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Division Focus

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

Weights & Measures Goes High Tech



Weights & Measures Division Director Stacy Boshell demonstrates how the new gasoline provers operate.

Our Weights & Measures Division recently upgraded their equipment and technology capabilities to vastly increase their accuracy and productivity in field inspections.

In April, they acquired six fuel analyzers and five provers to be used in fuel pump inspections statewide.

“This new equipment will at least double our rate of inspections while increasing our accuracy in determining the precise measurement of gasoline and diesel pumps across Alabama,” said Stacy Boshell, director of Weights

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Annie and Mike Dee (seated) accepted the Alabama Farm of Distinction Award on behalf of their family and Dee River Ranch. Sponsors standing are (from left) Jim Allen with Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Lester Killebrew with SunSouth John Deere dealer, Lynne Morton and Jay Hamlett with TriGreen Equipment and Jimmy Parnell with Alabama Farmers Federation.

PICKENS COUNTY RANCH NAMED ALABAMA FARM OF DISTINCTION

**By Jeff Helms
Alabama Farmers Federation**

A Pickens County beef, grain and soybean farm was named Alabama’s 2013 Farm of Distinction in April at the Alabama Farm-City Awards luncheon in Birmingham.

Owned and operated by President Annie Dee, her brother and Farm Manager Mike Dee and their 10 siblings, Dee River Ranch is recognized throughout the country for innovation. From precision technology and the on-farm production of biofuels to electronic animal identification and computerized irrigation

systems, the Dees use their 10,000-acre farm to develop practices benefiting their family and community.

“We raise approximately 4,000 acres of corn, wheat and soybeans and have around a thousand head of commercial Brahman-Angus crossed cattle,” said Mike Dee. “It’s a wonderful place where we live and farm. We’re blessed to be right here and excited about the farm we have.”

As the winner, the Dees received more than \$14,000 in prizes, including an engraved farm sign from the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance; a John Deere Gator

from SunSouth, TriGreen and Snead Ag Supply dealers; a \$1,000 gift certificate from Alabama Farmers Cooperative and a \$2,500 cash award from Swisher International. The Dees will represent Alabama in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year competition at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Ga., Oct. 15-17.

By embracing new technology, the Dees are redefining “sustainable agriculture.”

“Sustainability is what we live for,” Mike Dee said. “We would never do anything that would hurt this soil. We want

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AQUACULTURE

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

Taking orders for Tilapia; Threadfin Shad \$450/up; Catfish 4-11" \$.30/up ea.; 1-5" Coppernose Bluegill \$.25/up ea.; Shell-cracker \$.30/up ea.; White Amur grass carp \$6 ea.; Bass \$.85/up ea.; 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 and Kasco aerators and 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)

Threadfin Shad \$.17 ea.; Bluegills, Coppernose \$.20/up; Grass carp \$5/up; Tilapia \$5/lb./up; Tiger Bass \$1/up. Barry Bates, Co. Rd. 26, Faunsdale 36738 205/361-9863 (Hale)

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

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.

7 Zebu calves \$250 to \$500. Johnny Wise 17425 Co Rd 55, Summerdale 36580 251/989-9997 (Baldwin)

Black Angus and Sim-Angus bulls, 20-24 mos., \$2,200 w/ semen check, delivery available. Jeff James 196 Rabbit Rd., Brent 35034 205/926-7521 (Bibb)

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

Jersey & Holstein bull calves, bottle raised, gentle, 10 weeks, \$400 ea. Tammy Bowman 334/646-9299 (Clay)

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

1 Beefmaster breeding cow (large girl) \$1,600; 1 Beefmaster bull, born June 22, 2012, \$700. Len Troman 254 Troman Ln., Attalla 256/490-8851 or 256/538-9878 (Etowah)

Raise your own Star5 calves w/reg. Santa Gertrudis bulls and your cows. Young, gentle, dark red bulls \$1,500/up. Betty Kelso-Clough 85 Jackson Cove, Somerville 35670 256/778-7362 or 256/566-7878 (Morgan)

CATTLE

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12 mos./up, 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)

16 Bred cows, 1 bull, \$22,800, call for more information. Gene Milton 334/566-7922 (Pike)

Reg. Charolais bulls \$1,800/up, good EPDs, moderate frame, good muscle. Kendall Foust 564 Co Rd 655, Hanceville 35077 256/338-8324 or 256/352-4367 (Cullman)

Reg. top quality Charolais bulls, 16-19 mos., \$3,000-\$3,500; Heifers 6-9 mos., \$1,000. www.frankellis.com Frank Ellis 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)

Reg. Brangus bulls 11 mos/up, \$1,500/up. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)

Reg. Limousin bulls & heifers, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, Bulls: 9 mos to 19 mos., \$1,650-\$1,850; Heifers: 8 mos. to 12 mos., \$900 to \$950. Don Jones 15246 Hwy 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 (Bullock)

14-16 mos. Charolais bulls, \$1,300, gentle, hand fed. Charles Newman 205/429-2651 or 205/237-7168 (Blount)

Reg. Roan Shorthorn bull, 19 mos., \$1,500; Heifers 1 yo to 2 yo, \$1,500 to \$2,000. Jerome Staggs 256/710-3688 (Lauderdale)

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

4 Reg. Sim-Angus cows w/heifer calves by their side, December born, 3-in-1 packages, \$2,500/pair or \$9,250 for all 4. 334/874-4813 nights only (Dallas)

Reg. Charolais bulls, A.I. sired, 15-19 mos., Firewater Long Bodied, heavy muscled, calving ease, good EPDs, very gentle, \$1,800/up. Billy Gilley 135 Co Rd 1684, Holly Pond 35083 256/796-7801 or 256/708-4700 (Cullman)

Polled Hereford bulls, 20-22 mos., \$2,000, exc. pedigrees & EPDs, reg., passed BSE, born & raised in Alabama by well-established Alabama breeder for more than 2 decades. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

1 Reg. Angus bull, 28 mos., out of very strong Objective bloodlines, great disposition & sound working bull, \$2,200. Robert Dudley 1862 Sharpford Rd., Valhermoso Springs 35775 256/508-1682 (Morgan)

Reg. Black Angus cattle: 2 cows bred for fall calves, \$2,500 ea.; bulls 8-19 mos., \$1,200/up; Bismarck, In Focus, & Objective bloodlines, future herd sire prospects. David Calhoun 1264 Riddles Bend Rd., Rainbow City 35906 205/678-9669 (Etowah)

Limousin, Angus & Lim-Flex bulls & heifers \$1,250/up, semen & embryos, red, black & homo black and homo polled. www.chrlimousin.com Bill Helton 3733 Co Rd 1212, Vinemont 256/962-0256 (Cullman)

CATTLE

Black Angus bulls, heifers \$1,000/up; Reg. Angus bulls \$2,000/up; 2 yo bulls available; Bred heifers \$1,600, LBW, exc. bloodlines. Earl Woodard 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount)

Reg. Angus bull, CC&7 son, BW 80, adj. WW 655, adj. YW 1,137, adj. circ. 34.49, frame 6.2 EPDs CED+3, BW +1.7, WW +50, YW +98, milk +38, docile, \$2,250. David J. Whitt 692 Mt. Sinai Rd., Horton 35980 256/878-1602 (Marshall)

Simmental bull 18 mos., polled, black, gentle, "Olie" son, calving ease, \$3,000. Please call Chester Hicks 4892 Crawford's Cove Rd., Springville 35146 256/543-7344 (St. Clair)

Reg. Texas Longhorn cattle, genetics from exc. bloodlines, cows, heifers, steers and a few good bulls, black & white, \$800-\$2,800. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

Black & BWF heifers bred to LBW reg. Black Angus bull to calve in September, superior quality, \$1,800 ea. Perry Cole 205/879-9008 (Shelby)

14 mos. Black Angus bull \$1,000; Two 8 mos. Black Angus heifers \$700 ea. Lowell Gant 205/514-6629 (Walker)

Reg. Limousin Bulls, 12-19 mos., LBW, exc. EPDs, from heavy milking cows, performance records available, delivery available, \$1,500 to \$1,950. J. Beard, Glendale Farms, Trussville 35173 205/296-3461 (Jefferson)

Full blood Italian Chiania bulls, six 1 yo, reg. \$2,500/up; Two reg. 3 yo Angus bulls \$2,000. 256/504-4329 (Etowah)

Black Angus heifers \$1,000/up. 205/559-4490 (Blount)

Reg. polled full blood Limousin bulls \$2,500 ea.; A.I. bred, reg. full blood Limousin heifers, calves due 11-9-13 and 6-14-13, \$3,000 ea. Nancy R. Webb 240 Co Rd 168, Scottsboro 35768 256/599-5945 (Jackson)

CATTLE

23 heifers Angus/Brangus cross, \$1,100 ea. OBO; 25 cow/calf pairs, some 3-in-1 sets, \$1,500 ea. OBO. LaBreeska Ponder 16052 AL Hwy 9, Piedmont 36272 256/282-2179 (Calhoun)

Reg. Scottish Highland cattle, 8 mos./up, heifers & bulls, purebred bloodlines for foundation stock, \$2,000/up, exc. maternal characteristics, sweet gentle dispositions, great to cross w/your cattle. www.gb3highlandcattle.com Tracey 205/426-2086 (Chilton)

18 Sim-Angus heifers, black, polled, open, \$1,300 ea.; One 3 yo BWF Sim-Angus bull \$2,000; One 13 mos. Sim-Angus black, polled bull \$1,800. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

Black Simmental bulls, reg., semen tested, 15-18 mos., several A.I. sons, good selection, \$1,800/up. 5814 Co Hwy 21, Horton 35980 256/572-0800 (Blount)

Charolais bulls, top bloodlines, 12-20 mos., \$1,500/up. 256/232-0512 or 256/874-4667 (Limestone)

Santa Gertrudis bulls, 2 yo to 3 yo, polled, \$1,700 to \$2,100. 3846 Co Hwy 14, Altoona 35952 205/466-7884 (Blount)

Guernsey bull, 9 mos., very gentle, have application to register him, \$650, located north of Troy. 334/372-4900 (Pike)

EGG & POULTRY

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

Free range chicken eggs, unwashed and likely fertile, various colors, \$4/dozen; Roosters \$15 ea. Jeff James 196 Rabbit Rd., Brent 35034 205/926-7521 (Bibb)

Dominiques, Buff Orpingtons, Light Brahmas, Speckle Sussex chicks \$2 ea. Dennis Hall 256/736-4593 (Cullman)

EGG & POULTRY

Peafowl, various colors to choose from, \$100/up; Royal Palm turkey gobbler \$35. Candi McNair 706/326-2812 (Lee)

Rhode Island Red pullets, 10 weeks, \$10 ea. F.B. Ellison 26850 Co Rd 83, Robertsdale 36567 251/960-1379 (Baldwin)

Peacocks, chicks available starting May 11th, blues \$15 ea., rare breeds \$25 ea. Call ahead for details. Blake Wolf 239 Co Rd 365, Abbeville 36310 334/441-8540 (Henry)

Black Copper, Blue Copper, Blue Splash Marans, \$5-\$7 ea.; Crested Cream Legbars \$40/pr.; Mixed chicks \$2 for 25. Chuck Wesson 2069 Drip Branch Rd., Bessemer 205/777-1063 (Jefferson)

**FARMS:
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FARMS FOR SALE**

11.27 ac. located on Section Line Rd., partially wooded w/nice creek flowing through property, mostly fenced, \$30,000. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)

31 ac. +/- fenced x fenced, approx. 29 ac. pasture, approx. 12 ac. permanent pasture, 40x80 eight-stall barn w/power & water, shop, storage building, 1 ac. pond, 3BR, 2 BA modernized older home, rewired, re-plumbed, central heat/air, 15 min. from I-59, \$209,500, motivated seller. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

