Edwards, White Castle; (225) 545-2471.

JD 2010 dozer, 6-way blade, as is, $2500; Int. 444 trac., for parts, $800; MF 1100, runs, needs work, $2000. Ricky Bell, Franklinton; (985) 839-6259.

JD 6200, 66 hp, w/12 spd. Syncro-plus trans., cab/ac & radio, new rear tires, 5000 hrs., used only in hay field, extra clean, excel. cond., $19,500; Kuhn 600, 8' hay cutter, used (2) seasons, very clean, excel. cond., $4800. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

15' Bush hog, 2615 Ledgend, very good cond., kept in shed, $6000. Chad White, Melville; (337) 623-3754.

Zeh-Noh ZL1501DT, 4 wd trac., w/new ML 160 gas trac., trac. completely refurbished, w/new canopy, $8000. Jeff Albarez, Pride; (225) 654-2268.

JD 520 grain drill, new paint, 3 pt. hitch, excel. cond., 7" or 14" markers, $1500 nego. Doug Boudreaux, Simmesport; (318) 941-2614.

Super major engine & parts, 55 hp, diesel, newly rebuilt, w/rebuilt injectors, fuel pump, main rod barrens & oil pump, also sleeve & pistons, $1500. Hubert Savoy, Rayne; (337) 334-2968.

JD grain drill, $250; seeder-fert. dist., 3 pt. hitch, $150. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Rhino turf flex 15 ½' finishing mower, great for orchards or large yards, reduced price, $2000; '98

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Ransome 728D commercial mower, 6' deck, 28 hp diesel, 1200 hrs., $3600 obo; Ferris 48" commercial mower, $1400 obo. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

NH 353 feed mill, grinder & mixer, 4480 lb. shell corn capacity, on wheels, portable w/auger, PTO driven, shed kept, very excel. cond., $5000. Darby Miller, Church Point; (318) 561-6190.

17-yard Reynolds dirt pan, '01, $23,000; 17-yard Reynolds dirt pan, '00, $23,000; 14 yard Reynolds dirt pan, '00, $18,000, all in excel. shape. Bert Gremillion, Morganza; (225) 694-2217 or (225) 405-4986.

Pasture cutter, 5', 3 pt. hitch, $275; 6-row Afco Flame cult., $250; 6-row Chattanooga crop maker cult., $425; 6-row Barrentine harrow, 3 pt. hitch, $200; 6-row Taylorway cult, 3 pt. hitch, $450; 6-row Glenco cult., w/ga. wheels, $450. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6265.

6-row Barrentine harrow, 3 pt. hitch, good, $200; 6-row Chattanooga crop maker cult., good, $425. Michael Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-7718.

Red cub trac., w/belly mower, $2200; 806 Int. trac., $4500; HD sub soiler, pulled by dozer witch winch, $850; large oat Krimper, $995. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Wanted: toplink to fit IH-1466, in good cond. Bryan McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2998.

Wanted: old Cub cadet trac. or attachments, running or not. Dave Kauzlarich, Lacombe; (985) 882-6724.

Wanted: 5' brush cutter, manufactured in Minden, by Dunham Mfg. Inc., during the 1970s. Frank Rawls, Crossett, AR; (870) 364-5706.

Wanted: IH 1468, 1568 or 1566, running or not. Shaun Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

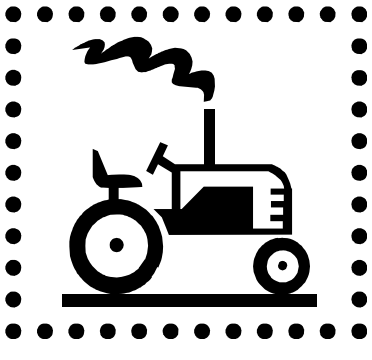
Wanted: garden tiller. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

Wanted: 450 Case dozers, in any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3518.

Wanted: JD A, B, H, G & M gasoline 2 cyl. trac. models, in running cond. or for parts; '56-'61 JD 720, 730, 820 & 830 diesel trac., in running cond. or for parts . T. J. Bonstaff, Batchelor; (225) 492-2762.

