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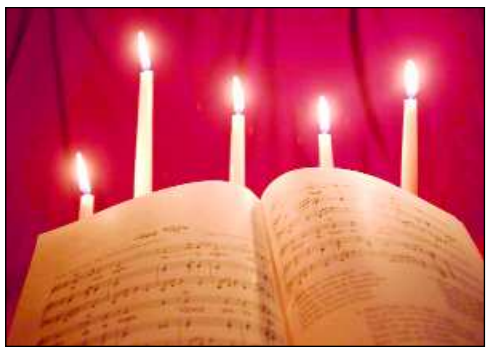

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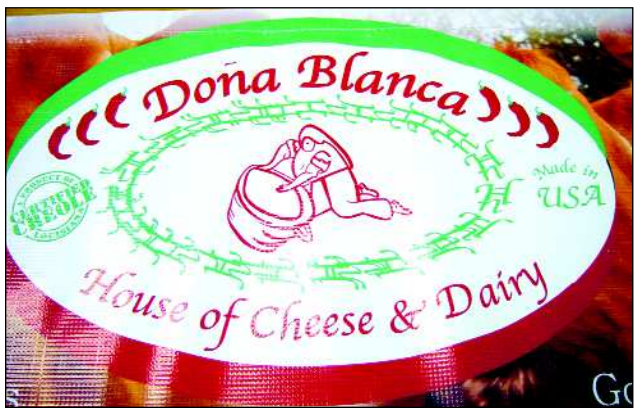

The stories featured in this issue of the Market Bulletin, the final edition for 2005, are about two Louisiana food products companies that are open for business despite setbacks from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We hope you will support these small, local businesses because they play a key role in rebuilding Louisiana. In coming months, we'll introduce you to other business owners who believe in this state and are part of the reason Louisiana will thrive in the future.

By Ashley Rodrigue

The morning of Aug. 26 Kathia Duran, owner of Cool Delights Imports and Dona Blanca artisan cheese in St. Rose, made her way to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry building in Baton Rouge to hold a cheese-making demonstration for the Market Bulletin. Duran was running ads in the Bulletin's From the Farm category and we thought readers would enjoy knowing more about the art of making fresh cheese.

The demonstration went well. We conducted an interview while waiting for the cheese to make and took numerous photographs throughout the process.

Kathia left after the demonstration and we planned to run the cheese story in one of the upcoming September issues.

Everyone knows what happened next. In the early morning hours of Aug. 29, Hurricane Katrina came ashore and all of our planning and intentions changed. Less than a month later, Hurricane Rita struck and once again our focus was elsewhere.

But as the holiday season began, we turned our attention to our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food features. We're continuing the food theme in this issue and incorporating an "open for business" element in our approach.

Although the story has changed a little since Aug. 26, Dona Blanca cheese is something we know you'll enjoy reading about.

Cheese making is in Kathia Duran's blood.

Originally from Costa Rica, Duran grew up in a Hispanic family where making cheese was like cooking seafood gumbo in Louisiana.

"It's a common thing in Costa Rica, like fishing and catching shrimp are here. The woman of the house is always in the back making cheese," Duran said. "My family wanted to pass on cheese making to me and it led me to start this business back in February."

Duran's cheeses are varieties popular in the local Hispanic community where cheese is eaten at every meal, including breakfast. Her products include queso fresco criollo, queso fresco enchilado, queso fresco ranchero, fresh mozzarella, Creole cream cheese, Hispanic cream cheese and feta cheese with olives. All of the products are "Certified Creole" by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

"In the United States cheese is eaten with crackers or as a little snack," Duran explained. "In Costa Rica, we eat

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Kathia Duran checks the temperature of the ingredients in her Dona Blanca cheese, named for her grandmother. Temperature is very important in the process of making fresh cheese.

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cheese with every meal as a side dish."

Americans prefer cheese with a lot of flavor and added ingredients, like pepper jack, Duran noted. Hispanics prefer plain cheese that is not aged, like the criollo.

Before she began making cheese, Duran, an international business graduate from Loyola University, recognized a niche market for Hispanic cheeses and began importing them to sell to stores in the New Orleans area. Eventually, with much encouragement and support from her family, Duran decided to make the cheese on her own. Her brand, Dona Blanca, is named for her grandmother.

"My family told me to do it (make cheese) 100 times to get it right," Duran recalled. "It took more than that."

Cheese making is a careful process of combining ingredients, waiting, stirring, waiting, monitoring temperature and acidity, and of course, more waiting.

"The combination of milk, temperature, acid and cultures will either make cheese, yogurt or sour cream. If I don't get it right, I won't get cheese," Duran said.

In its basic form, cheese is what is left when water is removed from milk. The more water removed from the milk, the harder the cheese. Water is removed by increasing acidity in milk, and acidity can be created by adding bacteria cultures. The bacteria also enhance the flavor and texture of the finished cheese.

Duran uses finished, or processed, milk and adds cultures and calcium chloride, a coagulant, to create her fresh, artisan cheeses.

"I'd like to purchase raw milk, but then I would have to buy a pasteurizer and it's not cost effective for an operation my size," Duran said. She currently purchases milk from local processors.

Duran said the processors' milk is a key ingredient in the outcome of the cheese.

"It is like a living thing. It reacts to movement, vibrations, chlorine in water, perfumes, temperature," Duran said. This makes the process very time consuming and tedious.

But Duran has help in the kitchen. Although most of her family lives in Costa Rica, Duran's mother and brother assist in her business. They split their time between the United States and Costa Rica. Duran also has support from her friends at The Good Shepherd Baptist Church, a Spanish-speaking congregation in Metairie.

"The ladies at my church help with packaging the cheese," Duran said. "They've truly been a blessing to me. They encourage me. They are all wonderful cooks and have little enterprises themselves. They sell tamales and tortillas."

Duran and her friends from church work cooperatively to sell their products at Farmers Markets in the New Orleans area. She has a booth at the Crescent City Farmers Market in Uptown Square in New Orleans and at the German Coast Farmers Market in St. Charles Parish. Dona Blanca cheese is also sold at the St. Martinville Creole Farmers Market through a partnership with goat cheese maker Wanda Barras.

Calcium chloride is used as a coagulent in cheese making. The ingredient helps produce larger curd with improved texture.

"I'm trying to encourage small cheese makers to get together and sell and trade products. I don't see them as competition; we all do something a little different," Duran said. "I can't afford to drive all the way to St. Martinville to sell my cheese. It would cost too much. Wanda and I worked out an agreement and she sells my cheese and I sell her goat milk products."

Dona Blanca cheese is also available at supermarkets in Jefferson Parish and specialty stores catering to the Hispanic community. Products can be ordered directly from Duran.

Since the hurricanes, Duran said she has seen an increase in demand for her products.

"We were out of production for two-and-a-half months so now we're working very hard to keep up. During the holidays, everyone is partying and having festivities and they want cheese for their parties," Duran said. "The demand is there."

Though Duran's facility was not damaged during Hurricane Katrina, the storm did temporarily disrupt her life and business operations.

"I evacuated with my elderly mother to Vicksburg, Miss. We slept on the floor of a Baptist church for eight days," Duran recalled. "The church was wonderful. They gave us everything we needed and the Red Cross fed us. Finally, I was able to arrange a flight out of Jackson, Miss., to Costa Rica. One of the church members drove us to the airport to catch our flight.

"By the time we headed there, my mother was ill. We don't have any family here so we had to go home to Costa Rica."

Following the evacuation out of the country, Duran made an already scheduled trip to Spain. While she was there, Duran visited cheese-making facilities to get tips.

Eventually Duran made it home to St. Rose and has been busy making cheese ever since.

For more information about Dona Blanca cheese, contact Duran at (504) 472-6022.

Kathia Duran mixes ingredients to begin forming what, over time, will become fresh cheese (above). Once the curd is formed, Duran slices the cheese curd to begin separating it from the whey. The curd will be spooned out and drained (below).

Duran uses a cheese cloth to drain whey from the curd. This is one of the final steps in the cheese-making process.

After the whey is drained from the curd, the crumbly curd is firmly pressed into a cheese mold.

The final product is a small, round mold of fresh criollo cheese.

Fresh ingredients, like peppers, are added to some of Duran's cheeses. The flavored cheese is more popular with Americans, prompting Duran's family to ask, "Are you crazy? Why are you putting stuff in the cheese?"

Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

Crawfish Processors to Get Tariff Funds

Some Louisiana crawfish processors stand to collectively receive $2,198,146 in funds from tariffs on Chinese crawfish tailmeat collected by the U.S. Customs Service this year, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

"It's a nice Christmas present for the processors, but unfortunately, it's a lot less than what should have been collected," Odom said. "The amount is definitely a let down from what they've received in the past, and I've been told that uncollected duties total more than $32 million this year."

In recent years, the processors, who filed an anti-dumping petition against the Chinese in 1996, have been eligible for amounts ranging from $7.4 million to $9 million. Crawfish producers do not receive any of the funds collected by Customs, another factor that disappoints Odom.

"I don't want to complain about our processors getting money from the tariffs. I'm glad to see them getting anything, but I do think something needs to be done so the full $32 million that is owed gets collected. I'd also like to see the crawfish producers get some benefit from the funds," Odom said. "Think about what that could do for the industry and the suffering economy in Louisiana. The hurricanes waylaid the seafood industry across the Gulf Coast - $32 million could really make a difference."

In total, more than $317 million in Chinese crawfish tariffs have gone uncollected.

Louisiana crawfish processors receive the money as a result of the Byrd Amendment, which says anti-dumping petitioners are to receive funds collected by Customs for their industry. Now the Byrd Amendment is being threatened in Congress.

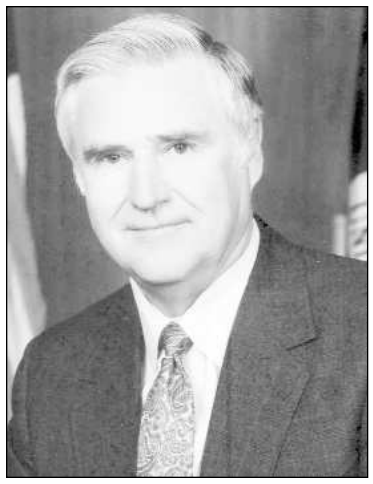
A measure to abolish the amendment is attached to a bill, recently passed by the House of Representatives, that cuts federal spending. The Senate version of the spending reduction does not eliminate the Byrd Amendment, also known by its proper name, the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (CDSOA).

