



McMillan's Message

Commissioner
John McMillan

Alabama Agriculture Grows Even in Tough Economy

The numbers tell the story: \$70.4 billion. That's the sum total of the economic impact of agriculture, agribusiness and forestry on Alabama's economy.

Bear in mind, each year, Alabama's economy generates \$183 billion in goods and services, 38 percent of which comes from farming, forestry and agribusinesses. Among Alabama workers, two in five rely on farming, forestry and agribusiness for their livelihood.

The past decade has been a relatively good time for farmers as commodity prices including:

poultry, beef, cotton, corn, peanuts, soybeans and wheat – have reached and stayed at or near record highs. Offsetting higher prices are increasing costs of energy, labor, fertilizer and land, all of which have been trending upward in recent years.

The rapidly growing economies of India and China have driven up demand for Alabama farm products. Each year, we export billions in poultry, cattle, cotton, soybeans and peanuts to Asian markets. Alabama farm communities, as a result, are more prosperous.

Despite the Great Recession that lingers in some areas of the state, Alabama agriculture has prospered, creating jobs and opportunity. However, the overall economy has struggled. In 2012, when the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) grew at an anemic rate of 2.5 percent, Alabama turned in a growth rate of less than half, at 1.2 percent.

This year, several economic indicators tell us that better times are ahead in Alabama:

- Our unemployment rate is coming down to 6.3 percent, versus 10.5 percent in 2009.
- Business confidence is on the rise, forecasting

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2013 ALABAMA FARMER OF THE YEAR

Though not raised on a farm, Annie Dee grew up in farming country in southern Illinois. After studying agriculture in college, she farmed land her parents owned in Florida. This land was later sold to start another in West Alabama. Over the years, she transformed Dee River Ranch, near Aliceville, into a modern row crop and beef cattle operation.

As a result of her success as a diversified farmer, Dee has been selected as the Alabama state winner of the 2013 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year award. Dee joins nine other state winners from the Southeast as finalists for the national award, which will be presented to the overall winner on Oct. 15 at the Sunbelt Ag Expo farm show in Moultrie, Ga.

Today, Dee River Ranch is a 10,000-acre operation, with corn, wheat and soybeans. Per acre crop yields are about 182 bushels for irrigated corn, 96 bushels for dryland corn, 53 bushels for irrigated soybeans, 46 bushels for non-irrigated soybeans and 53 bushels for wheat.

She operates the farm with her brother, Mike Dee. Mike and Annie share ownership of the farm with their 10 brothers and sisters.

They harvest high moisture corn in July to gain top seasonal prices. The farm has about 253,000 bushels in grain storage capacity, and the Dees are planning to add more



Annie Dee, of Dee River Ranch near Aliceville, has a 10,000-acre modern row crop and beef cattle operation.

storage to help market their grain crops for higher prices.

Irrigation has become a major emphasis. In 2011, the Dees built a 25-acre reservoir and two pivots. They later built a 110-acre irrigation reservoir and five pivots. This year, they added 11 new Lindsay center pivot irrigation systems. "My goal is to have 100 percent of the row crop acreage irrigated," says Dee. With additional irrigation, Dee believes she can eventually grow corn yielding an average of 300 bushels per acre.

The Dees also added a wireless network to link the irrigation systems. The network provides high-speed internet over 20 square miles.

Lindsay officials now bring staff and clients from throughout the world to Dee River Ranch to see how integrated irrigation systems can increase productivity.

Some of the land is forested and additional land is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. The timber includes about 836 acres of pine trees and 65 acres of hardwoods. Sawtooth oaks have been planted as borders to support wildlife. They also use a forester to help market the trees. Current plans call for thinning the pines twice before taking a final sawtimber cut.

Dee has improved soil quality, especially soil organic matter, through no-till planting, and by adding lime and chicken litter. Roundup Ready technology has boosted control of sicklepod and hemp sesbania. The Dees also use cover crops to increase organic matter, improve water-holding capacity and improve erosion control. In addition to traditional covers, such as rye, wheat, clover and oats, they

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AQUACULTURE

Tilapia \$5/lb. plus delivery fee. Great for Bass lake and algae problems. 205/477-8446 (Tuscaloosa)
 Bass \$.85/up; Bream \$.25/up; Tilapia \$6/lb.; Grass carp \$4/up; Shiners & fathead minnows \$.85/lb.; Crappie \$.75/up; Lake shocking & liming. Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)
 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)

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.

2 yearling bulls, pure bred Belted Gallo-way, no papers, well marked, \$1,000 ea. 256/443-7198 (Franklin)

2 Reg. Black Angus yearling bulls, AAA 17337766 & AAA 17337768, \$2,500 ea., for more info., call or text 256/504-6782 (Etowah)

Limousin homozygous black double polled bred heifers, guaranteed black calves, top bloodlines, exc. milking, great disposition, all vaccinations, free delivery \$1,500. 205/456-1468 (Blount)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 7 mos./up, \$1,200/up, exc. EPDs, good bloodlines. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)
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 Jersey steers for butchering. Be ready Nov. or Dec., weighing 850-1,000 lbs., prime calves. \$1/lb. Ten on pasture now. Feed last months. Roy Hammond 4660 Co Rd 89, Lexington 35648 256/229-6931 (Lauderdale)

Reg. top quality Charolais bulls, LBW, thick, meaty, gentle, 19-30 mos., \$3,000-\$3,500; Heifers 6-9 mos., \$800-\$1,000. www.frankellis.com Frank Ellis 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)

Black Angus bulls, heifers, \$1,000/up; Reg. bulls \$1,500/up; Bred heifers \$1,600 ea.; LBW, exc. bloodlines. 2 yo bulls available, weaning calves available. Earl Woodard 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount)

One Black Angus bull, 9 mos. \$850. 205/471-5291 (Walker)

CATTLE

Reg. Jersey heifer for sale, \$1,100. Ray Humphrey 2900 Lee Rd. 401, Opelika 36804 334/742-8058 (Lee)

4-H Project Reg. Angus bull, 35 mos., gentle, halter broke, calves on site to see, can email pictures, \$2,500. Travis Harrell 17 Harrellwood Ln., Goodwater 35072 256/749-1620 (Coosa)

Brangus bull for sale, reg., 4 yo, EPD available, \$3,000. 334/628-9398 or 334/412-5585 (Dallas)

Limousin double black & double polled bulls & heifers, double homozygous black & polled, guaranteed black & polled calves w/most crosses, LBW, gentle, free delivery, \$1,200/up. 205/456-0468 or 205/466-3468 (Blount)

Reg. Angus cattle, bulls, cows & heifers, Rito 616 & Objective breeding, grass raised, \$1,500-\$2,000. Phillip Stringer, P.O. Box 129, Coffeeville 36524 251/589-5620 (Clarke)

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. Cedar St., Foley 36535 850/554-9174 (Baldwin)

Reg. Limousin bulls, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, 14 mos. to 20 mos., \$1,650-\$1,850. Don Jones 15246 Hwy 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 (Bullock)

Replacement heifers, open, most are Brahman cross, \$950, 30 to pick from. Montgomery area 334/324-3180 (Montgomery)

Reg. Charolais bulls \$1,400/up, 8 to 21 mos., good EPDs, good muscle, heifers 8 to 18 mos., \$900/up. Kendall Foust 564 Co Rd 655 Hanceville 35077 256/338-8324 or 256/352-4367 (Cullman)

Seven bred heifers, Angus x Gelbvieh, bred to easy calving Angus, calving dates 12-15 to 1-31, \$1,700 ea., very nice heifers. Darrell Rankins Jr. 334/745-2357 (Chambers)

6 Reg. Angus bulls, sired by SAV Silverado, uniform, vaccinated, exc. EPDs, \$1,500/up. A.L. Bonds 165 Bonds Rd., Guntersville 35976 256/878-7060 (Marshall)

Reg. Black Simmental bulls, 2 yo, \$1,800/up; Reg. Simmental heifers 10-12 mos., \$1,100. Allen Lyles 5814 Co Hwy 21, Horton 35980 256/572-0800 (Blount)

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Black Simmental & Sim-Angus bulls, thick, gentle bulls w/great carcass traits \$2,500/up; Also reg. heifers for sale. Mike Wells 70 Co Rd 824, Selma 36701 334/875-7229 (Dallas)

CATTLE

25 Bred Cows \$1,200 ea. LD Ponder 16052 AL Hwy 9, Piedmont 36272 256/282-2179 (Calhoun)

Beef Master Black Angus X, some black, some tiger striped, \$1,200. Mike Hoglan 205/288-0891 (Blount)

Black & black white face, price \$1,700 negotiable. 334/628-9398 or 334/412-5585 (Dallas)

8 Zebu calves, \$250 to \$450, ready to go. Johnny Wise 17580 Co Rd 55, Summerdale 36580-3565 251/989-9997 (Baldwin)

17 Reg. Simmental & Sim-Angus bulls, black, polled, good bloodlines, \$2,100/up; 3 pairs, black, polled, 1 BWF heifer, Sim-Angus, \$1,600 ea. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)
 1 ea. Reg. Black Angus bull, 5 yo, gentle, calves on the ground to see, \$1,750. 251/269-8214 (Baldwin)

50 Brangus heifers exposed to LBW Angus bulls, bred for spring calving, to be checked in September, \$1,800 ea. 256/572-5986 (Marshall)

Reg. Limousin bulls, 11 & 12 mos., low & medium birth weights, performance records available, from heavy milking cows, red or black, delivery available, \$1,500. Richard Beard 5751 Carrington Way, Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)

Top quality Reg. Gray Brahman bulls that are extremely gentle, \$1,500-\$1,750. Wes Tyler 18 Blake Ln., Arab 35016 256/673-2672 (Marshall)

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

EGG & POULTRY

Three Toulouse & one Pilgrim goose for sale, \$100. Ray Humphrey 2900 Lee Rd 401, Opelika 36804 334/742-8058 (Lee)

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12 Delaware Roosters, 5 mos., \$4 ea. rutie10@hotmail.com James Smith, Anderson 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

Peacocks \$50/up; Royal Palm Turkeys \$20/up. Candi McNair 706/326-2812 (Lee)

Buff Orpington chickens, 2 yo, 2 hens & 2 roosters, all for \$20. Ruties10@hotmail.com James Smith, Anderson 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

6 Fryers, average weight 7+ lbs., \$10 ea. P.O. Box 1932, Town Creek 35602 256/566-3857 (Lawrence)

22 assorted pullets, 3 mos., \$6 ea. or \$125 for all, brown, white & blue egg layers. Rutie10@hotmail.com James Smith, Anderson 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

Turkeys mixed Bronze & Royal Palm, 15 young \$10 ea.; 5 large \$25 ea.; Young Guinea Fowl \$15 ea.; Black Australorp chicks \$5 ea. Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

8 Brown Chinese or African Geese, 3 mos., \$20 ea. or \$130 for all. Ruties10@hotmail.com James Smith, Anderson 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

Guineas for sale, 8 weeks old, \$15 ea. H.D. Ingram Jr. 3677 Hwy 69, Chelsea 35043 205/369-9776 (Shelby)

12 assorted ducks, 3 mos., \$10 ea. or \$150 for all, some are crested, some are runners, some are full size, many colors. Rutie10@hotmail.com James Smith, Anderson 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