Wanted: manure spreader, in good cond., trac. type or pulled by ATV. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

Wanted: combine header, flex 18'. Victor Lachney, Moreauville; (318) 985-2545.



FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1993 Ford F-350, 1-ton, dual wheels, cab & chassis, 5 speed trans., good cond., $1500. Harold Matthews, Jennings; (337) 824-4420.

1975 Ford Bronco, 4 wd, 49,000 orig. miles, 302 V8, auto, p/s, $4500 nego. John Poe, Singer; (337) 786-5860.

1952 Ford pickup, new Chevy 350 engine, low mileage, new seats & interior, auto, $7995. Eugene Dupre, Jr., Slidell; (985) 646-1176.

JD Trail Gator, $3700. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

1994 Ford F250, 5 speed, w/ac, LWB, mint cond., $4200; '92 Jeep Wrangler, auto, w/ac, CD, (2) tops (hard & soft), chrome & winch, $7000 or $6500 w/o winch. U. L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

7 each, 8 lug G.M. dually wheels, w/good 10-ply tires, $300. Bob Rabalais, Prairieville; (225) 622-4472.

1969 Ford Ranchero, $500. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

1997 S-10 Chevy ext. cab, excel. cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alternator, $3300; '02 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 40,000 miles, bed liner & rails, $13,900. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

18' Gooseneck w/2' dovetail, $1500; 35' gooseneck trailer, $1000. Maurice Loupe, Jr., (985) 537-4081.

Stock trailer, 16', like new, bumper pull, $3700. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

14' Gooseneck stock trailer, new metal floor, tires, & paint, $1800 or obo; 6000 lb. tow motor fork lift, $2500. Jerry Kratzer, Roanoke; (337) 753-2327.

Covered 4-wheel buggy, $400. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Flatbed trailer, 8'x17', (2) axles, $2000. John Suire, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3875.

(3) Seat Amish horse-drawn carriage, used for weddings, wh. w/red seats, blk. fold down top, $5500; harness, $350; (3) seat Amish wooden wagon, $1400. Jennifer Robinette, Pineville; (337) 523-9846 or (318) 452-7837.

8' x 20' Bumper-pull flat bed trailer, $950. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

2002 Exiss 3-horse slant w/10' living quarters, refrigerator, microwave, stove, feed manger, rear tack, 22' awning, $35,000. Jon Hebert, Church Point; (337) 684-0119 or (337) 316-0938.

6' x 14' Farm/trail ride wagon, heavy-duty, all new oak lumber, 4" x 6", 2 x 2 angle iron frame, new rubber tires, very good cond., $500. Todd Bodin, Port Allen; (225) 627-7649.

Double horse trailer, open trailer, w/good tires, in good cond., $500 obo. Cheryl Diaz, Galliano; (985) 475-7272 or (985) 637-7273.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, excel. for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., $500-$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

35' Gooseneck w/5' dovetail, vac./hyd. brakes, (2) 10,000 lb. dual tandem axels, $4500. Joe Musick, Crowley; (337) 788-2551.

Antique wagon, Owensboro, 1912, rubber tires, needs work, $500. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

36' Gooseneck, dual tandem, dovetail, good tires & floor, $4750. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

40' x 8' x 8' cotton trailer, heavy-duty, good cond., $475; (2) 24' x 8' x 6' cotton trailers, real good, $425/1; 1000-gal. A. A. tank on 4-wheel trailer, $395. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6255.

Miniature horse buggies & carts, 2 & 4 wheel, $200. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

(3) Axle dump trailer, $10,000; horse drawn wagon, 1 or 2 horse, $650. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

20' S & H gooseneck cattle trailer, bar top, w/canvas, (2) 7000 lb. axles, clean trailer, $3500. Rudy Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

Wanted: 2-horse slant or straight load Thoroughbred trailer, w/ramp, gooseneck or bumper pull. Jim Montgomery, Pineville; (318) 449-8557 or (318) 308-0098.

