




Division Focus

A Look at How the Department Protects and Serves Alabama Farmers and Consumers

ALABAMA AGRICULTURE MAGAZINE RELEASED

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries recently unveiled the premiere issue of *Alabama Agriculture*, a 72-page, comprehensive guide to the state's farms, food and forestry. The annual magazine serves as a primer for state legislators, business leaders and consumers about the impact of agriculture on the state's economy.

"Throughout 2011, farmers enjoyed some of the highest prices ever for the commodities they produce, including cotton, soybeans, corn, wheat, beef and poultry. We are one of America's largest producers of these commodities, thanks to Alabama's abundant resources of fresh water, fertile land and favorable climate," says John McMillan, Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries. "Alabama agriculture and agribusiness have a unique opportunity to meet a rapidly growing demand for food and fiber that will double in the next four decades."

The magazine, which is free to the public, also is intended to educate Alabama consumers about their food source and give a voice to the state's farmers. The magazine features original photography,



friendly charts and graphs, and profiles of individual farmers. Articles focus on the state's main commodities—cotton, peanuts, catfish, beef and poultry—and other agriculture-based industries, such as forestry and agri-tourism, as well as innovations in technology and farm equipment.

The digital version of *Alabama Agriculture* magazine will be hosted at www.ALagriculture.com.

The magazine's online presence features farm-to-table recipes, agriculture facts and stats, videos, and interviews with farmers across the state. Copies of the *Alabama Agriculture* magazine are available at the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries office at 1445 Federal Drive in Montgomery. A digital and tablet version also are available online at www.ALagriculture.com.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE 2012



CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service's field office in Alabama is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and functions under a cooperative agreement with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

Your Voice.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) collects and disseminates

a vast array of data on every facet of U.S. agriculture, including production, economics, demographics and the environment. The Census of Agriculture is a valuable tool that NASS uses to collect and provide information about all areas of farming and ranching. NASS is committed to ensuring that all farms and farmers are counted in the census.

Every agricultural operation, regardless of size, is vital to the U.S. agricultural system. Your response to the census can have a positive impact on

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AQUACULTURE

Tilapia \$5/lb. plus delivery fee, great for Bass lake and algae problems. 205/477-8446 (Tuscaloosa)

4"x6" Channel Cat \$40/100; 2"-4" bream \$40/100; Grass Carp \$10 ea.; 4"x6" Koi \$10 ea.; UPU. 205/497-1525 (Jefferson)

Pond liming, electro-shocking, feeders, aerators, pond fertilizer, \$400/up. Daniel Davis 3822 Co Rd 26, Centre 35960 256/504-3034 (Cherokee)

Catfish 4-11" \$.30/up ea.; 1-5" Coppernose Bluegill \$.25/up ea.; Shellcracker \$.28/up ea.; White Amur grasscarp \$5 ea.; Bass \$.80/up ea.; Fathead minnows \$30/1,000; Threadfin Shad \$450/up; Crawfish and Tilapia available in Spring. Bill Davis 854 Co Rd 167, Leesburg 35983 256/526-8453 (Cherokee)

Threadfin Shad \$.20 ea.; Bluegills, Coppernose \$.20/up; Golden Shiners \$9/lb.; Fatheads \$.85/lb.; Grass Carp \$5/up; Tigerbass \$1/up; Tilapia \$5/up. Barry Bates 6204 Co Rd 26, Faunsdale 36738 205/361-9863 (Hale)

Tilapia \$5/lb./up; Bass \$.85/up; Bream \$.25/up; Grass carp \$4/up; Fathead minnows and Golden Shiners \$.85/lb.; Crawfish \$1.75/lb/up. Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)

Tilapia for Bass forage, duck weed control and some moss control, \$4.50/lb/up, delivery available. 334/606-5074 (Marengo)

CATTLE

All livestock listings must be from bonafide livestock farmers. Notices from livestock dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted.

CATTLE SALES

Animals sold out-of-state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

Two Gray Brahman Bulls, one 17 mos., \$1,200; one 14 mos., \$1,000. 15506 Hwy 125, Jack 36346 334/735-3831 (Coffee)

Reg. Black Angus and Black Simmental Bulls, 16-18 mos., \$2,000 w/semens check, delivery available. Jeff James 196 Rabbit Rd., Brent 35034 205/926-7521 (Bibb)

Three 14 mos. Black Angus cross open heifers, \$1,100 ea.; one Black Angus bull, 12 mos., \$1,000; one Black Angus cross bull, 12 mos., \$1,000. 205/514-6629 (Walker)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 8 mos/up, Real Deal Tank, New Direction bloodlines, exc. EPD's, \$1,000/up. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)

Brahman yearling bulls, grey and red speckle, gentle pets, by J.D. Hudgens bull, come and pick yours, \$1,250; call at night. Ben Cardwell 334/566-0607 (Pike)

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JOHN McMILLAN
Commissioner

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On the Cover—Peanuts in the field at harvest time in celebration of March named National Peanut Month.