**FARMS:
FOR RENT, SALE
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FARMS FOR RENT

60 ac. improved pasture, fenced & cross-fenced w/goat wire, plentiful water, barn, AL Hwy 69 between Guntersville & Arab, \$30/ac. annually. William Walley, Hwy 69, Guntersville 35976 256/572-3278 (Marshall)

FARMS FOR RENT

Hunting rights for lease, 80 ac. timberland, stream on ea. end w/hardwoods, \$12/ac/year. 565 Co Rd 3600, Lynn 35575 205/486-1497 or 205/269-4937 (Winston)

FARMS FOR SALE

40 ac., 15 open, nice brick house, 40x60 insulated shop, 36x16 building, 1/2 bath, 3 stall barn, electric & water, pond, \$245,000. 205/269-0498 or 205/993-5783 (Franklin)
 80 ac., 3 miles SE Guin, all fenced w/about 50 ac. open pasture & 30 ac. in timber, creek runs through property, 36'x72' hay shed, \$1,250/ac. firm. Dan McGowan 4216 Co Hwy 69, Guin 35563 205/495-9441 (Marion)

29+ ac. fenced, 2 barns, 2 ponds, 3/2 brick, 3 miles from Tallassee, near I-85, \$295,000. 334/283-6231 (Tallapoosa)

86 ac., 60 ac. in mature hardwoods, 4 miles from I-65, water, power, highway frontage, shooting houses, food plots, large creek, \$159,000. 334/399-9397 (Lowndes)

Approx 165 ac. in Coosa County w/3 creeks & pond potential, land great for get-away, cattle or hunting, gated & fenced w/roadway to view property, electrical power access, \$1,600/ac. OBO. 256/682-0559 (Coosa)

35 ac. land, \$2,400/ac. 256/449-2219 (Randolph)

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)

100+ ac. 40x60 metal building, county water, creek, pond, fenced x fenced pasture/timber mix, barn, highway & dirt road frontage, \$345,000. 256/794-3977 (Tallapoosa)
 31 +/- ac. fenced x fenced, approx. 29 ac. in pasture, approx. 12 ac. permanent pasture, 40x80 8-stall barn w/power & water, shop, storage building, 1 ac. pond, 3/2 modernized older home, rewire, re-plumbed, central heat/air, 15 min. from I-59, \$190,000. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)

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 19 ac. 2,600 sq. ft. house, brick, fenced, some hardwood, ready for cows or horses, 1 ac. lake, 50% down finance, \$140,000. 256/447-0204 (Calhoun)
 157.2 ac., 2 miles north of Marion, fronts Hwy 5, food plots, shooting houses, exc. deer & turkey hunting, pine & hardwood timber, \$1,600/ac. O.H. Bradford 588 Co Rd 415, Cullman 35057 256/734-6451 (Cullman)
 9.22 ac., 2 miles to Lake Mitchell near Clanton, half open pasture, creek, furnished, 2 BR, 1 BA trailer, 12x24 building, tractor 49 hp, shooting house, \$84,900. 205/979-7616 (Chilton)
 Chicken farm for sale, 16 ac. w/5 chicken houses & 1 house, includes all equipment, \$925,000. Brantley 334/527-8961 or 508/769-5897 (Crenshaw)

FARM LABOR AVAILABLE

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, problem horse, no problem! \$450 flat fee, rebranger@bell-south.net 256/883-8615 (Madison)
 Farm fencing installed & repaired, chain link, barbed wire, electric, field fence, hi-tensile, references available, all calls returned, will travel. Rick Neves 256/747-3301 (Cullman)
 Tractor work, bushhog, disking, plowing, also bulldozing & backhoe services. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

4x5 rolls Bermuda, fertilized & weed free, 2012 rolls, barn stored, \$30; Field stored Fescue also available \$27.50. 1600 Gravel Hill Rd., Phil Campbell 35581 205/387-5882 (Franklin)
 Coastal, Russell & Tifton sq., commercially fertilized \$5 barn price, \$6 delivered; Mulch hay \$3/sq. David Hulsey 310 Co Rd 800, Logan 35098 256/747-1192 (Cullman)
 Fescue/Orchard grass, 4.5x5' rolls, eighty (80), 40 barn stored, remainder stored outside, \$30/roll, well fertilized, will load. Ralph A. Smith 108 Stewart St., Albertville 35951 256/878-1217 (Marshall)
 Bahia 4x5 rolls, horse quality, \$40; Cow quality \$30; Reclamation \$20; Sq. bales \$4. Eddie J. Pruden 4836 Freewill Dr., Quinton 35130 205/674-5402 (Jefferson)
 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 & guaranteed, quality discounts & delivery available. Tony Colafrancesco www.hayalabama.com 205/672-8116 (Shelby)
 Quality pure Bahia or Russell Bermuda 50-60 lb. sq. bales, fertilized, barn stored, \$4.50 barn, \$5.50 delivered (within 50 miles). Marlin Harris 334/365-8250 night or 334/328-2377 (Autauga)
 Bermuda sq. bales, sprayed & fertilized, good heavy bales \$5, 100 or more \$4.50. 1900 Co Rd 1678, Cullman 35058 256/338-7602 or 256/796-6925 (Cullman)
 Mixed grass hay for sale \$20/roll outside hay, \$25/roll inside hay. J.D. Latham 1441 Co Rd 4, Gordo 35466 205/399-6059 (Pickens)
 Bermuda hay new round bales \$25 ea. Riley Barcliff 1210 Hog Jaw Rd., Arab 35016 256/508-8908 (Marshall)
 Roundup ready Alfalfa sq. bales, 60 lb. bales, well sprayed & fertilized, \$8/bale picked up. 19750 Upper Ft. Hampton Rd., Elkmont 35620 256/606-9940, 256/466-4785 or 256/206-5738 (Limestone)
 Round bales 4'x5' for sale, asking \$30/roll, Bahia & Coastal mix. Wes Sanford 334/657-8653 (Elmore)

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

Bermuda grass hay, round & sq. bales, Orchard grass hay in sq. bales, \$4.50 on sq. bales & \$40 on round. 256/605-1623 (DeKalb)
 Last year's Bahia mix hay, its outside w/ netwrap, good for cows or mulch, \$10/bale, will load. 14900 Co Rd 3, Fairhope 36532 251/928-7897 (Baldwin)
 Alfalfa Western grown, 63 lbs., South Dakota hay \$13.50/bale; Neb. Grown 80 lbs. bales, fine stem, leafy, \$19.50/bale, 20 bale minimum, discount on 100 bales or more. Junior Beard 8109 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-2406 (Jefferson)
 Exc. quality 5x5 rolls Fescue & mixed grass \$35, 2012 rolls \$15, local delivery available for fee. 256/332-4323 (Franklin)
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HORSES & MULES

AQHA world class yearlings & weanlings, fillies & geldings, all around prospects, sorrels & bays w/chrome, \$1,500-\$2,500. www.frankellis.com Frank Ellis 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)
 Stud service Missouri Fox trotter fee \$100, mare care \$3/day. Dan Jackson 256/232-7585 (Limestone)
 Two yo mare mule, not broke, real pretty, \$400, will make a good worker. Errol Culpepper 4208 Big Oak Trail, Adger 35006 205/305-7331 (Jefferson)
 Horses for sale \$200/up. Tim McGregor 256/212-3988 (Coosa)
 2 yearling stud colts, one green broke, 5 yo brown paint quarter horse, \$500 ea., consider package deal for three. 256/443-7198 (Franklin)
 4 Time World Champion, 4 yo gelding, spotted saddle horse, triple reg., \$3,500. Tallassee 334/283-6231 (Elmore)
 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 reining discipline, gentle, well mannered, \$800. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 Black Reg. Appaloosa gelding, 11 yo, I've had 9 years, beautiful horse, big, strong & fast, exp. rider only, \$1,200 OBO. 205/387-0881 (Walker)
 Mule & wagon w/all the gear \$3,500 or trade for 20 or 24' gooseneck stock trailer in good shape. Errol Culpepper 4208 Big Oak Trail, Adger 35006 205/305-7331 (Jefferson)
 Appaloosa horses \$600/up, will consider trades for cattle. 205/412-4245 (Marion)
 TWH yearlings for sale, Palomino & champagne stud colts, palomino & spotted filly colts, halter broke, will tie & load, reg., starting price \$1,000 ea. Leonard McKnight 256/352-4006 or 256/347-5046 (Cullman)
 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)
 Pasture horses \$100/mo. barn/stall, tack room, riding area/pin, Centaur fencing & little bit of heaven for your horse. 205/665-7992 (Chilton)
 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)
 Pair of 12 yo Haflinger mares, \$1,200 for both. 205/674-6126 (Jefferson)
 Miniature donkeys, young jennies, gray, DOB 4-29-13, red/brown DOB 5-26-13, both have cross, friendly, cute, must see, \$300 ea. 205/681-2966 (Jefferson)
 Top buggy horses, standard bred, Morgans, saddle bred, traffic broke, \$750/up. Marlin L. Roberts 6120 Co Rd 601, Hanceville 35077 256/636-3131 or 256/352-5775 (Cullman)
 Training by trust, not trauma, green broken & started the Ray Hunt way, problem horse, no problem! \$450 flat fee. rebranger@bell-south.net 256/883-8615 (Madison)

HORSES & MULES

AQHA reining mare, Peppy & Poco bloodlines, foaled March 18, 2001, spins, backs, side passes neck reins, approx. 14 H, sorrel w/raccoon checking, \$1,000. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 Pair of black Tenn. Walking horses, work to wagon, 11 yo, will work single, mare & gelding, \$1,200/pr. 256/523-3892 (DeKalb)
 Good looking 2 yo sorrel jack from the Trice bloodline, has already started breeding mares, he is now 14 H, \$350. 256/332-4663 (Franklin)
 Exc. trail horse 3 yo QH, bay gelding, 15.3 H, anyone can ride, great personality, loads, shoes, vaccinated, Coggins \$1,500. Ryan Cruch 205/612-6326 (Blount)
 Two quarter horses \$400 ea.; Two Pinto horses \$400 ea. 205/471-5291 (Walker)
 Donkeys jack \$75 ea., jennies \$150 ea., raised w/cattle, good for keeping dogs & coyotes away. 334/864-0424 (Chambers)
 TWH reg. spotted, palomino, blue roan, geldings & mares, \$1,500/up. Byron Ketcham www.bkcorral.com 205/602-6954 (Shelby)
 2 yo stud Reg. TWHBEA & RHBA, DNA complete, black w/star, good nature, \$600. 205/662-3880 (Lamar)
 AQHA mare, Colonel Freckles bloodline, foaled April 7, 1997, has worked cattle, approx. 14.5 H, neck reins, side passes, backs, sorrel, \$1,000. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 AQHA ranch bred & running bred horses for roping & barrel racing, will win anywhere at any level \$1,800-\$4,800. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)
 Gentle miniature 32" donkey DOB 7-17-12 \$100; Extra gentle miniature horse, 4 yo w/ filly DOB 3-16-13 \$500; Black/white paint colt DOB 3-28-13 \$300, less than 20". Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)
 Haflinger mare team, harness & covered wagon, broke grade 2 & 3 yo, full sisters, 57", older will work garden, road safe, very gentle, \$3,500. 383 S. Carolina Rd., Vernon 35592 205/712-2170 or 205/695-9828 (Lamar)
 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, \$500. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 7 yo sorrel paint QH, gelding, 15 H, trail ridden all over the states, will do anything asked, vaccinated, Coggins, \$1,000. Ryan Cruch 205/612-6326 (Blount)
 Reg. TWH 15.3 H, good trail horse, real pretty horse, has been shown, \$1,500. 205/269-8333 (Winston)
 AMHA miniature horses: sorrel bred mare \$400; Blue-eyed dun pinto weanling filly \$300; Unregistered weanling colts \$100/up. Nancy Redden 334/298-4464 (Russell)