100+ ac. fenced highway frontage, county water, large shop, hay barn, creek, stocked pond, near Lake Martin, could divide, \$349,000. 256/794-3977 (Tallapoosa)

182 ac. timber, rolling, great hunting, creek, 30 ac. lake site, secluded, near Bay Minette, Mobile, I-65, illness forces sale, sacrifice, \$2,000/ac. Don Tudor 251/968-4715 (Baldwin)

20 ac. brick home, 4 BR, 4 BA, barn, pond & creek, fenced pasture, \$550,000. 205/640-6952 (St. Clair)

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FARMS FOR SALE

70 ac. in Blount Co. near Oneonta, lots deer & turkey, \$1,850/ac. 99 Tanyard Ln., Pell City 35125 205/919-5630 (Blount)

29 ac. working cattle farm w/3 BR, 2 BA house, 8 buildings including horse barn, hay barn, 8-bay equipment shed, workshop, catch & feed pens, 2 ponds, \$235,000. Delwin Kilgo 190 Co Rd 993, Cullman 256/747-8522 (Cullman)

20 ac., mixed pine & hardwood, 100+ Black Walnut trees, old farm home & pond site, no road frontage but deeded access, year round creek, \$82,000, very nice. 256/531-8610 or 256/531-8609 (Morgan)

FARM LABOR AVAILABLE

Removal of bees from buildings, trees, houses, etc. Roger Bemis bemisroger@yahoo.com 251/213-0168 (Baldwin)

All types fencing, barn building & repair, catch pens & more. All work guaranteed. Jeff McDonald 256/527-0808 (Morgan)

Training by trust, not trauma, green broken & started the Ray Hunt way, \$450 flat fee. rebranger@bellsouth.net 256/883-8615 (Madison)

Farm fencing installed & repaired, chain link, barbed wire, electric, field fence, hi-tensile, reference available, all calls returned, will travel. Rick Neves 256/747-3301 (Cullman)

Tractor work: bushhog, disking, plowing, also bull dozer & backhoe services. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

Custom fences & cattle working facilities built. Will build any type of fence: board, barbed, hi-tensile, electric, horse, hog wire, privacy, vinyl. Dave Blanton 15780 US Hwy 80 E., Opelika 36804 334/724-9445 (Lee)

Horseperson seeking work on ranch/w horses in the Northeastern Alabama. Debbie 863/494-2211 days only (DeKalb)

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

Forty (40) 4x5' rolls Fescue/Orchard grass, baled June 2012, barn stored, \$30/roll, will load. Ralph A. Smith 108 Stewart St., Albertville 35951 256/878-1217 (Marshall)

Horse quality Bahia, sq. bales \$4, barn kept, fertilized, high protein content, delivery possible on large orders. Warren Nunnally 211 Hellamanard Rd. N., Ohatchee 256/307-7795 (Calhoun)

4x5 rolls Fescue and Bermuda mix, never been wet, in the barn, will load at \$30 ea. Leonard Mayfield 1779 Holly Hills Rd., Lincoln 35096 205/763-7592 or 256/453-7688 (Talladega)

4x5 rolls net wrap \$40/roll, Bahia and Bahia mix, delivery available. Joe Womble 3474 Crenshaw Rd., Wetumpka 36092 334/391-0588 (Elmore)

Premium horse quality Coastal Bermuda sq. \$6.75; Premium quality Alfalfa sq. \$11; Exc. horse quality Bahia sq. \$6.75, rolls 5x4 & 6x4 net wrapped \$30-\$40; Tested & quality guaranteed, quantity discounts & delivery available. Tony Colafrancesco www.hayalabama.com 205/672-8116 (Shelby)

4x5 rolls net wrapped, barn stored, \$30; outside on pallets \$25. C.E. Garmon 1620 Rice Mill Chavers Rd., Albertville 35951 256/891-2557 (Marshall)

5x5 1,500 lb. round hay \$25/roll. 334/215-3336 (Montgomery)

Hay rolls Bahia very fine \$30, stored in barn. Helena 205/475-0081 or 205/938-9989 (Shelby)

Cattle hay Bahia round bales \$25 ea.; Bahia sq. bales \$5 ea. Call John 251/964-4538 (Baldwin)

Close out sale, round bales 4'x4' horse quality Bahia & natural grass, barn stored, \$20. 2512 Hwy 55, Wilsonville 35186 205/669-0442 (Shelby)

Wheat straw \$3/bale, round bales \$40; Corn \$305/ton; Feed wheat \$315/ton; prices may change w/market. Mike Duke 256/362-8824 (Talladega)

4x5 rolls hay \$40/roll. J.V. Richards 111 Hillton Dr., Cleveland 35049 205/516-1709 or 205/559-3317 (Blount)

Large sq. bales, mixed grass \$4/bale. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

Sq. bales Bahia \$4 ea. fertilized, \$3 ea. non-fertilized. Min. of 8 bales per order. Linda & Dan Thompson 205/966-6443 (Shelby)

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

Round bales 4'x5', asking \$30/roll, Bahia & Costal mix. Contact Wes Sanford 334/657-8653 (Elmore)

4x5 round bales Bahia & Fescue, shed stored, \$25. We will load. Thomas Glenn 1814 Hagoood Mtn. Rd., Morris 35116 205/681-6234 (Jefferson)

Bahia round bales 4x5 for cattle & horses \$40. Eddie J. Pruden 4836 Freewill Dr., Quinton 35130 205/674-5402 (Jefferson)

Alfalfa Western grown, 63 lb. South Dakota hay \$13.50/bale; Neb. Grown 80 lb. bales, fine stem, leafy \$18.50/bale; 20 bale minimum, discount on 100 bales or more. Junior Beard 8109 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-2406 (Jefferson)

4x5 rolls, barn stored, net or twine wrapped, cattle hay \$25, horse hay \$35, call for large quantity price. Roger Yates 256/538-2385 or 256/295-1049 (Etowah)

Barn kept Fescue sq. bales \$3/bale; Barn kept mixed grass sq. bales \$2.50/bale. 256/453-1624 (Blount)

HORSES & MULES

Mule, gelding, 4 yo, approx. 14 H, bay, friendly, will lead & load, \$300, I want something smaller. 205/300-5643 (Winston)

Jack services large-boned 8 yo, black w/white points, 15.2 H, easy going disposition, \$250. Joe Bullard 205/237-4871 (Blount)

Two very gentle, kid friendly, gelding horses, knows barrel & pole pattern, red horse \$3,000, black horse \$2,000, so sweet! 334/864-1192 (Chambers)

AMHA miniature horses for sale, herd dispersal, \$300/up, visit us at http://users.farmerstel.com/Inlsargent/. Levon Sargent 663 Hulsey Rd., Henagar 35978 256/657-6545 (DeKalb)

Stud services Grey thoughbred, 16.2 H, N/R passing on his great disposition, \$250. Joe Bullard 205/237-4871 (Blount)

Donkeys jack \$75 ea., jennies \$150 ea., raised w/cattle, good for keeping dogs & coyotes away. 334/864-0424 (Chambers)

TWH Racking mare, 14 yo, very gentle, kid, grandparent & trail ridden, shoes, loads, worms, no problem, kids gone, I'm disabled, \$400 OBO. Randy Flowers 1801 Co Rd 195, Danville 35619 256/462-3246 (Lawrence)

Stud services AMHR 35" sorrel w/flaxen mane & tail, \$250. Joe Bullard, Blountsville 205/237-4871 (Blount)

At stud: Starlight Too By Badger Starlight & out of a daughter of Nu Bar \$750; Yearlings, fillies & geldings \$1,500-\$2,500. www.frankellis.com Frank Ellis 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)

Stallion services Reg. Black Percheron, 17.2 H, champion bloodlines, \$250. Joe Bullard 205/237-4871 (Blount)

Mules, mares, full sisters, 15 H, sorrels, 12 & 13, 12' Amish wagon, 24' trailer (bumper), hauls entire load, \$8,500. Trull Hill 484 Green Acres Rd., Eastaboga 256/831-4243 (Calhoun)

Matched pair white pony mules, 9 H high yearlings, halter broke, \$250 ea. 334/215-3336 (Montgomery)

Stallion services Dun 15 H, AQHA, FQHR, 95% Dun 'Pocos Tommy Boy,' \$250. Joe or Cindy Lee Bullard 334/379-0248 or 205/237-4871 (Blount)

AQHA mare, foundation bred Peppy & Poco bloodlines, foaled March 21, 2006, broke but unfinished, chestnut sorrel, approx. 14 H, sire has world champion points in reinig discipline, gentle, well mannered, asking \$1,200. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

4 yo Haflinger mare, 57" tall, blond, broke to wagon, plowing, skidding, slide, ridden one month on Amish farm, fast walker, don't have match, \$1,000. 383 South Carolina Rd., Vernon 205/712-2170 (Lamar)

Pasture horses \$100/mo., barn/stall, tack room, riding area/pin, Centaur fencing & little bit of heaven for your horse. 205/665-7992 (Chilton)

Mules for sale, saddle & work type at different levels of training, \$500/up, call for availability. Joe or Cindy Bullard 205/237-4871 or 334/379-0248 (Blount)

AQHA reining mare, Peppy & Poco bloodlines, foaled March 18, 2001, spins, backs, side passes neck reins, approx. 14 H, sorrel w/raccoon checking, asking \$2,000. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

HORSES & MULES

TWH reg. spotted, palomino, blue roan sabino: mares, geldings, some broke to ride, \$1,000/up, www.bkcorral.com. Byron Ket-cham 205/602-6954 (Shelby)

AQHA King Doc Bar bred, professionally trained, imprinted, no bad habits, sound, sane, solid, ranch kid broke, guaranteed, email for pictures rebranger@bellsouth.net, \$500 to \$2,500. 256/883-8615 (Madison)

3 baby jacks, will make a perfect riding size, will mature to from 57" to 62", 1 black, 2 chestnut, \$750 ea. for the reds & \$900 for the black, they are all weaned. Cindy Bullard 205/237-4871 or 334/379-0248 (Blount)

AQHA mare, Colonel Freckles bloodline, foaled April 7, 1997, has worked cattle, approx. 14.5 H, neck reins, side passes, backs, sorrel, asking \$1,500. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

Bred jenny & colt born 7-26-12, bred to reg. miniature 32" donkey, both gentle, good w/goats, sheep & Pyrenees dogs, \$100 ea. Judy Turner 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0178 or 205/572-0177 (Walker)

AQHA ranch bred horses w/speed, exc. for roping events & barrel races, blacks & blue roans available, \$2,000, \$5,000. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

Gaited jack services, chocolate w/points colored, 57", \$250. Joe Bullard 205/237-4871 or 334/379-0248 (Blount)

AQHA gelding, Two Eyed Jack/Impressive bloodline, foaled May 3, 1998, approx. 15.5 H, sorrel w/lots of chrome, used primarily for trail horse, neck reins, asking \$750. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

Top buggy & carriage horses, standard bred, Morgans, saddle bred, traffic broke, \$800/up. Marlin L. Roberts 6120 Co Rd 601, Hanceville 35077 256/636-3131 or 256/352-5775 (Cullman)

Blue Ridge barrel saddle 16" oversize stirrups, silver lacing, conchos & name plate \$350. 205/590-1327 (Jefferson)

AQHA mares, fillies 2-6 yo, duns, palomino, cremello, will halter & lead, ready to start your way, \$500 ea. Cindy Bullard 334/379-0248 (Blount)

AMHA miniature horses: mares, some bred or w/foals, \$300 to \$500; champion sired stallion \$750. Nancy Redden 253 Clark Rd., Seale 36875 334/298-4464 (Russell)