Wanted: 6' x 18' bumper-pull stock trailer, or bumper-pull aluminum 3-horse slant w/tack room. Jay Bernza, Eunice; (337) 789-5118.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Okra cutters, hand operated, $90/1-up; custom-made motorized cutters, $500/1-up, advanced deposit required. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, $995; add panels as needed, $77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, $73/10'; $79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 80¢/ft.; 3 1/2", 90¢/ft.; 7" casing, $5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, $6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Heartwood comm., portable diesel band saw, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., $29,500. Herbert M. LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

(5) 5' x 12' coral panels, w/pins, $200. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Aspen lumber, 1" x 6", T & G, great for do-it-yourselfers or contractors, 95¢/board ft. Jason Curtis, Florien; (318) 586-3878.

(2) YSI 55 oxygen meters, good for monitoring oxygen levels in crawfish ponds, $300-$350/1. Perry Moses, Deville; (318) 466-9188 or (318) 452-3052.

Completely mobilized hyd. conveyor belt, 18" width, 4 cyl. Wisconsin engine, reaches up to 85'-150', folds up to tow behind pickup, $3000 obo. W.C. Brister, Metairie; (504) 456-6530.

Water trough 3'5" x 3'10" x 3', $100; elevator, elec., $400; head gate, 2" thick cypress boards for chute, $300; corn grinder, $225; 12V winch, $200; pasture & pen gates, 10'-12', $100/1. John Suire, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3875.

Roping saddle, 16", Hereford, good cond., $325. Lawrence Fontenot, Reeves; (337) 666-2798.

2 3/8" tubing, 74¢/ft.; 2 7/8" for 87¢/ft.; 3 ½" tubing, $1.75/ft., larger sizes also avail. Terry Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

276# Anvil, at least 80 yrs., in excel. cond., $850. Doug Luke, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

110-gal. chemical tank, good, $45. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6265.

New 17" roping saddle, $575. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

1000-gal. diesel fuel tank, w/pump, on skids, good cond., on concrete, $600. Ronald Sharp, Covington; (985) 892-1551.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, $525; 50' rd. pen, $625; 60' rd. pen, $775; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Cypress logs & lumber. Dean Tyler, Pineville; (318) 448-5197.

Several hundred ¾" sucker rods, $8/1, at farm; $9, del. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Wood burning stove/heater, w/flue, 2-plate stovetop, $100. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

30-ton shop press, brand new, $200; 3 pt. hitch tiller, for 17 hp trac., $300. Maurice Loupe, Jr., Raceland; (985) 537-4081.

(25) Used crossties, solid, $7.5-$6.5/1 graded; dry pecan & oak firewood, 16'x4'x24" rack, $90/all. Roger Ducote, Glynn; (225) 627-4881.

Portable welder by Lincoln, 20 hp, Kohler gas engine, 250 ac-dc welding amps, 8 KW stand by power plant, welder is new, never used, $2500; w/trailer, $3000. L. J. St. Germain, Montz; (985) 652-9089.

(100) or more used "T" posts, 48" in length, in good cond., 75¢/1 for (20) or more; 60¢/1 for (40) or more taken. Ed Dugas, Carencro; ead9743@louisiana.edu or (337) 896-4335.

Air compressor, 185 cfm Ingersoll Rand, w/JD engine, $3500. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

Wanted: 50' or 60' rd. pen, w/bow gate. Mike Porterfield, DeRidder; (337) 463-3961.

Wanted: 3-wheel Yazzo, 48" cut lawn mower, for parts. Charles Doucette, Vinton; (337) 589-7284.

FROM THE FARM

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Goat milk soap, handmade, skin soothing, many varieties, all natural ingredients, $4/5-6 oz. bar. Kathleen Matte, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-7130.

Wanted: old gristmill or millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; (334) 289-8906, raleaves@email.com.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Cajun Radio Show live every Saturday night, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Eunice. For more info., visit the Eunice site/Liberty schedule at www.eunice-la.com or call (337) 457-7389.

Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana will be held Jan. 16 through Feb. 17, in Jennings. For more information, contact Ginger Webb at (337) 824-1875.

Courir de Mardi Gras, will be Feb. 22 in Church Point. For more information, contact T. C. Cary at tcbusybee@aol.com or (337) 684-2739.

Black Heritage Festival, will be March 6 & 7 in Lake Charles. For more information, contact Stella Miller at bhflc@yahoo.com or (337) 497-0026.