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Great Pyrenees pups, 7 weeks old, raised w/ goats & chickens, 4 males & 3 females, 2 solid white, the rest with Badger markings, Mom & Dad on site, good working dogs, \$100 ea. 256/310-3616 (Calhoun)
 AKC/ASCA Reg. Australian Shepherd pups & adults, raising 15 years, exc. quality, merles \$400, tris \$300. klwaters@sw.rr.com Enterprise 334/714-1093 (Coffee)
 ¾ Pyrenees ¼ Anatolian puppies, DOB 7-18-13, 6 males, 6 females, born w/goats, some solid white, some colored, \$100 ea. or trade for goats. Randy Flowers 1801 Co Rd 195, Danville 35619 256/462-3246 (Lawrence)
 Catahoula leopard pups, males & females, \$150. R.W. Drake 266 Beasley Dr., Woodstock 205/938-2056 after 6 p.m. (Bibb)
 ½ Anatolian ½ Pyrenees puppies, DOB 7-10-13, available 2nd week of August, raised w/goats & cows, wormed, first shots, \$150 ea. 1377 Hamby Rd., Boaz 35957 256/891-4612 (Marshall)
 Valley Border Collies striving to produce working dogs that can & will work cattle or sheep w/eye & balance, pups \$350/up; Training \$450/mo. private lessons. www.valleybordercollies.com James Thomas 334/790-8910 (Geneva)

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Australian Shepherd puppies, dam is standard, sire is mini, both are from herding stock, all colors, some w/blue eyes, reg., \$400-\$700 ea. rutie10@hotmail.com James Smith, Anderson 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)
 Border Collies puppies, champion lines from working stock, smooth & long coats, reds, tris, black & white, \$300/up. www.JLBordercollies.com Jimmy Tolleson, Boaz 256/506-5135 (Etowah)
 1 male Australian/Border Collie DOB 2-2-13, \$100; 1 male & 2 females Australian/Great Pyrenees DOB 5-1-13, \$75 ea. Parents good farm dogs. Buddy McLeroy 7715 Vanderver Rd., Quinton 35130 205/572-0177 (Walker)

MACHINERY

1987 JD 7720 Titan II combine w/218F grain head, stainless floor, always stored inside, exc. cond., \$18,500. 655 Co Rd 221, Centre 35960 256/475-3690 (Cherokee)
 Parts off 2 - 15' Bush Hog brand bush hogs, 4 main drive gearboxes at \$250 ea., 4 wing boxes at \$150 ea., 10 tires at \$30 ea. 334/295-5019 (Marengo)
 Pair of outside rear view mirrors & arms, remote control & heated, for JD tractors, \$650 ea. 334/875-5280 (Dallas)
 5' disk made for IHC Farmall Super A converted to 3 ph, exc. cond. \$300; Disk blades 1 1/8 center square hole, 20" notched, new, dealer price \$32 ea., will sell for \$25 ea. 205/658-2442 (Pickens)
 2003 MF 492, canopy, ROPS, 2 wd, 97 hp, 85 hp PTO, 960 hrs., one owner, \$18,900. 334/207-0821 (Montgomery)
 8-wheel V type hay rake on caddy w/hydraulic lift, good cond., \$1,300. Melvin Dixon 2584 Co Rd 6, Dixon's Mills 334/992-2144 or 334/456-1155 (Marengo)
 JD Quick Hitch category II, practically new, \$500. 334/875-5280 (Dallas)
 Lewis Bros. Housekeeper model 3, expanded & solid, pickup bars, exc. cond., always cleaned & kept inside, \$8,500. Buddy Anderson 29216 Sun Set Rd., Andalusia 36421 334/493-3233 (Covington)
 9600 Ford tractor w/cab \$4,500; 970 Case tractor w/loader \$4,500. Eugene Mikkelsen 15760 Co Rd 55, Summerdale 36580 251/979-1005 (Baldwin)
 1 Small Grain Hopper box for 8' JD drill \$300; Two 750x20 3-rib tractor tires mounted on ag rims, like new \$175 ea. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)
 1200 Richardson Silage dump wagon \$4,500; 93 JD 762B peddle wheel scraper \$19,500. 205/594-4725 (St. Clair)
 Ford 4000 & 5000 diesel tractors for sale, \$2,500 & \$3,500 OBO, both run good, 1 has new rebuilt motor. 205/387-0881 (Walker)
 10' heavy duty Bush Hog brand cutter model 3210, used regular & ready to go, \$2,400. 256/613-2378 (Etowah)
 6' Finishing mower King Kutter, used 10 hrs., \$1,000; 50-ton air over hydraulic jack \$100; Portable air compressor, 5 hp motor, \$200; Cherry picker \$100. 256/796-2997 (Morgan)
 One 5' Bush hog \$500; One 5' adj. blade \$200. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)
 NH 355 grinder mixer, hydraulic unload, exc. cond. \$3,500. Buddy Anderson 29216 Sun Set Rd., Andalusia 36421 334/493-3233 (Covington)
 JD 25B two-row corn planter, 3 pt hitch, \$300. Kevin Hall 205/475-5649 (Tuscaloosa)
 Kuhn mower 7'-8" cut, problem in gearbox, happened while mowing, \$1,500. 256/435-9123 (Calhoun)
 1950 Farmall Super A w/rebuilt Woods 42" belly mower, lots of new parts on tractor like new tires, runs good, looks good, \$2,800. Joe Edmondson 554 Powell Dr., Jacksions Gap 256/404-0567 (Tallapoosa)
 Used Pecan Equipment, Savage 4200, tree shaker \$800; Savage 5540 sprayer \$6,000; Savage 6100 harvester for parts \$800. Eugene Mikkelsen 15760 Co Rd 55, Summerdale 36580 251/979-1005 (Baldwin)

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10' Hay fluffer for sale \$1,000, barn kept, new tires & in good shape. Charlie D. Jones 3051 Hindman Rd., Fayette 35555 205/932-3416 (Fayette)
 1993 MF, 1,200 hrs., \$6,500 OBO; 8x16 equipment trailer \$1,200 OBO; Complete Cabinet Shop operation, all 220 volt single phase, will separate. James Kervin 3035 Co Rd 24, Red Level 36474 334/453-1585 (Covington)
 One 8' Offset disc Bush Hog brand completely rebuilt \$3,200. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)
 1965 diesel Ford Dexter, good paint & tires, new starter, piston rings, rod bearings, \$2,750. Jerry Sanford 236 Piney Gr. Rd., Fayette 35555 205/932-8420 (Fayette)
 Ford 601 \$2,800; Ford 3600 \$4,000; Kuhn mower 9' \$5,000; JD 10' clipper \$3,200; Trailer 24' gooseneck \$3,500. 205/292-6039 or 205/454-4884 (Tuscaloosa)
 Gravelly Tractor, 7.6 hp, walk behind, 3" mower, exc. running cond. w/Sulky \$1,200. David Gordon 8815 Home Ave., Irvington 36544 251/404-0757 (Mobile)
 2008 JD 100 hp 5603 C&A&H, radio, has joystick & hyd. outlets for loader, 531 hrs., always shed kept \$39,900. 2509 Excel/Frisco Hwy, Frisco City 36445 251/765-2516 night or 251/362-1200 (Monroe)
 Wheel mounted dirt moving pan, approx. 2 or 3 cubic yard capacity, hydraulically operated, \$1,000. Eugene Mikkelsen 15760 Co Rd 55, Summerdale 36580 251/979-1005 (Baldwin)
 14" Radial arm saw \$2,200 OBO; 18" Commercial plane \$2,000 OBO, both 220 volt single phase. James Kervin 3035 Co Rd 24, Red Level 36474 334/453-1585 (Covington)
 30 KW Onan Genset, LP or natural gas, very nice w/auto transfer, photos available, \$6,500. Jeff Gunnin 205/272-0776 (Winston)
 Good working Cat 931C loader/crawler, \$14,000 OBO. Ray 205/647-7004 (Blount)
 Kubota M9540 w/Kubota loader & remotes, 118 hrs., Land Pride 15' batwing, all like new, \$50,000; 175 Dresser track loader \$6,000. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
 One 2-row Bridgers planters \$450; One 2-row stiff shank cultivators \$350. 205/755-2989 (Chilton)
 IH Planter 4-R pull type, field ready, \$800. 2509 Excel/Frisco Hwy, Frisco City 36445 251/765-2516 night or 251/362-1200 (Monroe)
 4' box blade for sale, # one (small) 3 pt hitch, \$250 OBO. Roger Ward 2257 Weoka Rd., Wetumpka 36092-4559 334/399-8127 (Elmore)
 JD 7000 6-row 30" planter for sale, corn & bean heads, insecticide boxes, row markers, has rebuilt older model JD monitor, \$6,500. Clark Astin 256/840-1100 or 256/572-9040 (Jackson)
 New Holland 5-disc hay cutter \$3,500; Rake and tedder combination \$1,200; Ford 3 bottom turning plow \$350; Priefert head catch \$450; Feed trough \$50. 4521 Smith Rd., Southside 35907 256/442-6278 (Etowah)
 Pallet forks 42" wide frame \$250; Roller conveyers 10'x2' \$125 ea. 205/465-9051 (Marion)
 JD 5325 tractor \$7,500. 5138 Co Rd 51, Faunsdale 36738 334/289-1295 (Marengo)
 1983 JD 670A motor grader, only 1,668 hrs., runs great, 12' blade, asking \$24,500 OBO, must sell. George Patterson 888/810-8333 (Baldwin)
 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)
 Pittsburg #1205 backhoe, 12' reach, A-frame quick hitch, \$3,500 firm; New Idea 5-wheel rake, \$300 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)
 2 bottom turning plows, 3 pt planter w/seats & holding pans for tators, sprigs, etc., \$250-\$500. 205/746-3236 (Marion)
 5300 JD 56 hp diesel tractor, remotes, new tires, size JD loader w/QA bucket & QA forks, nice, \$12,200. 7211 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/236-7376 (Calhoun)