"We fought long and hard to get the tariffs in place, and the money collected rightfully belongs to the industry," Odom said. "The crawfish processors have basically been put out of business by importers who illegally dumped their product into the market. Without processors, the crawfish producers and fishermen lose another market for their live crawfish. Even with the tariffs, which often go uncollected or the importers find a loophole to dodge them, the industry is struggling. I can't believe Congress would even consider taking this away."

Odom said he hopes Congress will not only preserve the current Byrd Amendment, but even consider expanding it to include crawfish farmers, not just processors.

Odom said roughly 27 processors in the state would benefit from the funds collected in 2005. There were more than 100 crawfish processors in Louisiana until the early 1990s when Chinese crawfish imports were dumped into the market.

In 1996, Louisiana crawfish processors filed an anti-dumping petition with the U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce. An anti-dumping tariff was announced in September 1997.



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Reg. Beefmaster bull, '05 La. reserve grand champ & LSU, dark brown, born 2/19/03, gentle, U classified, calves on ground, JBBA owner, $2000. Mitch Deville, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-1718.

(25) bred cows, 2-5 yrs., some with calves at side, $800/1 or $750/1 if all taken; (2) Angus bulls, 2 yrs., $900/1. Troy Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6615.

Crossbred Beefmaster cow, 3 ½ yrs., bred to red horned Hereford bull, $1200. Stanford Domingue, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

Reg. Angus bull, born 12/8/04, Grid Maker & Hyline bred, $1200. Mike Roberson, Dubach; (318) 777-9300.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 8-9 mos., $700/1. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

(25) reg. Angus heifers, 13-14 mos., ready to breed in 2 mos., $900/1. Walter Smith, Mt. Hermon; (985) 877-4730.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah heifers, bulls & prs., $850/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. Angus bulls, w/super EPDs, raised in the south for southern cattle, (30) bulls, breeding age, ready to go, $1200/1-up. Greg Tate, Evangeline; (337) 363-6606 or (337) 363-1694.

Blk. baldy, born 7/04, $800; ¼ Brahman, ¾ Hereford, born 10/04, $800, these 2 will be exposed 1/06; Beefmaster, born 12/99, to calve in March, $1200; ¼ Brahman, ¾ Hereford, born 04/02, to calf in March, $1200. Jason Guidry, Abbeville; (337) 898-2119.

(5) bred reg. Brangus, 2 yrs., (4) reg. Brangus calves, $13,000/all, will separate. Wade Richey, Carencro; (337) 886-2739.

Limousin cattle, bulls & heifers, blk. & red, polled & horned, gentle, some halter broke, $1000/1. Charles Hampton, Jr., Natchitoches; (318) 352-6736.

Pb Hereford bulls, polled & horned, 9 mos., gentle, straight back line, stocky build, $600/1. Tammy Tantillo, Albany; (225) 567-7614.

Reg. polled Hereford bull, 4 yrs., very gentle, no bad habits, excel. bloodline, straight back line, $1000. T. Tantillo, Albany; (225) 567-7614.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 14 mos., $925. Nick Bruno, Hammond; call after 6 p.m. (225) 294-8170.

Reg. polled shorthorn bull, red & wh., 26 mos., excel. bloodlines, w/reg. papers, $1375. Clay Boudreaux, Gray; (985) 855-5255.

Jersey & beef cross calves, heifers & bulls, $125-$150. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Brangus bull, 18 mos., $1000; cows w/calves, $750/1. Justin Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, some w/calves, $700/1-up. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Reg. horned Hereford bulls, 7-10 mos., Pure Gold, Line One & Mark Donald bloodlines, all shots, wormed & on feed, $1000/1-up. Paul Seaux, Sunset; (337) 668-4501 or (337) 277-8751.

Polled Hereford bulls, 8-11 mos., performance bred, great EPDs, gentle, all shots & wormed, $800/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

Pb gray Brahman bull, 20 mos., off reg. cow & bull, gentle, $1000. Tony Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-3662.

(40) Brangus heifers, bred 3-6 mos., to lbw Braford bull, $1050/1; (30) Brangus heifers, open, $975/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Pb Char. bulls, 20 mos., breeding age, no bad habits, very gentle, polled & tested, $1400; pb. Char. heifers, polled, vacc., $900. Philip Melancon, Church Point; (337) 873-6232.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 7-16 mos., $975/1-up; crossbred Brangus heifers, 7-9 mos., $800/1-up. Dale Clark, Rayne; (337) 873-8188.

Reg. Char. bulls, 15-18 mos., Duke bloodline, no bad habits, gentle, polled, straight back, semen tested, $1600/1-up. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Char. bulls & heifers, 7-9 mos., King Grazer, Wyoming Wind bloodline, polled, gentle, $550-$850/1. G. Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

Reg. Angus bulls, 8-12 mos., $800/1-up; reg. Angus, coming 2 yrs., $1500. Sammy Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

Reg. Angus & Brangus heifers, 10-13 mos., $1000/1-up. S. Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

5/8, 3/8 Braford bull, born 2/05, $1200. Greg Trahan, Kaplan; (337) 789-7821 or (337) 367-3308.

Reg. red Devon bulls, 11 mos., polled, gentle, New Zealand bloodline, excel. for cross breeding & grass finished beef, $1000/1. Bobbie Womack, Greensburg; (225) 222-4581 or (225) 933-9245.

Reg. Simm. bulls, big rugged, thick butt, high growth, 2 yrs., from easy calving & homozygous bloodlines, AI sired, from breed's leading sires, $2500/1up. Gene Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

Reg. blk. Simm. yrlg. bulls, large selection, most AI sired, big, growthy, thick muscled, all from HZ black bloodlines, ready for light service, able to breed 20-25 cows, $1500/1-up. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

Reg. Char. bulls, top bloodlines, good EPDs, gentle, semen tested, all AI, $1400/1-up. Hilary Watson, Montpelier; (225) 777-4558.

Reg. Beefmasters, (1) heifer, born 3/7/05, halter broke, $1000; (1) bull, born 11/16/04, very gentle, $950. Clay Cook, Alexandria; (318) 442-8741 or (318) 446-1725.

(20) reg. Brangus yrlg. bulls, $2000/1; (20) Angus plus bulls, $1350/1; (10) Angus plus heifers, 8 mos., $825/1, del. avail. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2409.

Pb reg. Char. bulls, 12-18 mos., $1100-$1300; heifer, 8 mos., $700. Anthony Pitt, Scott; (337) 232-2452 or (337) 322-0706.

Commercial Brangus bull, 15 mos., sire Rumer of Brinks, lbw, REA .51, YW 50.2, out of nice Brangus cow, bull has been handled in pasture setting on a regular basis, calm & petable, $1200. B. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Reg. Brangus yrlg. bull, sire 2003 grand champ Houston Int. Brangus show, Sankey's Revolution, dam is daughter of NG Hotline, IMF & ribeye trait leader, will add depth & thickness to your calves, moderate frame & good bone, gentle, $1200. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Reg. Brangus bull, 14 mos., sire Sonar of Brinks, calving ease sire & leading IMF trait leader for the breed, dam is daughter of Brinks KO, top 20 trait leader for SC & IMF, superior genetics that will add value to your calves, gentle, $1200. K. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Reg. Brangus bull, 10 mos., grandsire FB Norman 501K, grand champ bull La. state 4-H, nice looking bull, deep ribbed, good length of body, good bone, gentle & can pet him, $1000. A. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

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3 ½ yr. sorrel QH mare, in foal to pal. TW stud, also has 7 mo. pal. filly, other mares & gaited gelds. avail., all horses wormed & vacc. regularly, $550 & up. Tim Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0242.

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1990 thoroughbred brown mare, by Raise a Bid & Noble Jay, good producer, offspring earned over $200,000, was not bred this year, $3500. G. Leger, Opelousas; (337) 543-4303 or (337) 945-5158.

1996 big stout QH blk. geld., 15 hands, 1300 lbs., used for team roping, heading, pasture roping, team penning & sorting, trail riding, also kids rode him barrel racing, great handle, gentle, good conform., fast, all shots, no bad habits, not reg., $3500. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

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Dark bay, 2 yr. Arabian colt, well bred, sweet natured, nicely made, lovely head, beautiful mover, good bone & depth, $2000 obo. A. Baudoin, Denham Springs, baroqefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

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1996 AQHA bay geld., good cowboy horse, Zan Parr Bar & Easy Jet bloodlines, $3500. Shannon Neveaux or Kevin Lemaire, Abbeville; (337) 652-2484 or (337) 893-5794.

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8 yr. reg. QH geld., 15 hands, gentle, for anyone to ride, great trail horse, $800. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

10 yr. well-gaited bay mare, 14.1 hands, good for kids to ride, $800; 6 yr. reg. TW mare gentle & easy to ride, $1200. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

(3) reg. Belgian mares, top bloodlines, broke to work, approx. 2000 lbs. each, (1) '89, 16.3 hands, $1250; (1) '96, 17 hands, $2000; '99, 17.2 hands, $3000. Paul Davidson, Clinton; (225) 763-5425.

2003 AQHA sorrel mare, Mr. Cluster Bay & Illusive Copy on top, Sunny Dee Bar & Doc's Silver Bar on bottom, this mare is open, has never been bred, $800. Gary Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 692-5587 or (337) 692-5586.

2005 AQHA sorrel filly, Star Gay Bar, Her Magic Way, Gay Bar King, Star's Estrelita, Rocket's Magic, Going Her Way on top, Mr. Packin Magic, Packin Sixes, Spot of Magic, Streakin Six, Copasetti, Rocket's Magic on bottom, great racing or barrel prospect, $3500 nego. G. Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 692-5587 or (337) 692-5586.

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AQHA reg. pal. stallion Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-2347, top & bottom, $6000 nego. E. J. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

4 yr. reg. blue papered Missouri Fox Trotter geld., trail ready, loads, clips, ties, shoes, crosses water & bridges, great little trail horse, $2500. Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

4 yr. reg. Missouri Fox Trotter geld., beautiful dapple gray, ridden on trails, big motor, not for beginners, finish him out for $2500 or we finish & the price goes up. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

Dabble gray, 4 yr. filly, great child's horse, fantastic trail horse, quiet, goes over poles, can open gates on her back, $3000 obo. Lynne Mullens, Livingston; (225) 698-9250.

Reg. QH wean., bred for versatility, performance bloodlines, $800/1-up. Johnny Steib, Lottie; (225) 637-2474 or (225) 718-1975.

Blk. & wh. App. stallion, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, $5000 nego. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

APHA '02 bay & wh. tobiano geld., 75% bay, 25% wh., 14.2 hands, broke to ride, 10 wks. training, bloodline on papers, Little Plain Peppy (QH), Little Solitario (QH), Peppy San Bager (QH), LA Solitaria, Colarado Sonny, $1500. E. J. Olivier, Carencro; (337) 896-6205.