Three to five million unwanted dogs and cats are put to death each year because negligent pet owners did not spay or neuter their animals.

Don't be part of the problem!

Be part of the solution!

Neuter or spay your dogs and cats. Call your parish or city animal control office for more information.

Trees Are Terrific... In Cities And Towns

Arbor Day poster winners, continued from page 12

Katie Payne, a student in Choudrant, received an honorable mention in the state Arbor Day poster contest (top). Logan Ray, a student in Baton Rouge, also received an honorable mention in the contest (bottom). Both students were awarded a certificate of commendation and other prizes from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Strawberry farmers have found that covering their crop with row covers is is effective in protecting the fruit and blossoms when temperatures plunge below freezing, but stay above 25 degrees.

Louisiana strawberries off to fast start

The recent warm days and chilly nights have been near perfect for this year's strawberry crop, according to the LSU AgCenter's Dr. Regina Bracy, who says the 2004 crop is off to a good start but could be slowed a little by the recent cold snap.

"We actually had some farmers who were picking berries before Christmas this year, which means that they will get a bumper price for their crop," said Bracy, who conducts research on strawberries and is the research coordinator of the LSU AgCenter's Hammond Research Station.

Many farmers in South Louisiana use two basic methods - sprinklers and row coverings - to make sure strawberry plants aren't lost during freezing temperatures. But cold like that seen around the first of the year still can slow production.

"The farmers use the sprinklers to cover the plants with water before the temperature gets below freezing," Bracy explained. "Once the temperature gets down to freezing, the ice gives off heat and keeps the plants from freezing to death."

When the sprinklers are used, they have to stay on until the ice thaws - or the plants will dehydrate and die, Bracy added.

If the temperature stays above 25 degrees, Bracy said many strawberry farmers would use row coverings instead of sprinklers. But when temperatures drop below the 25-degree mark, sprinklers and row coverings are likely to be used, she said.

The recent cold snap in the Hammond area brought temperatures down to 27 degrees, so most of the farmers used only row coverings.

Bracy said that was good for farmers, since using water to protect the crop is relatively costly, can require a large amount of water and isn't the best thing for strawberry plants.

In addition, Bracy said more farmers are using row coverings now, because water can go through it and air can penetrate it, but it's enough of a barrier that it maintains the heat from the soil.

"The covering usually protects the plant about 4 to 6 degrees from the ambient temperature. So if it's 32 degrees outside, then we're saying under the row covering it will be anywhere from 34 to 38 degrees," she explained.

Strawberry production in the state is conducted on about 300 to 400 acres - primarily in Tangipahoa Parish. While total strawberry production was down slightly in 2002, the gross farm income of $8.7 million generated by the crop was up about 3 percent from the 2001 level.

Bracy said the major competition Louisiana farmers face comes from those in California and Florida. Weather in those states determines when the competition will begin, she said.

"Those berries generally start coming into the state during the first of March, so Louisiana farmers could still have about two months of production before the competition gets stiff," Bracy said.

Sugarcane farmers finish 'good' harvest season

Rains around the New Year's holiday weekend didn't dampen this season's Louisiana sugarcane harvest - which experts say turned out to be "relatively good."

Although the sugarcane harvest season often stretches past New Year's, the last Louisiana mills finished processing this year's sugarcane, which farmers had finished harvesting earlier, on Dec. 28.

"For the most part, it was a relatively good harvest season," said Dr. Ben Legendre, sugarcane specialist with the LSU AgCenter's Sugar Research Station at St. Gabriel. "Overall, it turned out to be pretty good."

Legendre said the Louisiana yields were somewhere between 30 tons and 31 tons of cane per acre, which was off two to three tons from last year's harvest. On the other hand, the average sugar yield per ton of cane was between 212 pounds and 215 pounds - up from 179 pounds of sugar per ton of cane last year.

"Sugar recoveries per ton were much better than last year," Legendre said. "But it was about average for the previous five years, excluding the low yield of the 2002 crop."

The LSU AgCenter faculty member also pointed out tropical storms and late-season rains in 2002 hampered harvest and reduced sugar yields and mill efficiencies.

Industry observers estimate the current year's crop will yield approximately 1.47 million tons of sugar, which was produced on more than 480,000 acres in the state.