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2-row 9930 cotton picker, ready to pick cotton, cab, radio, A&H, exc. cond. \$14,000. 2509 Excel/Frisco Hwy., Frisco City 36445 251/765-2516 night or 251/362-1200 (Monroe)
 JD 1010 backhoe \$3,000; Long 910 tractor \$3,500; Case 1070 tractor \$5,500; Krone hay baler \$3,000. 205/471-5291 (Walker)
 2-row Peanut w/shaker \$500; Pully for A&C Farmall \$50; H Farmall cultivator \$250; Haband corn sucker & sheller \$250. 334/382-8371 (Butler)
 2010 JD 5055E w/loader, 4 wd, 195 hrs., remote hydraulics, barn kept, exc. cond., \$23,000. 205/339-9540 (Tuscaloosa)
 Leinbach hay forks, adjustable to fit loaders w/pin type bucket, will hook to 3 pt hitch, \$500, never used, new. Lafayette 678/416-6201 (Chambers)
 Hay rake, 4 wheel, ground driven, like new \$500. Roger Yates 256/538-2385 or 256/295-1049 (Etowah)
 2 JD 3020 tractors, one running, 9' push blade & model 48 front loader, all \$8,500. W. Vail 334/750-3529 (Macon)
 Used MF 124 square hay baler, exc. cond. \$3,750 OBO. 205/921-2973 (Marion)
 Three PH rotary harrow, approx. 6' wide, good for pulverizing & leveling garden or truck patches, asking \$125. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 2130 JD 70 hp diesel tractor, remotes, IPTO, 4 new tires, front loader w/quick attach bucket & forks, exc. cond. \$10,500. 10966 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/310-6647 (Calhoun)
 Two 2-row Long peanut combines \$2,000 ea.; IHC stationary hay baler \$650. 334/382-8371 (Butler)
 3000 Ford tractor, power steering, diesel engine, clean, kept under shed, \$5,500. 205/662-3880 (Lamar)
 JD 4400 combine, \$5,000; NH 617 disc mower \$4,500; NH 451 sickle bar mower \$900. 251/267-2004 (Monroe)
 3000 Ford diesel 4-speed w/Hi-Lo w/6' bush hog \$3,800 cash; 160 Allis Chalmers diesel, 2nd owner, \$4,000 cash, both good cond. 256/426-4782 (Madison)

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JD 4240, 110 hp tractor, 3 hydraulic remotes, very good cond., \$14,800 OBO. 205/351-2099 (Chilton)
 Besco grass seeder \$3,500 OBO; 9' dozer blade \$700 OBO; Gravely commercial chipper, 200 hrs., \$10,000 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)
 Three PH tooth type pasture aerator, 6' asking \$125. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 5200 JD diesel tractor, 45 hp, 1994 model, low hrs., very nice cond., power steering, independent PTO, \$9,700. 187 Scarbrough Ln., Anniston 36207 256/282-4487 (Calhoun)
 Two Ford 601 mounted one-row corn pickers in working cond., \$750 ea. 205/662-4579 or 662/364-1993 (Lamar)
 Marliss No-Till grain drill, 7' pull type or can be used w/3 pt, field ready, \$6,000 OBO. 205/908-4809 (Chilton)
 JD 444 corn head, high tin, good cond., \$1,750; JD 444 corn head, low tin, good cond. \$2,500. 205/270-1618 (Fayette)
 Farmall Cub disk, plow, Woods mower, magnetos, generators, IHC carburetors, distributor & other Cub parts, \$50/up. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)
 DR brush mower bush hog, like new, \$1,800; Int'l 484 w/bush hog loader, 45 hp, \$5,500; JD 2130 60 hp tractor \$7,000; Kuhn hay cutter \$1,700. 334/683-9433 (Perry)
 Tractor-drawn road scoop, three PH, works forward & backwards, used but still works well, asking \$135. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)
 TCM FCG25 forklift, 4,000 lb. capacity lift, LP gas, runs good, \$2,000. Billy Luttrell 1035 Tippens Eddy Rd., Brewton 36426 251/809-0595 call before 8 p.m. (Escambia)
 JD 8' rotary cutter model MX8, pull type, like new, exc. cond., \$4,000. 334/488-4403 (Covington)
 Iseki 3 cylinder diesel Hi-Lo trans. w/4' tiller, 4' finish mower, good cond., \$2,400. 205/924-0299 (Walker)
 40 JD don't run \$650; Old tractor parts for sale \$200/down. 256/878-8224 or 256/572-6994 (Marshall)

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2-row turning plow \$400; JD A cyl. engine assy. Includes starter, alternator, hydraulic pump, sits in crate ready to start up \$1,500. John Martin 1430 Co Rd 1163, Goshen 36035 334/672-1595 (Pike)
 A II Gleaner 2-row 38" corn head \$2,200. Jimmy Gilbert 1630 Bellview Rd., Henagar 35978 256/657-5238 (DeKalb)
 Gehl skid loader w/many extras, \$40,000 firm; Fertilizer spinner spreader, has to have 540 RPM PTO, \$400 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)
 855 NH round baler, bars good, chain good, bad air bags, \$750 OBO. Junior Grace 177 Co Rd 1841, Arab 35016 256/586-8746 (Cullman)
 Packaged deal: 2000 JD 35 hp, 4 wd tractor, 632 hrs., loader, Brown 460 cutter, tiller, boxed blade, disc, \$15,000 firm. 334/735-5269 (Dale)
 JD 1956, 420, gas, 2 cyl., good tires, overall good cond., 8 pieces equip. \$4,200. Ashville 205/467-2059 (St. Clair)
 5' Ford bush hog \$500; 6 1/2' Flail mower \$500. 300 Casey Dr., Gadsden 35903 256/492-2006 (Etowah)
 3000 Ford diesel tractor, p.s., exc. cond., new 5' rotary tiller \$5,750; One-row cultivator \$150; One-row planter \$300; New 5' box blade \$400. 256/734-2545 (Cullman)
 Ford tractor 1964, 2000 series, \$2,800. Clarence B. Tucker 534 Co Rd 194, Sylvania 35988 256/605-0987 (DeKalb)
 5420 JD tractor, cab, air, MFWD, 542 loader, Sync-Suttle transmission, wheel weights, telescoping lift links, radio, low hrs., building kept, exc. cond. \$34,500 OBO. 205/456-0468 or 205/466-3468 (Blount)
 Ford 3000, rebuilt engine, new 2 stage clutch, pressure plate & throw out bearing, converted to 12 V alternator, new seats, new brakes, \$3,750. T. Johnson, Pennington 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)
 JD 2-row no-till planter, fertilizer boxes, insecticide boxes, hydraulic, \$3,000. Keith Nelson 165 Co Rd 654, Roanoke 36274 334/863-6033 (Randolph)
 8' 3 pt hitch land roller, \$1,750 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

MACHINERY

JD 5525 cab tractor, AC, AM/FM radio, air seat, 1,040 hrs., 91 hp, power reverser, 12x12 trans., 4x4, 542 self-leveling loader w/bucket & hay spear, 3 remotes & front fenders, 1 owner, shed kept, \$44,500. 205/369-1629 or 205/369-1624 (Calhoun)
 JD 14' grain header for model 95 combine, feederhouse included, pickup reel, new blades on cutter bar, \$2,500 OBO, may fit other combines also. 205/662-4579 or 662/364-1993 (Lamar)
 Generator, 125 KV, 600 amp, JD diesel, 240 single phase, Stamford w/control panel, 825 hrs., \$12,000 OBO. 334/224-6850 (Crenshaw)
 Bush hog used heavy duty 5' cutter \$750. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

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Fuel tank 1,000 gal., electric pump \$750; Bush hog 10' used pull type \$750. 205/387-2056 (Winston)
 Horse trailer Featherlite 06, 3 horse slant, dressing room, 7' high, canopy, ramp, exc. cond., \$13,900. David Ford 8651 Co Rd 26, Ragland 205/283-0638 or 205/472-2080 (St. Clair)
 Cypress, cedar & oak lumber, posts & beams, up to 32', \$.80/BF/up; Pine also available. 251/246-5913 (Clarke)
 2004 Ford F350, V-10 dually, 4 door, automatic transmission, crew cab, 4 wd, \$13,000. 256/449-2219 (Randolph)
 Three Amish made wagons for sale, been in shed, \$800 ea. Betty Hollingsworth 531 Co Rd 52, Eldridge 205/487-2419 (Walker)
 Genuine JD manuals: technical/service \$65, parts \$35, operators \$20. Add \$5 postage. Limited selection available. 256/574-1557 (Jackson)
 Kipor 6700TSE diesel generator \$1,250; Scrapeblade for Super A fits front \$500; Mowing machine for Super A JD 9, \$400. 256/239-2005 (Calhoun)
 1989 Ford F350 steel flatbed truck, 5th wheel, cold air, good cond., 5 speed, \$2,350. Charles Lott 139 Co Rd 137, Jack 36346 334/406-7200 (Coffee)
 6 used 245/70R 19.5 tires for sale, \$150 ea. OBO. 205/907-2475 can leave message (Blount)
 1991 Crew Cab Int'l 4700 single axle dump truck, 12' bed, 5.9 Int'l diesel engine, Allison transmission, nice interior & glass, exc. cond., \$6,800. 7317 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/283-1246 (Calhoun)
 Cart w/shaves, new, never pulled, made in Maine, paid \$2,000 - \$600 shipping, need wagon, take \$1,500. 3200 Laurendine Rd., Theodore 36582 251/973-2967 (Mobile)
 Caterpillar filters: oil, air, hydraulic, fuel, \$25/case. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)
 2001 Dodge 4x4 2500 bonus cab, V8, ps, a.t., cold AC, new Goodyear tires, 159,000 miles, \$5,000 firm. Celon Rogers 1741 Greenbrair Dr., Fultondale 35068 205/587-4895 (Jefferson)
 1969 Chevy 1 1/2 ton 20' flatbed \$3,500. 334/382-8371 (Butler)
 20 corral panels, heavy duty 12', weight 130 lbs., \$95 ea.; Automatic head gate, good cond. \$300. 205/594-7405 (St. Clair)
 4-star 24x8 wide aluminum stock trailer, 105 gal. L-tank fits short bed truck \$250. 334/403-0510 (Crenshaw)
 Gourds \$1/up, hard shell & thick wall, 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)
 Rough cut pine lumber, not kiln dried, \$.75/BFT. For more info, call Stephen 205/505-9260 (St. Clair)
 Wagon red, rubber tire, 2 horse, 11' bed wagon \$2,000. 205/305-2648 (Blount)
 35' diameter heavy-duty round pen/catch pen made w/schedule 40 pipe & primed, consists of ten 11' long x 68" high HD panels & one 6' long x 8' high hoop gate, user friendly & safe for horses/cows, \$1,500 ea. Additional pieces available. Gary M. Singleton 220 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Calhoun)
 Heavy duty covered hay feeders, all size 1-bale feeder \$850 ea.; 2-bale 4x5, 4x6, 5x5 or 5x6 feeder \$1,250 ea.; 4-bale 4x5 or 4x6 feeder \$1,600 ea.; 4-bale 5x5 or 5x6 feeders \$1,850 ea. All made w/schedule 40/80 pipe. Slade Singleton 329 Riley Circle, Gadsden 35901 256/390-0552 (Etowah)
 Planter, 2 row, 2 mule, Irish Potato Planter, a museum piece, not used in over 70 years, can send pictures, \$500. Tom Walthall, Hwy 61, Newbern 334/303-6090 (Hale)
 Dump truck, 1991 Int'l, tandem axle, 20-ton pintle hitch, 10 liter Cummings, 9 speed trans., \$9,200 OBO; Econoline pintle hitch heavy equipment trailer, 8'x25', 16-ton GVWR, 9 new tires, \$4,500. Luverne 334/335-2066 (Crenshaw)
 4 new Michelin LTX AT2 tires, size 265x70x18, 10-ply, blackwall, \$1,000 OBO. 205/921-2973 (Marion)
 Air compressor, 6.5 hp, 60 gal., very good cond., asking \$350. 256/476-2339 (Etowah)