6 yr. lineback dun QH geld., 15 hands, well built, great disp., beautiful animal, sweet, energized, high spirited, works cows, trail rides & pleasure rides. Rachelle Johnson, Des Allemands; (985) 758-3082 or (985) 226-2817.

Reg. TW paint, Evel Knevel bloodline, very gentle, excel. gait, rebred to blk./wh. paint, has 8 mo. filly, $2500/both. Jim Broussard, Broussard; (337) 837-1368.

2005 AQHA colts, Colonel Freckles, Little Peppy, Puddenhead, Son of-a Doc bloodlines, gentle, lots of cow sense, good disp., $1000/1-up. Daniel Lyons, Church Point; (337) 945-0364 or (337) 684-6751.

2004 SSHBEA & NSSHA reg., sorrel & wh. filly or gray & wh. filly, $1200. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

2005 wean. for sale, reg. TWHBEA or SSHBEA, $1200/1-up. L. Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

16 yr. bay QH geld., excel. beginner breakaway roping, also used for heeling, very quiet in box, $2500; 16 yr. gray barrel horse, runs 1 & 2D times, started on poles, $8000. Meg Lovejoy, Sulphur; (337) 583-4158.

True blk. Arabian, coming yrlg. colt, well handled, sweet natured, gentle, lovely head, good bone, will be over 15 hands, has good body width, nicely bred, $2500 obo. Randall Baudoin, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2186.

Coming 2 yrs., dark bay Arabian stallion, nicely bred, lovely nature, $2500 obo. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2186.

AQHA 5 yr. geld., big & stout breeding Beduino & Dash for Cash, $2000 or will trade for Angus heifers. Millie, Jena; (318) 992-8974.

Reg. AQHA broodmare, granddaughter of Sonny Dee Bar, in foal, (1) colt, (2) fillies out of same mare, sire is Doc Bar, Puddenhead, Peppy San & Bar Pass Myers bred, also reg. App. mare in foal to same sire, $1000-$3500. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Christmas ponies, (1) blk. Creole, 6 yrs., bred to Paso Fino stallion, (1) 15 mo. QH filly, won't be big, $350-$600; also Paso Finos, $2500-$30,000. Mike Clark, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0607.

(2) AQHA barrel prospects, (1) filly, (1) geld., both 3 yrs., $2500/1-up. B. D. Fontenot, Eunice; (337) 457-5685.

American saddle horse filly, 20 mos., not reg., red w/blaze face, halter broke, $800. Blake Armand, Cottonport; (318) 922-3919 or (318) 876-2782.

AQHA 17 yr. sorrel geld., son of Smart Little Lena, by daughter of Freckles Playboy, used for sorting & penning, money earned in cutting, penning & sorting, great for any rider, child, woman, competition, etc., $4000. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

AQHA reg., 6 yr. sorrel mare, 15 hands, granddaughter of Jet Injun & Sport Model Ethan, very responsive to cues, 5 mos. pro. training on cows, $3000. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

AQHA reg. 14 yr. chestnut geld., 15.2 hands, this is the hunter/jumper/babysitter that you have been looking for, smooth ride, w/automatic & effortless lead changes, great for beginner or rider moving up from pony, extremely quite w/great manners, $6000. Kylie Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

Reg. QHs, mares in foal to pal., 2 yrs., broke, (1) geld., (2) mares, (4) yrlg. colts, (7) weans., colors sorrel, bay, pal., buckskin & red roan, $1000-$2500. Terry Miller, Bunkie; (318) 346-9280.

APHA 3 color stud, blue eyes, $1200; 3-color mare, 2 yrs., $1200; blk. 6 mo. filly, $950; Welsh QH, pal. mare, 7 yr. w/colt, gentle for kids, $1500; donkeys, $200-$300; mini horses, gentle, rides w/saddle, $500/1-up. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

Saddle horse geld., 12 yrs, very gentle, smooth gait, anyone can ride, $1200. Kline Daigrepont, Lacombe; (318) 346-6217.

AMHA reg. miniature horses, mares, fillies, colts & stallions, pintos, app., solids, $500-$2500. Brenda Hebert, Covington; www.goldenmeadow-minis.com, (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

Miniature donkeys, solids, spotted jacks, 30"-32", spotted, $400/1; solid jennets, $800-$1200; free spotted jack w/the purchase of (2) donkeys. B. Hebert, Covington; www.goldenmeadow-minis.com, (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

Come try this horse out, nice finished heeling & break-a-way, 10 yr. sorrel mare, if you can rope this horse, she will take you to the pay window, ideal for high school ropers, $7500. Ronnie Fabacher, Iota; (337) 581-8262.

3 yr. mare, ½ TW, ½ QH, lineback dun, gentle & broke, $1200. Adam Dupuy, Marksville; (318) 253-9517.

2000 reg. QH geld., Impressive & Page Steele, 60 days pro training, 15.1 hands, 1150 lbs., $3000; '02 non reg. Appendix QH & thoroughbred stud, green broke, 14.1 hands, & 780 lbs., $750; '04 thoroughbred, non-reg. stud, saddled but not ridden, 14 hands, 650 lbs., $600. Sarina Lirette, Bourg; (985) 665-0464.

Yrlg. AQHA red dun colt, born 2/5/05, sire A Fistful of Aces, would make nice show colt, $3500. Garret Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

2005 AQHA grullo colt, out of Count Hickory, Candy King Leo, Good Bye Clark Bar, Lilly Frost, $2000. Jamie Miller, Ville Platte; (337) 506-3993.

AQHA geld., 18 yrs., ladies horse, used for trail riding, $1200; 4 yr. paint geld., very gentle, anyone can ride, $1500. J. Miller, Ville Platte; (337) 506-3993.

Reg. thoroughbred filly 3 yrs., 16 ½ hands, sired by an own son of Seattle Slew & out of a stakes producing mare, $1500. E. C. Rogé, Sr., Natchez; (318) 352-7001.

Miniature horse, blk. & wh. stud, 5 mos., $450. Roger Courville, Livonia; (225) 637-4969.

1998 gray mare, Peppy De Badger, Peppy San Badger, Lena's Vegas Boy, out of Dry Doc's, Puddenhead, Mr. Sugar Pistol, started on barrels & cattle, good handle, anyone can ride, $3000. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

AQHA broodmares, some bred, $1000/1-up; lineback dun wean. grandson of Sonitalena, $2500, others avail. Charles Carmena, Baker; www.carmenaquarterhorses.com or (225) 261-2430.

2003 sorrel mare, granddaughter of CD O'Lena on top, granddaughter of Colonel Freckles on bottom, well broke, started on cattle, futurity prospect, $6000; '03 sorrel stallion, grandson of Freckles Playboy on top, grandson of Mr. San Peppy on bottom, well broke, futurity prospect, $5000. C. Carmena, Baker; www.carmenaquarterhorses.com or (225) 261-2430.

2 yr. donkey jacks, spotted, very gentle, $250. James Sibley, Walker; (225) 686-2952.

AQHA foundation bred, Poco Bueno, broodmare bred to foundation (Jessie James), stud, $1250/1. Ron Crager, Mansfield; (318) 872-3083.

Training all breeds, gentle colt starting, ranch using horses, problem horses, training, showing, sales, lessons & overnight boarding. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

Wanted: 1 or 2 miniature paint jennies. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

STALLION SERVICE

1998 golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, $300/$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

2001 bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquery Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, $400/$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

Reg. blk. Mammoth jack, size, looks, disp. & bloodlines, intro fee for mares, $150; jennies, $200. Roy Firmin, Zachary; (225) 654-9566.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, $750. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

2003 pb Arabian, gray, w/blk. mane & tail & blk. stockings, Polish & Egyptian bloodlines, 15.1 hands, handled everyday, parents both halter horses, very beautiful, $2700 or stud $500/$5 mare care. Patricia Markow, Loranger; (985) 878-4230.

AQHA Royal Gypsy Lina, perlino stallion, out of North Dakota, has has it all, incredible breeding including Doc O'Lena, Gay Bar King, King Fritz, will produce dilute color on any color mare, guaranteed, his '05 1st crop is 100% buckskin, $500/$5 pasture mare care, $8 in stall. Jane Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

1995 APHA blk./wh. tobiano-overo stallion, pro trained in Western pleasure, gorgeous head, w/outstanding disp., $250/$5 pasture mare care, $8 in stall. J. Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, Poco Golden Bay Jr., gorgeous head & conform., produces tanks w/color, currently his babies earning APHA points in halter & color, Sport Model bred, $300/$5 pasture mare care, $8 in stall. Anthony Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

AQHA, NFQHA, Doc Dude's Daz, pal., over 90% foundation, Doc Bar & King bred, 3rd generation dilute, produces a lot of size on his babies, $300/$5 pasture mare care, $8 in stall. Mike Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

AQHA bay stallion Doc Dudes Day, over 90% foundation bred, Doc Bar, King & Blondy's Dude bloodline, produces gorgeous babies, extraordinary disp. & conform., $300/$5 mare care. Jane Rhodes, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

Shining Sneakers, very calm & athletic, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, $750 plus mare care fee. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, (225) 667-7415.

Reg. AQHA buckskin stallion, sire is Peppy Freckles Bar, by Freckles Badger Doc, by Doc's Spencer Bar, dam is Ikes Shuqualak Belle, by Lemac Peponita Fox, by Sport Model & Smarty Poco, great disp., $300/$5 mare care. C. Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. 4 yr. blk./wh. tobiano, homozygous TW stallion, own son of Calvin Klein, by Bob's Beaucoup Boy, dam is Cheyenne's Painted Lady, 16 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful disp. & conform., $300/$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors, & Paints Moon Man, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful & great disp., $300/$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. 5 yr. blk. TW stallion, sire is I'm Dumas Walker, by the Pusher CG (WGC), by Mark of Carbon (WGC), dam is Star's Barbie Doll, by Johnny Cash, by Midnight Sun (WGC), 15.1 hands, great disp. & conform., $300/$5 mare care. Cody Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay, star, great disp., $400/$4 mare care. Jeannette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

2000 AQHA sorrel stallion, Hesa Crazy Magic, Streakin La Jolla, Crazy Magic Too on top & Malpractice Charge, Little Bit Odd, Super Sticks breeding on bottom, big boned, nice head, this stallion is being trained to run barrels & is doing super, he throws size on his foals, $350, $8 mare care. Gary, Opelousas; (337) 692-5586 or (337) 692-5587.

2000 APHA bay/wh. tobiano paint stallion, very gentle, will do barrels, Tinky Sugar Bar & King Greasebar breeding, my children ride this stud bareback, $300, $8 mare care. Heather, Opelousas; (337) 692-5586 or (337) 692-5587.