Four male donkeys \$50 ea. 205/466-7872 or 256/295-1580 (Etowah)

Pair of White Draft mules, two horse wagon, hydraulic brakes, rubber tires, two harness, multiple winner of Plowday, mules \$3,000, harness \$1,000, wagon \$2,000. Thomas Arnold 334/687-5345 (Barbour)

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Great Pyrenees puppies, four males, two females, dewormed, shots, raised w/goats, good full-blooded stock, \$150 ea. Clay-ton Ledlow 315 Co Rd 16, Danville 35619 256/612-3962 (Lawrence)

Great Pyrenees pups, 3 mos., raised w/goats, references available, \$125 ea. Joe Davis 334/341-0943 (Hale)

Border Collie x Australian Shepherd pups 2-2-13, raised w/chickens, goats, sheep & horses, both parents on premises, 3 males & 1 female, \$100 ea. Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

Reg. Border Collies from exc. working cattle dogs w/eye & power, pups \$350; Training services available on sheep or cattle, \$450/mo. www.valleybordercollies.com James A. Thomas 334/790-8910 (Geneva)

Great Pyrenees puppies DOB 2-29-13, raised w/goats, first shots, dewormed \$125, trade for goats. Leave message, discounts for A+ members. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkview 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)

ABCA Reg. Border Collies, exc., papers, out of working stock on cattle, blue merles & blk/white, big rangy dogs made for the heat \$250. 205/908-0048 (St. Clair)

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Red Farmall Cub, no rust & no welding, Cub offset PTO & pulley, \$1,600; Cultivator parts \$50/up. 256/404-9922 (Talladega)

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Troy Bilt horse model tiller w/new engine \$525; 8' section harrow (peg tooth) w/3 pt. hitch \$225. Stan Mangham 3422 Moody Pkwy., Moody 35004 205/640-6636 (St. Clair)

08 Kobato 7040 w/1,400 hrs., 70 hp w/JD disk, 4 wd & front bucket, both for \$20,000; Single axle cattle trailer made out of sq. tubing & lights, 5'x10' shop made, real nice. 256/347-8906 no message (Cullman)

Brown Bear Horizontal Aerator/Rotary Poultry Litter Turner w/transport trailer, \$20,000 machine priced for \$1,000, detail furnished on request. Cecil Gant P.O. Box 968, Rainsville 35968 256/638-6398 (DeKalb)

Redball 4-row hooded sprayer, Layby rig w/150 gal. tank for over the row application, \$3,500. 256/708-3212 (Cullman)

1086 Int'l Tractor cab/shed, kept/good clean tractor, 4,280 hrs., asking \$10,500 OBO. Eva 256/636-1175 (Morgan)

JD 1518 Batwing Bushhog, good cond., brand new PTO drive line, ready to work, 1,000 RPM PTO, \$6,200. 256/566-3549 (Lawrence)

Adams 4-ton fertilizer spreader, narrow chain, \$2,800; JD 458 baler, hyd. pu head, megawide, netwrap, chain oilers, 4,500 bales, \$18,900. 256/377-0011 leave message (Coosa)

JD 4440 tractor, 130 hp, cab/AC, AM/FM radio, quad range, 2 wd factory duals, front end weights, one owner, shed kept, \$19,000. 334/875-5280 (Dallas)

1952 8N Ford Tractor & 4 pieces of equipment, price \$4,000. Oledus Holden 894 Co Rd 363, Killen 35645 256/757-1439 or Gaylon Holden 175 Co Rd 483, Lexington 256/229-6254 (Lauderdale)

Pittsburg #1205 Backhoe, 12' reach, A-frame quick hitch, \$3,500 firm; New Idea 5-wheel rake, \$300. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

JD 13' BWF disc, new tires, \$3,250; Hydraulic 3 pt hitch, high-lift hay fork \$525; Firestone 20.8-42 radials, \$175 ea. 205/372-7609 (Greene)

Older farm equipment: Lilliston Hay Press \$500 & pull-type stalk cutter \$1,000, photos available, make offer. shellhornblues@gmail.com 334/566-4723 (Pike)

95 JD 494 Cornhead, poly snouts \$4,200; 82 JD 4420 combine, 2,500 hrs., \$3,000, needs a little work been sitting. 256/377-0011 leave message (Coosa)

DMC grain cleaner \$1,000; 750 JD Feed Mill \$1,250; 7200 JD air planters pull type/vacuum \$4,500. Randy Bagents 5715 Rutledge Loop Rd., Luverne 36049 334/303-6801 (Crenshaw)

Hesston 540 Baler, \$6,000, 4x4 rolls, barn kept, field ready, low usage. Allen Smith 3346 CoRd 1564, Baileyton 35019 256/590-5949 (Cullman)

JD loader 148 w/bucket, very good cond. \$3,000; Extra bucket 88" wide \$500. Boyce Foust 205/625-8760 (Blount)

JD 6700 2003, 120" axles, 2,827 hrs., foam marker, triple tip nozzle, no rust, \$50,000. 334/319-3590 or 334/799-3314 (Autauga)

JD 4430, quad-range, JD front-end loader, dual hydraulics, dual wheels, 4 post canopy \$11,500. 256/557-3950 (Cherokee)

JD self-propelled silage chopper \$50,000; Richardton silage wagon \$5,000; Field cultivator attachment for 6-row switch/bottom plow \$3,500. Randy Bagents 5715 Rutledge Loop Rd., Luverne 36049 334/303-6801 (Crenshaw)

6' Box Blade \$350; Tractor drawn disc \$100; 2-row Stalk cutter \$150; Round bale fork \$100. 205/647-5427 (Blount)

4500 Ford Tractor w/loader, 6-4 transmission \$4,450; 5 1/2' box blade \$250; 2 bottom plow (14") \$285. Howard Wallace 2415 Hwy 102, Townley 35587 205/924-4460 (Walker)

2400 Int'l Hay Mower \$2,800 OBO; 4-wheel hay rake \$600 OBO; 2 basket hay tedder \$750 OBO; Vicon hay mowers parts \$100/up; 3 pt. yard rake \$350 OBO. 334/672-1595 (Pike)

6-row hydraulic fold Dickie cultivaivator set on 64" 2-and-1 skip \$2,500. 251/862-2436 (Monroe)

NH Model 272 mower cond., haybine good working cond., new tires, \$1,000. Alvah Davis 334/703-9003 (Lee)

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3 pt. 2-row Int'l Planter (only) \$600; 3 pt. post hole digger \$100. 3185 Cody Rd., Kennedy 35574 205/596-3553 (Lamar)

Bush Hog 8' 3 pt lift, fair cond., new gear box & stump jumper, new paint, \$1,500 good blades. Scot Phillips 205/446-8050 (Blount)

Morra Hay Tedder 4 basket hyd. fold 17' \$1,000; 32' tandem axle dual flatbed gooseneck trailer \$4,000. 3201 Hayes Hill, Midway 36053 334/529-3767 or 334/232-1215 (Bullock)

6-row heavy duty bedknocker set on 64" 2-and-1 skip \$1,500. 251/862-2436 (Monroe)

504 IH diesel need motor work \$1,500 or trade; Backhoe trailer \$2,800 or trade; 5-speed transmission w/PTO \$350; DbC. Cat head \$200; 1200 diesel trunk & pump \$550. Tommy Jones 430 Kasoneir Rd., Florence 35634 256/577-5051 (Lauderdale)

30 KW Onan Genset, LP unit w/200 amp auto transfer, very good cond. \$6,500. Jeff Gunnin 205/272-0776 (Winston)

Mchale Silage bale wrapper \$10,000; 1750 JD vacuum planter, 6-row 30" no-till dry fertilizer hopper w/fill auger \$18,000. 256/310-8367 (Calhoun)

NH 273 hay baler, good shape, field ready, \$1,500. 256/437-2402 (Jackson)

2 Lilliston (2-row) peanut combines \$2,000 ea.; 4 peanut dryers \$500 ea.; 8 14' Peerless peanut wagon \$850 ea. Randy Bagents 5715 Rutledge Loop Rd., Luverne 36049 334/303-6801 (Crenshaw)

Int'l 2-row 250A planter \$800; Ford Jubilee \$2,500; 6'Bush Hog Ford 550 backhoe \$7,500; 6' offset pull behind disk \$1,000. Bob Lonier 205/361-4634 (Bibb)

Cat 977 trackloader, rebuilt engine & transmission, 85-90% undercarriage, \$16,000. 256/538-3815 (Etowah)

Bushhog used heavy duty 5' cutter \$750; Used 8' cut Frail finish mower \$850. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

7' offset disk AMCO pull behind \$1,600; 8' 3 pt hitch cullapacker, exc. cond. \$1,200; 4-ton splader fertilizer & lime \$3,000; 5600 Ford tractor, ready to work, \$5,000. Bob Lonier 205/361-4634 (Bibb)

92 Case 1155 loader, 97 Volvo dump truck, single axle, 06 22 1/2-ton tilt trailer, \$55,000 for all or will separate. Melvin E. Green 205/674-7878 or 205/960-6526 (Jefferson)

Art's Way 325 Feed Mill, ready to work, owners manual & parts manual included, \$1,800. P.O. Box 6725, Banks 36005 334/300-3113 (Pike)

1955 Ford tractor Model 640, purchased from owners & restored by my family, perfect showroom cond., looks like new, \$6,000. LWalker43@aol.com Larry Walker 1333 Co Rd 99, Abbeville 334/726-8600 (Henry)

JD 5210 1998 53 hp, 1,900 hrs., equipped for front end loader, real nice, \$11,500. Jamie Hightower 1750 Co Rd 43, Cedar Bluff 35959 256/523-3027 (Cherokee)

Ford tractor TW30 cab, dual wheels, \$3,800. Gordon Lyles 6875 Hwy 21, Horton 35980 205/466-3264 (Blount)

Kubota ZG327, zero turn mower, 60" deck, commercial grade, exc. cond., like new, \$6,750. 205/938-9237 (Bibb)

Tractor mounted trencher, hydraulic & laser level depth control, 39" depth, 5" wide trench, asking \$15,000. 105 Samuel O. Moseley Dr., Ste. A, Selma 36701 334/872-2611 ext. 3 (Dallas)

Rare 1953 "60" JD tractor, A.F., ps, runs good, has 801 3 pt. hitch, \$5,000 firm. Edd Lipscomb 251/626-3032 (Baldwin)

MF tractor model 2625, 122 hrs., canopy, hyd. outlet, \$15,000, like new. Jimmy Kelley 565 Co Rd 208, Jack 36346 334/429-1942 (Coffee)

2150 JD tractor, 46 hp, 2,450 hrs., 4 new tires, good cond., \$7,000. 334/493-6028 (Covington)

Yanmar 2000, new clutch assembly, seat, muffler, front & rear tires, Bush Hog 4' tiller, Bush Hog 4' cutter, \$4,000. 1580 Spunky Hollow Rd., Remlap 35133 205/681-2693 or 205/368-1155 (Bl

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Ford PTO drive #57, roll bar, hay rake \$1,300; Int'l belt drive 6' sickle bar mower \$300; Yanmar RS1400 PTO drive garden tiller \$400. Michael Sullivan 205/487-4122 (Fayette)

540B JD grapple log skiddle \$12,500. 256/490-3942 (Etowah)

JD hay rake 650 model, 3 pt hitch \$700; JD 12' roller harrow w/cyl. 2 sets rollers, 2 sets plows \$995. 205/273-4318 (Lamar)

Farmall H&M cultivator \$2,500; IHC stationary hay baler \$50; 2 Long peanut combines \$2,000 ea.; Haband corn shucker & sheller \$2,500. 334/382-8371 (Butler)

JD 444 corn header, high tin, good cond., \$1,800; JD 444 corn header, low tin, good cond., \$2,500. 205/270-1618 (Fayette)

