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Division Focus

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



Commissioner John McMillan, center, poses with the Department's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer team.

CELEBRATING 130 YEARS OF SERVICE



Former and current commissioners of the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, along with elected officials, were on hand to celebrate the department's 130th anniversary. Pictured are (left to right): Current Commissioner John McMillan, former Commissioners Ron Sparks, Charles Bishop, Jack Thompson and Ada Callen Keys, the daughter of former Commissioner Pete Gilmer.

Striding Against Breast Cancer

The Alabama Cattlemen's Association, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and the Joy to Life Foundation recently honored several breast cancer survivors at the "Beef Up Breast Cancer

Awareness" celebration held at the Montgomery State Farmers Market. At this event, held October 30, local breast cancer survivors were invited to attend as honored guests and enjoy a delicious steak sandwich prepared by members of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association.

October serves as both Beef Month in Alabama and Breast Cancer Awareness Month nationwide. This event was the perfect partnership to promote the beef industry and to increase awareness about breast cancer. The beef cattle industry is a \$2.5 billion industry in Alabama, which ranks ninth among all states in number of farms with beef cattle. Beef is a safe, wholesome product

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The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries is celebrating its 130th anniversary. The department was created by a legislative act sponsored by State Senator Hiram Hawkins, of Barbour County, on February 23, 1883 and took effect on September 1, 1883.

Current Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries John McMillan greeted three former commissioners, Jack Thompson (1995-1999), Charles Bishop (1999-2003) and Ron Sparks (2003-2011) at the anniversary celebration held in November. In addition,

several elected officials were in attendance.

The department has a rich history in this state, with some noteworthy milestones that have shaped the department in the last 130 years. The following is a brief history of the department.

The main building of the Agriculture & Mechanical College (now Auburn University) in Auburn was the department's original headquarters. In 1886, the department moved to the capitol in Montgomery. The commissioner and his clerk were the only staff in those

first years. Alabama's first commissioner was Edward C. Betts, a lawyer and cotton planter from Madison County. Governor Edward O'Neal appointed him for a term of two years at an annual salary of \$2,100.

In its early years, the department's main responsibility was to regulate the sale and distribution of fertilizer. The State Legislature allocated the department no monies and all revenue came from the licensing of the sales and distribution of fertilizer. In 1891, the

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AQUACULTURE

Red worms for sale, good for fish bait and composting, \$30/lb., free shipping. Greg Boshell 118 1st Ave. SE, Carbon Hill 35549 205/471-6090 (Walker)

Rainbow Trout for winter fishing, Catfish 4-11" \$.30/up ea.; 1-5" Coppernose Bluegill \$.25/up ea.; Shellcracker \$.28/up ea.; White Amur grass carp \$6 ea.; Bass \$.90/up ea.; Threadfin shad \$450/up; Fathead minnows \$35/1,000. Bill Davis 854 Co Rd 167, Leesburg 35983 256/526-8453 (Cherokee) Pond liming \$400/up, Electro-shocking \$450; Texas Hunter fish feeders & Kasco aerators & fountains water soluble pond fertilizer 10-52-4 plus micro nutrients \$45/box. Daniel Davis 3822 Co Rd 26, Centre 35960 256/504-3034 (Cherokee)

Bass \$.85/up; Bream \$.25/up; Tilapia \$6/lb.; Grass carp \$4/up; Shiners & fathead minnows \$8.50/lb.; Crappie \$.75/up; Lake rejuvenation. Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)

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

Catfish fingerlings 4-8" \$.30/up ea. 800 Saxon Creek Rd., Goodwater 35072 256/223-2437 (Clay)

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

Cattle 18 months and older must be officially identified at change of ownership. For more information about obtaining official tags, contact the State Veterinarian's Office at 334-240-7253. Animals sold out-of-state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

10 pure bred Black Angus bulls & heifer yearlings, 12-24 mos., \$1,000-\$1,500, LBW genetics, exc. bloodlines Bon View/New Design Etc., all shots up to date. Carl Smith 678/358-2036 (Barbour)

Elite homo black x homo polled bull, unique combination of conformation & performance, birth wt. 55 lbs., huge YW over 1,200 lbs., very docile, Reserve Division Champ Eastern Regional Limousin show, asking \$3,500. Dan Hudson danhudson@hughes.net 334/398-0285 (Bullock)

Limousin homozygous black & homozygous polled heifers & young bred cows, guaranteed black & polled calves, top bloodlines, exc. milking, great disposition, all vaccinations, free delivery, \$1,250/up. 205/456-1468 (Blount)

9 open heifers, 8 black Baldy & 1 black Brangus, \$900/up. Aaron James 251/867-6410 or 251/363-2275 (Conecuh)

7 Angus-Angus X open heifers, 7-14 mos., \$800-\$900 ea., very docile. 334/288-6024 (Montgomery)

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JOHN McMILLAN
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CATTLE

Reg. quality 2 yo & yearling Charolais bulls, LBW, thick, meaty, gentle, polled, top bloodlines, exc. EPDs, \$3,000-\$3,750. www.frankkellis.com Frank Ellis, 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12 mos.+, Brinks bloodlines, great EPD/dispositions, \$1,200/up; Reg. Brangus heifer, open-bred, \$1,500/up. Kevin C. Dean 301 N. Ceder St., Foley 36535 850/554-9174 (Baldwin)

Reg. Limousin bulls & heifers, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, bulls: 17-21 mos., \$1,650-\$1,850; Heifers: 9-15 mos., \$900-\$950. Don Jones 15246 Hwy 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 (Bullock)

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

Polled Hereford bulls, \$2,000-\$2,200, 17-19 mos., exc. pedigrees & EPDs, reg., satisfied customers throughout Alabama, good selection available Dec. 1st. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

2 Reg. Sim-Angus bulls (LKY Charm Z212), 13 mos., ASA 2715065; (Ambush-Y704) 24 mos., ASA 2630217, \$3,000 ea. OBO. Chris Lipscomb 7805 Owls Hollow Rd., Gadsden 35901 256/312-6358 (Etowah)

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6 Sim., Sim-Angus bulls, black, polled, good bloodlines, \$1,800-\$2,200; 7 Black Sim-Angus heifers, open, \$1,300 ea. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

Reg. Simmental yearling bulls, black, red, AI/ET, gentle, polled, exc. quality, winners Bull Test at Cullman, \$3,000/up. Chester Hicks 4892 Crawford's Cove Rd., Springville 35901 256/543-7344 (St. Clair)

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43 12-14 mos., Black Angus/Brangus heifers, ready to breed first of the year, \$1,200 ea. Bobby or Van 205/213-1231 or 205/369-3748 (Shelby)

Black Angus heifers, bulls \$1,000/up; Reg. bulls \$1,500/up; Bred heifers \$1,500/up; LBW, exc. bloodlines. 3 yo reg. bull Obj. bloodline \$3,000. Earl Woodard 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount)

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Reg. Charolais bulls, exc. quality, good length, 12-18 mos., \$1,500-\$2,500. 334/222-7370 after 7 p.m. or 334/488-5422 anytime (Covington)

Reg. Charolais bulls \$1,400/up, 8-13 mos., good EPDs, good muscle. Kendall Foust 564 Co Rd 655, Hanceville 35077 256/338-8324 or 256/352-4367 (Cullman)

2 yo polled Hereford bulls, gentle, easy keeping, passed BSEs, \$2,000/up. Ken McMillan 205/405-0068 mcm0315@gmail.com (Talladega)

Reg. Brangus bulls & heifers, exc. EPDs, 8 mos/up, \$1,200/up, great bloodline. James A. Stinson 5963 Stinson Rd., Georgiana 36033 334/376-2454 (Butler)

Reg. Charolais heifers, exc. quality, open \$1,200-\$1,500, bred \$1,600-\$1,800. 334/222-7370 after 7 p.m. or 334/488-5422 anytime (Covington)

Three Black Angus bulls \$1,000 ea., one 12 mos., two 10 mos., you pick 'em. Lowell R. Gant 205/514-6629 (Walker)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12 mos., 702 lb. WW, 1,391 lb. YW, \$2,500; Other bulls \$2,000/up. Wayne Addison 1043 Co Hwy 130, Winfield 35594 205/412-5356 (Marion)