Standing APHA & AQHA, IROC U TOO APHA, breeding back to Silver Order & Jocita Bars, Hi Pistol Peppy, AQHA bloodlines back to Hollywood Gold & Peppy San Badger, $350/$5 mare care. Dawn McKnight, Clinton; (225) 683-3557.

TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA reg., 16 hands, blk. & wh. stallion, $250/$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

2001 dark bay, dbl. bred, Peppy San Badger on papers, Doc O'Lena, lots of cow blood, gentle, w/great disp., pro trained on cows, $300/$3 mare care. R. Simmons, Independence; (985) 878-3642.

Bay stallion, Smart Little Uno x Pudden Teene, an own daughter of Pudden Head, Smart Little Lena, Doc's Marmoset, Doc O'Lena, Smart Peppy, Susie Bay on papers, $400/$5. Francis Benoit, Thibodaux; (985) 633-5537.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. fb Boer bucks, show quality, Coty-PC1, 3 to show, born 3/15/05, $200. Yvonne Jackson, Ragley; (337) 725-3222.

Reg. 93.75% Boer buck, born 1/21/02, $175. J. M. Miller, Sunset; (337) 896-0141 or (337) 662-3679.

(3) PB Katahdin males, 6-10 mos., $50. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5622.

Nanny brush goats, $60; kids, $20. Troy Harper, West Monroe; (318) 396-8891 or (318) 388-1480.

4 yr. proven, blk. belly Barbado ram, correct markings, beautiful horns, $75. J. Courville, Rayne; rarebulldogge186@msn.com, (337) 788-5163 or (337) 306-1977.

Reg. USBGA Boer goats, fb, (1) nanny, w/(2) kids, (1) bred nanny, all very nice goats, $600/all. Bob Lailheugue, Holden; (225) 294-3451.

Nubian goats, (5) female, (1) male, gentle, pets, $425/all. John Cloud, Calvin; (318) 727-4574.

(2) weather pygmy goats, very tame, would make great pets, about 1 ½ yrs., $60/1. Brandon Morel, Pitkin; (318) 634-5460.

Wanted: (500) brush goats, tame & bred, will trade rd. bales of hay. W. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Reg. border collie pups, red/wh. & blk./wh., parents direct imports from Wales & Scotland, good companions & working farm dogs, will demonstrate parents at work, $300/1. Rodney Cotton, Pineville; (318) 640-2042.

AKC/UKC lab retriever pups, written health, hip & eye guarantee, parents are proven hunter & have titles, $600/1-up. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 445-5012.

ABCA border collie pups, out of imported bloodlines, used for working sheep & cattle, $300/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Border collie/McNab pups, blk./wh. out of working stock, parents on premises, $150/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

NSDR miniature Australian shepherd pups, 4 wks., parents on premises, great champs., red merle, $350; blk. tri, $300. Chris Berthelot, Oak Grove; (318) 428-8548 or (318) 647-5781.

Pb blue heeler pups, born 10/08/05, raised on farm, $75/1. Candy Foster, Bush; (985) 892-3881.

Great Pyrenees pups, born 11/21/05, good working dogs, or great pets, raised w/goats, parents on premises, $100/1. Rickey Pender, Colfax; (318) 627-3086.

ABCA border collie pups, born 10/31/05, working parents, on site, (2) blk./wh., (1) red/wh., $250. Adam Dupuy, Marksville; (318) 253-9817.

Champ. bred border collie pups, sire is Rowel, the '05 LSCD resv. futurity champ, '02 Sundowner futurity champ, dam is Meg, the '03 open resv. champ cowdog, GCSA, '02 Pro-Nov. resv. champ cowdog, GCSA, born 11/26/05, $500/1. Mickey Thibodeaux, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-3886.

Wanted: reg. Jack Russell adults, (1) male, (1) female, (1) 3 yrs. Tony Saragusa, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-4194.

SWINE

Potbellied pigs, $50/1-up. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

Wanted: chute squeeze for hogs. Richard Moore, Deville; (318) 466-1550.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Rosey bourke parakeets, prs. only, $120; Gouldian finches, parent raised, $150/pr.; ringnecks, $70/1-up; color bred canaries, males, $65/1; females, $45. Billy Brant, Benton; (318) 965-5033.

Orange-face love birds, lutinos, olive, cinnamon normals split to lutino, $20-$40/1; other fancy color love birds, $100/4, quantity discount. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

Rare Leadbeater male cockatoo, 3 yrs., gorgeous, hf, $2800; rose-breasted cockatoo hen, 3 yrs., super tame, very sweet, $1200. Leanna Meaux, Slidell; (985) 847-2853 or (504) 329-7728.

Hf cockatiels, $35/1-up; breeders, $25/1-up; parakeets, hf green cheeks, $8/1. Margie Kibodeaux, Crowley; (337) 788-3818.

Blue-front conure, breeder, talks, $150; citron breeder male cockatoo, $400 or will consider all trades, hf cockatiel, $45. Gerard Peytavin, Folsom; (985) 796-3322.

Lovebirds, all colors, $25 & $35/1; lutino female, ringnecked, $150. Debra Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6089.

DNA sexed Quakers, $250; DNA sexed female Quakers, 2 yrs., $125/1; wh.-faced cockatiels, $50/1; parakeets, breeder & young, $10/1; 2 pr. finches, $10/pr. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Canaries, females, $35/1; males, $45/1-up. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

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

Fancy color lovebirds & fishers, $25/1; blue & split to blue Quakers, proven pr., w/cage, $800 obo; 10'x12' building w/cages, incubators, brooders & supplies, $1500. Rickey Foret, Raceland (985) 532-5443.

Doves, wh., $7/1; tangerine, $6/1; ringneck & pied, $5/1. Jim Bearb, Carencro; (337) 896-3475.

Finches, diamond sparrow, fire tail, gouldians, owls, shaft tail, society & zebra, my mutation, $6/1-up. Terry Perez, Cut Off; (985) 665-3902.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '04 & '05 hatch, blues, turquoise, green/blue, violet-green/blue, white-heads, violets, also breeder prs., $50/1-$2000/pr. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Wanted: Jenday conure male, breeding age, leave message. Josh Villarreal, Gonzales; (225) 247-6085.

Wanted: number of zebra finches, mostly males, will buy up to 100, normal grays or dark colors, no white or light colors, willing to pickup within 50 miles, will pay $4.5. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Large tom turkeys, $25/1. Joe Giacone, Hammond; (985) 345-5049.

Jungle fowl, $5/1; Cornish bantams, $10/1; Malaysian serama, $50/pr; pigeons, colored homers, $15/pr.; wh. homers, $20/pr. Pat Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-2013.

Silkie & jungle fowl roosters, $6/1; flying mallard drakes, $8.5/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mature flyers, 50¢-$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-0039 or (225) 445-5012.

Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, eggs, 15¢/1; live, $18/doz.; dressed, $28/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Flying mallards, $8/1; guineas, $8/1; Muscovy ducks, $8/1. Nell Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, day old chicks, $40/100; wk. old chicks, $75/100; live, $22/doz.; dressed, $25/doz.; hatching eggs, $20/100; pickling eggs, $10/100. Danny Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

Laying hens, young hens, several breeds to choose from, $4/1-up. R. Pender, Colfax; (318) 627-3086.

Mandarins, $50/pr.; wood ducks, $35/pr.; ring teal, $50/pr.; silver Bahama pin tails, $100/pr., single birds avail. Mike Yglesias, Zachary; (225) 262-0954.

Laying hens, assorted, 1 yr., $5/1. Richard Moore, Deville; (318) 466-1550.

Old English game bantams, (1) blue trio, $45; BB red, wheaton & crele cockerels, $25/1; modern game bantams, pr. Brichen, $40. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

Small miniature English caller ducks, $50/pr. Julius Thibodeaux, Rayne; (337) 334-5871.

Mandarin ducks, normals, $50/pr.; whites, $100/pr. J. Thibodeaux, Opelousas; (337) 948-6427.

English caller ducks, small, Minnesota stock, $20/pr. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, live, $2/1; dressed, $30/doz.; pickled eggs, $6/pt.; eggs, $20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

English caller ducks, some laying, $15/pr. James Brown, Opelousas; (337) 363-1824.

(8) grown turkeys, $15/1 or $100/all. Bobbie Johnson, Pitkin; (337) 328-7822.

Wanted: (1) pb pr. of adult Pilgrim geese. Kenneth Fontenot, Roanoke; (337) 247-2240.

Wanted: (75) 8 mo. pullets, barred rock, buff Orpingtons, blk. Australorps, Araucana/Americana, Rhode Island reds, (11) male, (11) female, 1 yr. broad-breasted turkey, (10) male, (20) female mallards ducks, (12) male, (12) female African geese 1 yr., (100) male, (100) female, 1 yr. purple pearl guineas, (6) male, (6) female, 1 yr. blue pearl peacocks, will trade rd. bales of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

PIGEONS

Parlor rollers, young adult, $10/1. Joseph Vidrine, Opelousas; (337) 826-3543 or (337) 351-3010.

Texas pioneer pigeons, proven breeders, produces squabs weighing 1 lb. at 6 wks., ideal to raise for meat, $20/pr. Presley Hebert, Youngsville; (337) 277-9712.

Texas pioneer pigeons, 2 yrs., all colors, $20/pr. Russell Girard, Scott; (337) 873-4418.

(12) wh. racing homers, $8/1; JoJo, $10/1; (10) saddle back racing homers, $6/1; ice pigeons, German owls, oriental frills, helmets, frillbacks, $10/1; fantails, $6/1. Julius Thibodeaux, Rayne; (337) 344-5871.

Medium sized mixed mated prs., $10/pr., no checks. Lloyd Menard, Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

Pigeons, tumblers, $10/pr. J. Prejean, Scott; (337) 873-6643.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Sand 1 rabbits, look like wild rabbits, live, $5/1, dressed, $7/1. Jarred Mitchel, Mansura; (318) 964-5214.

Nest box warmers, new, 2 each, $25/1; large nest box, new, $15, will ship. Richard Moore, Deville; (318) 466-1550.

DEER & EXOTICS

Pr. brown llama, about 4 ½ yrs., female probably bred, due in March or April, $300/1. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

(155) Pillow crawfish cages, $1.25/1; diesel pump, $100. Ray Couvillion, Abbeville; (337) 893-1996 or (337) 523-3228.

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 25¢/1; red ear, 25¢/1; crappie, 30¢; grass carp, $10; minnows, $8/lb., brochure avail., del. or pickup. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

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

Welded alum. crawfish boat, 7'x16', w/trailer, 11 hp Honda motor, fully hyd., front wheel pull, 1 man operation, $4500. Lawrence Broussard, Gueydan; (337) 536-6082.