503 Gallion motor grader has 4 cyl. JD diesel engine w/p.s., ideal for farm roads or construction \$6,000; 7' JD grain drill, older type, needs repairs, hopper box in very good cond. \$700. Tommy Harrison 334/614-1259 (Lee)

Yanmar F22 diesel tractor, 26 hp w/4' King Cutter, barn kept, used for cutting between planted pines, low hrs., extra King Cutter blades, \$4,500. Harold McKee 193 McKee Ln., Brent 35034 205/926-6860 (Bibb)

95 Gehl grinder/mixer \$1,000 w/out scales, \$1,600 w/scales. Erin Duke 4472 Stockdale Rd., Munford 36268 256/694-2732 (Talladega)

1989 430 JD lawn & utility tractor, 60" deck, hydrostatic drive, 3 cyl. Yanmar diesel engine, hydraulic outlets for front attachments, equipped for front loader, body good cond., \$4,000, good collector. Brent Whitley 4465 Hwy 129, Fayette 35555 205/932-1947 (Fayette)

HD 6' drag bushhog, good cond., \$1,000. Fred Lovorn, P.O. Box 117, Woodland 36280 256/449-6186 (Randolph)

Besco grass seeder \$3,500; 9' Dozer blade \$700; Graveley commercial chipper, 200 hrs., \$10,000 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

2550 JD diesel tractor, 65 PTO hp, remotes, canopy, end loader, wide tires, field ready, \$12,000. 11966 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/310-6647 (Calhoun)

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JD 790 garden tractor, 30 hp, 3 cylinder diesel engine, 4 wd, ps, very good cond., \$6,000. 7211 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/236-7376 (Calhoun)

2130 JD 70 hp diesel tractor, front loader, bucket & spear, remotes, p.s., nice wide tires, exc. cond. \$9,800. 7317 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 (Calhoun)

2350 JD, 61 hp diesel w/front end loader, bucket & spear, p.s., remotes, factory canopy, exc. cond. \$12,000. 187 Scarbough Ln., Anniston 36207 256/282-4487 (Calhoun)

5209 New Idea mower/conditioner field ready, exc. cond. \$9,500; 18-4-34 tires w/ rims for duals, 4 ea. at \$300 ea. or all 4 for \$275 ea. 251/269-8214 (Baldwin)

Graves hay conveyor, load sq. bales onto your truck or trailer, \$300. 205/712-1440 (Lamar)

JD quick coupler category2 \$400. Perry Cole, Sulligent 205/879-9008 (Lamar)

NH 660 round baler, auto wrap 5x6 bale, good cond., shed kept \$5,000. Call Mike 205/994-4806 (St. Clair)

2007 Kubota tractor 7040, 70 hp, 4 wd w/ front bucket, one owner, 1,500 hrs. w/JD disk 8' for \$20,000. 256/347-8906 please no message (Cullman)

Long 910 tractor \$3,500; Case 1070 tractor \$5,500; Kuhn 700 disc mower \$3,500; Krone 4x5 baler \$3,000. 205/471-5291 (Walker)

Kubota 45 hp 900 hrs., one owner, shed kept, \$9,800. 205/281-8546 (Jefferson)

MF 38 hp, list \$12,000, 6 hrs., asking \$9,400. 251/213-5417 (Baldwin)

Ford 3000, 3 cyl. gas, good tires & paint, runs good, \$3,500. Andrew Hosmer 12771 Woodland Lake Rd., McCalla 35111 205/477-5099 (Tuscaloosa)

1 set 6-row markers for 7100 JD planter w/ cyl. & cable \$400; 1 set JD universal 6-row markers for 5x7 bar \$300; 1 heavy duty 3-pt hitch for 8-row W&A beader \$300; 1 set 4-row 66 IH trailer-type planter, 4 row w/insecticide hoppers \$400. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m (Monroe)

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1 NH hay rake, new teeth \$1,050; 88 F350, 7.3L diesel, 139,000 miles, 5 speed transmission, g.neck & bumper hook up, strong truck, red paint, \$5,695 or trade for cattle. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

Restored Red Cub Tractor w/turning plow \$2,200. Jack Gross 117 Mashburn Dr., Wedowee 36278 706/518-7598 or 706/518-7604 (Randolph)

Farmall Cub tractor w/cultivators, good cond. \$2,400 neg. 8390 River Rd., Warrior 35180 256/747-2071 (Jefferson)

73 Ford 3000 diesel, p.s., exc. cond. w/6' new bush hog \$5,500; JD heavy duty 2-row cultivator \$400; 5' New box blade \$400; 18'x20' open car shed \$800. 256/734-2545 (Cullman)

Lewis Bros. House Keeper model 3, expanded & solid pickup bars, exc. conc., always cleaned & kept inside \$8,500; NH 355 Grinder mixer hydraulic unload, exc. cond. \$3,500. Buddy Anderson 29216 Sunset Rd., Andalusia 36421 334/493-3233 (Covington)

Super A Tractor & cultivator, runs good \$2,600; Front blade \$350; Turning plow \$250; Older type disc harrow \$400; 318 JD garden tractor & equipment, 780 hrs., good cond., \$2,000. 256/892-3803 (Calhoun)

MF tractor model 362, canopy, bush hog loader, bucket, hay spear, pallet fork, \$12,500. Robert Moody 1648 Co Rd 25, Double Springs 35553 205/272-0714 (Winston)

Farmall Cub disk, plow, Woods mower, magnetos, generators, IHC carburetors, distributor & other Cub parts, \$50/up. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)

JD Hay Baler #456, 4x5 double string tie, shed kept, like new cond., \$10,000. 12900 Co Rd 49, Heflin 36264 256/591-2010 (Cleburne)

IH TD15 \$12,000; 2011 JD 5075e, 1,000 hrs., \$3,200 w/loader; 1002 NH hay stacker \$1,000; Ford 532 sq. baler \$2,500. Kirk Ponder 16056 AL Hwy 9, Piedmont 36272 256/452-8034 (Calhoun)

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Farmall 140 tractor, 1 owner, bought new in 1979, exc. cond., all original, key start, cultivators, fast hitch & a pair of hillers, asking \$7,500; Farmall Cub, cultivators, looks/runs great, both are field ready \$3,200. 205/529-5999 (Jefferson)

Farmall Super A tractor, looks/runs good, starts easy, holds good oil pressure & has tight steering, full set of cultivators & owner's manual, asking \$3,800. 205/368-5339 (Autauga)

Gehl skid loader w/many extras, \$40,000 firm; Fertilizer spinner spreader, has to have 540 RPM PTO, \$400. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

1973 Farmall Cub, original key start & 12 volt, starts/runs good, no smoke, good hyd. & quiet trans., 1 owner & always shed kept, turn key, greased, & ready for the field, full set of cultivators, hillers, several manuals, \$4,400 OBO. 205/515-1147 (Jefferson)

1980 Ford 555 backhoe, good cond. \$8,000, consider trades. Burgess 205/936-0938 (St. Clair)

MF Model 124 sq. baler \$1,000 OBO. 205/368-3692 (Blount)

1991 F800 Ford 10 wheeler factor LP, 429 motor, 5 speed, air brakes, 18' grain body w/dump, \$11,500. Donald Underwood 251/747-5771 or 251/943-5635 (Baldwin)

Ford tractor 1992 7740 SLE, 86 hp, 16-speed transmission, good solid cab tractor, \$18,500, pictures available. Roger Yates 256/538-2385 or 256/295-1049 (Etowah)

Gehl 95 feed mill, \$2,500; JD 410 baler \$3,000. 256/510-6450 (Talladega)

JD 5425 cab w/loader, 24/24 power reverser, dual rears & mid-mount remotes, 4 wd, 340 hrs., barn kept, exc. cond. \$36,500. 205/339-9540 (Tuscaloosa)

Strong running 941B Catapillar loader, new paint \$13,000; NH finish mower 3 pt hitch, good cond., 6' \$900. 5371 Chapman Rd., Goodwater 35072 205/243-6892 (Clay)

2005 JD 6420 w/673 loader, 4x4, 607 hrs., \$62,500. John Newman 1280 Co Rd 121 Lafayette 36862 334/864-9007 (Chambers)

Used MF 124 sq. hay baler, exc. cond. \$3,750 OBO; Used Kuhn GA 300 GM Gyro hay rake, exc. cond. \$3,750 OBO. 205/921-2973 (Marion)

Farmall Super A w/belly mower, 30 hrs. on rebuilt motor, asking \$2,600; Farmall 130 w/ cultivators & planters, good shape, \$4,900. 205/412-3798 (Walker)

8' 3-pt hitch land roller, \$1,750. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

Kuhn tedder (fluffer) 2 basket, good cond., used last year \$750. Lloyd Burton, Sumiton 35148 205/648-3259 or 205/648-9561 (Walker)

JD 4400 combine, 13' grain table, 244 corn head, \$3,500. Robert Miller 2480 Lee Rd 61, Auburn 36832 334/321-1662 (Lee)

16x20 6' disk, 3 pt. hitch, ready to work, grease able bearings \$375. H.A. Patterson 205/680-0953 (Jefferson)

Disc 12', IH \$1,285; 10' JD \$950; Gravity wagons \$750 & \$1,450; 4020 JD w/loader \$10,500; 68 Model 148 JD loader \$3,250, good. 12975 Hwy 157, Florence 35633 256/764-5322 (Lauderdale)

JD 4440 tractor w/cab & air \$24,000; JD 4230 cab & air w/JD loader \$16,500; JD 1760 vac. planter, no till w/insecticide hoppers \$29,500. Robert Acker 3110 Co Rd 8, Piedmont 36272 256/447-8080 (Cherokee)

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Llama 11 mos., female, tan/white, \$300. 256/446-0622 (Colbert)

5,000 gal. skid tank w/pump \$400; 300 gal. skid tank w/pump \$250; 250 gal. stationary tank \$250; 3 pt hitch wood splitter operates off of r-hyd. \$500. Richard Hendrix 256/375-0955 (Talladega)

Tool box for 3 pt hitch tractor 48"x48" \$150; Carerattor for JD A tractor \$45. 595 Brownning Rd., Odenville 35120 205/640-6952 (St. Clair)

2 saw blades, 48" \$200, 60" \$250; Cut off saw w/motor \$300. Clay Bannister, P.O. Box 288, Munford 36268 256/358-4880 (Talladega)

Rigid Model 1224 threading machine w/ stand, \$6,775. 205/372-3604 (Hale)

Farm truck 1997 Dodge Laramie, low mileage 76,600, one owner, silver & black, very good cond., 2 wd, LWB, V8, \$6,850. 256/737-9513 (Cullman)

3630 Spra Coupe, 2,400 hrs. (4 wheels), \$12,000; 220 Spra Coupe, 2,700 hrs. (4 wheels) \$6,000. Randy Bagents 5715 Rutledge Loop Rd., Luverne 36049 334/303-6801 (Crenshaw)

Cypress, cedar & oak lumber, posts & beams, up to 32', \$.80/BF/up; Pine also available. 251/246-5913 (Clarke)

Buckner corn/wood pellet heater, like new, holds 75 lbs. \$1,600. Dain Davis 792 Co Rd 167, Leesburg 256/504-8855 (Cherokee)

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

Int'l Harvester mowing machine \$100, boom \$125. 205/647-5427 (Blount)

Small double disc (16-16" scalloped disc) like new \$445; Single disc \$200; One-row Big-Bee cultivator \$175; 6' scrape blade (no pins) \$75. Howard Wallace 2419 Hwy 102, Townley 35587 205/924-4460 (Walker)

Vicon hay mowers, parting out, call for your needs; 16' tandem livestock trailer, electric brakes, good cond. \$100/up. 334/672-1595 (Pike)