Reg. Angus bulls, 19-24 mos., breeding soundness checked, \$2,500-\$3,200. Rick Simon or Chris Simon 251/747-0070 or 251/269-4864 (Baldwin)

Reg. 3 yo Hereford bull, Remital, Boomer, Victor & Feltons bloodline, 1,400 lbs., \$2,500. Tommy Coleman 205/438-5850 or 205/465-1965 (Marion)

Reg. 4 yo Lodestar Limousin bull, black homozygous, double polled, BW 1.7, 1,500 lb.+, \$2,500. Kevin Coleman 205/288-6775 (Marion)

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Grass Black Angus bulls, 13-14 mos., super calving ease & grass genetics, Ohlde and Wye breeding, \$1,500/up. Mark Rasco 631 Co Rd 208, Jemison 35085 256/761-7933 (Chilton)

Top quality Reg. Gray Brahman bulls that are extremely gentle, \$2,000; Also Braford & Brangus bulls & heifers \$1,250-\$1,500. Wes Tyler 18 Blake Ln., Arab 35016 256/673-2672 (Marshall)

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CHRISTMAS TREES

Virginia Pines \$25/up; Fraser Firs \$50/up; Tree accessories \$2/up; Gifts \$5/up. Open Nov. 29 Fri-Sun., Located off Hwy 31 behind Thorsby School. Ginger Duncan www.neelyfarmschristmastrees.homestead.com 205/389-1831 or 205/688-1826 (Chilton)

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Leyland Cypress, Arizona Cypress, Red Cedar, Virginia Pine, Fraser Fir, 5'-15', \$28/up, Central Alabama's most beautiful. www.wadsworthchristmastrees.com. Frank Wadsworth 3071 Dexter Rd., Wetumpka 36092 334/567-6308 (Elmore)

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Young Turkeys, 1 tom & 2 hens, \$25 ea.; 4 Young Ducks \$10 ea.; 5 young Australorp roosters \$6 ea. Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

2 pair white Embden Geese \$50-\$75 ea.; 1 pair silver Appleyard Ducks \$35. Neil Gray Jr. 256/764-9706 (Lauderdale)

Bantams — Nankins, Seramas, Silkies, Cochins — Frizzles, Guineas, Geese, Ducks, NPUP USAI clean chicks, adults, \$5/up. DarleneLThompson@gmail.com. Darlene L. Thompson 205/515-7163 (Shelby)

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Australian Shepherd puppies born 11-1-13, blue-eyed, blue merles, chocolate tris & black tris, merles \$200, tris \$100. 256/460-8008 (Franklin)
Reg. Anatolian female DOB 3-19-08, raised w/goats, good mother, \$200, please leave message, calls will be returned. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkville 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)
AKC/AACA Reg. Australian Shepherds pups/adults, raising them 15 years, exc. quality, merles \$400, tris \$300. kwaters@sw.rr.com 334/714-1093 (Coffee)
Blue Heeler puppies, born 10-21-13, parents work cows, 1 male, 2 females, \$200. Kenneth Avery 2993 Co Rd 67, Hartford 36344 334/588-0919 (Geneva)
AKC Australian Shepherds, 2 litters, all colors, lots of blue eyes, parents on premises, first shots & wormed, ready for a new family at Christmas, red merles, blue merles \$350/up; red & black tris \$250, exc. bloodlines & working sense. Janet Blair 493 Dobbins Dr., Boaz 35957 256/840-0173 (Marshall)
1/2 Anatolian 1/2 Pyrenees, 2 males DOB 6-26-13, raised w/goats, shots, dewormed, \$150, please leave message, calls will be returned. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkville 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)

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Vicon baler PR 1211M, \$3,500. Joe Bullard 205/237-4871 (Blount)
2 head Agri tedder \$1,200. Gary Aaron, 1910 Co Rd 36, Haleyville 35568 205/486-0490 (Winston)
Chisel plow 7-tines \$600; Sub-soiler 4-tines, heavy duty, \$400, good cond. Henry Hannah 10633 Dee Hamner Rd., Northport 35475 205/339-4653 (Tuscaloosa)
500 gal. Poultry house spray rig, \$3,800. 205/359-1756 (Etowah)
14' hydraulic grain disc, when we bought disc, it just had new bearings all around, probably used 10-20 hrs. since, \$1,200. 205/292-5566 (Fayette)
Bush Hog brand bush hog, 5' w/stump jumper, 3 pt hitch, \$550. 12900 Co Rd 49, Heflin 36264 256/591-2010 (Cleburne)
2003 MF 492, canopy, ROPS, 2 wd, 97 hp, 85 hp PTO, 964 hrs., one owner, \$18,800. 334/207-0821 (Montgomery)
8x41 Westfield auger, like new, \$3,800; 02 9976 Cottonpicker, 1,800 fan hrs., \$70,000. Daniel Kelley, Verbena 205/312-1128 (Chilton)
Int'l 856 tractor w/loader, fair cond., \$4,500; Int'l 1066 two-post canopy, fair cond. \$5,000; 14' 500 IH cutter disk \$2,000. 205/499-0188 (Sumter)
IH 9' disk, hyd. lift, \$900; JD 261 finishing mower, 5' \$500; 5' bush hog \$375; Fertilizer/seed spreader \$225; 2 PTH blade disk plow \$275/\$275. 205/275-1229 (Walker)
6-row Loftness stalk shredder cutter, ready to work, \$12,000, looks new. Bibb Mims, Uriah 251/862-2225 or 251/564-1725 (Monroe)
1989 430 JD utility tractor, 60" deck, hydrostat trans., 3 cyl. Yanmar diesel engine, p.s., mint cond., 890.9 hrs., \$4,000; 1952 JD w/cultivators \$1,800. Brent Whitley 4465 Hwy 129, Fayette 35555 205/932-1947 (Fayette)
JD 5302 w/loader \$9,000; Disc 11' hydraulic \$3,500; Kubota RTV diesel, 826 hrs., \$8,500. 205/292-6039 or 205/454-4884 (Tuscaloosa)

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Complete cabinet shop operation, all 220 single phase, will separate; 14" radial arm saw \$1,800; Powermatic mortise machine \$2,000. James Kervin 3035 Co Rd 24, Red Level 36474 334/453-1585 (Covington)
404 Farmall, 4 new tires, new paint, needs carb. work, overall good tractor, asking \$1,800. 1885 W. Lafayette St., Dadeville 36853 256/307-2382 (Tallapoosa)
8' Bush Hog brand hyd. offset disc \$3,200; Rebuilt industrial metal band saw, hyd. feed, Caro DVA brand \$300. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)
1996 Case 1845C skidsteer w/bucket & forks, \$3,800; 1998 763 Bobcat w/bucket & metal tracks \$7,500. 256/283-7771 (Calhoun)
3' Loader bucket \$75; Slip scoop for 3 pt hitch \$125. 102 Wilson Chapel Rd., Altoona 35952 205/466-7844 (Blount)
1952 Allis Chalmers tractor 1183, CV motor, rebuilt, metal good, \$800. 256/383-9612 (Colbert)
1955 JD 40 tractor, tricycle, restored, has front cultivators, \$3,000. Kevin Hall 205/475-5649 (Tuscaloosa)
Box blade, 3 pt hitch \$350. Melvin Williams 256/531-8394 (Cullman)
New 3 pt hitches for Super A & 140, \$399. Nathan Hamlin 256/358-4027 (Talladega)
5200 JD diesel tractor, 46 hp, 1995 model, low hrs., very nice cond., p.s., independent PTO, rollbar, very good cond., \$7,700. 187 Scarbrough Ln., Anniston 36207 256/282-4487 (Calhoun)
2440 JD 60 hp diesel, p.s., remotes, canopy, loader, bucket & hay spear, good cond., \$9,900. 11087 Choccolocco Rd., Anniston 36207 256/282-5096 (Calhoun)
New 7' wide heavy duty finishing mower, Big Bee model 84, 4 solid rubber tires, new cost \$2,300, sell for \$1,200 OBO. 7317 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/283-1246 (Calhoun)
5300 JD 56 hp diesel tractor, 4 remotes, like new tires, 520 JD loader w/QA bucket & QA forks, nice cond., \$11,500. 7211 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/236-7376 (Calhoun)