CATTLE

Gentle Santa Gertrudis bulls, 24 mos., \$1,850 ea.; 12 mos. bulls and heifers, \$1,250 ea.; disease resistant, don't stand in pond, great mama cows. Betty Kelso-Clough, 85 Jackson Cove, Somerville 35670 256/778-7362 (Morgan)

BBU Reg. Beefmaster bulls, \$1,500, polled red black and red white paint colors. Carmon Smith 3557 Co Rd 24, Crossville 35962 256/891-3777 (day) or 256/659-4337 (night) (DeKalb)

Reg. top quality Charolais bulls, 15-19 mos., low birth weights, thick meaty, gentle dispositions, proven genetics, \$2,500-\$3,000, www.frankellis.com. Frank Ellis 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)

Jersey reg. heifer, open 2 yo out of DLM Legion Value and Cbaileys Eliza Geronimo Emma \$1,200. Ray Humphrey 2900 Lee Rd 401, Opelika 36804 334/742-8058 (Lee)

Reg. Angus bull, 26 mos. (Reg.#16609530), Objective/Mytty in Focus bloodlines, recent BSE performed, confirmed breeder, \$2,300. David Calhoun 1264 Riddles Bend Rd., Rainbow City 35906 205/678-9669 (Etowah)

Reg. Charolais bulls and heifers, 12 mos., thick, meaty, LBW, Gridmaker breeding, \$1,600 ea. Glenn L. Biddle 1407 Union Chapel Rd., Union Grove 35175 256/753-6622 (Marshall)

20 Reg. Angus bulls, several good heifer bulls, \$1,500/up, top bloodlines, gentle, hand fed, home grown. Ken Tyler 2984 Pine Ridge Rd., Union Grove 35175 256/506-3819 or 256/498-3174 (Morgan)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 14 mos., \$1,500; Commercial Brangus bull, 14 mos., \$1,200, Sleep Easy bloodline, gentle, delivery available. Wayne Addison 1043 Co Hwy 130, Winfield 35594 205/412-5356 (Marion)

Black Angus heifers, bulls \$900/up; Reg. Angus bulls \$1,500/up; LBW, exc. bloodlines, good milkers, great selection, cow calf pairs, \$2,000. Earl Woodard 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount)

Reg. Limousin bulls and heifers, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, bulls: 12 mos. to 19 mos., \$1,600-\$1,800; heifers: 10 mos. to 13 mos., \$850 to \$950. Don Jones 15246 Hwy 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 (Bullock)

Limousin double black & double polled bulls & heifers, some homozygous black & polled, guarantee black & polled w/most crosses, LBW, gentle, free delivery, \$1,000/up. 205/456-0468 or 205/466-3468 (Blount)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12 mos./up, Brinks bloodlines, great EPD/dispositions, \$1,000/up; Reg. Brangus heifers, open/breed, \$1,000/up. Gary Biggs 301 N. Cedar St., Foley 36535 850/393-2059 (Baldwin)

Reg. Polled Hereford heifers, group of 8 born April & May 2011, \$8,800 firm, top quality breeding stock, exc. pedigrees & EPDs. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

Five open Sim-Angus heifers \$5,500; one heavy bred Black Sim-Angus heifer \$1,350; 8 Angus and Sim-Angus bulls, \$1,100-\$1,850 ea. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

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Reg. Texas Longhorn bull, 4 yo, tri-colored, gentle, \$850. Calvin Deemer 165 Co Rd. 562, Henager 35978 256/657-3274 (DeKalb)

Want black calves? You bet you do! Make it happen w/Limousin homozygous black double polled performance bulls. Transportation free, \$1,500/up. 205/456-1468 (Blount)

Bulls reg. Black Simmental, 18 mos., \$1,800/up; Sim X heifers ready to breed \$950. Allen Lyles 5814 Co Hwy 21, Horton 35980 256/572-0800 (Blount)

Reg. red Angus bulls, LBW, A.I. sired, 12 mos./up, \$1,300/up. 5032 Co Hwy 1, Cleveland 35049 205/237-9597 (Blount)

Seven reg. Angus bulls, \$1,500-\$2,000; seven bred reg. Angus cows, \$1,500. A.L. Bonds 165 Bonds Rd., Gunterville 35976 256/878-7060 (Marshall)

Black Baldie & Hereford heifers & Hereford cows bred to LBW Angus bull, \$1,600/up. Ken McMillan 205/405-0068, DrKen@Pell-CityVets.com (Talladega)

Gray Brahman Bull, breeding age, V8-Hudgins bred, \$2,500; Angus plus bulls \$1,500. Wes Tyler 18 Blake Ln., Arab 35016 256/673-2672 (Marshall)

Santa Gertrudis bull, horned, 24 mos., \$1,500. Daniel David 175 Owens Rd., Fort Mitchell 36856 334/855-9368 (Russell)

Limousin, Angus and Lim-Flex bulls & heifers \$1,000/up; Semen & embryos, red, black and homo polled, also planned matings, many repeat customers, www.chrlimousin.com, free local delivery. Bill Helton 3733 Co Rd 1212, Vinemont 256/962-0256 (Cullman)

Reg. Charolais heifers, 11 mos., good quality, \$1,200. T.R. Hamilton 444 Pleasant Hill Rd., Eclectic 36024 334/541-2821 (Elmore)

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 21 mos., exc. bloodline, \$1,700/up. Hoyt Brown 2038 Brown Bridge Rd., Piedmont 36272 256/435-6006 (Calhoun)

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8 Jersey cows, 4 Holstein cows, 3 Jersey bulls, 7 calves, \$11,500; Red Brahman bulls \$1,200/up. 256/303-7431 (Morgan)

3 young Black Angus bulls out of Black Angus cows and reg. Black Angus bull, very gentle, 14 mos/up, good breeding stock, \$1,200 ea. G.L. Graves 205/647-4303 (Blount)

Reg. Limousin bull, 18 mos., black double pole, birth weight 84 lbs, weaning 665 lbs, out of heavy milking dam, \$1,800, chosen from 60 siblings. J. Beard 7343 Pine-wood Dr., Trussville 35173 205/296-3461 (Jefferson)

Reg. Texas Longhorn bull, 4 yo, tri-color, gentle, \$850. Calvin Deemer, Henager 256/657-3274 (DeKalb)