If those projections hold true, the gross farm income from sugar and molasses for 2003 will total nearly $360 million. Value-added income of approximately $240 million will bring the total economic contribution from Louisiana sugar production to approximately $600 million.

Sugarcane fields generally provide three to four years' worth of crops harvested annually from mid-September through mid-January before they must be replanted.

Although the final figures for this year aren't in yet, Louisiana farmers grew nearly 495,000 acres of sugarcane in 25 parishes during the previous year. In 2002, they harvested more than 455,000 acres with a total production of almost 1.3 million tons of sugar.

The gross farm income from the 2002 crop was $334.3 million for sugar and molasses, and value-added income was an additional $214 million for a total contribution of $548.3 million to the Louisiana economy.

COOKERY

Super Bowl Must Haves

Grilled Venison Roast

1 (5 lb.) venison roast
3 cloves garlic crushed
1 cup beef consommé
1 bottle of Louisiana Dark Beer

Mix garlic, consommé and beer; pour over roast and marinate overnight. Remove meat from marinade and place 4 bacon strips on top of roast. Cook over indirect heat for 2 hours. After the first hour add coals on each side of meat to maintain even cooking. When meat reaches desired doneness or is tender remove from heat, let stand 10 minutes and slice thin to serve.

Venison Patties

1 pound venison
1/2 pound chopped bacon
1/2 cup minced green onions
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1/8 teaspoon thyme
1/8 teaspoon marjoram
1 egg
Salt and pepper to taste
Bread crumbs

Combine all ingredients, except bread crumbs. Form into a 3 inch roll, lightly cover with bread crumbs, cut into 1/2 inch thick slices and fry until lightly browned. Serve with sauce for dipping.

Party Pizzas

1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. pork sausage
1 lb. Velveeta cheese, cut into chunks
2 tbsp. ketchup
1/2 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
2 loaves sliced party size rye bread

Brown ground beef and sausage in skillet and drain. Add remaining ingredients, stirring until cheese is melted. Spread mixture over rye bread slices place on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 –10 minutes.

Caramel Popcorn

(No Baking)

1 stick margarine
8 large marshmallows
1/2 cup brown sugar
6 cups popped corn

Mix all ingredients over stove, stir until marshmallows are melted and sugar dissolved. Pour over popcorn, toss and serve.

Butterscotch Squares

1 lbs. margarine or butter
2 lbs. 8 oz brown sugar
10 large eggs
1 tbsp. vanilla
1 lb. 8 oz. flour, all-purpose
2 tbsps. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
12 oz. nuts, chopped
16 oz. chocolate chips

Cream margarine and sugar on medium speed for 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, add vanilla. Mix on low speed until blended. Combine dry ingredients. Add to creamed mixture. Mix on low speed until blended. Add nuts, mix to blend. Spread mixture evenly in 2 greased 12 x 8 x 2 inch baking pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 minutes. Cut into squares. Yield: 60 portions.

Fruited Jalapeno Cheese

2 (8 oz.) packages Monterey Jack jalapeno cheese, grated
1 small onion, grated
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste
1 (8 oz.) jar strawberry preserves

Mix all ingredients except strawberry preserves together and pat flat on plate. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Before serving, cover with strawberry preserves. Serve with crackers.

Easy Con Queso

1 can black-eyed peas (mashed)
1 lb.Velveeta cheese (cubed)
1 can green chilies (diced)
1 can chili with beans
1 large onion
1 tsp. cumin
1 tsp. oregano
1/2 tsp. hot sauce
1 tsp. garlic salt

Mix all ingredients together by hand. Place in a 2 quart casserole. Bake at 350 degrees until well melted. Serve with chips.

Coming Your Way

La. Angus bull sale

The Louisiana Angus Association is holding its annual bull sale at noon Saturday, Jan. 22, at Louisiana State University in Alexandria.

The group will have 66 ready-to-work Angus bulls available for sale. A catalog may be viewed at www.americanlivestockbrokers.com.

For more information, call (662) 837-4904.

Bull sale in March

The Louisiana Bull Testing Association and the LSU AgCenter will host the 43rd Performance Tested Bull Sale beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the show barn at Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria.