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LUMBER FOR SALE, Circular Saw Red & White Oak, Hickory, Ash \$1.20 BFT; Heart Pine \$5 BFT. Loring White 334/782-3636 (Tallapoosa)
 Cedar bluebird houses, clean-out lid, nice \$12 + \$5 shipping. Near Stone Mtn. Donald Allen 3647 Spain Rd., Snellville, GA 30039 404/578-7758 (Georgia)
 Agri Alert 800EZ poultry house alarm, can be used for commercial or residential, \$400. 655 Co Rd 221, Centre 35960 256/475-3690 (Cherokee)
 7' Disk \$425; 3 pt bottom plow \$400; 2-row planter & cultivator \$450; 2-row cultivator \$250. 1819 Co Rd 11, Ozark 36360-6420 334/774-9692 (Dale)
 Blueberries for sale, we pick \$15/gal., call in advance, no pesticides. 230 Carlin St., Albertville 35951-4000 256/878-7101 (Marshall)
 Old timey Dow-Law cotton seed planter & guano distributor \$400; Old timey mule drawn, 5' Superior grain drill \$500; Frame, windlass, bucket & short handle tools for hand digging water well \$500. 256/447-2112 (Cherokee)
 Drums metal 55 gal. w/lids & lock downs \$20 ea.; Plastic drums \$12 ea. 205/497-1525 (Jefferson)
 Lumber cedar & cypress \$1.10 BFT to \$1.50 BFT; Juniper \$4 BFT. Wes Brown 251/564-2940 (Conecuh)
 60 KW enclosed generator, propane w/transfer box \$7,800; 48" exhaust fans, industrial type \$100; 36" fans \$75; 1/2 hp motors \$100. 256/899-3394 (Jackson)
 1,000 gal. propane tank w/regulator, good cond., \$1,000; 500 plus foot 3/4 cable 6x37, new on spool \$500. Joseph Hale 256/591-5818 (Cleburne)
 2003 F150 Ford pickup, long wheel base, AT, 4.6 V8, 86,000 miles, white, aluminum toolbox, bedliner, tow package, looks new, \$5,900. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)
 4 horse hook up for wagon \$50. Leonard McKnight 256/352-4006 or 256/347-5046 (Cullman)
 Old post mounted vice in good cond. \$100. Joseph N. Hocutt 978 Jackson Robertson Rd., Fayette 35555 205/932-3539 (Fayette)
 1988 Ford F350 flatbed 7.3 diesel \$2,000; 1981 Ford F250 \$1,800. 205/717-6591 (Walker)
 Trailer "Econoline" 8'x25' w/dovetail & ramps, 12-ton capacity, \$4,250; Trailer 8'x20' w/5' dovetail & ramps, \$3,500; both 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)
 75' bucket truck tandem axle, winch on bumper & at boom tip, exc. cond. 256/883-0508 after 7 p.m. (Morgan)
 Axel from camper trailer used on utility trailer, 72" w. w/wheel & tires, wheel bearings & axel, good cond. \$120. 205/349-2237 (Tuscaloosa)
 Hay spike, rear mount, extra heavy duty, exc. cond. \$165. Marc Shea 334/894-6448 (Coffee)
 2001 Genesis 4-horse aluminum trailer, full living quarters, exc. cond. \$22,000. Travis Hill 2900 Mudd St., Lincoln 35096 256/831-6555 (Calhoun)

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Houghton show cart, horse size, 2 wheel, \$650. 205/243-2336 (Jefferson)
 Lift gate, truck mount made by Walto, 2,500 lb. capacity, \$1,000. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)
 Stock trailer, good floor & tires, needs some repair work on front, \$1,500 OBO, heavy duty gate w/middle divider & escape door. 205/243-2336 (Jefferson)
 Hardeebilt 20' + 5' dovetail gooseneck equipment trailer, 14,000 GVW, less than 500 miles, \$4,800. W. Vail 334/750-3529 (Macon)
 Used tires: 2x18.4x30 \$200 ea., 2x14.9x26 \$200 ea., 2x 16.9x30 \$100 ea., 1x 9.5x24 \$150; Walk along trencher Durkeen brand \$1,750. Fred Luteraan 546 Co Rd 329, Wedowee 36278 256/363-2368 (Randolph)
 Ford dump truck F800, 1995 w/94,000 miles, 6 speed, 10-yard dump, good tires, looks like new, 5.9 Cumming diesel, \$13,000. Bob Mann 1829 Hornslake Rd., Talladega 35160 256/362-3760 (Talladega)
 24' B&H gooseneck flatbed trailer, 8' wide, 2 brake axles, single wheel, dovetail plus three foldup ramps w/DOT break-away, \$4,200. 256/347-6630 (Cullman)
 4' box blade for sale, \$250 OBO. Roger Ward 2257 Weoka Rd., Wetumpka 36092-4559 334/399-8127 (Elmore)
 Delta USA made band saw \$275; Husqvarna concrete/demolition saw w/diamond blade \$550. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)
 Two 1964 Chevrolet C-10 stepside pickup trucks, \$2,950 for both. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)
 20' gooseneck stock trailer \$2,200. Gene Milton 1135 Co Rd 1151, Troy 36079 334/566-7922 (Pike)
 Fuel tanks 550 gal. w/electric pump, 15 gal per minute, \$800. Tracy Campbell 8145 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/296-3463 or 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)
 Atlas 500 adjustable box frame disc harrow, 3 pt hitch, 4 bars, 16 discs 18" ea., 57.5" long, 41" wide, original owner, \$850. T. Johnson, Pennington 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)
 '89 Chevy 1 ton, 4 wd flatbed, all parts good, will dismantle or sell assembled, 6 new tires, \$2,000. Robert Morrison, Anniston 256/236-5163 or 256/689-9893 (Calhoun)
 Dump truck 1972 GMC 427, single axle, gas, not running five years, \$800 OBO. V.R. Riley 9355 Dyess Rd., Grand Bay 36541 251/865-2006 or 251/689-8074 (Mobile)
 Buggy, fully restored, in exc. cond. \$1,500. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)
 For parts 1998 Int'l garbage truck (Packer) \$25/up; 1998 Int'l 4700 series for parts \$25/up. 334/507-6049 (Hale)
 One '88 F350, 7.3 L diesel, 139,000 miles, gooseneck trailer hookup, new paint, no scratches or dents, \$5,695; One NH 256 Rolo-bar hay rake, new teeth, \$1,050. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)
 20' 2-axle trailer w/brakes, 9700 GVWR, new tires w/spare, utility trailer \$3,500 OBO. 205/365-7224 (St. Clair)
 5-ton spreader buggy, PTO driven, \$1,500; 5x6 hay roller, field ready \$3,000; Radiator, starter for 6 cyl. JD \$50/up; Mobile home axles \$75. 334/672-1595 (Pike)
 1958 F750 dump truck, 12' flatbed \$850; 1974 F700 no bed, needs motor \$800. Jimmy Gilbert 1630 Bellview Rd., Henagar 35978 256/657-5238 (DeKalb)
 Old 2 CK Onan generator, 2 cyl. engine w/ manuals, not running, \$100. 300 Casey Dr., Gadsden 35903 256/492-2006 (Etowah)
 New rear tractor tire 12.4x38, never mounted \$250; One 5' bush hog \$250; One JD cycle mower for JD B tractor \$250. 10743 Co Rd 191, Eutaw 35462 205/372-4810 (Greene)
 Backhoe 410 JD \$7,000; Cultivator four plow, one row \$300. V.R. Riley 9355 Dyess Rd., Grand Bay 36541 251/865-2006 (Mobile)
 Firewood for sale, oak & hickory, seasoned & green, \$65/load, heater & fireplace. 334/703-2660 or 334/257-3475 (Macon)
 35' flatbed trailer, hydraulic, electric gooseneck, \$9,000 OBO; 1987 Ford F800 truck w/new dump bed \$3,000 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)

MISCELLANEOUS

Hay rings, used heavy, red, 2 piece \$125 ea.; Heavy duty box blade \$500; Hog feeders \$100 ea. 205/387-2056 (Winston)
 Fertilizer stainless steel spreader truck, 12', \$17,000. Mitchell Ballard 251/248-2727 (Conecuh)
 11 piece heavy duty portable cattle alley, 8 heavy duty panels 11' long x 68" high (weigh 175 lb. ea.) plus three 28" heavy duty gates, \$1,300 ea. Additional panels available at \$125 ea. or \$115 ea. for 10 or more panels, we custom make panels to fit your needs. Tim Decker 644 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-0240 (Calhoun)
 One fuel tank, 600 gal. w/electric pump, \$600 OBO. 334/343-0231 (Covington)
 Blueberries, fresh frozen \$15/gal., no pesticides. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Giant Elephant garlic \$12/lb., post paid, call for larger quantity prices. Carlton Outlaw, 330 Co Rd 214, Ariton 36311 334/237-2052 (Dale)
 2013 Rare Pepper seeds: ghost, tiny tobacco, chiliti pen, peter, chocolate-habanero, nosegay, \$2/pkt, 25-30 seeds w/SASE 2 stamps, w/list. Donald Allen 3647 Spain Rd., Snellville, GA 30039 near Stone Mtn. 404/578-7758 (Georgia)
 Leyland Cypress, well rooted gal. pots, one main terminal, \$4, great for screens/privacy. Joy Thornhill 15107 AL Hwy. 71, Pisgah (Rosalie) 35765-7215 256/451-3640 (Jackson)
 Mammoth Sunflower seeds, 25 for \$2, send envelope to 5345 Atlanta Hwy. Box 604, Montgomery 36109 (Montgomery)
 Japanese Maples, huge selection, \$5/up. Paul & Glenda Lowe 11265 Hwy 50, Dadeville 36853 256/896-0105 Thurs.-Sat. (Tallapoosa)
 7 gal. 4-5' Arizona Cypress, fast grower, evergreen, \$25 ea. 205/365-7224 (St. Clair)
 Orange Tiger Lily bulbs, 30/\$3, 2 stamps; purple Japanese Roof Iris (easy), mxd. Columbine, purple Cornflower, Mullin pinks (2 colors) \$2 ea. pk. SASE. Mildred Maroney 784 Talucah Rd., Valhermoso Springs 35775 256/778-8561 (Morgan)
 Azaleas: pink, red, purple & white, \$10/tray (approx. 72 count), gallon size \$1 plus shipping. Jennifer Robinson 22364 Tumbleweed Ln., Robertsedale 36567 251/752-6519 (Baldwin)

RABBITS

Old fashioned rabbit boxes, stick trigger system, weathered wood, 50 years exp. building & trapping, \$20 ea. + \$8 shipping. Donald Allen 3647 Spain Rd., Snellville, GA 30039 near Stone Mtn. 404/578-7758 (Georgia)

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.