Reg. Simmental herd bull, selling to prevent inbreeding, 5 yo, very gentle, no calving problems, exc. bull, \$2,200. 256/776-3761 (Madison)

EGG & POULTRY

**** Please reference the "Submission Guidelines" on our website www.agi.alabama.gov, under "Ag News", guideline #20 ****

Roosters Buff Orpington \$10. Jane Schive-blee 205/640-2602 (St. Clair)

15 Buff Orpington, \$6 ea.; 5 White Wyandotte \$7 ea.; chicks available March 24, taking orders now. Pam Minor 205/429-4332 (Blount)

10 Hale Hen nest \$35 ea.; Rhode Island Reds and Americana chicks \$2.50 ea. Dennis Hall 256/736-4593 (Cullman)

Serama bantams introduced in U.S. in 2001 from Malaysia, come in lots of colors, breeding pair, \$40/pr. Ricky McCord 8345 Bradley Rd., Wetumpka 36092 334/567-5815 (Elmore)

Pheasants - Red Gold \$75/pr; Lady Amherst \$95/pr. 256/844-8538 (DeKalb)

EGG & POULTRY

Peacocks, various colors, \$100/up. Candi Whitman 706/326-2812 (Lee)

Crossbred baby chicks, brown egg layers, mostly black, a few reds, from Dominiques, Rhode Island Red and Black Giant parentage, \$1 ea. Rutie10@hotmail.com 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

Black Copper, Blue Copper, Blue Splash, Marans, Silver-laced, Wyandottes, Americanas, Black Giants, R.I.R., \$3/up. Chuck Wesson 2069 Drip Branch Rd., Bessemer 205/777-1063 (Jefferson)

Lavender Orpington chicks, very rare, \$8 ea. Jim Powell, P.O. Box 1318, Troy 36081 334/372-4900 (Pike)

FARMS: FOR RENT, SALE WANTED

FARMS FOR RENT

391 ac. of mixed pine and hardwoods in Coosa County on Hwy 9 south of Nixburg, water and power on site, lease the land for \$12/ac. 662/324-8437 (Coosa)
Bermuda hay field for rent, approx. 20 ac., Altoona area, price negotiable. Greg Bailey 205/559-1839 (Blount)

FARMS FOR SALE

Poultry farm, 20 ac., 4 broiler houses, approx. 3,000 sq. ft. brick dwelling, 4 BR/3BA, near Crossville, \$675,000 firm. 256/504-8219 (DeKalb)

Lay Lake 98.5+/- ac., one mile+/- feet water front, pasture, woods, home, barns, shop, fenced, boat launch, hunter's and fisherman's paradise, \$2,225,000. 205/915-9515 (Shelby)

33.3 ac., 14 miles north of Wetumpka, 600' road frontage, large timber, good building sites, county water available, \$114,500. 334/315-2910 (Elmore)

235 ac. pine plantation, perfect for hunting, Knoxville area, power accessible, \$2,100/ac. 251/455-5061 (Greene)

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MISCELLANEOUS

Dump truck 1997 IH 4700 series, DT466, single axle, 5 speed, 2-speed axel, \$11,000. Kats, Clanton 205/837-9945 (Chilton)

2 doors to fit T-600 K.W. Truck \$100 ea. Jimmy Gilliland 334/300-1702 (Coosa)

Metal slide in stock rack for LWB wide bed pickup, sliding rear gate \$400, good for pigs, goats, ponies and cattle. 852 Green Rd., Atmore 36502 251/655-0725 (Escambia)

Farm trailer 14x6 solid wood floor, 37" removable oak side boards, double axle, extra 2 spare tires, \$750. 256/452-6714 (Etowah)

1986 Chevy school bus, completely rebuilt engine, new tires and brakes, seats removed, exc. cond., multipurpose, storage, produce, etc. Bruce Parker 291 Lee Rd 47, Opelika 36804 334/749-3258 (Lee)

Lots of Ford 8N tractor parts, motor, hood, wheels, trans, rear end, etc., cheap. 6611 US Hwy 80 E., Tuskegee 36083 334/850-1075 (Macon)

Two 200 gal. front mount tanks, one fits 4020, other 4640, poly, \$150 ea. 334/507-0101 (Hale)

½" diameter wire rope cable, galvanized w/loop ends, still on spool, never used, price now is \$215, will sell for \$150. Frank Montgomery, Lapine 334/288-7519 (Montgomery)

Bid Notice: Brown Bear Horizontal aerator/rotary turner w/transport trailer, bid closing June 1, 2012, right reserved to reject all bids. Cecil Gant 256/638-6398 (DeKalb)

Delta 12" radial arm saw \$600, Powermatic thickness planer \$550; Craftsmen wood shaper \$150. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)

11-piece HD portable cattle alley, 8 heavy panels 11' long x 68" tall, plus three 28" HD gates, \$1,250; 11' HD cattle panels \$110 ea. 256/390-0240 (Calhoun)

Covered hay feeders for two round bales, \$1,250; 11'x5'8" heavy-duty cattle panels \$110 ea. 256/547-1659 (Etowah)

Heavy-duty cattle panels made w/schedule 40 pipe, \$10/LF; heavy duty "H" posts for fence, 4' wide x 8' tall \$60 ea., (drive in ground w/front end loader). Gary Singleton 220 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Calhoun)

28 treading idlers, 57" wide, 6" rollers, \$100 ea. Mark McDaniel 205/367-2276 or markdm@centurytel.net (Pickens)

Two 1,000 gal. Bell water trailers, tandem axles w/water pumps & mixing tanks, \$4,000 ea. 256/239-7170 (Calhoun)