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5500 JD tractor, 73 hp, front bucket w/hay spear, canopy, good tires, 4 remotes, very nice cond., \$12,700. 10966 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/310-6647 (Calhoun)
504 IH \$1,500; 454 gas, needs motor rebuilt \$2,500; D6 Cat head \$250; 1-ton steel bed \$350; 200 IH \$1,200; 5-speed transmission \$300, trade or sell. 430 Kasmeir Rd., Florence 35634 256/577-5051 (Lauderdale)
JD 6500 sprayer \$25,000; NH 1033 bale wagon \$3,500; KMC peanut digger 4-row \$3,000. 251/747-5643 (Baldwin)
Farmall M tractor, 1953, very good cond., runs good, barn kept, \$2,900. Bobby or Van 205/213-1231 or 205/369-3748 (Shelby)
30 KW Onan Genset, LP gas, very nice w/ auto transfer, photos available \$6,500. 205/272-0776 (Winston)
1952 Allis Chalmers tractor 1183, CV motor, rebuilt, metal good, \$800. 256/383-9612 (Colbert)
Int'l 424 4-cyl. gas, p.s., good tires, runs good, looks good, \$2,500. 205/477-5099 (Tuscaloosa)
10 1/2' bush hog, good cond., \$2,000. Ask for Bill 205/862-8230 (Shelby)
Long 445 tractor, good tires, p.s., clean tractor, \$5,000. 205/471-3476 (Winston)
Backhoe/loader, Int'l model 260A, in working cond., needs a little TLC to be a great machine, \$5,900 OBO. Ralph 256/488-5520 (Clay)
5x6 Int. hay roller, 4-wheel 3 pt hitch hay rake, 240 Vicon hay cutter, \$5,800; many new spare parts, all field ready. 334/672-1595 (Pike)
Band saw \$125; Wood lathe \$100; Small shaper \$100; Scroll saw \$75; 10" tablesaw \$125; 10" radial arm saw \$125. Billy Ball 167 Ball Enwright Rd., Deatsville 36022 334/322-1819 (Autauga)
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240 Vicon hay cutter parts \$50/up; 2-row 3 pt hitch turning plow \$500. 334/672-1595 (Pike)
Case trip type 3 bottom turning plow \$750. 205/965-9837 (St. Clair)
2007 JD 5103, 50 hp, exc. cond., like new, 129 hrs., \$10,500; MX 5 bush hog \$1,750. 205/339-9540 (Tuscaloosa)
Electric generator, Taylor Perkins diesel, 100 gal. tank w/transfer switch \$8,000; 1984 550 JD dozer \$10,000. Edward King 256/352-5896 (Cullman)
Farmall Cub tractor w/cultivators, 2 new rear tires & new battery \$1,850. 12900 Co Rd 49, Heflin 36264 256/591-2010 (Cleburne)
Farmall Cub disk, plow, Woods mower, magnetos, generators, IHC carburetors, distributor & other Cub parts, \$50/up. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)
5083 JD tractor, cab, air, MFWD, 553 loader, Power Reverser transmission, wheel weights, telescoping lift links, radio, 170 hrs., building kept, like new, \$44,500. 205/456-0468 or 205/466-3468 (Blount)
560 IMT tractor repair or part out, new 16.9x28 tires on rims, 8-ply, \$1,000 firm. Keith McCay 591 Co Hwy 33, Oneonta 35121 205/559-1350 (Blount)
1995 5610S Ford tractor, dual remotes, 1,870 hrs., 2008 Bush Hog 2446 loader w/bucket & forks, \$12,000 for all. Charlie Bankester, P.O. Box 53, Bay Minette 36507 251/937-6138 (Baldwin)
2 two-row New Idea corn pickers for parts \$250 ea.; IHC stationary hay baler \$650 w/ motor. Greenville 334/382-8371 (Butler)
2010 Model 2564 Haybuster round bale processor, like new, exc. cond. \$28,000. Keith McCay 591 Co Hwy 33, Oneonta 35121 205/559-1350 (Blount)
Planter 309 Ford, nice \$12,000; 2-row, 500 gal. JD sprayer, pull type, \$2,000. 12975 Hwy 157, Florence 35633 256/764-5322 (Lauderdale)
3 pt. four-row cultivator, good shape, complete w/feet. 251/242-1677 (Washington)
Sears SS-15 tractor, 3 pt. hitch, 10" turn plow, disc harrow, cultivator, general purpose plow, dozer blade, 2 decks, \$2,000. 5183 Wolf Creek Rd., Pell City 35128 205/338-3826 (St. Clair)

MACHINERY

2 basket hay tedder, pull type, good cond., \$500. P.O. Box 214, Choccolocco 36254 256/282-8414 (Calhoun)
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Case 1070 tractor only 3,700 hrs., shed kept, \$6,000; A.C. crawler loader \$3,500. 205/471-5291 (Walker)
1953 JD model A tractor, runs good, double section disc harrow, heavy duty trailer, all for \$3,800. Bob King 6525 Co Rd 5, Ashland 36251 256/354-7726 (Clay)
Int'l Farmall 544 diesel w/front end loader, p.s., independent PTO, wide front, \$4,000. P.O. Box 214, Choccolocco 36254 256/282-8414 (Calhoun)

MISCELLANEOUS

LUMBER FOR SALE, Circular Saw Red & White Oak, Hickory, Ash \$1.20 BFT; Heart Pine \$5 BFT. Loring White 334/782-3636 (Tallapoosa)
Several thousand feet of heaviest commercial fence wire & hundreds of insulators & other electric fence components, will take \$650. 205/292-5566 (Fayette)
One 4 Ford bottom plow \$425; one 5 shank chisel \$450; one 6' scratcher \$395; one 2-row cultivator frame \$275 or buy all for \$1,475. 334/527-3415 (Crenshaw)
Grain wagon, side door gravity flow, \$1,000. Jim Watson 297 Co Rd 4, Catherine 334/573-2400 nights or early morning (Wilcox)
Stainless steel tank 325 gal, vertical w/cover & stand w/casters, 120 VAC heater & thermostat included \$249. Harold Green 1009 Kinsey Dr. SE, Huntsville 35803 256/881-8531 (Madison)
Genuine JD manuals: technical/service \$65, parts \$35, operators \$20. Add \$5 postage. Limited selection available. 256/574-1557 (Jackson)
Cypress, cedar & oak lumber, posts & beams up to 32'. \$80/BF/up. Pine also available. 251/246-5913 (Clarke)
Featherlite horse trailer, 3 horse slant, dressing room, h/c, ramp, canopy, model 8541, 7' high, exc. cond., \$12,900. David Ford 8651 Co Rd 26, Ragland 205/283-0638 (St. Clair)
New 1,000 gal. steel fuel tanks \$1,000; 1989 single axle dovetail trailer \$2,500; 20 hp 4 cylinder air compressor 3-phase \$1,750; "A" Farmall \$1,000. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
8x16 flatbed trailer \$1,200. James Kervin 3035 Co Rd 24, Red Level 36474 334/453-1585 (Covington)
Cane press \$1,250; Grist mill \$1,500; Crank juice press \$225; Crank record player \$450. 205/527-1895 (Shelby)
Large, lightered fence posts, 4-6', \$5-\$10 ea. Irma Davison 10850 Old Hwy 31, Spanish Fort 36527 251/626-9351 (Baldwin)
One 88 F350 Ford, 7.3 L diesel, 139,000 miles, gooseneck trailer hookup, new paint, no scratches or dents, \$5,695 or trade for cattle; One 10' hay tedder, good cond. \$1,050. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)
1995 gooseneck horse trailer, 14" electric brakes, great cond., selling only to my poor health, one owner, \$2,900, blue. Sue Embry 46180 Hwy 25, Vincent 35178 205/672-2882 (Shelby)
1 large cypress garden tanks, \$400 ea. 205/471-5291 (Walker)
Pintle hitch 2-axle Army trailer frame that tilts, sherge brakes & 13' flat dump bed, \$1,000. Keith McCay 591 Co Hwy 33, Oneonta 35121 205/559-1350 (Blount)
14' cattle trailer, bumper type w/bar top, good cond., \$1,600. 2341 Boundary St. N., Orrville 36767 334/996-8785 (Dallas)
Horse trailer, 16', like new, \$4,800; Trailer 29' 10-ton \$6,500. 205/292-6039 or 205/454-4884 (Tuscaloosa)
2003 F150 Ford pickup, white, bedliner, tow pkg., tool box, \$5,900, looks new. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)