Gourds, thick wall for birdhouses or craft, \$1 to \$3, some extra large \$4. 256/737-9513 (Cullman)

Cherokee 4 horse slant, dressing room, very good cond., 1985, shed kept, hunter jumper \$4,500. Al Davis 334/667-6551 (Russell)

Ford dump truck, F800, 1995 w/94,000 miles, 6 speed, 10-yard dump, good tires, looks like new, 5.9 Cumming diesel \$13,500. Bob Mann 1829 Hornslake Rd., Talladega 35160 256/362-3760 (Talladega)

Kawasaki mule 2001, 4 wd, new engine, drive converter bad, \$3,500 OBO. David Ford 8651 Co Rd 26, Ragland 205/283-0638 (St. Clair)

Tires: new set Michelin LTX A/T, LT275/65R20, \$900; Set (98%) Mickey Thompson Baja A/T 35x12.50 R20 \$800; 11 new military tires & rims (11.00x20) \$125 ea. OBO. 256/249-2025 (Coosa)

1991 Ford F250, 5.8 gas auto-OD, dark blue, L-bed, new paint & tires, tilt, cruise, air, towing pkg., gooseneck ball & drop hitch, \$2,250. John Prater 205/695-9829 or 205/712-2170 (Lamar)

Fuel storage tank approx. 90 gal. \$90. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

1949 Chevy pickup truck, great old truck, everything works, black in color, can send pics email \$8,000. Bob Mann 1829 Hornslake Rd., Talladega 35160 256/362-3760 (Talladega)

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

Genuine JD manuals: technical/service \$65; parts \$35; operators \$20. Add \$5 postage. Limited selection available. 256/574-1557 (Jackson)

2001 Dodge 2500 4x4, bonus cab, V8, p.s., p.b., a.c., new Goodyears, \$5,000 firm. Cleon Rogers 1741 Greenbriar Dr., Fultondale 35068 205/587-4895 (Jefferson)

Two horse wagon, needs floor repair, otherwise good cond., can send pictures \$800. Thom Walthall, Hwy 61, Newbern 334/303-6090 (Hale)

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

Cedar post for catch pens or barn, 9' to 24' long, \$1/ft; Rotary hoe/aerator 2-row, 7' wide \$350. 256/303-0893 (Lawrence)

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Organic livestock compost, rich black soil for flowers/garden, \$55 pickup load. Near Pisgah 256/717-8295 (Jackson)

2 Armstrong 8"x15" 6-lug tractor rims \$50 ea. new, fits JD, Ford, Kubota; 1 new 11Lx15 F-3 tire \$100, 1 used \$25. Harold.thomas@williams.com or 251/510-0082 (Baldwin)

Three feed bins each w/scales 5,000 lb. capacity \$2,250 ea., in good cond.; Hen Nests \$20 per section, 6 holes. John B. Hughes 334/393-0424 or 334/806-9444 (Coffee)

3 pt hitch boom for tractor \$100; Pro-Arc Arc Welder Model 1150, 110 amp, 115 volt, owned several years but never used \$100. 334/288-5022 (Montgomery)

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Calf creep feeder, feeder only, no enclosure, holds 500 lbs. of feed, good cond. \$175. Morris Hill 645 Autrey Rd., Thomasville 36784 334/963-9142 (Wilcox)

2003 F150 Ford pickup, long w/b, A.T., 4.6V8, white, 86,000 miles, aluminum toolbox bed liner, looks new, \$5,900. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)

Complete Gristmill, sifters, corn sheller, motor, belts, good cond., \$2,500. Wesley Hay 127 Rolling Mt. Rd., Rockford 35136 256/377-4923 (Coosa)

2003 F150 Ford XLT, Triton V8 engine, 48,000 miles, one owner, \$7,500. 334/493-6028 (Covington)

65 Chevy truck w/20' steel flatbed \$3,500; 2 JD wheel weights \$100 ea. 334/382-8371 (Butler)

Trailer Lone Wolf 18' dove tail w/ramps, 9,800 lbs. GVWR, new treated wood floor \$3,300, 2 5/16 ball. Don Isbell 1031 Reneau Rd., Oneonta 35121 205/568-2337 (Blount)

Lift gate, truck mount made by Waltco, 2,500 lb. capacity, \$1,200. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

Feed bins for sale, one 20 ton \$400, one 16 ton \$300 or both for \$600. Denie Tucker 256/891-4833 (Marshall)

Wood chipper 3 pt hitch, good cond., can see operate, \$900; 1,000 gal. fuel tank \$650; 500 gal. skid tank \$400. 205/369-4036 (Talladega)

Scaffold 4 PC 5'x5' & braces \$125; 4 PC 4'x5' & braces \$100; Mortar mixer good cond., Wisconsin engine \$800. Harold Rich 205/915-6179 (Shelby)

Two 18.4x38 Firestone tractor tires, new \$900 ea.; Two 750x20 fnt 3-RJB tractor tires mounted on ag rims \$175 ea. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)

1966 Chevy pick fleetside \$1,000; 1 tire & rim 12-4-38 \$125; 1 Grizzly drill press \$450. Tommy Ferguson 1655 Oak Grove Rd., Springville 35146 205/368-0808 (St. Clair)

Dump truck tandem 1989 Int'l DT466 engine, Allison automatic trans., good tires, 300,000 miles, exc. cond., \$10,500, p.s. 256/775-6568 (Cullman)

1988 Mack tractor truck, nearly new tires, wet kit, good running \$4,500. Denie Tucker 256/891-4833 (Marshall)

Fiberglass bed cover 72" by 84" black, 2 locks, cost \$1,200 will sell \$450, came off F250. Joe R. Tilley 6148 Old Stage Rd., Greenville 36037 334/382-3887 (Butler)

Gourds, hard shell & thick wall, birdhouse & craft, \$1/up. From Oneonta take 231N, 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. H.H. Adamson 219 Adamson Dr., Oneonta 35121 205/625-5040 (Blount)

Two fuel tanks, one 600 gal w/electric pump \$600; one 300 gal. tank \$300. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

Athens disc harrow model 47, 3 pt hitch bale spear, subsoiler, 6' scrape blade, 5' mower, \$1,500 for all. 334/750-6767 (Russell)

Single axle cattle trailer made w/sq. tubing w/lights, real sharp, 5x10, \$800. 256/347-8906 (Cullman)

1988 Ford XLT Lariat pickup \$1,200; Large walnut & cedar trees \$100 ea., you cut you haul. 205/471-5291 (Walker)

6x4 JD Gator (late 90s model), good cond. \$2,850. L.A. Walker, Dothan Rd., Abbeville 36310 334/726-7694 (Henry)

15-ton Phelan Lowboy needs brake work & flooring \$1,500; Corley sawmill \$1,500. Otis Prater 256/437-0237 (Jackson)

2003 ¾-ton Chevy 6.0 gas, good cond. \$3,500. Denie Tucker 256/891-4833 (Marshall)

Hay feeder on skids, 10' w. dol. troughs, load from end or over the top, holds 2 round bales, Amish made, heavy duty, slightly used \$1,500 ea. Richard Beard 5751 Carrington Way, Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)

Amish made rubber tired wagon, two-horse set up w/one spring seat, 4-wheel foot brake & rear wheel lock brake \$725. 256/352-4006 (Cullman)

Hay rake, 4-wheel ground driven, like new, \$600. Roger Yates 256/538-2385 or 256/295-1049 (Etowah)

MISCELLANEOUS

Two 30 gal. drums Glyosate plus (generic Roundup) \$395 ea. Tracy Campbell 8145 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/296-3463 (Jefferson)

36' dual tandem flat gooseneck w/ramps \$4,500; Enclosed truck box (make great farrier bed) \$1,000. 256/510-6450 (Talladega)

Generac 100 kw generator, natural gas or propane w/auto transfer switch \$10,000. 205/368-3692 (Blount)

Alpacas black female, 4 mos., baby boy, beautiful black male, \$2,500 for all, delivery within 50 miles. Gadsden 256/523-3849 (Etowah)

Chevrolet 2005 HD 2500 Duramax diesel, Allison transmission, \$22,500, exc. unit, all maintenance records, leather interior, On-Star, telephone, electric RV mirrors, see to appreciate. Donald Haygood 218 Chaney Branch Rd., Clio d371911h@hughes.net 334/397-2354 (Barbour)

4 new Michelin LTX AT2 tires, sizes 265x70x18, 10-ply, blackwall, \$1,000 OBO. 205/921-2973 (Marion)

35' flatbed trailer, hydraulic, electric gooseneck, \$9,000; 1987 Ford F800 truck w/new dump bed, \$3,000. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

Taylor pea sheller, used 3 to 6 times, \$125. 415 Co. Hwy. 257, Hamilton 35570 205/921-2533 (Marion)

1979 Ford two truck w/toolboxes \$2,900; 3 axle gooseneck trailer \$3,000; 329 diesel engine from JD cotton picker (2) \$1,500 ea. Dennis Acker 2950 Co Rd 10, Piedmont 36272 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)

Lumber cedar, cypress \$1.10/BFT to \$1.25/BFT. Wes Brown 251/564-2946 (Conecuh)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Organic livestock compost, rich black soil for flowers/garden, \$55/pickup load. Near Pisgah 256/717-8295 (Jackson)

Open pollinated corn seed, Floriani red Flint field corn, Hastings white field corn, \$6/lb. plus shipping. Charles Avery 712 Dickerson Rd., Franklin, GA 30217 770/854-4344 (Georgia)

Fresh home grown plants like Lenten rose, brown eyed susan, lambs ear, tall phlox, dwarf mondo grass, ferns for sun or shade, yarrow & other ground covers, will mail or you can call & come by. Plants range from \$1 to \$5 w/most being \$2.50. 256/245-6029 (Talladega)

Daylilies - Antiques \$5 for 1 gal pots, \$10 for 2 & 3 gal. pots. Near Stockton, beginning April 15. Larry & Diane Crenshaw 9880 Scarborough Ln., Bay Minette 36507 251/577-1235 (Baldwin)

Certified sweet potato plants, Beauregard, Hernandez, Jewel, Puerto Rican, Nugget, O'Henry, White Crystal, Nancy Hall, post paid 100/\$30, 200/\$35, 500/\$50, 1,000/\$80. Nathan Calvert 181 Co Rd 458, Cullman 35057 256/338-0769 (Cullman)

Castor bean skeeter plant, 10/\$2; Double trumpet plant seed, teaspoon/\$2, SASE 2 stamps. Norma J. Fontaine, P.O. Box 306, Silverhill 36576 251/945-5536 (Baldwin)

Strawberry plants \$25/100, \$8 flat shipping; 1 gal. thornless blackberries \$7. David E. Eaton 350 Eaton Dr., Sylvan Springs 35118 205/497-1449 (Jefferson)

Angel trumpet seeds, double bloom, 1 bloom purple outside white inside, \$2/1 tsp. SASE. Betty Ellison 8 Hillcrest Circle, Oneonta 35121 205/625-6349 (Blount)

Helleborus (good mix) small 15/\$20 ppd; Bloodroot 3/\$15 ppd; Sweet shrub (very fragrant) 2/\$12 ppd; Phlox paniculata large mixed 5/\$20 ppd. Mildred Maroney 784 Talucah Rd., Valhermoso Springs 35775 256/778-8561 (Morgan)

Hybrid daylilies for sale, 100s to choose from, \$2.25/fan. 11311 Co Rd 87, Roanoke 36274 256/449-2059 (Randolph)

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)

Japanese Maples, price ranges \$5-\$400, spring colors. Paul & Glenda Lowe 11265 Hwy 50, Dadeville 36853 256/896-0105 Tues.-Sat. (Tallapoosa)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Azaleas: pink, red, purple & white, \$10/tray (approx. 72 count), gallon size \$1 plus shipping. Jennifer Robinson 22364 Tumbleweed Ln., Robertsdale 36567 251/752-6519 (Baldwin)

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.