5-ton military truck \$4,000, runs good w/winch; 1 ½ ton military trailers \$500. 205/640-2766 (St. Clair)

2 horse Big Valley bumper pull trailer, 6' wide, good cond., 4 new 10-ply tires, plus new 10-ply spare tire, \$1,600. 205/275-2571 or 205/686-5500 (Walker)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Organic livestock compost, rich, black soil, great for gardens or flowers, \$55/pickup load. 256/717-8295 (Jackson)

Old time bush oak \$1 tablespoon (approx. 150 to 175 seeds), \$1 postage (sorry but postage is high). David DeLong, P.O. Box 383, Heflin 36264 256/463-2564 (Cleburne)

Gourd seeds packet of 25, send SASE and \$3. R.E. King 2976 Hwy 231, Vincent 35178 205/281-2845 (Shelby)

Awesome Evergreen perennial that blooms January to June, hellebores, pink, white, 15/\$15, drought tolerant, deer resistant, other perennials available. 256/245-6029 (Talladega)

Peter Pepper seed, approx. 30 seeds per pack for \$3, send cash or cashiers check as payment, self-addressed stamped envelop for mailing and number of packs needed. S S Chancellor 5972 Lawson Dr., Hueytown 35023 205/426-1035 (Jefferson)

Old Southern apple trees \$12-\$25; Sawtooth Shumar Oaks, Persimmons \$7; Figs \$10; Blueberries \$8; Monkey Grass \$3. 9093 County Line Rd., Dora 35062 205/648-9670 (Jefferson)

Castor Bean seed, SASE + 2 stamps + \$2/pkg, 209 Autumn Rd., Thomasville 36784 (Clarke)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEED

Super Grow composted plant food, manufactured from animal & plant sources, \$200/ton, read for the 2012 growing season. Henry Jackson 97 Franklin Rd., Montgomery 36105 334/288-9220 (Montgomery)

7 gal. Carolina Sapphires 3-5' tall, greyish blue conical evergreen trees \$10, 3 gal green Jap. Maples \$25; Sapphires vol. disc. Apply. Bill McTyeire 205/365-7224 (St. Clair)

Old timey Tenn. Red Cob Corn seed, \$6/lb.; Cow Horn Okra seed \$2/oz.; Stone Mnt. Watermelon \$3/oz., plus postage, call for postage between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jackie Fanning 502 Rock Cut Rd., Gurley 35748 256/776-3321 (Madison)

Bloodroot, May Apple, Chrysogonum, Pink Carolina Phlox, Skullcap, Trillium, \$3 ea. + shipping; Trout Lily 15/\$10 ppd; Garden Phlox mxd. 4/\$10 + \$4 shipping. Mildred Maroney 784 Talucah Rd., Valermoso Springs 35775 256/778-8561 (Morgan)

Japanese Maples, \$5/up. Tues.-Saturday. Paul & Glenda Lowe 11265 Hwy 50, Dadeville 36853 256/896-0105 (Tallapoosa)

Peach trees, 2' tall, Centennial 1 yo \$10 ea.; Cane mill Chattanooga \$400. William Armstead, Hueytown 205/213-7568 or 205/744-5881 (Jefferson)

10 New in box grow lights w/fans to keep them cool, grow indoors year round, everything you need but seeds, ½ price \$3,500 OBO. Jimmy Gilliland 334/300-1702 (Coosa)

Double trumpet plant \$2/teaspoon full or Castor Bean, 10 seed/\$2; SASE w/two stamps per order. Jean Fontaine, P.O. Box 306, Silverhill 36576 (Baldwin)

1000s of fruit trees, potted or bare root, \$12/up. 256/324-2162 (Blount)

Rooted azalea cuttings: red, purple and pink, \$25/100 cuttings; Rooted Cleara Jyponica cuttings \$25/100 cuttings. Jon Robinson, 22364 Tumbleweed Ln., Robertsdale 36567 251/752-6520 (Baldwin)

RABBITS

Easter bunnies – Holland Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Lop and other breeds, will be ready at Easter, \$10-\$20. Jerone Booth 11005 Sipsey Valley Rd. S., Buhl 35446 205/339-7874 (Tuscaloosa)

Baby rabbits – one month old, perfect Easter present, \$10 ea. 205/434-6119 (Jefferson)

SHEEP & GOATS

All sheep and some classes of goats offered for sale or exhibition must be individually identified with official USDA ear tags for the National Scrapie Eradication Program. To obtain official USDA ear tags, contact the USDA Veterinary Services Area Office at 1-866-USDA-TAG.

Goats, \$40. R.E. King 2976 Hwy 231, Vincent 205/281-2845 (Shelby)

% Boer goat billies and nannies \$75/up. 205/674-5790 (Walker)

Four 100% New Zealand Kiko bucks \$450 w/papers, \$375 without, several colors. Melvin C. Price 344 Co Rd 289, Newville 36353 334/790-0237 (Henry)

Spotted/dappled Boer goats, ABGA, IBGA, full bloods and percentages, 100% Boer buck \$350; 100% spotted Boer doe \$750. Brandon Shirah 334/701-4659 (Houston)

ADGA Reg. tested herd Nigerian Dwarf dairy show/milk lines, taking orders now for Spring kids, does \$300/up; bucks \$200/up, see website www.littlestargoatranch.com. Judy C. Smith, Pell City 205/338-2643 (St. Clair)

2 Boer billies Royz/Red of breeding age, \$250-\$475; 22 nannies heavy bred, 1-3 yo, \$155-\$475. Tom Sullivan, P.O. Box 1932, Decatur 35602 256/566-3857 (Morgan)