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MISCELLANEOUS

MF 65 w/frontend loader, need engine, \$2,000; 2 horse trailer \$750; 14' stock trailer, open top, \$950; 79 Chevy dump truck \$2,500. 256/283-7771 (Calhoun)

New rear tractor tires 12.4x38, never mounted, \$250. 10743 Co Rd 191, Eutaw 35462 205/372-4810 (Greene)

Fisher wood stove, cast iron, "Baby Bear" model, very heavy, old \$475. 205/467-7589 (Blount)

250 gal. fuel tank w/hand pump \$300. 256/531-8394 (Cullman)

Ford dump truck, 1995 F800, 5.9 Cummins diesel engine, 6-speed trans., 10-yard dump, 94,000 miles, good tires, great body, \$12,000 OBO. Bob Mann 1829 Hornslake Rd., Talladega 35160 256/362-3760 (Talladega)

Fuel tanks 300 gal./DC pump, exc. cond. \$400; 250 gal. w/stand, rough cond. \$200; Cutting torch buggy \$150. 205/272-0776 (Winston)

Axle from travel trailer, used on utility trailer w/wheels & tires, \$120. For more information call 205/349-2237 (Tuscaloosa)

Apache 3T creep feeder w/calf panels \$2,600. 334/465-5434 (Pike)

1989 Superior gooseneck aluminum stock trailer, 4 horse slant load, rear tack, dressing room, good tires, nice trailer, asking \$6,500. Patsy Ross 706/577-6405 (Russell)

Trailer "Econoline" 8'x25' pintlehook w/dovetail & ramps, 12-ton capacity, \$4,250; Trailer 8'x20' w/5' dovetail & ramps \$3,500, pintlehook. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

LUMBER FOR SALE, 5" Treated Round/One-side Flat Fence Post, 8' long, \$9.50 ea. Loring White 334/782-3636 (Tallapoosa)

Large cedar trees, \$50 ea., you cut, you haul. 205/471-5291 (Walker)

Circle W 24' flatbed, gooseneck, metal floor, dovetail ramps, heavy, special order, two 7,000 axles & new tires, \$5,000. Keith McCay 591 Co Hwy 33, Oneonta 35121 205/559-1350 (Blount)

20 rear tractor tires, 30" to 50", \$200/up. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)

Three 1,000 gal. fuel tanks, one electric pump, all \$750; 50 gal. plastic drums \$10 ea.; Hog & goat feeders \$25-\$100. 205/387-2056 (Winston)

2000 Sooner, 3-horse, full living quarters, 8' wide, 8' short wall, \$19,750. 256/339-4576 (Winston)

Caterpillar filters: oil, air, hydraulic, fuel, \$25/case. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

One 400' house lubing nipple drinkers w/cups, still hanging, buyer remove, \$800 OBO. Benny Smith 368 Poultry Dr., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2699 (Blount)

1974 Ford 880 tandem axle truck, 477 gas engine, no back body, runs good, \$2,500 OBO. 8670 Co Rd 47, McKenzie 36456 334/374-8299 (Conecuh)

3 axle hay trailer, gooseneck, 21', 2 ramps, good shape \$2,800; Portable welder/generator, 170 amp, 220/110 vts, 9 hp, Honda engine, 100 hrs., like new w/cables \$1,500. 334/672-1595 (Pike)

1990 F350 142,000 miles, 4x4, 1-ton, 7.3 diesel, cruise control, power windows, new tires, gooseneck hitch, good shape, \$4,500. 334/672-1595 (Pike)

Lumber cedar & cypress \$1.10 BFT; Juniper \$2,500/1,000 BFT or \$3/BFT under 1,000 BFT. Wes Brown 251/564-2940 (Conecuh)

5' Bush Hog brand bush hog \$300; 3 pt hitch, middle buster \$300; 6' box blade \$400; 3pt hitch slipscape \$500. 205/471-3476 (Winston)

Lift gate, truck mount made by Walto, 2,500 lb. capacity, \$1,000. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

4x12 metal pasture gate \$35. Walter McCormack 205/648-4770 (Jefferson)

Covered hayrack \$2,150, holds 4 to 5 round bales, 21' long w/12' wide tin roof, on 2" schedule 40 pipe skids, weight 1,500 lbs., delivery available in Alabama, see to appreciate. Gary M. Singleton 220 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Calhoun)

Telephone poles used, 30+ feet, \$40 ea., other sizes from \$15 ea. Tracy Campbell 8145 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/296-3463 (Jefferson)

MISCELLANEOUS

Extra heavy duty cattle/horse panels, 11' long x 5.8" tall & weighs 175 lbs. \$125 ea. or \$115 for 10 or more; Several type gates available for catch, working & round pens, all user friendly & animal safe. Tim Decker 466 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-0240 (Calhoun)

Llamas: 7 mos. male, \$150, 9 yo female \$225, both are mostly chocolate w/some white coloring. 256/446-0622 (Colbert)

Sheldon Metal turning lathe 10"x36" w/taper attachment \$800; Also Bridgeport milling machine \$750. P.O. Box 214, Choccolocco 36254 256/282-8414 (Calhoun)

Dumped 14', all metal, rack over cab, \$1,000, good shape, twin cylinder. Jack Stepp 205/613-4968 (St. Clair)

3 pt hitch heavy duty hay spear \$125; Single strand wire stretcher \$30; T-post driver \$25; 4' wide x 8' long x 10" high tilt trailer angle iron frame w/mesh bottom \$500. 2991 Center Ridge Rd., Luverne 36049 334/335-6183 (Crenshaw)

16' travel trailer, good shape, furnished, \$1,500. 251/242-1677 (Washington)

Featherlite stock trailer 7'x7'x20', aluminum model 8130, 2 swing gates w/slider, gooseneck, 14,000 gross wt., good cond. \$8,000. Phillip Roberts 4969 Hwy 9, Heflin 36264 256/201-1535 (Cleburne)

Two gravity wagons 10,000 lbs., running gear \$1,250 & \$1,450. 12975 Hwy 157, Florence 35633 256/764-5322 (Lauderdale)

Buggy, fully restored, in exc. cond. \$1,500. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

11 piece extra heavy duty portable cattle alley \$1,300 ea., ideal for cattle producers w/rented land or new farm, panels w/gates also available for sorting/penning. Monzella Estes 220 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/572-7736 (Calhoun)

Two 13.6x28 tractor tires for \$400 for both. 205/471-5291 (Walker)

Two seat one horse rubber tired wagon, has tow bar & single tree, Morgan, \$800. Carol Potts 256/482-3953 (Morgan)

Husqvarna concrete/demolition saw w/diamond blade \$550. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)

1989 32' reefer trailer, stainless steel only, 2,400 hron unit, will freeze for ice, duel unit, 2 side doors, \$4,500, reworked w/unit and all in 1999. Keith McCay 591 Co Hwy 33, Oneonta 35121 205/559-1350 (Blount)

1991 Int'l tandem axle dump truck, \$9,200 OBO; Econoline pintlehook 13 ton capacity equipment trailer \$4,500 or both for \$13,000. James W. Howe Jr. 334/335-2066 (Crenshaw)

Factory truck bed, steel w/3 ea. tool boxes, off of Ford 350, \$975. 251/269-8214 (Baldwin)

1969 Chevy truck w/20' steel flatbed \$3,500. Greenville 334/382-8371 (Butler)

Fuel tank, 550 gal. w/electric pump, \$800; Cement mixer w/electric motor, needs repairs \$75. Tracy Campbell 8145 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/296-3463 (Jefferson)

Gourds \$1/up, hard shell & thickwall, birdhouse & craft. From Oneonta take 231 N., go 3 miles to Ebell Rd. on right, go 1 mile to Adamson Dr. on right, go to end of drive at top of hill. 205/625-5040 (Blount)