2 yo Saanen buck \$200; 1 yo Nubian buck \$100; 3 purebred LaMancha bucklings \$100-\$150 ea. Laura Spencer 334/850-3277 (Dallas)

Katahdin ewes & lambs for sale, ewes \$250/up; lambs this year's crop. Stewart Harvard 151 Huguley Rd., Opelika 36804 334/448-6050 (Russell)

% Boer/Kiko goats \$75/up. 256/825-2679 (Tallapoosa)

Kiko buck, reg., proven breeder, gentle non-aggressive, \$325 OBO. J.R. Roberson, Autaugaville 334/365-2238 or 334/365-1447 (Autauga)

Goats \$2/lb, \$60 minimum; bred \$3/lb., volume discount. Jeff James 196 Rabbit Rd., Brent 35034 205/926-7521 (Bibb)

2 yo full blood Kiko buck \$250, good herd sire; 2 yo full blood Boer doe w/papers \$200. Morris Hill 645 Autrey Rd., Thomasville 36784 334/963-9142 (Wilcox)

2 LaMancha doelings \$125 ea., D.O.B. Jan. 2012 & Jan. 2013. Laura Spencer 334/850-3277 (Dallas)

Reg. Katahdin ewe/ram lambs for sale, born February, ready in May, ewes \$600, rams \$700. LaGrange, Georgia www.huntroadkatahdins.com 706/333-4055 (Georgia)

Boer goats 100%, nannies \$200, billies 3 & 5 mos. \$125-\$150. 205/330-1322 or 205/454-2815 (Tuscaloosa)

100% Boer does, ABGA reg. D.O.B. Sept. 2012, \$150 ea. 205/493-0636 (Etowah)

Nubian LaMancha doe \$250; pure Nubian buck \$100; 2 wethers \$75 ea., great milking lines. 256/590-3314 (Blount)

Katahdin/Dorper ram & ewe lambs, 3 mos. & older, priced age & weight, \$100/up. Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

ADGA Reg. Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats \$200-\$350, show/milk lines, see pictures & more information on website www.littlestargoat ranch.com, tested herd. Judy Smith, Pell City 205/338-2643 (St. Clair)

ADGA reg. LaMancha & Alpine bucks & milking does, starting at \$150. Doug Wheatley 230 Coulter Dr., New Market 35761 256/379-2331 (Madison)

Crossbred Blackhead Dorper & Katahdin ram, about 9 mos., not registered, \$200. Pennington 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)

Texas Genemaster bucks & other goats for sale, \$100 or if purchase more discount available, please call if interested. 256/538-1447 (St. Clair)

Solid white Nubian/LaMancha doeling, dam is an exc. milker averaging 6 lbs., sire is ADGA LaMancha, \$150. Laura Spencer 334/850-3277 (Dallas)

Young Nubian/Alpine doe w/2 buck kids at her side, milking now, great milk potential, \$300 for all 3. Barbara Hill 645 Autrey Rd., Thomasville 36784 334/963-9142 (Wilcox)

Boer & Kiko doelings & billies, 3 mos & older, priced age & weight \$75/up. Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

Pygmy billy goat, 1½ yo, \$100. 205/466-7872 or 256/295-1580 (Etowah)

Reg. Nigerian Dwarf bucks, Permanent Grand Champion sired, some polled, www.alllittledwarfs.com \$200. 256/200-6188 (Marshall)

SWINE

Yorkshire Land Race cross boar hog for sale, 1 yo, \$250; Yorkshire feeder pigs \$2/lb. live weight, ready for the freezer. Daniel Jones 950 Eason Brown Rd., Prattville 36067 334/399-2310 (Autauga)

Pigs for sale 8 weeks \$35 ea., 100 lbs. \$75 ea.; 230-260 lbs. \$150 ea. Denie Tucker 256/891-4833 (Marshall)

SYRUP, HONEY & BEES

Removal of bees from buildings, houses, trees, etc. Roger Bemis bemisroger@yahoo.com 251/213-0168 (Baldwin)

Rear your own queens using the cell punch method, tool & complete color pictures w/instructions, \$15 plus a couple of shipping. Send check or money order to 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)

Bee hive (complete hive - bottom board 9 5/8 hive body, inner cover, top cover, 10 frames \$52); Super medium \$12, shallow \$10, frames \$.70, top feeders \$22, Nuc. \$39. Lindsey 256/773-2911 (Morgan)

WANTED

Sheet metal stomp shear, 10' sheet metal break. John Persons 334/524-5026 (Lee)

JD 110 or 112 lawn tractors 1963-1967 models, complete tractors or parts tractors. D.P. Williams 256/452-1736 (Cherokee)

Heavy duty pull type bush hog 10' or 12', field ready, good to exc. cond. Danny Hattaway, P.O. Box 353, Lincoln 35096 205/763-2357 (Talladega)

Syrup kettle, top dollar paid; two-row 309 Ford planter. Robert McLelland 334/222-5837 (Covington)

Planter seed plates for Cub or Super A Farmall tractor. Robert Huff 256/392-0109 (Tallapoosa)

Cattle scale. Joe 205/999-9144 (Chilton)

135 MF tractor, junked w/power steering in most any cond.; Also someone that makes home made hammer handles. 251/845-2164 (Washington)

1987 GMC Sierra, fuel injection prefer, ¾-ton or ½-ton, red, long wheel base, single axle, 4 wd. Charles E. Burgess 2525 Red Rock Rd., Tusculumbia 35674 256/383-9497 (Colbert)

Chestnut Dwarf Rabbits, any age. Benny Howell, Anniston 36201 256/237-6922 (Calhoun)

Stihl chain saw blade sharpener; two-cylinder air compressor pump off of Sears horizontal 20-30 gal. compressor or buy complete compressor. 205/387-0944 (Walker)

I need sorghum & filler seed plates for a Ford 309 planter. Contact Frank 251/777-8441 or 251/510-0821 (Washington)

14-16' bumper pull cattle trailer. Joe 205/999-9144 (Chilton)

Used Vicon DMP 2800 hay mower hydraulic cylinder or whole mower, wanted for parts. Daniel Moseley, P.O. Box 164, Kellyton 35089 256/397-4483 (Coosa)

Cedar logs \$50 to \$80/ton depending on grade. Wes Brown 251/564-2946 (Conecuh)

Cub Cadet or other name brand zero turn slick control lawn mower w/low-low hours & non-commercial use, in like new cond. 205/387-0944 (Walker)

Extra large Flemish Giant Brown Buck Rabbit for breeding my does. B.D. Howell, Anniston 256/237-6922 (Calhoun)

Blacksmith Anvil, please email me at MBK35051@yahoo.com w/description & your asking price. Mike Kicker 2389 Hwy 28, Columbiana 35051-4923 (Shelby)

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)

WANTED

Injector pump for Ford 801 Powermaster diesel tractor, need complete unit w/fuel lines. Benny Snow 251/232-2444 (Mobile)

Long Red Pod Pea seeds to buy up to 1 lb. Ken Vining 256/881-9429 (Morgan)

Slightly used 1-ton flatbed truck. Eddie J. Pruden 4836 Freewill Dr., Quinton 35130 205/674-5402 (Jefferson)

Unwanted farm animals, sheep, lambs on bottles, chickens, horses, llama. 205/466-7872 or 256/295-1580 (Etowah)

Allis Chalmers D12 Series 2 farm tractor for transmission & rear-end parts (running or not). 601/940-4132 (Sumter)

Grain augers/grain handling equipment, working or not; Combines working or not. Please send pics & info to John A. Thacker, P.O. Box 71, Verbena 36091 205/755-9035 or jathacker101@gmail.com (Chilton)

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NEW TARIFF COULD PROTECT ALABAMA CATFISH INDUSTRY

By Melissa Martin
Alabama Farmers Federation

A new antidumping tariff on Vietnam's catfish exports to the U.S. could level the playing field for Alabama's catfish industry.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) initiated the Commerce Department's decision to enforce fair value pricing on frozen fish imports.

"By enforcing our nation's trade laws and fostering an environment that requires healthy competition, I am confident that our local catfish farms will again be a market leader," said Sessions. "Domestic production and fair value pricing are essential aspects of a sound economy. This decision is a step in the right direction to protect U.S. workers and our catfish industry in Alabama."

The ruling by the Commerce Department reverses several years of refusal to place tariffs on government subsidized

Vietnamese pangasius catfish imported and sold at prices well below those of domestically produced catfish. Duties will be enforced retroactively and include companies that shipped pangasius between August 2010 and July 2011. Companies involved will receive a bid for \$0.77 per kilo for the total amount they exported to the U.S.

The department also announced it would base Vietnamese fish on Indonesian market prices. Until last week, the Commerce Department used Bangladeshi data to set the market price for Vietnamese producers' fish fillets. Bangladeshi prices range from \$0.29-0.43 per pound, while the U.S. price for catfish is about \$0.80 per pound.

Rick Oates, the catfish division director of the Alabama Farmers Federation, said transitioning to Indonesian rates would better align domestic and foreign competition. "The decision by the U.S. Commerce



Alabama's catfish industry may regain a competitive edge thanks to a tariff issued by the Commerce Department.

Department to use Indonesia as a surrogate country for Vietnam was both a good and right decision for catfish farmers and American consumers," said Oates. "Bangladeshi data allowed Vietnamese fish to flood the market at artificially low prices. This had a dramatic result on the price of Alabama and U.S. farm-raised catfish

and it caused a significant decline in the market share."

Under the former rates, Vietnamese pangasius fillets sold for around \$1.50 per pound, while

domestic raised catfish wholesale for \$3.90 per pound. Consequently, water acres and production have sharply declined in recent years. In 2007, U.S. catfish farms covered almost 164,000 water acres. Today, that acreage has decreased by nearly 50 percent. Relative to production, more than 104 million pounds of fish were sold in 2007; by 2012, that number dropped 35 percent to 67 million pounds.

"Catfish farming is a vital part of the economy of west Alabama," Oates explained. "Approximately 5,800 jobs are dependent on the industry, and it contributes \$158.2 million to the state's economy. Alabama's catfish industry is a vital economic engine,

especially in poorer counties along the Black Belt."

Oates said while prices between foreign and U.S. farm-raised products vary, it's important to note the benefits of purchasing and consuming domestic products. "American farms and processing plants are subject to environmental and health standards that are second to none," he said. "We know the quality of fish raised in the U.S. — and, specifically, in Alabama — is consistently better and safer than fish not subject to our strict standards. When Americans buy U.S. farm-raised products, we all win — from the farmer to the consumer and in all the jobs provided in between," he remarked.

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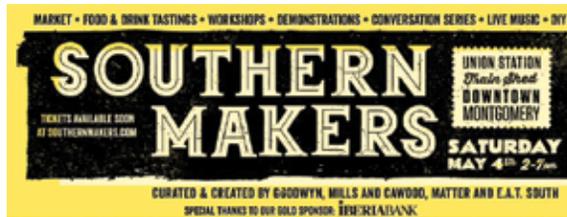
Visitors will participate in a number of workshops, including sew with

Alabama Chanin, making beer with Fairview Homebrew, forage with Chris Bennett, taste the food from the kitchen of Chef Wesley True, shop at the Billy Reid Pop-up store, listen to live music from Tim Lee 3 and

The Pollies, and learn about Alabama's past, present and future.

Curated and created by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Matter and E.A.T. South, the proceeds from the event will benefit E.A.T. South, a local non-profit dedicated to children's education, sustainable food production and healthy lifestyles.