P/B Kiko buck herd sire, 4 yo, no papers, \$200 or trade for young fainter buck. Intha Rafadin, 173 Fowler Rd., Empire 35063 205/266-0746 (Walker)

SHEEP & GOATS

Mature Dorper ram \$300; selling to prevent inbreeding; Dorper/Katahdin cross ram lamb \$200; both w/black head. Tonya Johnson 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)

ADGA Reg. does, 1-3 yo, \$250-\$450; one weaning buck \$125 w/application for reg. Bobby Smith 172 Co Rd 1689, Cullman 35058 256/796-7242 (Cullman)

100% Boer goats reg. 4 mos. \$150 ea. 205/493-0636 (Etowah)

Herd reduction Pigmy goats, kids & adults, \$75/up, all colors. Hayden 205/590-1070 (Blount)

ADGA reg. LaMancha and Alpine bucks and does, starting at \$125/up. Doug Wheatley 230 Coulter Dr., New Market 35761 256/379-2331 (Madison)

3 bucks, 5 weeks old, Boer-dairy cross, very tame, handled since birth, \$25 ea. 334/287-3022 (Hale)

SWINE

Tamworth pigs, gilts \$160 ea., boars \$120 ea., feeders \$80 ea. 256/643-3097 (Cherokee)

Feeder pigs, Duroc, spots, and Yorkshire mixed, and some bred sows, \$35 on pigs; \$175 on sows. 251/542-9824 (Choctaw)

Pigs \$35/up, call after 7 p.m. 256/356-2090 (Franklin)

WANTED

Rear tires for 4000 Ford tractor, size currently on tractor are 13.6/12-36 six-ply rating. 13900 Shiloh Rd., Ralph 35480 205/339-0807 (after 6 p.m.) or 205/361-7536 (during day) (Tuscaloosa)

1975 Kubota tractor L175 running or not, need for parts. Dorain Williams 144 Trotter Rd., Jasper 35503 205/387-1587 (Walker)

WANTED

Old tomato seeds, the ones that have plenty of acid in them. Joel James 647 Spradling Rd., Gardendale 35071 205/590-3592 (Jefferson)

Used cattle squeeze chute. 205/292-1043 (Pickens)

Need these parts for Sears model 143.602022 12 hp engine, transformer assembly Pt. #610760 and Magneto, solid state pt #610759. Earl D. McBride, Eufaula, earl@bamabear.net 334/687-2713 (Barbour)

Backhoe tire, 16.9x28 industrial tread. 205/594-5943 (St. Clair)

My name is Maggie Vick. I am 11 yo and really want a milk cow, Jersey or Swiss cow preferably w/calf, my granddaddy said he would help care for it, my budget is \$500. 243 Emmanuel Ln, Thomasville 36784 (Clarke)

Gravity flow wagon, 2 row planter Ford or Burch, 2 row do all, iron fence post. 251/847-2688 (Washington)

Gearbox housing for 7200 Leinbach post hold digger, will take entire gearbox for right price. 205/412-4245 (Marion)

Old Bermuda grass rake, 3 pt hitch, good cond., no missing spring teeth. F.E. Rhodes 334/795-3556 (Dale)

24'-28' gooseneck trailer, single tires, dual axle, factory built w/fold down loading ramps; loader 5000 Ford w/controls. 205/387-0944 (Jefferson)

Gristmill that is repairable or millstones. 256/835-0847 (Talladega)

2 disk breaking plow, 3 pt hitch, propane tank for truck, 48" or less to hold 50 gal. propane. 205/752-9961 (Bibb)

Hay spear and Bahia seed. Johnny Willis 1762 Nauvoo Galloway Rd., Nauvoo 35578 205/697-5354 (Walker)

Large gaited American bred saddle horse, gentle, good on trails, no bad habits, good smooth ride. 205/387-0881 (Walker)

Used 3 pt hitch pasture/field aerator, prefer 8-10'. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

WANTED

Front hay spear that fits Bush Hog loader no. 446 model number BS201 on spear. 256/492-6714 (Etowah)

Corn sheller, must have flywheel and metal. Floyd M. Clay 684 Brown Bridge Rd., Piedmont 36272 256/435-4269 (Calhoun)

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Division Focus

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U.S. agriculture at both the local and national levels. You have the power to influence economic development and impact local and

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national decision making about:

- Competitive market pricing
- Farm services
- Transportation locations and marketing locations
- Environmental issues and conservation issues
- Farming trends
- Production practices
- Changing technologies
- And many other key issues facing agricultural communities.

Your Future.

Information from the Census of Agriculture is used in all types of agricultural planning and decision-making. Data, such as production expenses, market value of products and operator characteristics, are collected. This information helps USDA work with other organizations to develop short-term and long-term improvements, strategies and safeguards. Here are just a few examples of how the information is used to benefit your operation and community:

- Your county extension office uses the data in community planning to ensure you are getting the services you need.

- Companies use the statistics to see where to put the next feed store or equipment dealer.

- Lending institutions use the information to provide sufficient funds for operational loans.

- USDA uses the information to determine if its service centers are staffed at appropriate levels to assist farmers and ranchers.

Your input, along with that of all of America's farmers and ranchers, can make a real difference for you and your community.

Your Responsibility.

The census is only conducted once every five years, but it provides valuable information — information used by communities like yours as they plan for their futures. By carefully completing your census form, you are providing data that cannot be collected by any other means, as well as helping NASS to accurately portray the value of agriculture as an industry. Your response, combined with those of your fellow agricultural producers across the country, provide the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

Upcoming Ag Events

- **April 3**—The 2012 Dairy Field Day will be held at the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station's E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The program will include presentations on incorporating forages and grazing into dairy operations, soil fertility, precision agriculture equipment and the economics of growing hay versus buying it. The event is free for producers and costs \$10 for non-producers. The center is located just off Exit 26 on I-85, at 4725 Macon County Rd. 40 in Shorter. For more information or to pre-register, call Boyd Brady at 334-844-1562 or 334-321-8826 or email him at bradybo@auburn.edu.