Lunch will be served at noon.

All bulls for sale will be performance evaluated and screened. About 25-35 bulls of several breeds will be available, including yearlings and a few 16-18 month olds.

For more information, contact Danny Coombs at (318) 473-6528.

Master tree farmer course offered

The 2004 Master Tree Farmer short course will be broadcast live from Clemson University on Tuesday evenings from Feb. 3 until March 16.

The three-hour classes begin at 6 p.m.

Broadcast host sites in Louisiana include Louisiana Technical College locations in Alexandria, Many, Oakdale, Winnfield and Jackson. It will also be broadcast at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge and at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. Two sites in Shreveport and Baton Rouge will carry the broadcast on a tape-delayed basis.

Topics for the seven sessions include managing a forest site; forest economics, taxes and estate planning; managing pine species; managing hardwood stands; timely harvesting and marketing of forest species; managing lands for multiple uses; and forest incentive programs and issues.

For more information, contact Mike Dunn at (225) 578-0344 or visit the Web site at www.mastertreefarmer.net.

Send Coming Your Way items to marketbulletin@ldaf.state.la.us

News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

New rules regulate transport of hazardous ag materials

Farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural operations that transport hazardous material are now required to implement a transportation security plan that conforms to Federal Department of Transportation (USDOT) regulations.

All those who transport materials such as propane, anhydrous ammonia, gasoline, pesticides or herbicides, ammonium nitrate fertilizer, diesel fuel, dynamite, detonators, and other materials in amounts that require identifying placards must develop and execute a plan. The new regulation took effect Sept. 23, 2003.

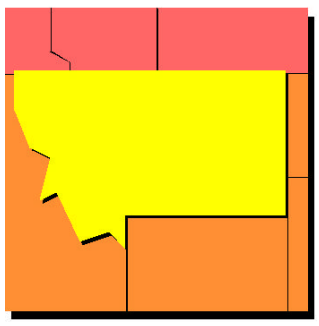
According to USDOT, the security plan must include measures to address employees that pick up and transport materials, protection against unauthorized access, and en route security. These requirements have been put in to place to deter acts of terrorism and other illegal activities.

Plans will not be collected by or kept on file by the state or federal DOT offices. However, it will be enforced as part of the general enforcement program for the HAZMAT carrier and shipper community. Plans can be tailored to individual operations and an example can be found at http://hazmat.dot.gov/ under the "HMT Security" heading.

For more information, contact the Federal Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1 (800) HMR-4922.

Pesty potpourri recalled in Montana

Longhorn beetle feasts on scented pine cones



Montana consumers who bought potpourri that includes scented pine cones from India should return them to the point of purchase because the mix may contain a wood-boring pest not wanted in the United States, according to the Montana Department of Agriculture.

Live adults and larvae of a pine cone-eating longhorn beetle, Chlorophorus strobilicola, have been found in the potpourri, which was distributed through many national chain stores including Lowes, Target, Wal-Mart, JoAnn Fabrics and Safeway.

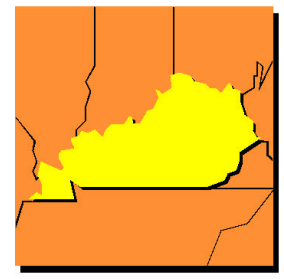
Consumers who have purchased the product should either return it to the store or dispose of it properly, the department advises.

A fact sheet from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service recommends double bagging the product, tying it securely and discarding it in the trash or freezing it for two days. Burning the product will also suffice, says Mont. State Entomologist Patricia Denke.

The beetle, which is not now found in the United States, is 0.8 to 1.2 centimeters long and belongs to a larger family of colorful longhorned beetles. The insect damages forests by reducing seed production.

Stores have been asked to remove the suspect product from their shelves but much of it has already been sold, says Kimberly Merenz, quarantine and nursery specialist for the Montana Department of Agriculture.

Ky. West Nile cases plummet in 2003



Cases of West Nile Virus in Kentucky equine declined dramatically in 2003 compared with the previous year, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture reported.