Advanced tickets can be purchased online at southernmakers.com for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 10-15. Children younger than 10 are admitted free.





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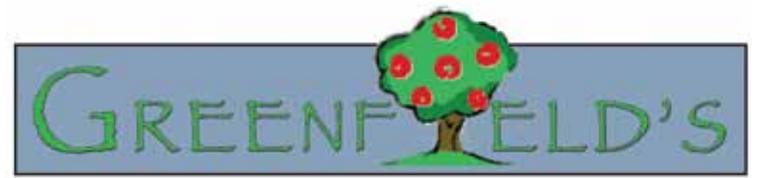


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There's nothing in the world like your Grandmother's cooking. Our Grandmother's applesauce cake was a prized dessert in our family. She used to make applesauce from the apple trees in the orchard on the property. The apples were small, hard and not very pretty, but when you bit in to them, they were sweet and tasty. As children, my sister and I would often help "Granny" collect the apples from the apple trees. Most of the time we would eat them straight from the tree. Only the ones that made it back to the house and into the kitchen were used to make Granny's homemade applesauce to create her one-of-a-kind applesauce cake.

Granny's applesauce cake always has been a favorite of my father's and over the last few years, I have worked diligently to master my grandmother's recipe. Once perfected, G's Apple Dreams were born.

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version of my grandmother's original cake, these applesauce muffins come from the same "charm" as the original cake and are "Simply Amazing Applesauce Muffins." They are made fresh with no preservatives and give you that little Southern homemade charm. Take them straight from the freezer, let them thaw at room temperature and voila! No one will ever know you didn't make them yourself.

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ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for April totaled an estimated 38,000 head compared to 36,254 head for March and 42,670 head for April 2012. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows and bulls sold \$5 lower. Feeder steers sold \$4 to \$7 lower. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs sold \$3 to \$5 lower; over 600 lbs steady. Trade light to moderate with moderate demand throughout the month of April. Replacement cows and pairs sold mostly steady. Feeder classes for the month of April consisted of 28 percent steers, 40 percent heifers, and 32 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 70-80% Lean

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1140-1760	1310	75.00-79.00	76.89
1200-1800	1422	79.50-84.00	81.51 High Dressing
1000-1500	1198	71.00-75.00	73.02 Low Dressing

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85% Lean

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1050-1655	1259	78.00-82.00	79.60
1020-1700	1315	82.00-87.00	84.67 High Dressing
1000-1470	1110	73.00-78.00	75.95 Low Dressing

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90% Lean

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

950-1550	1047	72.00-77.00	75.09
1050-1650	1221	77.00-82.00	77.37 High Dressing
900-1220	1107	68.00-72.00	69.45 Low Dressing

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1200-1950	1541	95.00-100.00	97.36
1200-2025	1833	100.00-105.00	102.84 High Dressing
1100-1880	1488	90.00-95.00	92.77 Low Dressing

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

325-330	326	174.00-184.00	180.38
375-395	381	166.00-172.00	168.84
420-448	446	158.00-165.00	164.69
460-470	464	149.00-158.00	151.22
500-520	512	139.00-146.00	142.44
550-580	568	135.00-139.00	137.16
620-645	633	131.00-136.00	132.34
755-775	770	120.00-125.00	121.32
800-835	808	115.00-121.00	119.91

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

325-335	332	164.00-169.00	166.01
355-395	373	160.00-166.00	160.81
410-445	423	150.00-160.00	155.73
455-495	479	144.00-150.00	147.07
500-545	513	137.00-141.50	140.15
555-595	579	133.00-138.00	135.34
605-645	616	128.00-134.00	129.65
655-698	682	120.00-128.00	126.76
720-737	732	119.00-122.00	120.22
750-795	778	118.00-120.00	119.66

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

305-345	319	160.00-167.00	164.08
350-390	375	149.50-158.00	151.37
410-445	427	142.00-150.00	145.77
460-495	480	137.00-144.00	140.78
500-545	520	130.00-138.00	133.61
555-590	574	123.00-133.00	126.66
600-625	623	117.00-125.00	123.32

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

305-345	328	152.00-160.00	154.88
355-395	382	145.00-154.00	149.94
405-445	428	136.00-145.00	142.07
450-495	477	130.00-139.00	134.93
500-545	525	125.00-133.00	129.99
555-595	579	119.00-127.00	123.45
620-640	627	115.00-120.00	117.81
710-736	731	111.00-116.00	113.93

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Farm of Distinction

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to keep farming not just the next three or four years; we're talking about the next three or four generations that we want to make a living off this land, improve this land and have our lives right here. We live here; we work here, and this is our life."

The Dees' most recent investment in their farm's future is an irrigation system including a 115-acre reservoir and computerized pumping stations.

"Irrigation is not going to make a crop on its own, but irrigation is like an insurance policy," he said. "It will help a crop survive if we manage it right, and it will make a good crop better."

Other Alabama Farm of Distinction finalists received engraved walnut plaques and \$250 gift certificates from the Alabama Farmers Cooperative. They were Ray and Delle Bean of Del-Ray Ranch in Calhoun County, Joe and Patty

Lambrecht of Oakview Farms in Elmore County and James and Joan Malone of Southern Heritage Land and Livestock Co. in Mobile County.

The winner was selected by a panel of agricultural experts who judged the farms on environmental stewardship, overall appearance, accomplishments, efficiency and leadership of the farm owners.

Observed the week before Thanksgiving, Farm-City Week began in 1955 as a way to foster cooperation and understanding between farmers and their city neighbors.

Upcoming Ag Events

• **May 1**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association is sponsoring a monthly series, Lunch and Learn. 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 May topic is Growing Blueberries for the Home Garden. For more information, call 334-288-6024.

• **May 3 & 4**—The Anniston Museum's annual plant sale will be held on Friday from noon to 3 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn. For more information, call 256-237-6766.

• **May 4**—Are you interested in growing cane and making syrup? The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. If interested in joining, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.

• **May 4**—The 2013 Central Alabama Master Gardeners Association annual Spring Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5375 US Hwy 231, Wetumpka (across from McDonald's). For more information, call 334-567-6301.

• **May 4**—The Southern Makers event brings the state's artisans together with the best chefs and farmers. The event will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Montgomery Train Shed and will include workshops, panel discussions and great food and drink. Tickets can be purchased at www.southernmakers.com.

• **May 4, 11, 18 & 25**—The Madison City Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to noon and features more vendors than last year. For more information, visit www.madisoncityfarmersmarket.com.

• **May 4 & 18**—The East Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1006 Co Rd 474, Woodland. The auction will sell goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry. For more information, call 256-419-8527.

• **May 7, 21 & 22**—Alabama Cooperative Extension System is offering free workshops from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to help farmers keep insects out of on-farm stored wheat. There will be hands-on exercises as well as other information. Lunch will be provided. The May 7th workshop will be in Ozark; for information email Brandon Dillard at dillaba@auburn.edu. The May 21st workshop will be in Alexandria; for information email David Derrick at derride@aces.edu. The May 22nd workshop will be in Hillsboro; for information email Eric Schavey at ets0003@aces.edu.

• **May 16**—The Northeast Alabama Beekeepers meeting will be held at the County Administration Building at 1710 Noble St., Anniston, at the rear entrance, beginning at 6 p.m. Meeting will start with a seasonal apiary program and discussion. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information, call 256-239-4695.

• **May 18**—The Southeast Angus Classic will be held in Opelika, featuring a female Angus event with 70 superior lots selling. Contact Jarvene Shackelford for a catalog at 662-837-4904 or visit www.angus.org.

• **May 18**—The 5th annual Small Ruminant Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the James I. Dawson Building Auditorium on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Visitors will learn about the breeds of sheep and goats suitable for meat production and information on new marketing strategies, farm economics and biosecurity measures. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Dr. Maria Leite-Browning at 256-372-4954 or mll0002@aces.edu, Eddie J. Wheeler at 256-582-2009 or wheeled@aces.edu or Tommie Teacher at 334-624-8710 or teachto@aces.edu.

• **May 21**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host a Hypertufa Container Gardening workshop at the MPS Arboretum at 1755 Hunter Loop Rd. in Montgomery from 9 a.m. to noon. Preregistration is required and is \$15 per participant for materials. To preregister, call 334-269-4815.

• **May 25**—The North Alabama Livestock Auction will hold a special sheep and goat sale at 1 p.m. at Hwy 243 in Russellville. For more information, call 256-332-3323.

• **June 1**—The Montgomery Area Daylily Society will host its annual plant sale at Eastdale Mall in Montgomery at 10 a.m. For more information, call 334-288-6024.

BOOSTING RURAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced in late March that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will launch its "StrikeForce" initiative in Alabama and nine other states. The primary goal of the StrikeForce initiative is to increase partnership with rural communities and leverage community resources in targeted, persistent poverty communities.

Vilsack noted that through the StrikeForce initiative, USDA will do more to partner with local and state government and community organizations on projects that promote economic development and job creation.

"During my travels across the country, I've heard mayors and other community leaders say they have a hard time competing for USDA loan and grant programs. They have a plan to develop a new business or create jobs in their regions, but they lack development capital and they view our application and review processes as a barrier," Vilsack said. "StrikeForce changes that. By increasing outreach and technical assistance to communities, we can serve as better partners and help communities leverage resources."

Alabama Food and Agriculture Council Chair and StrikeForce Lead Dr. William

Puckett said, "USDA in Alabama is actively involved in community outreach, service and economic development. We look forward to expanding this effort to help rebuild and revitalize rural communities in targeted areas."

The StrikeForce initiative started as a pilot project in 2010 in selected regions in three states: Arkansas, Georgia and Mississippi. In 2011, it was expanded to include Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada. Now, Vilsack announced new efforts to bring the StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity to Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

To identify persistent poverty counties, USDA identifies census tracts with over 20 percent poverty (according to Census Bureau's American Community Survey data) to identify sub-county pockets of poverty. As areas of persistent poverty are identified, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs, and help build program participation.

Vilsack noted that often USDA conducts special outreach activities in an area, and that since 2010, USDA has partnered with over 400 local community based organizations to promote

local or regional development projects.

Vilsack also discussed how the StrikeForce initiative already has had an impact across the nation.

- In Arkansas, StrikeForce is tackling food insecurity and access to healthy food. USDA established a partnership with Heifer International through the East Arkansas Enterprise Community. This partnership is developing a sustainable food system in order to address existing food deserts in a nine-county area in the Mississippi Delta region.

- In Nevada, StrikeForce is improving access to farm programs in Indian Country. USDA has partnered with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance, Nevada Department of Agriculture and local extension services to promote locally grown food on Tribal lands in Nevada.

- In Georgia, USDA is collaborating with Fort Valley State University to provide technical assistance to develop a cooperative business structure in the Georgia goat industry.

- In New Mexico, StrikeForce is helping more children get a healthy meal when school's out. USDA partnered with New Mexico Collaborative to End Hunger, Share Our Strength and Dairy



Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack

Max to fund its first mobile Summer Food Service Program bus, delivering meals to 45,000 children each summer weekday at 700 partner sites.

Vilsack also noted that Farm Service Agency direct lending in StrikeForce areas saw an increase last year, even as lending by the agency nationwide was down slightly.

"The StrikeForce Initiative is helping us direct additional resources to better serve producers in persistent poverty

rural communities," Vilsack said. "We are focusing on these identified high poverty counties to help improve the quality of life of producers and to accelerate implementation of conservation practices on their land."

Participants in the StrikeForce include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, the Farm Service Agency, the Food and Nutrition Service and other USDA offices and agencies.