5x13 trailer mesh floor, lights, ramp, steel, hand crank wheel on tongue, 2" ball, tires great shape, first \$550 firm. 205/491-4449 (Jefferson)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Old Southern apple trees \$12-\$25; Sawtooth Shumar oak trees, persimmons \$7; Figs \$10, Monkey grass \$3; Boxwoods \$3/up. 9093 County Line Rd., Dora 35062 205/648-9670 (Jefferson)

Leyland Cypress, well rooted gal. pots, one main terminal \$4, great for screens, privacy. Joy Thornhill 15107 AL Hwy 71, Pisgah (Rosalia) 35765-7215 256/451-3640 (Jackson)

Rabbiteye Blueberry plants: premium, tiff-blue, powder blue, brightwell & climax varieties, 1 gal. pots \$3, 3 gal. pots \$7. John G. Neighbors 3730 Old Dark Rd., Alexander City 35010 256/234-3634 night or 256/212-2003 day (Tallapoosa)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

7 gal. 5-6' Arizona Cypress, Carolina saphire evergreen, fast grower, drought tolerant, 3 & 7 gal. green Japanese Maples \$25 for 7 gal., \$15 for 3 gal., volume discounts. 205/365-7224 (St. Clair)

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

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.

Nigerian Dwarf dairy bucks, miniature Saanen dairy bucks, all ready for breeding, \$100 to \$125. 238 Stoker Rd., Atmore 36502 251/368-2928 (Escambia)

Bred Katahdin ewes, all lambed last year, \$250 to \$300. Stewart Harvard 334/448-6050 (Russell)

2 Saanen males born this summer, hornless, \$60 ea. mhumphries59@gmail.com 205/935-1916 (Franklin)

Hair Sheep, ram & ewe, low maintenance, St. Croix DOB 12/12, \$150 ea.; Two ewes Dorper x Katahdin DOB 1/13 \$100 ea.; Kiko buck, 11 mos., nice \$150. Buddy McLeRoy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

Kikos Genemasters Boers crosses, bucks, does, some bred, colors, exc. health, structure, different ages, unregistered or seller registered, \$125/up. Lee Caudill 4797 Co Rd 44, Section 35771 256/228-7475 (Jackson)

Goat ½ Kiko ½ Boer, approx. 200 lbs., approx. 30 mos., proven herd goat, \$200, picture available. Wayne Miller 205/601-8917 or 205/665-2890 (Shelby)

Nubian doeling & bucklings, born July, also Saanen buck born in May, \$150/up. Julian Oaks 256/352-7370 (Cullman)

SWINE

Purebred Heritage Tamworth pigs, top quality, pasture hardy, exc. grazers, gilts \$175, boars \$140, feeders \$100. Greg Dennis www.dennis-farms.com 770/862-7379 (Cleburne)

Tamworth pigs, gilts \$140, feeder pigs \$80. 256/643-3097 (Cherokee)

SYRUP, HONEY & BEES

Deep hive bodies w/screen bottoms, telescoping covers, medium supers w/drawn comb, \$25 to \$60. Edward Bornholt 26697 Frank Rd., Elberta 36530 251/986-8153 (Baldwin)

Rear your own queens easily w/the New Way Cell Punch Tool & complete picture instructions, \$15 plus a couple for postage. Wil Montgomery 1401 Lakemont Dr. S., Southside 35907 (Etowah)

Are you interested in growing cane & making syrup? The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)

WANTED

Lassie-type collie puppy, blue merle color, any registry or PB, prefer female but would consider male. Lynelle Davis, P.O. Box 396, Wiggins, MS 39577 601/928-5726 (Mississippi)

Allis Chalmers D12, Series II farm tractor, & Allis Chalmers D12, Series III farm tractor for transmissions & rear-end parts, running or not. 601/940-4132 (Sumter)

I'm looking for some old timey flower seeds called "Touch Me Not." When you touch the flower, they pop open & spill the seeds out. Joan Phillips 1545 Shady Grove Rd., Boaz 35956 256/593-3775 (Etowah)

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Following are the guidelines for advertising in the classified section of the Alabama Farmers and Consumers Bulletin. Adherence to these rules will ensure quick processing of ads. All ads that do not meet the following guidelines will not be published.

1. Only those ads which pertain to agricultural products and to those items employed in the actual growth, harvesting and disposal of such products will be accepted.

2. Ads should be typed or printed. Those ads that are not legible will not be published.

3. Ads must be limited to 20 words. This does not include name, address or phone number.

4. Ads must include name, address, city, zip code, area code/phone number and county, no "Farm Names or Work Names/Addresses." Only two phone numbers will be listed. Due to the number of character spaces required for most E-mail addresses, an advertiser must select either a resident address or an E-mail address. Both cannot be printed.

5. Only paid subscribers are permitted to advertise in the Bulletin.

6. Paid subscribers can submit more than one advertisement per category per month but each advertisement is still limited to 20 words.

7. Ads for the classified section will not be accepted from dealers, merchants or commercial establishments.

8. Ads received by fax or e-mail must be received by 5 p.m. on the 10th day of the month and ads received by regular mail must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on the 12th day of the month in order to appear in the following month's issue. The e-mail address is afcb@agi.alabama.gov and the fax number is 334/240-7169.

9. Ads which are to be repeated must be submitted for each issue.

10. Land advertised/wanted must be minimum of 10 acres or more. Ads will not be accepted from dealers or persons selling land on a commission basis. Information on housing should be limited. Ads should reflect descriptions of the land/farm.

11. Only livestock (herding/working) dogs will be published in the Bulletin.

12. Instructional material cannot be advertised in the Bulletin.

13. Ads will be accepted for agricultural work only. Ads for household, nursing or companionship will not be accepted.

14. Ads to exchange one item for another item will be accepted only when both items being exchanged relate to agriculture. Ads for cars, boats, mobile homes, etc. will not be accepted as an exchange for agricultural items.

15. Prices must be included with all items offered for sale. Price ranges may be used in certain ads; for example, due to age, weight, etc. cattle can be advertised as \$1,200-\$1,500.

16. We will only advertise birds listed in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) book. Notices from poultry dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted. Please note: Psittacine birds and pigeons are NOT listed in the NPIP book. Any questions concerning the NPIP should be directed to the Poultry Section at 334/240-7255 ext. 4.

Advertisements in the Bulletin are published on a first come, first serve basis. It is to the advertiser's advantage to submit their items as soon as possible. While the Bulletin does not assume responsibility for transactions resulting from the use of this publication, all means of preventing fraud will be exercised. Misrepresentation will result in the revocation of all privileges. For questions concerning the guidelines, please e-mail afcb@agi.alabama.gov.

COLD STORAGE CRITICAL TO PRODUCTION SUCCESS

IF you are a vegetable producer and IF you plan to sell your produce to the public, access to water (drip irrigation) is critical for your success, as well as access to a cold storage (cooler) facility to maintain

freshness and quality once the crop is picked. Without these two items, you are multiplying your risk (potential failure) by many folds.

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Development Authority (AADA) has a drip irrigation loan program and the expertise to assist you with plastic culture production. Yes, you can irrigate without the use of raised bed plasticulture, but the use of plastic and drip irrigation tends to dramatically increase production — up as much as four to five times non-plastic production. These low interest loans have helped producers throughout the state, maybe one of them can help you.

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A cold storage cooler (shown above) can dramatically increase successful production of locally grown produce, since it helps maintain freshness of the product. The AADA can help growers with low cost loans to obtain cold storage coolers.

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Venison Stew

- Front leg of venison
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced
- 4 cups water
- 6 medium white potatoes, diced
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1 can green peas
- 2 tablespoons gravy browning agent and seasoning sauce
- ½ cup cornstarch dissolved in 1 cup water

Bake or cook venison in crockpot until tender; time depends on size of meat and method of cooking. Chop into stew size pieces. Save meat drippings. Combine drippings, carrots, water, and potatoes. Cook until potatoes are tender. Add onion soup mix, peas, and gravy browning agent. Bring to a boil and thicken with cornstarch mixture. Serve with crackers or corn bread.