KDA said 102 Kentucky equine were confirmed with West Nile last year, an 80 percent drop from 2002, when 513 cases were reported. A series of cold snaps in late November and early December eliminated mosquitoes that carry the virus, essentially ending the threat of West Nile at the end of 2003.

"The decline of West Nile cases was somewhat surprising considering that 2003 has been one of the wettest years on record in Kentucky," Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said. "Many more equine owners vaccinated their animals this year. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Department for Public Health and other agencies have worked hard to educate the public on what they can do to protect themselves and their livestock. We are very pleased that the number of both equine and human cases this year was so low, but we will keep working to reduce the threat of West Nile as much as possible."

Of the 102 equine in the state that contracted West Nile this year, 67 are alive, 26 were euthanized and nine died. Six were vaccinated in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendation. In 2002, 131 equine died or were euthanized in Kentucky as a result of West Nile.

Hardin County had the most equine cases in Kentucky last year with eight. Fayette and Warren counties had six each. As was the case last year, West Nile cases were reported statewide except for far eastern Kentucky.

The Department for Public Health reported 14 human cases of West Nile and one death due to the virus in 2003. Last year, 75 Kentuckians were confirmed with West Nile, and five died.

Maryland prepares for cicada invasion this spring

After 17 years underground, millions of periodical cicadas (Brood X) will emerge in Maryland and throughout the eastern United States in late spring.

Periodical cicadas, which are unrelated to but often confused with locusts, are harmless to humans or animals but their egg-laying may cause some plant damage. People who experienced the last emergence in 1987 will remember populations as large as 100,000 per acre disrupting outdoor events and sounding off with loud – almost deafening – mating calls. Marylanders are encouraged to plan ahead and to learn about cicadas so that they can experience this spectacular event as a wonder and not a calamity.

Many millions of periodical cicadas are expected in Maryland from the end of May into July, though numbers will vary widely by location. In 1987, some woodlots held up to 100,000 per acre, while numbers in other areas were very light.

These cicada usually emerge by the end of May in Maryland. At that time, the nymphs crawl out of the soil after 17 years of feeding on small subterranean roots and climb up tree trunks or other vertical objects where they shed their nymphal skin and emerge as adults. Adults live about four to six weeks with the sole purpose to mate and lay eggs. Only the males produce sound – a loud mating call of "song" – which can be heard from early morning to late evening as long as adults are present, usually until July. After mating, the female cicada cuts deep slits in small twigs where she lays her rows of 24-48 eggs. Adult cicadas die soon after they have mated and laid their eggs. After six weeks, the eggs hatch and the tiny nymphs fall to the ground where they burrow into the soil and spend the next 17 years below ground, starting the whole cycle again.

Cicadas will not significantly affect most large, healthy trees. Small trees, however, can be more seriously damaged by the female egg-laying which can cause browning, breakage and scarring on affected branches. Property owners and managers can reduce damage to smaller trees by pruning them lightly or not at all the season before emergence. Damaged twigs may be pruned out following cicada activity.

Periodical cicadas only occur in the eastern United States. Their red eyes distinguish them from all other cicadas and their bodies measure slightly over 1 ½ inches long. They do not bite or sting. They pose no health threat to people or pets.

Cicadas should not be confused with locusts: they are different species. Locusts are grasshoppers in the order Orthoptera. They have chewing mouthparts and a voracious appetite throughout their life. Cicadas are in the order Homoptera, and have sucking mouthparts (like little soda straws). Cicadas feed only as nymphs underground on tree roots. They are in the same family as the familiar annual and dog-day cicadas whose songs characterize hot summer days. Other close relatives are aphids, leafhoppers and mealybugs.

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Talented tree lovers

Students compete in annual Arbor Day poster contest

To celebrate Louisiana Arbor Day Jan. 16, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom announced the winners of the statewide Arbor Day poster contest .

All poster entries were created based on the theme, "Trees are Terrific … In Cities and Towns."

Odom said all of the entries were outstanding and deserving of special praise.

"It's great to see so many students excited about forestry and trees. Each year the Department of Agriculture and Forestry sponsors several contests and awards to help generate interest in ag and forestry-related subjects," Odom said. "It's good for students to learn about the backbone of this state's economy and culture, and their enthusiasm shows in their work."