- **April 7**—FIRM Foundation, elite Angus offering, 40 cow/calf pairs, 25 bred heifers, open heifers, pregnancies, donor and service age bulls. Event held in Cullman. Contact John Harrell at 334-524-9287.

- **April 13-15**—The 8th annual Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival will be held at the Lions Club Fairgrounds in Moulton. The event is an interactive agricultural experience offering old-fashioned fun, food vendors featuring chicken entrees, and live musical entertainment. Admission to the festival is \$3 for adults, children 5 and under admitted free. For more information, go to www.alabamachickenandeggfestival.com or call 256-905-0700.

- **April 14**—Alabama Snowbird Association 2nd Spring Bantam Show will be held at the VFW Fairgrounds in Fort Payne. For more information, call Syble Buffington at 256-601-2101.

- **April 21**—Alabama Angus Association spring sale, in Cullman. Visit www.alabamaangusassociation.com for details or call Mike McGuire at 334-703-7111.

- **April 21**—Southeastern Goat and Sheep Seminar will be held near Clemson, S.C. For more information, visit www.southerngoatproducers.org or call Judy at 864-430-2265.

- **April 21-22**—The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industry will host a Gardening Expo & Antique Tractor Show at the Montgomery State Farmers Market, located at 1655 Federal Dr. in Montgomery, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, contact Sheryl Jennings at Sheryl.Jennings@agi.alabama.gov, 334-242-5350 or 334-730-3750.

- **April 28**—The Cullman Stockyard will sell 100 Black Angus females and Black Sim-Angus females, registered and commercial, beginning at noon. For more information call 205-695-6314.

- **May 5**—The Central Alabama Daylily Society will have their annual sale at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens from 8 a.m. until all items are sold. Prices begin at \$5 and go up to \$20. For additional information, contact Joan Woodard at 256-435-8884.

- **May 18-19**—Alabama Chapter 23 of International Harvester Collectors will hold its annual state show, hosted by the Alabama Antique Tractor Show and Pull in Elmore. The gates open at 7 a.m., with tractor show events starting at 10 a.m. Lots of antique tractors will be on display, along with demonstrations of "old time" agriculture equipment, methods and techniques. Take Prattville exit 181 on I-65 and travel east on Highway 14/143 to Elmore. The event is located at 301 Politic Rd in Elmore. For more information on the IHC's state show, call 205-870-1535. For information on the Antique Tractor Show and Pull, call 334-478-0711 or 334-514-5988 or email tractorshow@elmorefd.org.

- **June 8-9**—The 17th annual Marion Rodeo will be held at the Marion Arena on Highway 14. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$10, children ages 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under get in free. Proceeds will be donated to begin a crisis fund for the Perry County Fire Association. For more information, call 334-683-4004.

To submit an upcoming event, fax it to 334-240-7169 or email it to afcb@agi.alabama.gov. The deadline for submitting upcoming events is the 10th of the month prior to publication.

APPLICATIONS FOR USDA SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is accepting grant applications for projects that enhance the competitiveness of U.S. specialty crops in foreign and domestic markets.

The application deadline for these grants through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is May 4 at 5 p.m. central standard time.

Specialty crops are defined

by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture (including maple syrup and honey) and nursery crops (including floriculture).

Commodity groups, agricultural organizations, colleges and universities, producers, municipalities, state agencies and agricultural nonprofits are all eligible for this grant program, provided their proposals meet all the

specifications. The ADAI and a review committee of industry representatives will evaluate and review the applications. After this process is complete, the committee will provide award recommendations.

The specialty crops block grant is a competitive grant process. The maximum award to any applicant is \$25,000 and the minimum is \$5,000. The ADAI is looking to award multiple grants totaling more

than \$325,000.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan said, "The department looks forward to assisting the USDA with this Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. We are honored to be a part of this continued program, which was authorized in the Food, Conservation & Energy Act of 2008, also known as the farm bill."

Projects can't begin until the USDA has made its official award announcement, expected by October 2012.

For more detailed information, please visit <http://agi.alabama.gov/blockgrant> or contact Hassey Brooks at 334-240-3877. All applicants must complete and submit documentation as related to the newly enacted Alabama Immigration Law.

ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle & calves at reported markets throughout the state for February totaled 47,726 head, compared to 53,909 head for January and 50,771 head for February 2011. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows and bulls sold \$12 higher. All feeder classes sold \$12 to \$17 higher, instances \$20 higher. Trade active with good demand on feeders throughout the month of February. Replacement cows and pairs sold \$100 per head higher. Feeder classes for the week ending February 29 consisted of 25 percent steers, 45 percent heifers, and 30 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 70-80% Lean							
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1050-1260	1179	83.00-87.00	85.22	610-645	633	142.00-151.00	144.56
1440-1755	1525	87.50-91.50	89.40 High Dressing	670-697	691	135.00-140.00	136.99
				720-745	731	126.00-135.00	130.43
				802-802	802	127.50	127.50 Value Added
				960-960	960	119.50	119.50

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85% Lean			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
930-1375	1125	85.00-90.00	87.57
1015-1360	1218	92.00-96.50	93.80 High Dressing
950-1240	1124	81.00-84.00	82.41 Low Dressing
1400-1520	1459	88.00-91.50	89.62
1400-1665	1501	93.50-96.50	94.67 High Dressing