ADGA Recorded Grade Nubian x Saanen doe, born 12-24-11, presently milking 2 quarts per day, \$250. 568 Deaver Walker Rd., Trafford 35172 205/914-7672 (Blount)
 3 male Saanen goats, one white (hornless), one black & white (horned), one jet black (horned), mixed with Alpine, born Jan. & Feb., \$60 ea. Merrilyn Humphries 59 Swindle Rd., Hodges 205/935-1916 (Franklin)
 ADGA Reg. StarBuck "Goddard Farm Heavy Duty" 3½ yo \$350; ADGA Reg. Nubian buckling \$100. 334/372-4900 (Pike)
 100% Boer goat for sale, have 3 bucks 6 mos. will sell for \$135 ea., ready for breeding. Joe Ann Kitchen 205/454-2815 or 205/330-1322 (Tuscaloosa)

SHEEP & GOATS

4 Boer goats, one 100% billy \$100; one 75% billy \$75; two 75% nannies, one \$70 and one \$80. 334/222-5613 (Covington)
 Does will be exposed to buck early September \$150/up; Doe kids \$50/up. 334/745-2357 (Chambers)
 1 Red Purebred 10 mos. male, ready for breeding, \$200. P.O. Box 1932, Town Creek 35602 256/566-3857 (Lawrence)
 Boer does & bucks, 5 mos., \$125/up. Terry Parker 334/821-8760 (Lee)
 2 female, one white Saanen goat (hornless), one white Alpine mix goat (horned), born Jan. & Feb., \$60 ea. Merrilyn Humphries 59 Swindle Rd., Hodges 35571 205/935-1916 (Franklin)
 Like new metal milk goat stanchion \$150. Ray Humphrey 2900 Lee Rd 401, Opelika 36804 334/742-8058 (Lee)
 40 Grade Katahdin ewes bred to Dorper rams, bred ewes \$250, ewe lamb pairs \$300; Dorper/Katahdin maiden ewes \$200. T. Johnson, Pennington 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)
 ADGA purebred Saanen buck \$400; Katahdin ram \$400. Juan C. Lopez 545 Davidson Dr., Locust Fork 35097 205/718-9111 (Blount)
 2 Reg. Blue Roan Nubian bucks bred by Goldthwaite Nubians, ADGA #N1621679 & #N1621678, \$600 ea. 334/372-4900 (Pike)

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)
 American Guinea Hog x KuneKune piglets \$50/up. Visit us at http://users.farmerstel.com/Inlsargent Levon Sargent 256/657-6545 (DeKalb)
 Reg. Hereford Boar hog w/papers, 8 mos., weigh about 200 lbs., \$175. Jerome Barber 334/863-8988 (Chambers)
 Piglets & hogs for sale, we have purebred Herefords & Hereford, Duroc, Berkshire crossed piglets, freezer & bbq hogs available, \$50 to \$220 according to size. Dan Rollins 256/651-9132 (Limestone)
 Tamworth pigs, pasture raised, DOB 6-25-13, gilts \$140; young boar \$100. 256/643-5387 (Cherokee)

SYRUP, HONEY & BEES

Bee hive w/bees/super \$350; hive box w/ frames \$100; Super w/frame \$40. Kerry, Jasper 205/221-2237 (Walker)
 Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. The guest speaker for the September meeting is Dr. Ben Legendre, of LSU Ag. Research & Extension System. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)
 Two bee hives & supers, smoker, bee suit, gloves, helmet, etc. \$100. Ray Humphrey 2900 Lee Rd. 401, Opelika 36804 334/742-8058 (Lee)
 Cane syrup for sale, 2011 crop \$8/quart; 2012 crop \$9/quart. 8670 Co Rd 47, McKenzie 36456 334/374-8299 (Conecuh)
 Bee stuff 25% off, some new/old, uncapping tray \$150, scratcher \$22.50, frame gripper \$11.25, strainer/filter \$18.75, much more. Kerry, Jasper 205/221-2237 (Walker)
 Sugar cane, Blue Ms. State variety, good for chewing, syrup, planting, decorations, 200 stalks \$100. V.R. Riley 9355 Dyess Rd., Grand Bay 36541 251/865-2006 or 251/689-8074 (Mobile)

WANTED

JD 110 or 112 lawn tractors 1963-1967 models, complete tractors or parts tractors. D.P. Williams 256/452-1736 (Cherokee)
 Do you have syrup making equipment, cane mills, syrup kettles? Members of the Alabama Syrup-Makers Association are looking for equipment. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)
 Warn winch 8274. John Persons 334/524-5026 (Lee)

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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.

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SIZZLING 16 RESTAURANTS ANNOUNCED IN ALABAMA'S BEST STEAK CONTEST

On August 16, the Sizzling 16 restaurants were announced to begin the bracket challenge in the Alabama's Best Steak contest, sponsored by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and Beef Checkoff program.

Consumers across the state have been nominating and voting for their favorite steak restaurants since June 20th, and the 1,678 votes for 105 nominated restaurants have been compiled to determine the 16 contestants. The bracket challenge divides the state into four regions and includes the top four vote getters from each

region. Those top 16 restaurants are: North — Brandin Iron Steakhouse in Cullman, JW Steakhouse in Decatur, OH! Bryan's Downtown in Tusculumbia and Tony's Steak Barn in Centre; Central — Bull Pen Steakhouse in Oakman, Gate's Restaurant in Aliceville, PJ's Restaurant in Jasper and Wallace's Restaurant in Centreville; South — Diamond Jim's and Mrs. Donna's in Livingston, Elmer's Restaurant in Notasulga, Hickory Chip in Clanton and Stockyard Grill in Montgomery; Gulf — Conestoga Steakhouse in Dothan, FIRE Steakhouse in

Atmore, Jesse's Restaurant in Magnolia Springs and McLin's Restaurant in Daleville.

Voting continued through August on the Alabama Cattlemen's Association Facebook page and by texting BEEF to 20566 to narrow the restaurants down to the Fiery 4, which were determined at the end of August (determined after press time).

These Fiery 4 restaurants will now be visited by a team of secret judges during the month of September. Their scores will ultimately name the winner of the Alabama's Best Steak contest.



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RECORD CORN HARVEST PREDICTED FOR ALABAMA

By Mary Johnson
Alabama Farmers Federation

and occasional showers during the next few weeks," Adamson said.

The corn harvest was underway in August in south Alabama, and statewide farmers were predicting to see record yields.

Adamson said he expects farmers will start picking cotton about two to three weeks later than usual. Cotton harvest typically starts around mid-September in north Alabama and late-October in south Alabama.

The USDA's August Crop Production Report predicts Alabama farmers will average a record of 145 bushels an acre with an overall production increase of 40 percent over 2012. High spring corn prices and regular crop rotations led many farmers to plant corn instead of other crops, according to the Alabama Farmers Federation Wheat & Feed Grains, Soybean and Cotton Divisions Director Buddy Adamson.

The USDA report reflects lower peanut acreage in Alabama with a projected production decrease of 55 percent compared to last year. Farmers in the state planted 130,000 acres of peanuts in 2013, down 90,000 acres from 2012.

"Along with more planted acres, the projected increase is due to good yields thanks to timely rains and favorable temperatures when corn needed it most," Adamson said. Alabama farmers planted an estimated 300,000 acres of corn this spring.

"The peanut crop in general is not in bad shape," said Randy Griggs, executive director of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association. "Last year was unusual because it was the highest acreage we had in years, and the yields were some of the highest in history. That created a surplus, which depressed demand for this year. (The 55 percent decrease) is in comparison to last year, not an average yield."

The USDA report projects a 9 percent increase in soybean production and a 30 percent decrease in cotton production in Alabama compared to 2012.

This year's peanut crop will still need around an inch of rain every 10 days to mature, he said. Peanut harvest typically starts in mid-September to early October.

Adamson said cotton farmers are feeling the effects of too much rain. "The ground stayed wet so long that much of the intended cotton acres could not be planted. Too much rain has resulted in waterlogged soils and shallow root systems. However, cotton crop prospects will likely improve with continued high temperatures

Nationally, the USDA August Crop Production Report forecasts lower than expected corn and soybean yields per acre. However, the estimated 13.8 billion bushels of corn would still be record production.

SIX WAYS TO SAVE ON BEEF

The Beef Checkoff, the leading authority on all things beef-related, shares expert tips on how to get the best deals on beef and keep your grill sizzling all year long.

- 1 Consider price per serving ratio**
ONE SERVING: 4 oz raw or 3 oz cooked = \$1
1 lb (16 oz) of beef is \$4 on average. That works out to just about \$1 per serving. That's a lot of succulence and nutrients for your dollar.
- 2 Buy family-size packs/bundles**
Look in the meat case for family packs or bundles that include a variety of items for a lower price per pound.
Ribeye for Dad, Flat Iron for Mom, and Kabobs for the kids. If you can't use it all for one meal, freeze it or use leftovers for sandwiches, salads or even stir-fry the next day.
- 3 Go Small**
If you don't need a pound of beef, don't buy one. Instead, visit the meat case to find perfectly-portioned steaks and roasts. You'll get high-quality beef that's just the right size at just the right price.
- 4 Buy bulk and cut your own**
Buying larger cuts of beef and slicing them into steaks at home can save you at least a dollar or two per pound. Freeze individually or serve when entertaining a group.
Added bonus: You'll get bragging rights when your guests compliment you on your hand-carved steaks.
- 5 Hunt for bargains**
Every week, your local grocers will offer specials on beef.
Watch the weekly paper for coupons and deals. Don't get the newspaper? Check out the store's website, Facebook page or Twitter. When you find a good deal on your favorite cuts, buy enough to stock your freezer.
- 6 Ask for help**
Talk to your friendly neighborhood butcher or meat counter clerk. Their job is to recommend the most appropriate cuts and tell you how to get the most out of them. You can also pull out your phone and visit www.BeefitsWhatsForDinner.com to research cuts, nutrition information and recipes. No phone handy? Look for corner recipe labels on the packages of beef.

Funded by the Beef Checkoff. For more information, cooking tips and recipes, please visit BeefitsWhatsForDinner.com. © Cattlemen's Beef Board and National Cattlemen's Beef Association.



Pictured (left to right) are: AWF President Charles Welden III, PowerSouth Energy's Horace Horn, William Puckett, Gov. Robert Bentley and Alabama Power Co.'s Matt Bowden.

2013 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Dr. William Puckett, of Auburn, was presented the Soil Conservationist of the Year award at the 2013 Alabama Wildlife Federation Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards banquet in August. Over the past 30 years, the Alabama Wildlife Federation has presented these awards to individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to the conservation of Alabama's wildlife and related natural resources.

Puckett serves as the state conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alabama. In this role, he has become known for his proactive approach, can-do attitude and effective partnership building with a host of organizations and agencies committed to soil and water conservation.

Under Puckett's leadership, he has fostered effective implementation of Farm Bill programs that have resulted in millions of dollars invested in partnership with Alabama landowners to protect the soil resources through conservation tillage and use of cover crops. At the same time, these programs also have increased crop productivity, improved water quality and established beneficial forest and wildlife habitat.

During the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Puckett spearheaded development of the Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative to develop alternative, oil-free habitats for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. Puckett also has led Alabama in the National Water Quality Initiative, the Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative and a host of other highly beneficial conservation efforts.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

One of the fondest memories I have of my Nanny is spending Christmas in her tiny kitchen, sipping fresh coconut milk directly from the fruit, then grating it to create one of our family's most favorite holiday treats: Nanny's Fresh Coconut Cake! I suppose, that's where all this began!