Wanted: good used crawfish boat, must be able to cross field roads. Mitch Parrott, Mamou; (337) 523-3407.

FARM SERVICES

Dozer & backhoe work, land clearing & raking. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9276.

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Will graze stockers for winter '05-'06, call for details. Harvey Gonsoulin, New Iberia; (337) 229-9058.

Livestock hauling, 32' trailer, hay hauling, sq. or rd., will load & unload, $2/mile loaded. Robbie Murphy, Prairieville; (225) 806-9660.

Qualified equine appraiser #03779, American Society of Equine Appraisers, appraisals for insurance purposes, legal matters, loans etc., reasonable rates. Sarina Lirette, Bourg; (985) 665-0464.

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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."

Washington Parish, 20 acres near Franklinton, driveway, pond, fenced open pastureland, paved road on 2 sides, $4950/acre. G. Oestriecher, Lacombe; (985) 882-6522 or (985) 882-7598.

Wanted: 50-100 acres in North Louisiana, prefer Claiborne Parish, reasonably priced. Mark East, Youngsville; (337) 856-8655.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Blackberries, Brison & Roseborough, large, sweet, 2-gal., at place, $6/1. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Birdseye, yellow squash, ornamental peppers, Confederate rose, Rose of Montana & purple bean, sweet pea vines, endive, mustard, yard-long bean, candlestick, bush cherry, lime/lemon, sweet lemon, $1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lakes Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Red spider lilies, $12.5/25; wh. spider lily, $2/1 or $20/5; native wild daffodils, $20/12; pink, purple, crisium, $10/1; rain trees, $5/1-up, lily of the Nile bulbs, $12/1. M. Collura, Lake Charles; (337) 478-7075.

Pine Straw, machine baled, clean, del. available, $4/1. Ronald Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 933-7753.

Used nursery plant pots, trade gallons, 1, 15¢; 2, 20¢; 3, 25¢; 5, 50¢; 7, 75¢; 12, $1; 15, $1.75; sizes, 1 ½"-3", 3¢; 4-4 ½", 8¢, 6"-6 ½", 13¢; plant trays, 15¢, cash, call first. Jimmy Mullet, Covington; (985) 892-5732.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Pecans trees, Candy, Caddo, Elliott, Forkert, Melrose, Oconee, Sumner & Houma, 3-gal., $12/1-up at place. Bill Young, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8109.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., $9.50/1, 20 varieties, SASE for list, will ship in La. 2nd day delivery. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Elliott pecan, 5', 6-gal., grafted, $25/1 at place. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Fig cuttings, 20 varieties, 1-10 cuttings, $3/1; 10+ cuttings, $2/1, same variety or mix, SASE for list. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Saw-tooth acorn trees, 5-gal. containers, $10/1; oleanders, 5' tall, $8/1; crape myrtles, 8' tall, $8.5/1. R. Satterley, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

Fancy bush red cherry, $6/1; purple vitex bush, $10/1; purple pomegranate, $10/1; Myer's lemon, $20/1; purple LSU, $20/1; large green ischia, $10/1; Celeste figs, $5/1-up; wh./yellow peach, $5/1-up. Morris Collura, Lake Charles; (337) 478-7075.

Strawberry plants, 20¢/1. Mitchel Catalanatto, Natalbany; (985) 542-4784.

All kinds of tress, bushes, roses, lilies, flowering plants, hybrid tea roses, day lilies, crape myrtles, azaleas, all are in pots, hundreds to choose from, $1-$25/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also sago palms, jelly palms, Mexican plum, native magnolia, burr oak, $10-$35/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Louisiana live oaks, good stock, single leader, 1-gal., 2'-3', $3/1; 4-gal., 5'-6', $10/1. A. M. Gray, III, Patterson; (985) 395-5193 or (985) 518-4711.

HAY & GRAIN

2004 Bahia/mixed, 4x5 rd. bales, no rain, organic grown, cow hay, $10-$14/1, del. avail. P. G. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329 or (318) 358-3197.

Alicia Bermuda, excel. quality, sq. bales, you load sq. bales, $3.75-$4/1; Bahia, $3-$3.25/1; 5x5 rd. bales, we load, Alicia, $40/1; Bahia, $23-$30. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

2005 hay, over 500, 4x5 rd. bales, located in St. Francisville, $20/1. Daren Vicellio, Zachary; (225) 937-7659.

Rice straw, 50 lb. sacks, $4.25/1; ½ rice bran, ½ ground corn, $4.95/50 lb. sacks; 12% protein homemade cattle feed, $5.25-$5.95/50 lb. sack. J.C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

2005 Bahia hay, 5x5 bales, in shed, on pallets, $35/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Premium quality Alicia Bermuda grass horse hay, super clean, fert. to soil test, large tight bales, in barn, del. avail., $4/1; pine wood shavings in 10 cu./ft. bags, $5/1. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

High quality Bermuda racehorse hay, sq. bales, $3-$4/1; rd. bales, $20-$45/1; cow hay, $20-$40/1, Milton area. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 856-4266 or (337) 230-7273.

2005 Bahia hay, sq., thick & heavy barn bales, $4/1. George, Gonzales; angsteven1216@hotmail.com, (225) 337-2464 or Angela (225) 337-1664.

2005 Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, good quality, cured w/o rain, $25/1 or $20/1 if (10) or more purchased. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 807-4046.

Hay for sale, sq. & rd. bales avail., rd. bales, $16/1; sq. bales, $3/1. David Moran, Jr., Zachary; (225) 933-5636.

4x5 bales rice straw, $18/1. Harold Marceaux, Kaplan; (337) 652-8305.

2005 Argentine Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, will load, $20/1. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 223-7521.

4x4 rd. bales of high quality Bahia grass hay, cured w/o rain & kept in barn, $20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1128.

Alicia hay sq. bales, $3-$4/1. Pat Prather, Zachary; (225) 603-8079.

Alicia hay, horse quality, freshly cut, in barn, $4/1. Clay Pierre, Thibodaux; (985) 447-6100.

2005 quality Alicia/Bahia mixed sq. bales, del. avail., $3/1. Sarina Lirette, Bourg; (985) 665-0464.

2006 spring cutting April 20, 2006, taking orders now, Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton-44/Johnsongrass, all mixed hay, 4x5 rd. bales, del. avail., $44.5/1. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Long trac., 38 hp, bush hog & box blade, $6100; '75-880 Case track hoe, w/thumb, $17,500; 6000 lb. Clark forklift, Perkins diesel engine, $3200; 7' Side Winder pasture clipper, $1000. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

MF 231, 42 PTO hp, 260 hrs., $9750. Kenneth Sharp, Folsom; (985) 796-3645.

966 Int., 100 hp, new clutch, good tires, new top, in great shape, $7000; 15' batwing shredder, read to use, $3000; 3 pt. hitch high lift hay forks, $800. Danny Clark, Cottonport; (318) 876-2980 or (318) 359-2206.

Ford 2000, $3500; Kubota, 18 hp, $2500. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6960.

W&A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, $2600; Taylorway, 8-row cult., w/fenders, $1500; Bridger planter 8-row w/row markers, $1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

706 Int. trac., 95 hp, $3800; MF 45 hp, diesel, $3000; aerator, $1200; front trac. weights, $300. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5797 or (337) 789-0699.

MM 55 hp trac., front-end loader, 3 pt. & PTO $9000; MM 45 hp trac., 3 pt. & PTO, $7500, both ready for work M. Nunez, Baton Rouge; (225) 892-5938.

Cub trac., w/finishing mower, $1500 obo. Rickey Foret;

Raceland; (985) 532-5443.

IH 5488, w/spray tanks, good cond., cab air blows cold, Balzer fert. injector, 4200-gal. tank, high flotation tires, great cond., 21' Bush Hog disc, hyd. wings, 300-gal. spray rig, 20' boom, contract avail., $46,200/all, package sale only. Todd, Slaughter; (225) 505-7290 or (225) 654-4711.

MF 255, 50 hp, 2000 hrs., exceptional trac. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

Ford 6610, w/canopy, 3 new tires, $8000. Daniel Jones, Florien; (318) 586-9975.

(2) 29x12.00-15 on universal rims for front, $200. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

New Jima 28 hp, 4x4, w/new front-end loader, w/top, $9000. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

16' hay elevator, w/1 ½ hp elec. motor, $300. Danny or Kim Tonagel, Abita Springs; (985) 630-8943.

Int. 1460 combine, 20' header, axle flow cab air blows cold, good cond., cut '05 rye grass on wheat crop, $10,900. Todd Maglone, Slaughter; (225) 654-4711.

Kubota 1501 trac., fresh, rebuilt injectors & injector pump, needs crank shaft, $800. Danny or Kim Tonagel, Abita Springs; (985) 630-8943.

7' offset Ford 917 flail mower, works, also have 6' Ford flail mower for parts, $400. Danny or Kim Tonagel, Abita Springs; (985) 630-8943.

Farmall 140, runs, but needs work, w/bush hog, also needs work, cults., planter & other tools, $1100 nego. Al Blanchard, Arnaudville; (337) 667-7689.

Yellow & wh. Cub, w/plow tools or belly mower, $1800; 4' bush hog, $250, extra Cub parts & plow tools avail. J. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Yellow & wh. Cub, $2100; choice belly mower or plow tools, red Cub, w/pan plow, $800. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Ford 1700 good shape, low hrs., $4200; Int. 966, good shape, $5000. Timothy Guillory Livonia; (225) 637-3348.

Ford 9700, 110 hp, cab & air trac., $12,000; Ford 7700, 85 hp, cab & air trac., all in good cond., $10,000, also hay equip. avail. Jack Johnson, Marksville; (318) 253-8981.

1957 JD 620, 2 cyl., in very good cond., new paint & decals, factory 3 pt., good rubber, for work or show, $5000 nego. James Tubre, Turkey Creek; (337) 461-2757 or (337) 831-4962.

3'x7' drag harrow, built on 2 7/8" pipe frame, on 3 pt. hitch, 5" teeth on bottom, good for pens, arenas & dirt work, $250. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Buckeye company, 1-row plastic mulch layer, w/drip tape attachment, $1200; 1-row Cole planter w/seed plates, $600. Johnny Beyt, New Iberia; (337) 367-8247 or (337) 365-1578.

Ford 4000, 52 hp, new tires, radiator, regulator, generator & muffler, $5000. Ned Gauthier, Zachay; (225) 654-8852 or (225) 301-1948.