Now on sale for \$4, *Cooking Alabama's Wild Game* has more than 75 recipes for cooking wild game and tips on the correct way to care for and prepare it from the time it is harvested until it is cooked.

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CHICKEN & EGG FEST COMES TO AN END



Patrons will miss chicken-on-a-stick and other delicacies featured at the Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival. *Photo courtesy of Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce*

The highly successful Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival, in Moulton, has come to an end after nine years.

The 2013 event had about 20,000 people in attendance. During its run, the ACEF has evolved into one of the top events in the Southeast. It was named a 2013 Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society and in 2011, the Alabama Tourism Department named it one of the 50 must-see music

festivals and in 2012, it was named one of the top food events.

Its success was its demise. "It has become increasingly difficult to coordinate and plan the event to a professional level expected from our patrons. We have outgrown our volunteer, logistic and financial resources," said Vicki Morese, executive director of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Since its inception, the festival has benefited the Lawrence County Arts Council, which has conducted in-school art education programs in Lawrence Co. schools. In August, the council presented \$20,000 to the Lawrence Co. School System for the creation of an after-school fine arts program for high school students, beginning this year.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

The Ice Coffee Co.'s beginning was quite simple, just a couple of guys, John Wright and Jeff Hooker, that love coffee and love people! While hanging out in the kitchen, making coffee for everyone their story began to unfold. People love great coffee made with freshly roasted coffee beans. After a rather cold winter with all their friends enjoying hot coffee sweetened just right to warm the soul, someone asked, "Have you ever made ice coffee?" The challenge was on, to create the best all natural ice coffee ever made. Now days, most people say that their product is the "Best Ice Coffee on the Planet!"

To make their delicious ice coffee, they start with the freshest Arabica

coffee beans, roasted and dried, poured over 1,000 pounds of arctic cold ice to give it that crisp, smooth finish. Finally, they infuse it with pure molasses to add a delicious aftertaste. They use no fake chemicals or artificial ingredients, many that most people can't even spell, it's just plain classic goodness.

The Ice Coffee Co. offers a money back guarantee because they believe so much in the quality of their product. They offer to refund the cost or replace the product if the customer is not completely satisfied. For more information on the Ice Coffee Co., to find a list of local retailers or to order online, visit its website at www.icecoffeeco.com or call 205-981-1456.



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ALABAMA FORAGE AND GRASSLAND CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER

The 2013 Alabama Forage and Grassland Conference is set for December 12 at Lake Guntersville State Park in Guntersville. The one-day conference, hosted by the Alabama Forage and Grassland Coalition, provides attendees the opportunity to learn from, and interact with, some of the top forage experts in the country.

The registration fee is \$75. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended.

Producers and farmers will get a look at some of the latest research and a chance to ask questions, as well as learning new improved ways to produce top quality and quantity forage.

The morning session

focuses on the forage industry and includes Don Ball, a former Alabama Cooperative Extension System forage specialist, and Jennifer Johnson, the current ACES forage specialist. In addition, there will be two breakout session tracks on extending the grazing season and pasture weeds and weed control options.

The conference also features nationally known forage experts: Pat Keyser, director of Center for Native Grasslands Management at the University of Tennessee, and Peter Ballerstedt, forage product manager at Barenbrug USA.

A pre-conference session

will be held on December 11, at the Sand Mountain Research and Extension System in Crossville. For \$10, participants will have the opportunity to see current forage research projects and interact with the research scientists.

Continuing education credits for confined animal feeding operations, certified crop advisers and pesticide applicator certifications can be earned.

For registration and other information, contact Johnson at jmj0027@auburn.edu or Eddie Jolley with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at eddie.jolley@al.usda.gov.

Upcoming Ag Events

• **December 4**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association is sponsoring a monthly series, Lunch and Learn. Gardening topics will be highlighted during the noon to 1 p.m. sessions held at the Armory Learning Arts Center at 1018 Madison Ave., Montgomery. The programs are free and open to the public. The December topic is Decorating with Natural Materials. For more information, call 334-288-6024.

• **December 7**—The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association will host a syrup making contest at its meeting, beginning at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. If interested in joining, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.

• **December 7 & 21**—The East Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1006 Co Rd 474, Woodland, AL 36380. The auction will sell goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry. For more information, call 256-419-8527.

• **December 11**—The Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association will host a "Lunch & Learn" on Decorating with Natural Materials. The meeting will be held at the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service facility on Queen Anne Rd., just off Route 14 on the west side of Wetumpka from noon until 1 p.m. For more information, call 334-567-6301.

• **December 14**—Central Alabama Goat and Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1403 Kincheon Rd. in Clanton. Additional livestock and poultry are welcome. For more information, call 205-280-4628.

• **December 14**—Special Cattle sale at 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Livestock Auction on Highway 243 in Russellville. For more information, call 256-332-3323.

• **January 15-18, 2014**—The 23rd annual Southern SAWG conference, held in Mobile, is for serious organic and sustainable producers, farm to school participants, urban farmers or those interested in creating more vibrant community food systems. The event offers informative pre-conference courses and field trips, practical conference sessions, networking, trade show, Taste of Alabama event and more. More information on this event can be found at <http://ssawg.org/january-2014-conference>. For more information, contact Shari Hawley at 404-797-0496.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROWERS CONFERENCE SLATED FOR FEBRUARY

Producers should plan to attend the Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference and Tradeshow on Friday, Feb. 7 at the Ham Wilson Arena and Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center in Opelika.

Organized by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Association, growers with all levels of experience will find topics beneficial to their operations.

"Consumers are hearing the message that purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables can mean better quality," says Ayanava Majumdar, leader of Extension's Commercial Horticulture Team.

Cost of the two-day conference is \$80 for individuals and \$250 for exhibitors. The registration fee does include supper on Friday night. For more information, visit the Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association at www.afvga.aces.edu or contact Jackie Cooper at 334-728-4117 or jjcoop61@bellsouth.net.

Mama's Recipes

It's time for Southern cooks to start filling homes with delectable smells and tastes of ham, sweet potatoes, cookies and candies prepared for holiday feasts. If your looking for some favorite recipes from Alabama country cooks, look no further than Farming Feeds Alabama cookbook, with more than 200 recipes and profiles of Alabama farm families. Published by the Alabama Farmers Federation, the cookbooks can be ordered by visiting FarmingFeedsAlabama.com. Here is a sample recipe.

Sweet Potato Cake with Cream Cheese Icing



Cake:

2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1½ cups oil
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons baking powder
2 cups sweet potatoes, grated

Icing:

½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2 cups powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans, chopped

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, mix together sugar, eggs and oil. Add remaining ingredients one at a time, adding potatoes last. Coat three round 9-inch baking pans or one sheet cake pan with a nonstick spray. Spread batter into pans. Bake in round pans for 25 minutes or in a sheet cake pan for 35 minutes. Insert a toothpick in the center to determine doneness. Cool in pans before turning out for frosting.

To make icing, mix together butter and cream cheese. Add remaining ingredients, and mix well. Spread on cooled cake, spreading between layers and on sides and top for round layers or over the top and sides of a sheet cake.

Makes 12-16 servings.

Source: From the kitchen of Tammy Doughty of Pickens County, courtesy of Alabama Farmers Federation's Farming Feeds Alabama cookbook.

130th Anniversary

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Legislature established that the commissioner would be elected by popular vote rather than be appointed by the governor.

With adoption of the 1901 Constitution came two changes to the department: the designation "and Industries" was added to the title and the length of the commissioner's term changed from two to four years.

In 1907, the Legislature established two boards to work with the Department of Agriculture & Industries and its commissioner. One was the State Board of Horticulture, which was charged with encouraging horticulture pursuits, inspecting and licensing nurseries, and controlling and eradicating fungus, diseases and pests. The other was the State Livestock Sanitary Board, which was charged with the responsibility of protecting the health of the state's livestock. The main concern of this early board was to conduct a cattle tick eradication program. Head of this board was Dean of Veterinary Medicine at the state Agriculture & Mechanical College at Auburn, who also held the title of State Veterinarian.