EXCEPTIONAL ANGLERS EVENT Division Focus

Oak Mountain State Park will host the annual Exceptional Anglers event, "Gone Fishin', Not Just Wishin'" on May 8-10. During the event, special needs students from the Shelby and Jefferson counties school systems, ages five to 21 with various physical and mental challenges, will be given the opportunity to fish. Students will also participate in art projects, perform with local musicians, listen to storytellers and learn aspects of water safety.

"This event serves hundreds of people who might not otherwise have access to a fishing experience such as this," said N. Gunter Guy Jr., commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Without the hard work of our volunteers and the support of the sponsors this event would not be possible. We are very grateful for their help in enriching the lives of these students."

Volunteers will assist and teach students the basics of fishing. Students will each receive a keepsake photo of themselves with their catch.

For more details on the event, or to become a volunteer or sponsor, contact Jerry Moss at 205-331-1390 or Jerry.Moss@dcnr.alabama.gov or Brenda Morrison at 205-477-6301 or Brenda.Morrison@dcnr.alabama.gov.

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& Measures. "We will have the efficiency of 10 people, minimum," he added.

Total cost of the equipment is less than \$150,000, which Boshell said would be recouped in the first 12 months of use.

From the safety aspect, Boshell explained that the division's five inspectors will reduce their handling of fuels with the new equipment, which further eliminates multiple trips to weigh and test the fuel for quality and quantity. "With these self-contained units, there is no possibility of a fuel spill now versus conducting tests with five-gallon containers,"

he added.

Other states are using these devices, Boshell noted, including the states of Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana. "They have successfully incorporated the new equipment into their inspections and have seen immediate results," he said.

The new devices will enable Weights & Measures to step up their number of spot checks of registered service agents who currently conduct inspections and calibrations of measuring devices, especially service station pumps.

"The responsibility of testing devices under the proposed Registered Service Agent legislation now in the Alabama Legislature would shift to device owners," Boshell said. "This puts the Agriculture Department in more of a regulatory position to ensure all devices are tested statewide, which increases overall fairness in the marketplace."

Boshell emphasized the new role of the Weights & Measures Division would be that of conducting random spot checks to make sure regulations are fulfilled and that there is accountability through civil fines, something that currently doesn't exist.

ORGANIC GARDENING WORKSHOP INSPIRES GARDENERS

By Phil Easter

Central Alabama Master Gardener Association

More than 60 gardeners from the River Region gathered in late March at a sustainability farm near Tallassee to learn organic gardening techniques from an Auburn University professor of agronomy and soils, an Alabama Cooperative Extension entomologist and regional extension agents. After approximately five hours of highly informative presentations, attendees came away excited and inspired to employ many of the organic gardening techniques into their

own gardening endeavors.

Those attending were welcomed by farm owners Amanda and Lee Borden, who shared some of their sustainability farming and living techniques. The couple, who moved from the Birmingham area in 2009 to the 88 acres of mixed forest, work to keep most of their food production within the five to six cleared acres immediately surrounding their home.

Dr. Ayanava Majumdar, Extension entomologist who works throughout the state, shared a great deal of information on controlling garden insects utilizing



Auburn University Professor of Agronomy & Soils Dr. Edzard vanSanten illustrates the use of cover crops in Longview Breeze Farm's raised bed gardens during the recent organic gardening seminar.



Auburn University Regional Extension Agent for Commercial Horticulture Chip East discusses good gardening practices with more than 60 area gardeners attending the organic gardening seminar at Longleaf Breeze Farm.

organic techniques. Majumdar shared control measures for specific insects approved by OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) and CNG (Certified Naturally Grown) guidelines. He broke down the techniques into Level 1: System Based Practices; Level 2: Mechanical/Physical Practices and Level 3: Research regarding Organically Approved Insecticides.

Level 1 techniques included cultural practices, sanitation, crop rotation and trap crops. Level 2 covered row covers, insect lures/traps, repellents, insect netting, reflective mulch, hand picking and bug vacuums, while Level 3 highlighted information on

horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps and times of the season to apply various control measures.

Illustrating the organic gardening benefits of cover crops was Dr. Edzard vanSanten, Auburn University professor of agronomy and soils. vanSanten presented information about cool weather-winter cover crops versus summer cover crops and how they aided in more successful organic gardening. Cover crops improve soil quality by increasing soil organic matter, reducing soil erosion, improving soil structure and quality, as well as remediating subsoil compaction. They also improve soil fertility, reduce

pest problems, reduce labor and fuel use, reduce land preparation, reduce irrigation requirements and improve water quality.

Chip East, regional Extension agent for commercial horticulture, shared information on composting, drip irrigation systems and more. Mallory Kelley, regional Extension agent for home horticulture, reviewed a number of important aspects of organic gardening.

Following the presentations, those attending were divided into two groups and given tours of Longleaf Breeze Farm.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

In collaboration with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention at the University of Kentucky has announced the availability of awards for 12-month feasibility projects that focus on improving occupational safety and health amount workers in production agriculture, forestry and commercial fishing/aquaculture.

Priority will be given to applicants from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Virginia and West Virginia.

Projects will be funded for 12 months and maximum award is \$15,000 total costs. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. July 31. Proposals should emulate the NIH PHS398 format found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>.

Winning Gold

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System recently won a Gold Award in the Print Advertisement category from the Association for Communication Excellence/National Extension Technology Conference for the ads that appear in the Alabama Farmers & Consumers Bulletin. See this month's ad on page 7.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF HAITI IN MIAMI VISITS ALABAMA

Recently the Consul General of Haiti in Miami, François Guillaume II, Consul Patrice Baker and Vice-Consul Martine Thévenin made an official visit to Montgomery to explore opportunities for trade between Haiti and Alabama.

The delegation met with Governor Robert Bentley, Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries John McMillan, Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange and various commodity representatives. They also met with several members of the Alabama Legislature and toured facilities at Auburn University's College of Agriculture.



Pictured during their visit to the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries are (from left to right) Commissioner John McMillan, Consul General François Guillaume II, Consul Patrice Baker and Vice-Consul Martine Thévenin.

FARMERS SOUGHT FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION AND EXPERIENCE PROJECT

By Melissa Martin
Alabama Farmers Federation

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is looking to the public to record and preserve the innovations and experiences of farming and ranching. In partnership with the American Farm Bureau Federation and other organizations, the museum is seeking to build the image of modern agriculture through personal stories, photos and ephemera.

Agriculture has changed considerably and this initiative is a way for all Americans to explore and appreciate this area of a shared experience. In March, the museum unveiled a new web portal where the public can upload their stories about technologies and innovation that have changed their work and daily lives; stories about precision farming, traceability, environmental concerns and governmental policies, irrigation, biotechnology and hybrid seeds. Farmers and other persons interested in participating are asked to consider the following:

Technology — What is the role of technology in modern American farming? How has GPS and precision farming changed the way you work? Do you have photos or stories about how things have changed?

Biotechnology — What has biotechnology and new

hybrids meant to American farmers? Curators would like to hear stories and obtain photographs of "walking the beans," detasseling corn, selecting seeds and other such experiences.

Debt — As production has gotten more efficient, farms have gotten bigger and more technologically dependent. The museum's curators would like to document how land is bought and agriculture is financed. From the farm crisis auctions of the 1980s, to crop insurance, or just buying seed, there are many interesting stories to tell and poignant photos to share.

Environment — Concerns about the environmental effects of farming and ranching, along with scientific research into new procedures and equipment, has fundamentally changed American farming. Tell the story of how environmental concerns, technological innovation and governmental practices have changed your way of life.

Competition — Many people point out that marketing is the American farmer's greatest challenge. Today's tractor cab is often like a seat on the commodity exchange with farmers selling, hedging and trying to profit from their crops. How does it work for you?

Food Safety — Today traceability and food safety are at the forefront of public interest. Innovations in tracking

and monitoring continue to make the American food supply one of the safest in the world. Have you done anything new and experimental?

Animals — Poultry, cattle, pigs and other animal production has always been important to American agriculture but the face of raising animals has changed dramatically. Has your life been effected by new techniques in animal production? Do you raise animals today? How does it differ from 30 years ago?

Water — Irrigation has always been important to western farmers but with climate change and growing demands on dwindling water supplies, new ideas about efficient irrigation are making a difference. Do you irrigate? Has your attitude towards water changed?

Labor — Ranch hands, migrant workers and the help of family members once provided much of the labor to raise and harvest crops. Today sophisticated machinery and herbicides resistant plants have changed the nature of the enterprise. How has your life changed? Do you miss the old days?

For more information, visit <http://americanenterprise.si.edu/introduction/agriculture-innovation-and-experience-project/>.



Demonstrations of spinning were conducted throughout the event.

FAMILY FARM & FLEECE DAY DEBUTS

By Jerome Saintjones
Alabama A&M University

Alabama A&M University's Small Farm Research Center, in conjunction with Tennessee Valley Women in Agriculture, hosted the inaugural "Family Farm & Fleece Day" in late March at the AAMU Agribition Center, in Huntsville.

The free event included numerous exhibits, crafters and painters, a benefit auction,

farmers market, vendors, door prizes, baking contest and sales, and live music. Attendees received invaluable information about alpaca petting, sheep shearing and much more.

The event also highlighted the diverse classes and workshops on the process of drop spindling, triloom weaving, soap making and beginning knitting.



A rabbit is sheared at the Farm & Fleece Day.

Mama's Recipes

This macaroni and cheese recipe is based on my Granny Hall's recipe. She did not have the recipe written down and we did not get it from her before she passed away. I tried several recipes from cookbooks that I had but never could find one that seemed exactly right. I finally realized that since they had laying hens, Granny must have used lots of eggs. This recipe is as close as I could get to her macaroni and cheese.

Granny Hall's Macaroni & Cheese

- 1 (16 ounce) box uncooked macaroni noodles
- 1½ teaspoon salt, divided
- 4 cups sharp cheese, shredded
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- 8 eggs
- 1½ cups milk

Boil noodles according to directions on package, adding at least 1 teaspoon of salt to water. Drain noodles and left cool. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9- by 13-inch casserole dish with non-stick cooking spray. Layer half of macaroni in baking dish. Cover with 2 cups of the sharp cheese. Repeat. Melt butter in microwave and pour over cheese. In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Pour over macaroni. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes.

Submitted by Amy Belcher

HELP FOR BEGINNING FARMERS & RANCHERS

Are you interested in farming? Have you been farming for less than 10 years? Do you want to learn more about or try a new farm enterprise?

The Small Farms Research Center at Alabama A&M University has announced the availability of outreach training and technical assistance for new and beginning farmers and ranchers in Alabama and neighboring states.

The assistance is made possible through a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program funded by the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

For more information about the program and its services and to find out if you qualify, contact Dr. Duncan M. Chembezi or E'licia Chaverest at 256-372-4970 or 866-858-4970.

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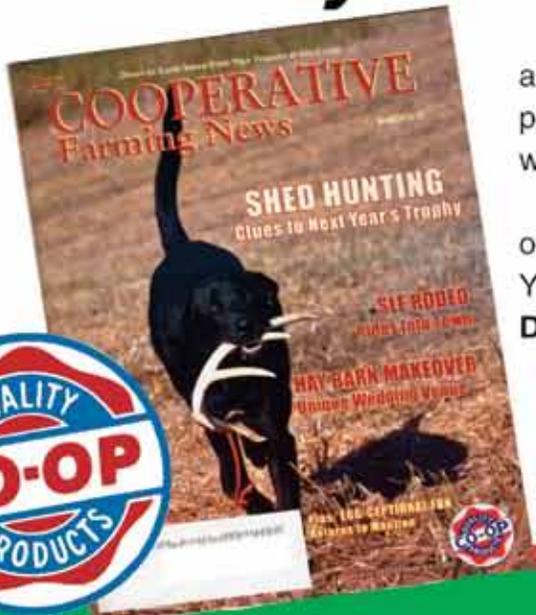
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