JD 870, 23 hp, w/550 hrs., $10,000 or trade for larger trac., 40 hp, in good cond. George Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

Kubota M 8600, 2 wd, 74 hp, new cond., 250 hrs., $18,000 or trade for smaller trac., 40 hp, in good cond. G. Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

Antique mule-drawn hay rakes, $250/1; hand pumped gasoline service station pump, circa 1905, $500, other antique equip. E. C. Roge, Sr., Natchez; (318) 352-7001.

Drott back-hoe, on tires, $5000 obo. Rimes LaBorde, Westwego; (504) 430-4642 or (504) 431-8074.

2 sets IH 4-row planters, $800, will separate; 2 sets 4-row hippers, JD, $800; will separate, all shed kept; (2) 21' field cults., $1200. Raymond Rabalais, Plaucheville; (318) 922-3666 or (318) 240-9901.

1957 Farmall 230, 2-row, rebuilt engine, new paint, w/other new parts, $3500; '56 Farmall 200, 2-row, w/planters, fert. hoppers, 2 pt. track plows, $4500 other equip. Emmett Jenkins, Bogalusa; (985) 732-3997.

(2) cotton trailers, 10' wide, 40' long, $1050/1; (3) cotton trailers, 8' wide, $950/1. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 340-0680.

Ditch Witch ditching machine R-40, w/new engine boring unit, drill pipe, augers & trailer, $14,500; Mayrath PTO driven grain auger, 6"x35', $1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

JD 4039 engine, 1200 hrs. on engine, w/power unit, 3 belt pully, $3900. Brian Gaspard, Singer; (337) 249-8232.

Riding digger, in excel. cond., $4000; 2-row potato planter, $5500 nego. Daniel Laborde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

JD 535 rd. bale, w/bale trak monitor, excel. cond., $12,000; Long 680 trac., 67 hp, '02 model, metal canopy, remotes, wide tires, excel. cond., $12,000. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette; (337) 984-6267.

JD F-935 diesel, front mower, w/60" deck, for parts only, $325. Bill Woodruff, Pineville; (318) 466-3497 or (318) 451-2428.

2640 JD front-end loader, $15,000; JD front-end loader, $600. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

6' Bush Hog brand box blade, $450; 30" reversible dirt scoop, $150; 8' boom pole, $50, all brand new. Robert Roy, Hessmer; (318) 563-9111.

2010 JD, ext. hyd., power steering, live PTO, gas, runs & works well, $2500; fert. cart, used this year, $300; dirt slip, 3 pt., $100; 28' disc, sections, blades, bearing, $200. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

Class cutter disc, 260C-2000, going out of hay business, new, $10,000, trade in $6500, selling for $5000. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

678 NH baler, 5x5, like new, hardly used, less than 1000 bales. L. Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

617 NH cutter, 2 yrs., like new, $4200; M8200 Kubota trac., w/front-end loader, 4 wd, 2 yrs., 500 hrs., excel. cond., $26,000. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Ford 134 cu./in. gas block, $695; reworked head, $625; radial, $125; 4 spd. trans., 600 model, $750; 190XT diesel head, $200. James Degeyter, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7682.

3 pt. hitch, light modern made 5' disc, $300; 3 pt. hitch King Cutter, dirt scoop, $200. Donald Addison, Independence; (985) 507-1054 or (985) 507-6053.

4020 JD 91 hp, w/8' dozer blade, dual remotes, a real work horse, $8800; yellow & wh. Farmall Cub, w/tools & belly mower, looks like new, $2150. Harry Miller, Glenmora; (318) 748-4569 or (318) 623-4588.

Komatsu D20P wide tracks, 6-way, 8' blade, low hrs., $11,900; Komatsu mini-excavator, low hrs., excel. cond., $7900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

JD 375 rd. baler, makes 4x5 bales, pull w/50 hp trac. kept in shed, excel. cond., Durabilt big wheel rake, caddy-type, hyd. fold, 3 yrs., used very little, $8800/both or will separate. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

MF 124 baler, $1000; JD 46 baler, 150. Daniel Myers, Amite; (985) 748-6773

Ditching machine Ditch Witch R-40, w/new engine boring unit, drill pipe, augers & trailer, $14,500; Mayrath PTO driven grain auger, 6"x35', $1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Miller pipe pro, 304 welding machine, generator, 575 hrs., $7500. Cecilia Langley, Husser; (985) 747-8786.

JD 4230, runs well, PTO 540, $8300. Michael Lafleur, Washington; (337) 826-5104 or (337) 945-9173.

856 Int. 90 hp, runs well, ideal for shredding, $1800; D17 Allis Chalmers, diesel, 60 hp, needs clutch, $1500; D19 Allis Chalmers, 62 hp, good trac. for sq. baling, $1200; new work saver rd. bale unroller, has 2 new hydraulic cylinders & hoses, $1000. Alden Doucet, Washington; (337) 826-7134 or (337) 280-3954.

JD 2020 diesel trac., 8 spds., p/s, 54 PTO hp, $4200; Ford 3000 diesel trac., 40 PTO hp, 8 spds., p/s, $4500. B. Barrare, Moreauville; (318) 997-2581.

12' Dandl flail mower, $2000 nego; Super AV Farmall trac., w/bush hog, $1500. Errol Cormier, Carencro; after 5 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. (337) 896-7948.

UV 540 Int. power unit, LPG or natural gas, excel. cond., $2650. David Juneau, Marksville; (318) 253-5234.

Pasture dream planter, $6000; mold poison killer, $2700; Bermuda King sprig harvester, $9300; Stephens air compressor watermelon planter, $7350; 6-row cult., $2750; Ford 5000, $77,274; 1210 David Brown, $77,274; 5610S NH, $77,274; Ford 4000, $77,274; 441 Log Hog, $77,274; Ford TW-10, $92,970. L. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9274.

44" cut, $4678; Lowe's 44" cut riding mower, $2178; special tiller, $4678; Vermeer 554XL baler, $41,202; 8-wheel Sitrex hay rake, $5657; 7'2" Marangon MD 245 hay mower, $15,903; Ford 241, 24' disc, $54,282; 18' Bush Hog disc w/drag, $49,922; 16' bush hog, $22,763; 6' bush hog, $5323; 5' disc, $4130; 6' grading blade, $9683. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9274.

JD 2010 dozer, C frame blade, $4000. D. Juneau, Marksville; (318) 253-5234.

JD 4430, 150 hp, dual wheels, runs well, no cab, $7000. Louis Bernard, Abbeville; (337) 893-0100.

256 NH fluffer rake combo, good running cond., $800. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (985) 447-6100.

Wanted: JD baler, that makes small sq. bales, must be in excel. cond., also small bale hay stacking equip. E. C. Rogé, Sr., Natchez; (318) 352-7001.

Wanted: Int. 140 trac., high clearance, w/cult. tools, in good cond. Mack Reine, Jr., LaPlace; (985) 652-9712.

Wanted: trade '81 Ford F-150 4 wd, 351 V-A for Ford trac., that runs or 4 wheeler. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Wanted: (2) 16"x9"x30" trac. tires, prefer mounted on Ford wheels, must be in good cond., will pay fair price. Wayne Longino, Coushatta; (318) 932-6428.

Wanted: 9' disc hay mower. Steve Lambert, Alexandria; (318) 563-4452.

Wanted: old JD 450 dozer for parts, in any cond. Kevin Murphy, Folsom; (985) 796-9681.

Wanted: Vicon 7' 10" cutter, older model, need the bottom plate of the cutter bar, will buy just that part or the whole cutter, within 75 miles of Lafayette. Al Blanchard, Arnaudville; (337) 667-7689.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1968 Ford 100, for parts or to be restored, $200; Ford E40D automatic trans., $400; diesel 6.9 cubic, C-6 trans. & 373 rears still in truck, you remove or take all, $1200. P. G. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329 or (318) 358-3197.

1985 Peter Bilt tandem dump truck, 300 Cat engine, 13 spd., ready to work, $17,500. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

Dodge Ram van 1500, V6, power brakes, power steering, a/c, am/fm, new paint, new tires, handicapped access, $20,000. Larry Common, Gretna; (504) 366-7951 or (504) 427-4256.

1976 Chevrolet truck, w/18'x8'x4' gooseneck hydraulic dump grain trailer, $9000; (2) 600-bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, $1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

2000 super duty F-250 power stroke XLT package, extra cab, 8' bed, sprayed-in bedliner, gooseneck hitch, new tires, new shocks, new batteries, Harvest Gold color, with beige interior, 58,000 miles, $21,500 firm. Bernie Humphries, Baker; (225) 774-3919.

(2) chicken litter spreader trucks, gas, $8500; diesel, $14,750. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

9N Ford, runs well, looks bad, $1250. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

1983 Jeep pickup, 4 wd, high & low range, Warn winch, (4) new snow/mud tires, great cond., $7000 obo. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

1995 Chevy Kodiak, 14 yard dump truck, Cat engine, 8 spd., 488 rears, $19,500; '90 Int. DT 466 w/15 yard dump bed, 13 spd., $16,500. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

Headache rack, fancy white, fits most older trucks, was on '84 Ford truck, ½ ton, $50. G. Albarado, Scott; (337) 235-3045.

1974 Ford 500 flatbed, w/gooseneck hookup, gas, V8, 4 spd., good tires, $1000. Tony Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-3662.

2001 GMC 2500 heavy-duty, ready to haul, runs & pulls well, $76,628.2. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

Wanted: 48-86 Dodge power wagon, 42-45 Chevrolet 1 ½-ton truck. S. Poole, DeRidder; (337) 462-0946.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

1993 WW horse & cattle trailer, great cond., w/walk-in tack room, blue in color, new tires, 4 brakes & rubber floor, $2500. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

Wagon w/5'x12' bed of 5/4" treated pine, secured w/wood screws, bed used once, kept in shed, heavy metal frame, 15" tires, $275. Ed Dugas, Carencro; ead9743@louisiana.edu or (337) 896-4335.

5-horse alum. slant trailer, $10,000; 53' Van trailer, ready for the road, good cond., $10,000. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Caldwell hay mover, gooseneck, factory built, designed so one person can do it all, hauls 6 large rd. bales, low sides for easy loading w/3 pt. spear on back of trac., $1950. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 223-7521.

1999 Hibuilt steel 30-yard dump trailer, 24', 3 axles, elec. tarp, $19,500; '78 Palmer demo dump trailer, 22', $3500. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

5'x12' utility trailer, tandem axle, no floor tile, $400. Alvin Berry, Grayson; (318) 649-5021.

2000 Monterrey lite, 3-horse slant, alum., gooseneck, w/5' short wall, weekender package in living quarters, lowboy shower, sat. TV & VCR, refrigerator, microwave, oven, a/c & heat, 16" tires, $22,000. Christine Turin, Baton Rouge; (225) 343-0694.