In 1911, the Legislature charged the department with regulating commercial food, prompting creation of the department's Division of Food, Drug & Feeds. A Board of Agriculture also was created to conduct county farm demonstration projects. This was conducted in conjunction with the USDA and the Extension Service in Auburn, making it the forerunner of what today is the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

In 1915, the Legislature gave the commissioner the duty of supervising and regulating farm produce businesses and the major responsibility of aiding and encouraging immigration to Alabama of those seeking investments or homesteads. To carry out these responsibilities, a Division of Immigration & Markets was established, publishing

its first newsletter in January 1916, called The Alabama Markets Journal, known today as the Alabama Farmers & Consumers Bulletin.

In 1923, the Legislature passed an important act that served as the basic legislative foundation of the modern department and its scope of authority, known as the Agricultural Code of Alabama. It established the State Board of Agriculture as the controlling authority of the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, which remains today the only regulatory authority for Alabama agriculture and agribusiness. Other agricultural boards were abolished and their responsibilities transferred to the State Board of Agriculture.

The following year, 1924, the department entered into a cooperative agreement with the USDA's Bureau of Agricultural Economics for a Crop & Livestock Reporting Service. Also during 1924, the department took an active role in promoting Alabama's industrial growth. By 1926, the department, having outgrown its space in the State Capitol, moved to its own building at 515 Dexter Avenue.

In 1927 and 1940, there were major legislative revisions of the Agricultural Code of Alabama that expanded responsibilities and enforcement powers, giving the commissioner authority to organize the department as he saw fit as long as he maintained the basic mission of the department.

In November 1972, the department moved into the Richard Beard Building on Federal Drive, its present day headquarters that included a food and drug laboratory, seed laboratory and petroleum laboratory, as well as offices for all divisions. In addition, the department maintains laboratories for the Pesticide, Plants and Animal divisions in Auburn, as well as diagnostic labs in Elba and Hanceville.

The Richard Beard Building currently is undergoing a major

renovation with completion anticipated by January 1, 2014.

Thanks to the efforts of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Alabama Agribusiness Council, an economic impact study was conducted in 2012 and released in early 2013. The study revealed that the farming, agribusiness and forestry comprised Alabama's largest industry, providing an annual economic impact of \$70.4 billion and employing some 580,000 people. Fully 38 percent of Alabama's economy is farming, agribusiness and forestry, employing one-third of Alabama's work force.

During Commissioner John McMillan's tenure, which began in January 2011, the department has undergone significant changes, including major reductions in allocations from the state General Fund, due to the Great Recession of 2008-2012. As a result, the department lost one-fourth of its employees in 2011. McMillan worked with Governor Robert Bentley and the Alabama Legislature to restructure the department's means of funding while fighting to keep vital department services operational.

Department finances have improved in the past two years, and with the surplus in revenue, McMillan has invested in new technology to improve the productivity of inspectors. Additional improvements, particularly for field employees, are planned in the near-term to meet ever-increasing demands of a changing and dynamic state agricultural economy.

Commissioners of the Department of Agriculture & Industries:

John McMillan	2011 – Present
Ron Sparks	2003 – 2011
Charles Bishop	1999 – 2003
Jack Thompson	1995 – 1999
Albert McDonald	1983 – 1991
McMillan Lane	1974 – 1983
M.D. "Pete" Gilmer	1972 – 1974
Richard Beard	1967 – 1972
R.C. "Red" Bamberg	1959 – 1963
A.W. Todd	1955 – 1959, 1963 – 1967 & 1991 – 1993
Frank M. Stewart	1951 – 1955
Joseph N. Polle	1943 – 1947
Haygood Paterson	1939 – 1943 & 1947 – 1951
R.J. Good	1935 – 1939
Seth Paddock Storrs	1931 – 1935
S.M. Dunwoody	1927 – 1931
J.M. Moore	1923 – 1927
M.C. Allgood	1919 – 1923
James A. Wade	1915 – 1919
Joseph A. Wilkinson	1907 – 1911
Robert R. Polle	1900 – 1907
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ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for November totaled an estimated 42,000 head compared to 74,600 head for October and 45,329 head for November 2012. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady. Feeder steers sold \$3 to \$5 higher, heifers sold \$2 to \$5 higher. Trade moderate with good demand on feeders. Replacement cows and pairs sold steady to weak. Feeder supply consisted of 37 percent steers, 40 percent heifers and 23 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 70-80% Lean

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1160-1735	1386	70.00-75.00	72.18
1050-1695	1247	65.00-70.00	67.97 Low Dressing
1200-1895	1544	75.00-80.00	78.78 High Dressing

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85% Lean

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1000-1655	1208	73.00-78.00	75.67
950-1550	1197	68.00-73.00	71.28 Low Dressing
1050-1755	1257	78.00-83.00	81.22 High Dressing

Slaughter Lean 85-90% Lean

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
950-1500	1089	68.00-73.00	70.17
900-1499	1022	63.00-68.00	64.90 Low Dressing
950-1550	1227	73.00-77.00	74.15 High Dressing

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1000-2100	1547	90.00-95.00	91.99
1000-1950	1497	85.00-90.00	85.99 Low Dressing
1100-2200	1885	95.00-100.00	97.10 High Dressing

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1

310-345	325	215.00-225.00	220.40
350-395	374	205.00-215.00	209.58
400-445	428	194.00-204.00	198.88
450-495	472	180.00-190.00	186.06
500-545	520	165.00-174.00	169.55
550-595	568	159.00-168.00	162.72
600-645	609	153.00-162.00	159.45
650-690	672	145.00-153.00	148.36
706-745	712	145.00-148.00	146.76
750-795	765	139.00-146.00	142.28
805-845	828	137.00-142.00	139.30

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
305-345	327	202.50-212.50	207.36
360-395	379	192.00-202.00	198.12
400-445	431	185.00-195.00	191.47
455-495	483	174.00-182.00	178.06
500-545	524	160.00-168.00	163.77
560-595	580	150.00-160.00	153.92
600-640	623	146.00-153.00	148.12
665-695	686	140.00-146.00	144.11
710-740	733	130.00-140.00	134.88

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
300-345	317	190.00-200.00	194.63
350-390	371	180.00-190.00	183.28
400-445	424	165.00-175.00	170.62
455-495	474	155.00-165.00	160.68
505-545	525	149.00-157.00	153.81
555-580	568	143.00-150.00	147.10
600-645	628	136.00-144.00	139.95
650-695	677	128.00-137.00	134.53

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
305-345	322	180.00-190.00	185.67
350-395	370	170.00-180.00	174.39
400-445	428	160.00-168.00	162.84
455-499	477	148.00-158.00	152.20
500-545	523	140.00-150.00	146.25
550-595	572	134.00-143.00	137.79
600-645	627	128.00-136.00	132.94
650-670	663	127.00-130.00	129.39
704-745	711	127.00-130.00	128.58

Source: USDA-AL Dept of Ag Market News Service, Montgomery, AL, David Garcia, OIC / Office 334-223-7488. For more information contact: Montgomery.lgmn@ams.usda.gov.

PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

By Adam Pritchett

Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries

Hunting is a cherished tradition for many Alabama residents. For some, it is a way of life. No matter what category you are in, public land hunting opportunities in Alabama are likely nearby.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) manages more than 756,000 acres of land available for public hunting. These are either Wildlife Management Areas, Physically Disabled Hunting Areas or Community Hunting Areas. The ADCNR owns approximately 81,000 of the acres and the Forever Wild Land Trust owns approximately 220,000 acres. Other government agencies, corporations and private landowners provide the remainder, approximately 455,000 acres.

Alabama's WMA system provides all types of hunting

opportunities. With the purchase of a WMA license at \$17, a hunter has access to 37 WMAs statewide. A map and regulations for each WMA can be found at www.outdooralabama.com.

Alabama also has a trail of physically disabled hunting areas, comprised of 17 sites. These areas have shooting houses designed to accommodate physical disabilities.

The U.S. Forest Service has thousands of acres open to public hunting. Free permits are required to hunt these properties, most of which are located along major rivers and waterways.

While more restrictive on the methods of hunting and access, National Wildlife Refuges are available for public use. The NWRs are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For those who haven't tried hunting on public land, there's no time like the present.