Alyssa Evans, a student at Our Lady of Prompt Succor School in Chalmette, won first place; Rachael Harrell, a student at Riverside Elementary School in Shreveport, won second place; and Tara Hymel, a student at Seventh Ward Elementary School in Denham Springs, won third place.

Katie Payne, a student at Choudrant Elementary School in Choudrant, and Logan Ray, a student at Brownfields Baptist Academy in Baton Rouge, were selected for honorable mention.

The National Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Arbor Day poster contest in all 50 states. Each state's first place winner is sent to the national contest that is judged later in the spring.

The three winning posters will be on display at the LDAF building in Baton Rouge until April.

All of the winners were invited to attend an Arbor Day ceremony at the Department of Agriculture and Forestry in Baton Rouge. Those not attending will be honored in assemblies at their individual schools.

Evans won a $100 cash prize from the Louisiana Urban Forestry Council, a tote bag of prizes from the National Arbor Day Foundation, and a certificate and tree seedling from LDAF.

Both Harrell and Hymel won $50 and $25 cash prizes, respectively, from the council, and other prizes from the Arbor Day Foundation and LDAF.

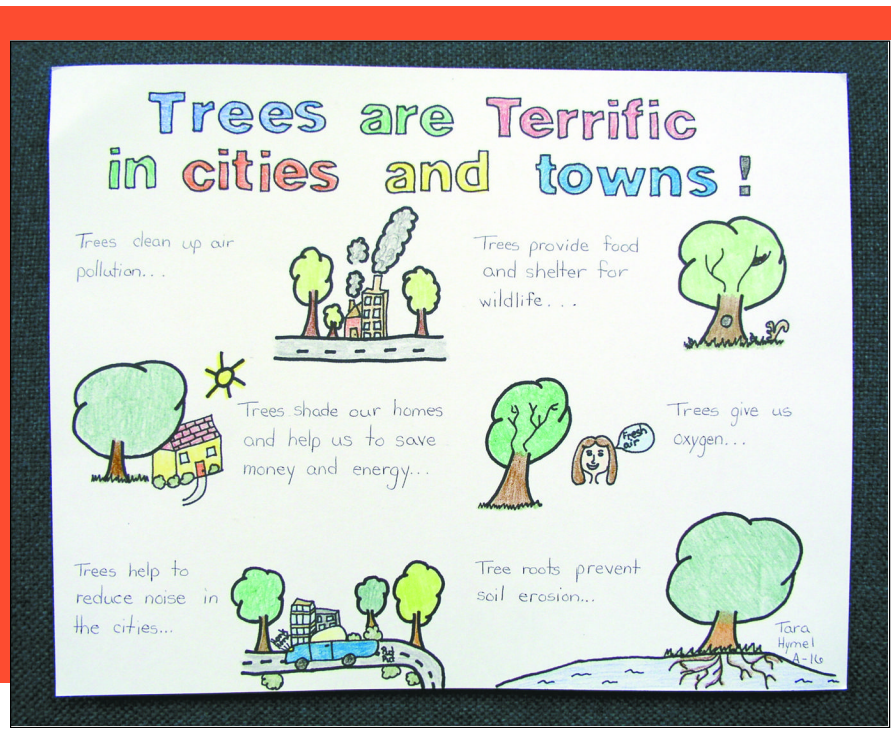
The poster contest is open to all fifth-grade students across the state at their individual schools. Winners at the school level are then sent to the state contest and the state winner is sent to compete for the national title.

Representatives from LDAF and the Louisiana Urban Forestry Council served as judges for the state contest.

"I wish Alyssa the best of luck in the national contest and hope her poster comes home a winner," Odom said.

Alyssa Evans' Arbor Day poster won first place in the state competition and is enroute to the national contest sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Evans, a student in Chalmette, received a $100 cash prize from the Louisiana Urban Forestry Council for winning at the state level.

Rachael Harrell, a student in Shreveport, won second place in the state Arbor Day poster contest. Harrell received a $50 cash prize for her efforts.



Tara Hymel, a student in Denham Springs, won third place in the state Arbor Day poster contest. Hymel received a $25 cash prize.

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See photos of the honorable mention posters on page 8.