2-horse straight load trailer w/partition, new metal floor w/wood on top of metal, gray color & 2 new tires, 2 tires OK, $900. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 335-7780.

Hobbs 32' alum. dump trailer, tandem axle, new brakes, high alum. sides, $5500. Daniel Myers, Amite; (985) 748-6773.

2-wheel pony cart, mini 2-wheel carts, wooden wheel wagon, $400/1-up; mini & pony harness, $150/1-up. Darron Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

20' bumper pulled trac. lowboy, 6'10" wide, 6000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, loading ramps, like new, $2800. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

16' gooseneck cattle trailer, $1600. B. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

14' Bonanza gooseneck stock trailer, w/metal divider, $3000. Bonnie Andler, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-5904.

(4) rims, new 16", 8-hole, heavy-duty, chrome, $190. H. H. Hargroder, Eunice; (337) 580-3351.

2-horse Delta horse trailer, kept in equipment barn, bus windows, fully enclosed, 5' wide, 8' tall, $1200; 4'x6' sleeper, opens from rear, fiberglass, $200. Ross Mulé, Franklinton; (985) 839-4595.

Wooden wheel under cut wagon, single horse, wooden wheel covered wagon, single & dbl. buggy, $1250/1-up. Homer Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-3522.

2000 Barrett, 24'x8' alum. stock trailer, rolling partition, w/slide & swing gate, tie rails on outside & inside, great show trailer, $3500. Mitch Parrott, Mamou; (337) 523-3407.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, 3 & 4 axles, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., $700-$1650. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Wanted: used horse or stock trailer, will pay cash. Roger Ducote, Glynn; (225) 627-4881.

Wanted:12' lightweight livestock bumper-pull trailer, reasonably priced, in perfect cond., prefer factory built, within 75 miles of Bush. Jim Falterman, Bush; (985) 867-1393.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

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Antique wagon frame, Owensboro, 1912 rubber tires, $350; kid's saddles, $125; commercial kitchen hood, $850; 115 hp Mercury boat motor, $950; motor home, $2000; old Coke & Sprite bottles & jars, $1/1-up; fiberglass camper shell, $400; Suzuki 230 4-wheeler, $975; Honda 90 3-wheeler, $500; go-carts, $750; Solar panel, new water well tank & motor. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197 or (337) 789-0699.

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New 110-200 cc, 4 wheelers & dirt bikes from China, 4 stroke engine, $700; dirt bikes, $800/1-up on 4 wheelers. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

Big sand blasting pot, w/hose, hood, good cond., Doug George, $700. Doug George, Columbia; (318) 649-0325.

8' heavy-duty steel pipe, 30' long, $45/1. Daniel Myers, Amite; (985) 748-6773.

18" Powermatic wood planer, 10 hp, Baldor motor, 3 phase power, very good cond., $4000. Debra Beech, Franklinton; (985) 839-3546.

25 KW industrial generator, 6 cyl. propane engine, less than 400 hrs., very good cond., $3000. Philip Beech, Franklinton; (985) 839-3546.

Oat crimper, reasonably priced. T. F. Bonnecaze, Baton Rouge; (225) 275-1276.

Shallow water well pump, motor & tank 110 volts, brand new from WW Grainger. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 296-6798 or (337) 334-9272.

Rough cut pine, any size, up to 26', cut & loaded onto your trailer, 50¢/board ft. Ed Foster, Bush; (985) 892-3881.

Cattle feed troughs, all are built on skids, w/metal tops & galv. nails, 4x4, $175; 4x6, $200; 4x8, $225. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

Sausage stuffer, 2-gal crank type, $250; sausage stuffer, 2-gal. stainless steel, used 2 times, new, $425; big water stuffer, $2000. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375 or (225) 625-4580.

Fisher-Price elec. scooter, $50. Roger Courville, Livonia; (225) 637-4969.

16" Simco brand Western saddle, large stirrups, excel. shape, tack included, $350; 20" Westerm saddle, new, used 3 times, tack included, $350. La Juan Johnson, Marksville; (318) 253-8981.

30 KW heavy-duty comm. generator, tropicalized for high moisture areas, PTO drive, 3 pt. hitch, new in crate, never used, 200 amp breaker, main connect for transfer switch, $3750. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

17" Dakota barrel racing saddle, wooden tree, rough out leather, special ordered, used 4 times, still under warranty, $650. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

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Old-time high back saddle, in perfect shape, $400; U.S. Army harness w/brass rosettes, in fair shape, $150; horn weights, $40. Jimmie Netherlin, Pineville; (318) 445-1396.

(4) 6000-gal. fuel tanks, in good cond., $1500/1. George Guillory, Crowley; (337) 783-1467 or (337) 581-5123.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Freezer calf, chemical & additive free, taking orders for quarter, half or whole calf. J. Prejean, Lafayette; (337) 873-6643.

Wanted: 200-250 metal T-posts, 6' or 6 ½' length. G. W. Haynes, Shongaloo; (318) 846-2622.

Wanted: free organic fertilizer, 50+ acres, within 15 mile radius of Zachary. Todd Magone, Slaughter; (225) 654-4711.

Wanted: Woodmizer band sawmill, must be in good cond. Wayne Longino, Coushatta; (318) 932-6428.

Wanted: sugarcane mill, syrup pan & buckets of various sizes, also looking for ribbon cane for seed, please call or write. David Rigsby, Converse; Drrigsby2900@wmconnect.com or (318) 796-2796.

FROM THE FARM

All natural goat milk soap, very good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, $4/1. M. Blackmer, Lake Charles; www.hometown.aol.com/pdavenp913 or (337) 478-2208.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

Maine plans trade mission

Maine Governor John Baldacci is planning to join a trade mission to Cuba in an attempt to improve relations with the country.

Maine's Legislature passed a resolution in 2002 to lift a trade embargo and normalize relations with Cuba. The U.S. embargo limits travel and trade with Cuba, but food and agricultural products can be sold to the country on a cash-only basis under an exception created in 2000.

A year ago, a preliminary $10 million export agreement was signed by Robert Spear, then Maine's agriculture commissioner, and Pedro Alvarez Borrego, head of the Cuban import agency Alimport.

Some contracts under that agreement have already been executed, including one that exported Maine cows to Cuba.

Other producers, including seed potatoes and apples, are looking to complete deals during the upcoming trade mission, said Doyle Marchant, president of Cedar Spring Agricultural Co. and mission coordinator. Other potential contracts could benefit growers of tablestock potatoes, frozen fish, sardines, lumber, alpaca wool, pasta and dairy cattle, said Marchant.

"The Cubans are clearly looking to turn trade of agricultural products (into) an opportunity to open relations with the United States," said Marchant.

Representatives of the lumber, potato, biotech, seafood, wholesale grocery and cattle industries will participate. The mission is mostly financed by private funds.

Reality show concerns farm leader

We're not hayseeds, says a Nebraska farm leader, worried about how accurately a new TV reality show will portray farmers and their problems.

John Hansen, the president of the Nebraska Farmers Union fears that The Farmer Wants a Wife intends to turn its rural reality cast into media fodder as naive bumpkins.

"I'm not inclined to be helpful to any of those efforts that would trivialize the enormous problems that farm and ranch families face," he said.

The premise of the show is to make a match between lonely young farmers with no time to date and women who dream of living a traditional, small-town lifestyle.

The show is from FremantleMedia, which also produces American Idol, the upcoming American Inventor, The Price is Right and Love on the Rocks.

Producer Julie Uribe, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, said she's determined to search her home state for farmers who will star in the show.

"I wanted to help somebody from my home state get the opportunity of a lifetime," Uribe said. "I made sure we sent our casting team to Nebraska."

The casting team has also tapped California, Ohio and Texas.

"We're looking for all types of farmers, not just the country bumpkin," said casting director Deborah Tarica.

Hansen said producers called him for a list of potential candidates, but he declined the request because of prior commitments.

Several years ago, Hansen said, he worked to keep a reality show that would send an Appalachian family to Beverly Hills off the air. He felt it would negatively portray rural residents.

He said he likes the romance angle of the Farmer Wants a Wife show, but wonders how agriculture would be represented on the show. And he's also worried about how Americans perceive family farmers and ranchers because of how they are portrayed in the popular media.

"It's somewhere between rednecks and Hee Haw: culturally backward and unwashed," he said. "It's kind of the new and more modern version of the hayseed. It's such a shallow, inaccurate and stereotypical view of rural families."

FremantleMedia has launched The Farmer Wants a Wife in the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Belgium, France and Norway. In the Netherlands, the program is the highest rated show of 2005, according to FremantleMedia.

Scrumptious Salads

Chicken Salad

2 cups cooked chicken
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup honey
1 cup red seedless grapes, cut in half
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise

Cut cooked chicken in small chunks. Add red grape halves, chopped celery and chopped pecans. Mix together. Mix mayonnaise and honey together. Pour over chicken mixture and toss until well coated. You may have honey mixture left. Serve with crackers.

Submitted by Karlene L. Carpenter, Office of Forestry District-10/Clinton, for the 2005 State Fair Cookbook.

Bacon Spinach Salad

5 cups torn spinach
1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
4 slices Oscar Mayer bacon, cooked crispy, crumbled
1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1 cup Kraft Catalina fat-free dressing

Toss all ingredients except dressing in large bowl. Add dressing; mix lightly. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Submitted by Lena DeBlanc, Office of Management and Finance/Crowley, for the 2005 State Fair Cookbook

Bean Salad

1/2 cup sugar
1 cup vinegar
1/2 cup salad oil
1/2 tsp. Accent
1 can LeSeur peas, drained
1 can green beans, drained
1 can wax beans, drained
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
1 jar pimento, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped

Heat sugar, vinegar, oil and Accent until dissolved. Let cool, then add other ingredients. Stir well and refrigerate over night.

Submitted by Ron Henderson, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences/Monroe, for the 2005 State Fair Cookbook

Daddy's Favorite Salad

1 large romaine lettuce
1 (4 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
1 cup cashews
1/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1 apple cubed
1 pear cubed

Dressing:
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup lemon juice
2 tsps. onions, finely chopped
1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. poppy seed
2/3 cup oil (add last)

Combine ingredients for dressing and set aside. Toss salad ingredients together and pour dressing over.

Submitted by Heidi Leonards, daughter of Louis Leonards, Office of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences/Haughton, for the 2005 State Fair Cookbook

Italian Vegetable Salad

1 head caulifower, cut into pieces
1 bunch broccoli, cut into pieces
3 zucchini, sliced
5 tomatoes, cut into chunks or 1 basket cherry tomatoes
1 can black pitted olives, sliced
1 (16 oz.) bottle, Seven Seas Italian Dressing
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Mix all ingredients together and let stand overnight in refrigerator.