Classifieds

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WANTED

Native Chickasaw plum trees to establish quail habitat. Joe 205/434-6119 (Jefferson)
Warn winch 8274. John Persons 334/524-5026 (Lee)
Want to buy a Bush Hog brand hay spear attachment BS200. It fits a Bush Hog 2446 loader. 383 S. Carolina Rd., Vernon 205/712-2170 (Lamar)
Kiker/Center rake wheel for V-rake. 205/275-1229 (Walker)
Backhoes, dozers, farm tractors for parts or to repair; 1948-53 Chevy pickups for parts or drivable; Reasonable cow herds large & small. 256/283-7771 (Calhoun)
50s to 80s model, any cond., FJ-40 or FJ-45. John Persons 334/524-5026 (Lee)
Manure spreader, must be located in North Alabama, prefer a large spreader. Kenneth Steele 256/974-0400 (Lawrence)
Blacksmith cone anvil & grist mill items, millstones. 256/835-0847 (Talladega)

WANTED

8' hydraulic disk in good shape. 800 Saxon Creek Rd., Goodwater 35072 256/223-2437 (Clay)
Wanting to buy Bobcat or other skid-steer loader for use around my farm, reasonable prices & in good cond., rubber tires. 205/387-0944 (Walker)
Ring gear & power take off shaft for 85 to 88 Ford Model 1920, would consider whole tractor if reasonable, cash. Jack Simmons 205/752-9961 or 205/792-5492 (Bibb)
Yellow meated watermelon seeds. 205/269-7479 (Winston)
Do you have syrup making equipment, cane mills, syrup kettles, etc.? Members of the Alabama Syrup-Makers Association are looking for equipment. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)
Farmall Super A or Cub tractor w/fertilizer hopper & planter & cultivators. Joel Gann 1966 Sterbridge Rd., Millport 35576 205/596-4145 (Lamar)

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT — RECYCLE

What will you do with your live Christmas tree after the holidays? The best way to get rid of the tree is to recycle it.

Christmas trees are not a major landfill problem, but sometimes tree disposal is a concern for those not knowing the alternatives, says Extension horticulturist Ken Tilt, with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Mulch from evergreens adds acid to alkaline soil, Tilt says. Add 2 to 4 inches of mulch around flowers, fruit trees, raspberries, shrubs and trees.

Many communities have a recycling program for Christmas trees. Recycle programs run by municipalities must be cost-efficient and must not disrupt waste management. Many cities chip up trees and use them for mulch or compost. To find out if your city or community has a tree recycling program, call your city or town hall to learn the location and hours of operation.

Other recycling programs include using discarded trees for erosion control on beaches, as a habitat for fish in ponds and lakes and as fuel in electrical power generators. They also



can be used as a wildlife habitat in your landscape.

In addition to recycling your tree, you can also recycle other holiday leftovers, such as live wreaths, garland and all those cardboard boxes that gifts came in.

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PRESSURE COOKING AND CANNING

By Jim Langcuster

Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Through her work as an Alabama Cooperative Extension System food safety agent, Janice Hall has noted two food trends in recent years: a slight uptick in hunting — at least, partly driven by a desire to reduce food costs — and a keen interest among many overworked, overstressed consumers in reducing the time invested in food preparation.

Drawing on these insights, Hall is reacquainting consumers with pressure cooking, a technique that, while not exactly going the way of the dinosaurs in this age of ready-to-eat, microwavable foods, has undergone a sharp decline.

Reenlisting Pressure Cookers

At workshops throughout the state, Hall is issuing a forthright call for consumers to dust off those pressure cookers and to enlist them once again as an integral component of home cooking.

Pressure cooking works by creating steam, which, in turn, builds pressure. A small amount of water or other liquid is placed in the bottom of the cooker and heated to boiling. The steam produced, which is mostly trapped under a tightly sealed lid, raises the pressure and temperature to exceptionally high levels, cooking the food in considerably shorter time.

Improved Taste & Tenderness

As Hall has discovered through her own experience, pressure cooking is an ideal way not only to reduce the toughness commonly associated with game meat, but also to enhance its taste.

“Pressure cooking effectively gelatinizes — breaks down — the connective tissue associated with tough meat, particularly game meats,” Hall says, “but the process also infuses meat with whatever ingredients you choose to add while preserving the natural flavor.”

The technique can reduce cooking time by as much as two-thirds in some cases.

A relative newcomer herself



Pressure cooking can be a fast and flavorful way of enjoying game meat.

to pressure cooking, Hall was sold on the process after successfully cooking her first batch of field peas.

“I burned my first pot, but after I got the hang of it, I couldn’t believe that you could cook something that tasted so delicious in such a short time.”

Ecologically Friendly and Energy Efficient

Pressure cooking also is considered ecologically friendly, requiring less energy than other conventional cooking methods. It’s a convenient cooking option during power outages.

“Whenever the power goes out, it can be safely and efficiently used with an alternative source of energy, whether this happens to be propane, charcoal or wood,” Hall says.

Daniel Robinson, executive director of the Alabama Farm Service Agency, is one of many Alabamians who spent his boyhood hunting and fishing to help his family stretch food dollars.

While he rarely hunts now, Robinson still has an affinity for game meat and holds a high regard for pressure cooking.

“I noticed a big change not only in tenderness but also taste, with the ingredients completely enclosed in the meat,” he recalls.

Pressure Canning

Some hunters are taking this one step further, using pressure canning to preserve game meat.

Mark Smith, an Alabama Extension wildlife specialist

and Auburn University associate professor of forestry and wildlife sciences, is an avid hunter who not only dresses his deer but pressure cans much of it.

“Canned deer meet tastes completely different — it comes out more like roast beef, and there is no gamey taste to it,” says Smith, who also pressure cooks squirrel and rabbit and processes feral hog meat into sausage.

While he’s become an old hand at preserving game meat by pressure canning, Smith cautions that this process requires some advanced preparation and time.

Safety a Critical Concern

Safety is a critical concern with all aspects of pressure cooking and canning, but especially with canning. An inadequately sealed container of meat can provide a haven for potentially deadly bacteria and toxins.

“Anyone involved in pressure cooking and canning should follow all the recommendations prescribed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture,” says Jean Weese, an Alabama Extension food safety specialist and Auburn University professor of poultry science who heads the Alabama Extension food safety team.

Weese says no home-canned meat product should be held for more than a year.

“Pressure-canned meats, compared with their commercial counterparts, are more prone to losing their vacuum over time,” Weese says.

ALABAMA MONTHLY HAY REPORT

Compared to last month: Hay prices remain mostly steady for the month of November. Trade moderate with moderate demand. All prices are FOB unless otherwise noted.

Estimated Tons: 1,000 Last Month: 1,474 Last Year: 1,915

Southeast Hay: Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

Peanut Mid Round
Good 6 100.00-100.00 100.00

Bermuda Grass Small Square
Premium 412 180.00-280.00 208.93

Bermuda Grass Large Round
Premium 32 100.00-113.33 106.98

Bermuda Grass Mid Round
Premium 112 80.00-130.00 99.60
Good 1 70.00-70.00 70.00
Fair 10 50.00-50.00 50.00

Bahia Grass Small Square
Premium 5 180.00-180.00 180.00
Fair 36 160.00-160.00 160.00

Bahia Grass Large Round
Premium 2 86.67-86.67 86.67

Bahia Grass Mid Round
Premium 9 90.00-90.00 90.00

Mixed Grass Small Square
Good 10 150.00-150.00 150.00

Mixed Grass Large Round
Premium 2 73.39-73.39 73.39

Mixed Grass Mid Round
Good 40 70.00-75.00 71.25
Fair 25 40.00-40.00 40.00

Wheat Straw Small Square
Fair 6 160.00-160.00 160.00

Source: USDA—Alabama Department of Agriculture Market News, Montgomery, David Garcia and Johnny Young, at 334-223-7488. For more information, visit www.ams.usda.gov.

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produced by our farmers for your families. About one in eight U.S. women (just under 12 percent) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. Right now there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan said, “In 2013, nearly 300,000 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in

the U.S. This disease affects so many families across the nation, including some of our own employees.”

Several department employees are making a difference in the fight against breast cancer. These individuals formed a team and participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk on November 2. This team finished strong and ranked ninth out of 117 teams in fundraising for the event.



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