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90% Lean			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
900-1235	1041	76.00-81.00	78.32
985-1235	1125	83.00-85.50	84.12 High Dressing
900-1115	991	70.00-75.00	73.71 Low Dressing

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1150-1465	1325	100.00-105.00	102.87
1350-1485	1427	96.00-100.00	98.74 Low Dressing
1725-2440	1976	101.00-106.00	103.58
1510-2020	1756	98.00-101.00	100.22 Low Dressing

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
310-320	318	215.00-225.00	219.98
350-385	375	205.00-215.00	209.73
400-445	424	195.00-205.00	199.55
460-495	476	190.00-195.00	191.90
500-540	519	182.00-190.00	185.93
550-585	561	172.00-182.00	176.35
610-630	622	164.00-172.00	167.45
658-695	673	153.00-160.00	154.81
720-734	731	146.00-150.00	146.99
762-762	762	145.00	145.00 Part Load
830-830	830	141.00	141.00
850-885	860	130.00-137.50	136.83

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
310-345	331	200.00-210.00	204.70
355-390	374	193.00-200.00	195.76
410-445	426	187.00-195.00	189.31
450-495	473	180.00-190.00	184.16
500-545	524	173.00-179.00	176.36
550-585	571	165.00-172.00	167.42
600-645	624	157.00-163.00	160.00
740-743	742	140.00-145.00	142.16

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
300-345	313	190.00-197.00	193.54
350-395	370	182.00-188.00	185.16
405-445	427	171.00-180.00	174.64
450-495	476	165.00-173.00	168.01
505-545	526	158.00-164.00	160.62
550-590	570	152.00-158.00	154.36

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
310-335	323	185.00-190.00	186.80
350-395	377	170.00-180.00	173.79
404-445	424	162.00-170.00	165.40
450-495	472	155.00-165.00	159.82
500-545	526	150.00-158.00	153.68
502-542	522	159.00-166.00	162.37 Value Added
550-595	574	145.00-152.00	148.69
610-640	622	138.00-143.00	139.99
650-695	668	127.00-135.00	130.12
750-795	774	118.00-125.00	122.99

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 3			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
305-340	326	170.00-179.00	174.86
350-395	379	160.00-167.00	163.65
400-445	425	152.00-162.00	156.51
470-495	485	147.50-154.00	150.49
510-540	527	140.00-147.50	143.64
555-585	570	133.00-140.00	136.75
605-645	624	127.00-135.00	132.23

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
300-340	322	218.00-227.50	221.60
355-385	370	207.00-217.00	212.32
405-445	421	194.00-203.00	196.73
455-495	476	184.00-194.00	187.96
500-545	522	174.00-184.00	178.19
550-580	572	162.00-170.00	164.99
615-634	628	153.00-160.00	156.71
675-695	684	137.00-147.00	141.79

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
310-340	327	205.00-215.00	210.87
355-395	376	190.00-200.00	195.53
400-445	425	182.00-192.00	187.16
455-495	476	173.00-182.00	176.92
505-545	525	165.00-173.00	169.08
550-595	582	157.00-162.50	158.92
610-630	619	147.00-153.00	149.56
650-690	668	130.00-135.00	132.19

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 3			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
310-345	322	192.00-200.00	195.96
355-398	372	180.00-190.00	183.76
400-443	423	170.00-178.00	173.32
455-491	473	160.00-170.00	163.10
510-540	524	150.00-160.00	155.97

Source: USDA-AL Dept of Ag Market News Service, Montgomery, AL. David Garcia, OIC / Office 334-223-7488

TRACTOR SAFETY

By Tony Burgett
Wildlife Biologist Aide

Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

Hunters and farmers share a love of the outdoors and mutual respect for the land and its resources. Safety also is a primary concern for both hunters and farmers.

Most hunters recognize the apparent dangers associated with hunting. Unfortunately, the same level of safety used while on a treestand often is not shown when operating a tractor. Hunting is recognized as one of the safest outdoor activities; farming is considered one of the most dangerous occupations. However, most farm equipment injuries and deaths are avoidable.

Preventive maintenance of equipment can make it possible to avoid an unnecessary trip to the emergency room. Regardless of experience level, thoroughly reading all owner's manuals will provide an overall understanding of the tractor, its implements, and how each function. Likewise, owner's manuals address matching horsepower ratings with implement size. Incorrect applications have the potential for serious personal injury or permanent equipment damage. Never use larger equipment than designed for your tractor, as rear overload can cause the front end to become dangerously light and increases the possibility of rollover.

Rollover is the leading cause of farm fatalities. The best way to reduce this risk is to always use your seatbelt in conjunction with a rollover protective structure (ROPS). If your tractor is not equipped with both devices, see your dealer for the right application and proper installation.

Another safety measure to prevent rollover is maintaining a balance workload. Position implements near the ground. This is especially important when equipment is loaded, as the tractor may become unbalanced.

Connecting and disconnecting implements poses other dangers. Before changing implements, turn off the engine and allow the power take-off (PTO) shaft to completely stop. PTO covers should be in place and the shaft should be well lubricated.

Performing routine maintenance, checking tire pressure, fluid/oil levels, and greasing fittings and bearings assures proper function and safe operation of both the tractor and implements for years to come.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

The original Dreamland Bar-B-Que concept was originated in Tuscaloosa in 1958. John "Big Daddy" Bishop began serving his legendary ribs and sauce in a small, quaint location in a section of Tuscaloosa known as Jerusalem Heights.



www.dreamlandbbq.com

A brick mason by trade, "Big Daddy" spent hours stooped over or down on his knees laying brick. His body wore for the wear and tear, he longed for another means by which to support his family. Local myth has it that "Big Daddy" had narrowed it down to either opening a mortuary or a restaurant. One morning he awoke from a dream in which God had spoken to him. God had directed him to build a little café on the bare land adjoining his home. He felt Dreamland would be the best name for his café.