As an architect student with a need to help pay for school, I began to wait tables in a local restaurant. Suddenly, I was surrounded by lots of delectable treats again! My interest quickly grew beyond the dining room to the kitchen where those treats were being made. (Yum!) This great interest and diverse experience enabled me to travel the states, opening 16 corporate restaurants as trainer/manager before two restaurants of my own came to be.

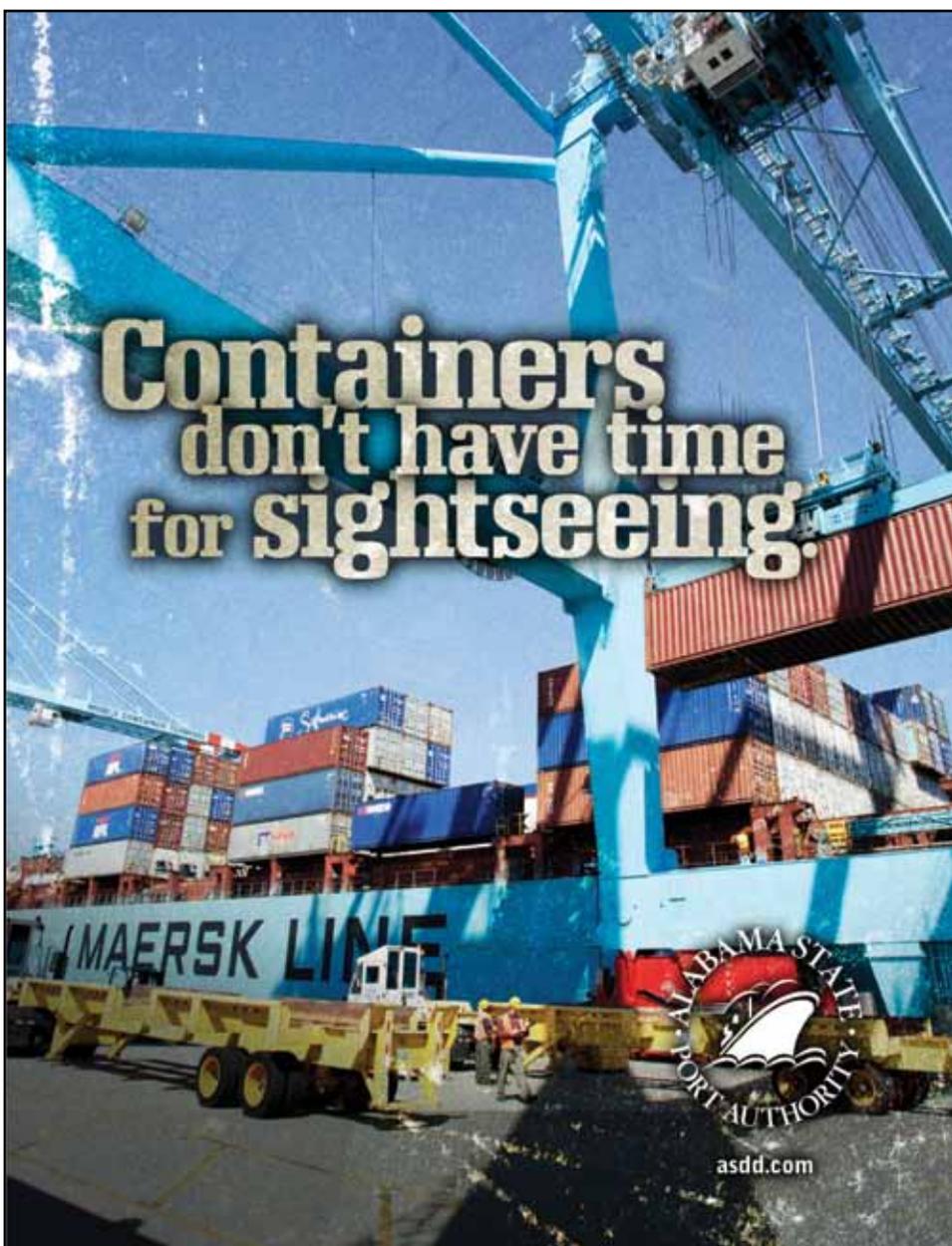
fresh and innovative foods! Founded in Fayetteville, Tenn., our business was built on strong relationships with our clients, our community, and our expansive vendor network. Our company expanded in 2002 to include an instantly popular 50-seat café in Hampton Cove, Ala., and just five years later, we moved to downtown Huntsville in a much larger, casual-but-elegant bistro, offering Huntsville's only hand-made scratch bakery that has continued to grow alongside our community and friends.

In 1995, Cyn Shea's Complete Catering Inc. opened as a "distinctively different" catering business that quickly built a reputation for being among the best in our field by providing exceptionally

By 2012, we had undergone another expansion to add an all new specialty cake line to our business. (Naturally, Nanny's coconut cake recipe became one of the area's most sought after!) But this time, we've added a fresh twist, a new spirit to the recipe of yesteryear. Thus "Cyn Shea's Cynfully Delicious" was created. For more



information, visit www.cynsheas-cynfullydelicious.com or call 256-882-2837.



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Successful forage production depends on many factors

- Crop species
- Planting rate, depth, time of year
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Learn more in Extension publications ANR-0149, "Alabama Planting Guide for Forage Grasses," and ANR-0150, "Alabama Planting Guide for Forage Legumes." Updated in 2013, each includes a convenient chart for posting.

To order, visit the ACES online store at store.aces.edu or contact your county Extension office.

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ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for August totaled an estimated 44,000 head compared to 44,057 head for July and 47,796 head for August 2012. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to firm. Feeder steers sold \$7 to \$10 higher, heifers sold \$5 to \$7 higher. Trade moderate with good demand on feeders. Replacement cows and pairs sold steady to firm. Feeder supply consisted of 35 percent steers, 42 percent heifers and 23 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 70-80% Lean				Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1100-1875	1425	76.00-81.00	78.75	310-345	325	195.00-202.50	198.93
1050-1715	1304	71.50-76.00	73.36 Low Dressing	355-395	375	180.00-190.00	185.65
1270-1880	1557	81.00-84.00	82.61 High Dressing	410-445	430	168.00-178.00	173.08
				460-495	473	157.00-167.00	162.74
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85% Lean				Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1			
1000-1650	1270	79.00-84.00	81.48	305-345	322	175.00-185.00	180.76
900-1550	1137	74.00-79.00	76.43 Low Dressing	350-395	368	165.00-175.00	168.44
1050-1700	1337	84.00-89.00	87.72 High Dressing	405-445	434	151.00-160.00	153.21
				453-495	473	145.00-153.00	149.27
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90% Lean				Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2			
950-1500	1149	74.00-78.00	75.83	300-345	327	169.00-178.00	172.70
900-1450	1020	70.00-74.00	72.27 Low Dressing	355-390	376	157.00-167.50	159.82
1000-1550	1199	78.00-82.00	79.77 High Dressing	400-445	430	144.00-154.00	148.77
				455-495	472	140.00-148.00	144.02
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2				Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1			
1100-1985	1409	96.00-101.00	99.73	300-345	327	169.00-178.00	172.70
1005-1880	1348	91.00-96.00	93.77 Low Dressing	355-390	376	157.00-167.50	159.82
1150-2065	1794	101.00-106.00	103.43 High Dressing	400-445	430	144.00-154.00	148.77
				455-495	472	140.00-148.00	144.02
				500-545	527	134.00-143.00	140.14
				550-595	579	128.00-137.00	133.51
				600-645	622	124.00-131.00	127.19
				665-695	680	118.00-127.00	122.74
				700-740	712	115.00-119.00	116.25
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1				Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2			
300-325	313	208.00-218.00	212.89	300-345	327	169.00-178.00	172.70
350-385	367	195.00-205.00	200.44	355-390	376	157.00-167.50	159.82
405-440	421	177.00-187.00	181.58	400-445	430	144.00-154.00	148.77
450-490	469	165.00-173.00	168.59	455-495	472	140.00-148.00	144.02
500-549	522	154.00-163.00	158.80	500-545	527	134.00-143.00	140.14
555-590	569	148.00-157.00	151.61	550-595	579	128.00-137.00	133.51
600-649	626	142.00-149.00	145.49	600-645	622	124.00-131.00	127.19
650-690	666	137.00-145.00	143.02	665-695	680	118.00-127.00	122.74
700-745	720	130.00-140.00	136.11	700-740	712	115.00-119.00	116.25
775-795	785	129.00-133.00	131.07				
820-840	830	125.00-132.00	129.57				

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.

WORKING CAPITAL LOANS AVAILABLE

The deadline for filing for federal economic injury disaster loans in Alabama as a result of the drought that began on November 15, 2012 is September 16.

The loans are available in the following counties: Autauga, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Russell and Shelby.

The U.S. Small Business Administration loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster.

The loans are for working capital and can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 4 percent for eligible small businesses and 3 percent for non-profit organizations, and terms up to 30 years. Applicants may apply online via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Application forms may be obtained by calling 800-659-2955 or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Upcoming Ag Events

• **September 4**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association is sponsoring a monthly series, Lunch and Learn. The September gardening topic is Harvesting and Using Herbs and 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. For more information, call 334-288-6024.

• **September 7**—The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association has as a guest speaker, sugar cane expert Dr. Ben Legendre, of the LSU Ag. Research and Extension System. The meeting will be held at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. If interested, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.

• **September 7**—100 Angus Source heifers bred to registered Angus bulls will be sold at the Cullman Stockyard Keeping Kind Heifer Sale at Cullman Stockyard, 75 Co. Rd. in Cullman. All of the heifers are from one herd and were raised, weaned and bred together. For more information, contact Mitchell Swann at 256-338-9646.

• **September 7, 14, 21, 28**—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.

• **September 7 & 21**—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.

• **September 11**—The Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association will host a Lunch & Learn program on establishing a Southern Heirloom Garden from noon until 1 p.m. at Alabama Extension Services, 340 Queen Anne Rd., off Highway 14 in Wetumpka. For more information, call 334-567-6301.

• **September 14 & 28**—Central Alabama Goat and Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1403 Kincheon Rd. in Clanton. For more information, call Kyle Cox weekdays at 205-245-4181 or day of sale at 205-280-4628.

• **September 20**—The Alabama Green Industry Training Center will host a High Value Specialty Crop class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a "hands on" day on Sat., Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. until noon at the North Shelby Library, off Hwy 119 at 5521 Cahaba Valley Rd. in Pelham. The class is free and comes with a set of garden reference books and other crop production publications. For more information, call 205-862-2588.

• **September 26**—Where the Wood Meets the Road – Regulations and Guidelines from BMPs to DOT workshop will be held in Jasper. The workshop covers forestry BMPs during the morning session and federal DOT regulations and county road ordinances after lunch. There will be 4.5 CFE units available for registered foresters and 6.0 PLM hours for professional logging managers for attending. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested. Call Katherine, of Walker County Soil and Water Conservation District, at 205-387-1879 ext. 1.