Submitted by Sarah Watts, Office of Agro-Consumer Services/Monroe , for the 2004 State Fair Cookbook

Pasta Salad

1 pkg. of tri colored pasta
1 large bell pepper, chopped
1 cucumber, chopped
2 tomatoes, chopped
1 12 oz. Can mushrooms, drained
1 large can, black olives, drained
1 small purples onion, chopped
1 bunch green onions, chopped
1 large bottle of Zesty Italian dressing

Cook pasta until fully cooked. Drain and cool. Add all vegetables and mix. Add large bottle Zesty Italian dressing. Let marinate overnight.

Confetti Crab Salad

1 lb. crab meat
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup finely chopped radishes
2 tbsps. finely chopped fresh parsley
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsps. drained capers, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients. Refrigerate until serving time.

Submitted by Mary Anderson, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences/Baton Rouge, for the 2004 State Fair Cookbook

Coming Your Way

Tin Top Arena in Lecompte will host winter buckle series barrel racing/pole bending events Jan. 14 and 28, Feb. 11, and March 11 and 25.

Open, novice horse and age group classes will be offered. Exhibitions begin at 11 a.m. and with competitions to follow.

For more information, call (318) 445-8907.

Louisiana Angus Association will hold a bull sale at noon Jan. 28 at LSUA in Lecompte.

Seventy-five Angus bulls will be available for sale.

For a free catalog, call (662) 837-4904 or visit the Web site www.americanlivestockbrokers.com.

High Delta Exotics offers safari park wagon tours the first Sunday of every month at 362 Pickett Lane in Delhi.

The cost is $15 and a barbecue lunch is also served.

For more information, call 1-888-244-3319.

Johnson & Wales University is sponsoring a recipe contest for high school seniors.

The food service and hospitality school will award nearly $80,000 in scholarships to the winners.

Recipes must be postmarked by Jan. 9, 2006.

A "Taste of the States" recipe category is available. Students must include at least one recipe ingredient that is indigenous to their state or region of the country to compete in this category.

For more information, visit the Web site www.jwu.edu.

Have a safe and happy new year!

Southern University 63rd Annual State Livestock and 15th Annual State Market Goat Show

The Southern University livestock and goat shows will be held March 2-4, 2006, at the M.A. Edmond Livestock Arena next to Jetson Correctional.

Animal possession dates and entry form due dates are as follows:

Division	Possession Date	Entry Date
Market hogs	was 12/15/05	12/30/05
Beef breeding	was 11/30/05	12/30/05
Dairy	was 11/30/05	12/30/05
Poultry (broilers only)*	01/28/06	01/28/06

For more information, contact Christie Monroe at (225) 771-3510 or (225) 771-2242 ext. 328.

**All broilers must be ordered through the Southern University Livestock Show Office. Order forms had to be returned by Dec. 10, 2005.*

Natchitoches Pecans, *continued from page 12*

"The season is over as quickly as it starts," she quipped.

Mechanical shakers loosen the pecan fruit from the sheaves and the nuts fall to the ground. A tractor driver tows a pecan harvester under the tree and sweeps the valuable crop into a hopper. The harvester is similar to the golf ball sweeper at a driving range. Everything in its path is picked up by the harvester, including small twigs, branches and unripened nuts.

The harvested crop is brought to the pecan barn and dumped into a pit where it is lifted by an elevator conveyor belt into a "de-sticker." The de-sticker does exactly what its unglamourous names implies: it removes sticks. The sorting system removes black hulls (nuts still encased in the green shell) and light pecans (nuts that have no meat inside). The process is helped along by human hands to remove any debris the machinery may have missed.

The sorting process allows Mark a way to make a quick estimate of crop yield.

"A 5,000-pound gross load from a pecan wagon usually yields 3,000 pounds of in-shell nuts," Mark said. "But after the hurricane, we're getting maybe 1,500 to 2,000 pounds a load. There are more black hull nuts knocked from the tree from the hurricane winds than fully ripened ones."

Once the miscellaneous trash has been removed the pecans are sent to the cracking machines that remove the shell and a steady crack-crack-crack sound is heard throughout the warehouse.

Natchitoches Pecans also offers services for neighboring growers who merely want their nut crop cleaned, but some of the smaller producers also ask the Swansons to market their pecans. The new warehouse permits Mark to store pecans as he waits for optimum prices.

"We get a better price for the smaller grower and for us. You have more clout in volume truckloads than small lots," Mark said. "It's kind of like collective bargaining.

"It's more cost-efficient to ship a whole truck of pecans than a half a truck."

As a result of last year's fire, Natchitoches Pecans also lost its retail space, but it was a no-brainer for the Swansons to rebuild a completely separate gift shop.

"Our goal is to sell everything retail," Julie said. "We built a 2,000-square-foot country store."

The retail space has a sizable shipping and packing room and two full-time employees are kept busy shipping gift packages to the Swanson's national customer base.

Julie is pleased they decided to rebuild.

"The response we have gotten from our customers has been great," she said. "They are so glad we have rebuilt."

Julie also said their orders have increased.

By early December, Natchitoches Pecans was posting a 30 percent gain over last year's sales and still in the heart of the busy season, she said. But their overall performance will be hurt because of the general crop loss due to Hurricane Rita. There are simply fewer pecans to sell this year.

For more information, visit www.natchitochespecans.com or call (800) 572-5925.

Mark Swanson watches as pecans and other material from the orchard travel up a conveyor to the "de-sticker" machine (insets at left). Julie Swanson makes adjustments to the pecan house's new, high-speed cracker/sheller machine (above). Two Little Eva employees sort the good pecans from the bad and remove any remaining debris mixed in with the pecans (below).

LDAF employees generous during Christmas season

Commissioner Bob Odom and Department of Agriculture and Forestry employees appeared on live television with Baton Rouge TV personality Pat Shingleton to make a donation to the annual Pat's Coats for Kids coat drive.

LDAF workers collected more than 60 coats and presented Shingleton with an oversized check for $300.

Shingleton has been the WBRZ chief weather forecaster since 1981 and originated the coat donation program for Baton Rouge area school children.

Commissioner Bob Odom also allowed Shingleton's volunteers to use LDAF warehouse space to sort, store and distribute the coats.

"I am grateful to be in the position to help Pat keep our children warm this winter," Odom said. "I am also very gratified our LDAF employees were so generous with their donations."

Following the conclusion of the coat drive, LDAF employees participated in the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation's annual holiday toy campaign.

New toy containers were placed in the LDAF Baton Rouge headquarters building during the two-week drive and they were overflowing by the end of the first week. Three brand new bicycles were just a few of the toys employees donated.

"People in Louisiana have always generously contributed to Pat's Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots during the Christmas season. It was especially important to me this year to see that our children, after the devastation of the hurricanes, have something to look forward to," Scottie Harrell, an LDAF administrative coordinator, said. "The toys will bring joy to the eyes of the children and the coats will bring warmth during this holiday season."

During 2005, department employees have also participated in fund raisers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the American Heart Association, the United Way and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

Sheryl Carnegie, Leslie Tassin and Marilyn Mayeaux hold the check presented to Pat's Coats for Kids.

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Little Eva: a testament of time

Hurricanes nor fire can destroy the spirit of Julie and Mark Swanson's businesses - Little Eva's Pecan House and Natchitoches Pecans.

By Sam Irwin

Julie and Mark Swanson of Natchitoches Pecans are in the same boat as the rest of Louisiana's agricultural producers.

They want to get the best price for their product. They're concerned about rising costs for fertilizer and fuel. Seasonal labor is always an issue. And a horrendous hurricane season damaged a large part of their 4,000 tree orchard and the 2005 crop.

Those are all typical worries the average farmer faces every year.

But when a disastrous barn fire struck last December, the Swanson's boat was up a creek without a paddle.

"We questioned if we should or shouldn't rebuild," Julie said. "But we had 18 years invested in building a customer base. We felt like we had finally reached a place where we were reaping the seeds we planted, so we decided we didn't want to abandon the crop."

The Swansons replaced this old pecan cracker with a new, high-speed model. The old model cracked 50 nuts per minute compared to the new machine's 500 nuts per minute.

Situated on the southern side of Louisiana Hwy. 1 near the Chopin community, the Swanson's 400-acre pecan orchard is located on a piece of the old Little Eva Plantation along a winding bend of the historic Cane River.

There is speculation the Little Eva Plantation was the setting for Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous anti-slavery novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, but Julie has been unable to document any hard evidence to support this.

"I think it is, but I just can't say for sure," she said. Their retail label bears the image of an antebellum cabin typical of the early 19th century and described in Stowe's novel.

As late as the 1970s, Little Eva Plantation boasted 10,000 acres of pecan orchards, but most of the trees fell victim to the axe as fields were hurriedly planted with soybeans to take advantage of sky-high prices.

And while soybean prices stabilized, oil prices went flat in the mid-1980s causing Mark to be laid off from his oil field job.

"We had a family discussion to talk about farming," Julie said. "The pecan orchard was a timely opportunity."

No strangers to agriculture, the Swansons knew it would be risky business.

"My family grew row crops and had cattle," Julie said. "Mark has an agronomy degree from Louisiana Tech, and when we had the opportunity to buy the 400 acres of pecan orchard, we took it."

Despite their initial mistakes in pecan horticulture, the Louisiana nut business was a good fit for the Swansons.

Natchitoches Pecans owners Julie Swanson and her mother, Rita Nichols, pose outside their pecan house. Julie and her husband, Mark, built the new building after a fire destroyed their old wooden structure in December 2004.

"We ended up learning more from our own mistakes than from the recommendations of those supposedly more knowledgeable than us," Julie said. "You just have to jump in and get wet. There's always a learning curve no matter what business you're in. But you get in there and get wet and learn from your mistakes."

After 18 years the Swansons had become experts in the nut business when the fire struck.

As difficult as it was to come back from the blaze, it ultimately gave the Swansons a chance to upgrade equipment. They bought a new automated cracker and sheller.

"This cracker is new to the industry and can turn a volume eight times greater than the old machines. It can crack 500 nuts per minute," Julie said.

The increased production has proven to be extremely beneficial

"It has made us more efficient and enabled us to fill our large orders quicker," Julie said. "It's a better use of time."

By early December, Julie said Natchitoches Pecans was in "the heat of battle" and there were still plenty of pecans left to harvest.

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Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom (center) and LDAF Assistant Commissioner of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Matthew Keppinger (left) discuss Natchitoches Pecans' marketing efforts with owner Julie Swanson. The Commissioner recently toured the Natchitoches Pecans' retail store and Little Eva Pecan House.