During the 1970's and 80's it was common for the University of Alabama football games played on the campus of Tuscaloosa to be televised. Visiting sports broadcasters often found their way up the winding hill to Jerusalem Heights and Dreamland for a sample of local flavor. Often they'd end up bragging on their experience at Dreamland during their national broadcasts. These on-air mentions, along with some grassroots marketing efforts by "Big Daddy's" son John Jr., caused Dreamland's notoriety (and revenues) to grow.

Gradually the menu has been expanded to offer customers a full-service bar-b-que experience including chicken, pork sandwiches and side items. Ultimately, though, the focus remains the signature item: The Ribs!

Dreamland now has eight locations across two states. It has taken its world famous bar-b-que to sporting events and shipped its ribs all over the country. For those wanting to experience the flavor at home, Dreamland sauce and spices can be found in local grocery stores or online, and is available for fundraising events.

To find out more about Dreamland, visit www.dreamlandbbq.com where visitors can find the closet Dreamland Bar-B-Que location to them and discover for themselves why there "Ain't nothing like 'em nowhere!"



USDA WARNS OF FRAUDULANT LETTERS

USDA officials recently learned that fraudulent letters are being sent by fax to individuals and businesses in at least four states including Alabama. The letters purportedly come from a USDA procurement officer and seek personal information. These letters are false and in no case should a recipient respond with personal and financial information.

The fraudulent letters bear USDA's logo and seal and are signed by an individual identified as "Frank Rutenberg" using a title of "Senior Procurement Officer." Letters have been received by fax in Alabama, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, but also may have been sent to other states. Recipients should not respond and should not supply the requested information.

USDA is investigating this matter through the Office of the Inspector General. If you suspect you have received such a letter or have questions, please contact USDA at: procurement.policy@dm.usda.gov or call 202-720-9448.

Visit the FTC's Identity Theft site to learn what to do if your identity is stolen: www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/.

JACK DELONEY: IMMORTALIZING ALABAMA AGRICULTURE IN WATERCOLOR

He has been painting nearly all of his years and has every intention of continuing to do so. But at the end of this year, Jack Deloney plans to close his art gallery in his native Ozark where his works have been displayed and sold for nearly four decades.

Since graduating in 1964 from Auburn University, Deloney has made his living as an artist. His medium almost has exclusively been watercolors; his subject, Alabama agriculture.

"I live on land that was part of my grandfather's farm, where my father also farmed. Farming, especially farming in the Southeast, has been my subject," Deloney said. "If it wasn't for farmers, I wouldn't have achieved near the success that I have enjoyed."

Commissioner John McMillan recently visited Deloney on a trip to the Wiregrass. "I am a proud



owner of at least a few of Jack's works. He speaks to all people of Alabama through his art that words cannot begin to express," McMillan said.

Not surprisingly, Deloney's original paintings and litho prints hang in the homes of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of farmers throughout Alabama and other Southeastern states. Two of his murals hang in the lobby of the Alabama Farmers Federation headquarters in Montgomery.

In faraway Japan, Deloney's work adorns the walls of city hall in Sakado, sister city of Dothan.

As he closes one chapter of his career, Deloney opens another as he plans to continue painting and creating works of art for people who come to him in search of that unique perspective of life and labor in the rural South.

Visit his website – www.jackdeloney.com – for a look.

DR. FRED HOERR RETIRES

A retirement reception was held in late February at the Thompson Bishop Sparks State Diagnostic Laboratory in Auburn to honor Dr. Fred Hoerr.

Dr. Hoerr officially retired March 1, after more than 31 years of dedicated service to the State of Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System. He has been a vital leader in the improvements made to the diagnostic lab system in Alabama the past several years.

"Dr. Hoerr's leadership and

dedication to protecting the public sets an example for all public servants to follow," said John McMillan, commissioner of Agriculture and Industries.

Dr. Hoerr has made a major contribution to the success of Alabama Agriculture during his career and should be commended for his significant accomplishments.



Dr. Fred Hoerr

AADA LOAN PROGRAMS FOR CATTLEMEN

The Alabama Agricultural Development Authority (AADA) continues to have monies available for three separate programs for creditworthy Alabama cattlemen. The low-interest loan programs require credit checks, repayment within 3-4 years, and must be fully collateralized. If you are interested, contact AADA, 1445 Federal Dr., Montgomery, AL 36107; telephone 334-240-7245; or e-mail aada@agi.alabama.gov.

Commodity Barn Loan Program: Enable Alabama farmers to buy bulk commodities and subsequently realize likely feed cost savings. Three program amounts from \$7,500 to \$22,500

with 3 percent interest and three-year payback. Application required, along with field inspection, prior to loan being made.

Hay Barn Loan Program: Provide construction of approved new hay barns for Alabama cattlemen. Access to a hay barn likely enables farmers to store hay under cover and subsequently receives significant economic benefits and improved hay quality. Hay barn plans must meet standard criteria with required field inspection prior to loan being funded. Either a \$12,500 (40' x 60' barn) or \$25,000 (50' x 100' barn) loan is available based on need

and herd size. Loans are funded at 4 percent for four years.

Cattle Working Facilities Program: Construction of improved working facilities for use on farms and ranches in Alabama. Enables increased efficiency in handling cattle, along with better monitored herd health and improved production practices. Plans must receive approval prior to the start of construction. Loans are limited to a maximum of \$20,000 based on need and complexity of layout. Loans require a three-year payback at 3 percent simple interest.