• **September 29**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association is hosting Felder Rushing, noted gardening author, at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts beginning at 2 p.m. Rushing will speak on the topic of Slow Gardening Tough Plants for Southern Gardens. Tickets are \$15 prior to Sept. 24 or \$20 at the door. For more information, visit www.capcitymga.org or call 334-270-4133.

MASTERING HOME FOOD PRESERVATION

State of Washington attorney Mike O'Connell's experience with a home canning project gone awry represents the sort of nightmare scenario Dr. Jean Weese and her nine-member Alabama Cooperative Extension System Food Safety Team are working to prevent. O'Connell's big mistake was shortcutting the pressure-canning time on his elk meat, based on the notion that the meat was thoroughly processed — a recipe for disaster. His faulty canning had exposed him to deadly botulism.

O'Connell is among the growing legions of Americans who are not only raising or hunting much of their own food but also preserving it.

"We're seeing more interest in food preservation," says Janet Johnson, a regional Extension agent who operates in east and central Alabama. "The problem is that they often don't know the difference between pressure and water-

bath canning."

Angela Treadaway, a regional Extension agent in central Alabama, says, "In far too many cases, aspiring preservationists are looking to the Internet, which represents a kind of Pandora's box in food safety terms. Instead they should look to the people who set the standard: the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension System."

While many food preservation novices view pressure canning and water-bath canning merely as options, Weese, an Auburn University professor of food science who heads up the Extension's Food Safety Team, says they come down to life-and-death decisions. "Many people are clueless about the dangers associated with botulism," she says. "It's one of the deadliest toxins to humans."

Extension home preservation educators worked

tirelessly throughout the 20th century imparting preservation standards, all supported U.S. Department of Agriculture research. Within the last few decades, Weese and her team have noticed that much of that knowledge has steadily eroded.

Last year, she and her team set about reaffirming that standard, offering what they call Master Food Preservation training throughout Alabama to people who are trying their hand at food preservation for the first time.

The training covers all facets of food preservation and is based only on USDA-prescribed recipes and procedures.

For a comprehensive introduction to USDA canning procedures, visit the National Center for Home Food Preservation at http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html. To contact an Extension agent about Master Food Preservation training, visit the Alabama Extension Food Safety Team at www.aces.edu/go/389.

2013 COUNTY FAIRS



Jackson County Fair	Sept. 3-7
Northwest Alabama Fair	Sept. 10-14
Cullman County Fair	Sept. 12-23
Shelby County Fair	Sept. 16-21
Blount County Fair	Sept. 17-21
Marshall County Fair	Sept. 17-22
North Alabama State Fair	Sept. 17-22
Morgan County Fair	Sept. 19-28
Dekalb County Fair	Sept. 23-28
Baldwin County Fair	Sept. 24-28
Etowah County Fair	Sept. 24-28
Butler County Fair	Sept. 25-28
Central Alabama Fair	Sept. 30-Oct. 5
Autauga County Fair	Oct. 1-5
Chilton County Fair	Oct. 1-5
Pike County Fair	Oct. 1-5
Alabama National Fair	Oct. 4-13
Lawrence County Fair	Oct. 9-12
Covington County Fair	Oct. 14-20
Fayette County Fair	Oct. 15-19
Greater Gulf State Fair	Oct. 25-Nov.3
National Peanut Festival	Nov. 1-10
Clark/Washington County Fair	Nov. 4-9

Mama's Recipes

In honor of September designated as National Rice Month and National Chicken Month, this month's recipe is a main dish that is quick and easy to prepare. Rice bowls with vegetables and chicken are popular at many restaurants, but they are also simple to prepare at home. For other recipes made with rice, please visit the U.S. Rice Federation's website at www.usarice.com. Serving size: 4

Brown Rice with Sizzling Chicken and Vegetables

Ingredients:

- 3 cups hot cooked brown rice
- 3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1½ tablespoons canola or corn oil
- 1 lb. boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small white onion, cut into small wedges (about 1/8-inch thick wedges)
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and thinly sliced diagonally (1 cup total)
- 1½ cup small broccoli florets
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces

Mix soy sauce, water, honey and cornstarch in a small bowl; set aside. Heat oil in a wok or large skillet. Add minced garlic; sauté about 1 minute until garlic is golden. Add chicken; cook about 5-6 minutes, then push chicken to the side. Add onions to center of skillet; cook until slightly tender and push to the side. Continue with carrots, broccoli and peppers separately, placing each in the center of the pan, cooking until slightly tender and pushing to the side. Pour soy sauce mixture into center of skillet. Leaving other ingredients at the sides of the pan, stir sauce until it thickens. Mix in with vegetables and chicken. Serve immediately over cooked brown rice.

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PROTECTING YOUR GROUND WATER

September 10th is Protect Your Groundwater Day, denoted by the National Ground Water Association and its partners, to educate members of the public about how they can preserve and protect groundwater to meet human and environmental needs. This important message is for everyone — household well owners and people on the public water systems, whose daily habits have an impact on groundwater quality.

Everyone can and should do something to protect groundwater because we all have a stake in maintaining its quality and quantity.

There are two fundamental categories of groundwater protection: Keeping it safe from contamination and using it wisely by not wasting it.

Americans are the largest water users, per capita, in the world. In terms of

groundwater, Americans use 79.6 billion gallons per day — the equivalent of 2,923 12-oz. cans for every man, woman and child in the nation.

Agricultural irrigation is the largest user of groundwater in America at 53.5 billion gallons a day, followed by public use via public water systems or private household wells at a combined total of 18.3 billion gallons a day. More efficient use of water in either of these areas could save a huge amount.

At the household level, the greatest amount of water used inside the home occurs in the bathroom. The remainder of indoor water use is divided between clothes washing and kitchen use, including dish washing, according to the U.S. EPA.

Depending on where in the country you live, outdoor water use can vary widely.

ACT — acknowledge, consider, take action

On Protect Your Groundwater Day, NGWA urges you to ACT. Use this day to begin doing your part for protecting one of our most important natural resources — groundwater.

1. Acknowledge the causes of preventable groundwater contamination — Everyone has hazardous substances common to households. If you own a water well, wellheads should be a safe distance from potential contamination. Septic system malfunctions can pollute groundwater.

2. Consider which applies to you — What specific household substances are in and around your home? Where do you and your family use the most water? If you own a water well, is your wellhead a safe distance from possible contamination? Is your



well/septic system due for inspection?

3. Take action to prevent groundwater contamination — When it comes to hazardous household substances: store them properly in a secure place; use them according to the manufacturer's recommendations; dispose of them safely. When it comes to water conservation: modify your water use and

install a water-saving device. If you own a water well, move possible contamination sources a safe distance from the wellhead. Get current on your septic system inspection and cleaning.

For more information on groundwater protection or other related issues, contact NGWA at 800-551-7379 or follow NGWA's Facebook page.

Farmer of the Year

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also have planted radishes and sunn hemp as cover crops.

Beef cattle at Dee River Ranch include about 711 cows and 58 bulls. The Dees increased the number of calves weaned and raised by paying close attention to nutrition and taking a stand against coyote predators. "We sell cows that do not produce and raise a live calf every year," says Dee. "We have increased the number of brood cows, and now have a productive and efficient herd." They've built new cattle handling facilities and have stabilized the soil around feeding and watering areas. They use electronic identification on all their cattle so that cattle can be traced back to the farm if there is ever a disease concern. "This is an attempt to give credibility to the cattle producer starting right here on my farm," says Dee.

After studying agriculture at Clemson University, she started working on the family land in Inverness, Fla., where her first job was sanding and painting rusty gates.

In 1989, the family sold this land and purchased the

land in West Central Alabama where Dee River Ranch is now headquartered.

Dee is active locally in New Era Arts Club, Pickens County Farmers Federation, Pickens County Cattlewomen's Association, Aliceville Gardeners and Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She and her brother have hosted school children, farm-city groups and others touring their farm.

On the state level, Dee has won the Alabama Governor's Conservation Achievement Award. She has partnered with the Alabama Rural Medical Scholars program. She has served on statewide wheat and feed grains and soybean committees, and currently serves on the Alabama Soybean & Corn Association board. She also served as chaplain of the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association and was on an international marketing committee for the United Soybean Board.

Her farm has been recognized by USDA for its conservation and has received an environmental stewardship award for the Southeast.

She has been very active in two outreach programs sponsored by the HGB Foundation, founded by philanthropist Howard G. Buffett. One is called Invest an Acre that encourages farmers to donate the proceeds from one or more acres to benefit regional food banks. Proceeds from Dee's acre are matched by Monsanto and contributed to The Lord's Pantry. "I have become an ambassador for the program in Alabama, recruiting other farmers to participate," adds Dee.

The other is called Harvesting the Potential. This HGB Foundation program encourages farmers to use conservation practices, such as no-till planting which can lead to higher yields that can help in feeding hungry people. "My commitment is to freely share my experiences with other farmers," she adds.

Dee is married to Ed Sikora, a professor and Extension plant pathologist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. He has been widely recognized for his work in detecting and controlling plant diseases, such as soybean rust.

Her twin sons, Seth More and Jesse More, are both active in helping to run the farm. She

also has a daughter, Rachel More, who lives in Florida and works at an independent living facility.

As president of Dee River Ranch, Dee supervises 18 full-time employees. "We produce good quality food for people all around the world," she says. "So many challenges face us every day. There is such enjoyment in seeing things grow, and it is so rewarding to realize we are caring for God's creation."

Jeff Helms, with the Alabama Farmers Federation, is the state coordinator for the Farmer of the Year awards. Dee was nominated for the award by Matthew Durdin, area organizational director with the Alabama Farmers Federation. "I've known Annie and Mike for 10 years," says Durdin. "They have gone above and beyond what is normally expected of farmers. They are true stewards of the land."

As the Alabama state winner of the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo award, Dee will now receive a \$2,500 cash award and an expense paid trip to the Sunbelt Expo from Swisher International of Jacksonville, Fla., a \$500 gift certificate from the Southern States cooperative, the choice

of either \$1,000 in PhytoGen cottonseed or a \$500 donation to a designated charity from Dow AgroSciences, and a Columbia vest from Ivey's Outdoor and Farm Supply.

She is now eligible for the \$15,000 cash prize that will go to the overall winner. Other prizes for the overall winner include the use of a Massey Ferguson tractor for a year from Massey Ferguson North America, a Heritage gun safe and another \$500 gift certificate from Southern States, the choice of another \$1,000 in PhytoGen cottonseed or a second \$500 donation to a designated charity from Dow AgroSciences, and a Columbia jacket from Ivey's Outdoor and Farm Supply.

Swisher International, through its Swisher Sweets cigar brand, and the Sunbelt Expo are sponsoring the Southeastern Farmer of the Year awards for the 24th consecutive year. Swisher has contributed some \$924,000 in cash awards and other honors to Southeastern farmers since the award was initiated in 1990.

A distinguished panel of judges visited Dee River Ranch, along with the farms of the other nine state finalists, during the week of Aug. 12-16.

BLACK BEARS ON THE MOVE



Photo by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Two recent sightings of black bears in Lee County may indicate that bear numbers are increasing and that the animals are establishing home ranges in other regions of Alabama outside of their primary ranges.

“Changes in bear range and movements may be the result of a combination of factors, such as habitat fragmentation due to residential and commercial development and a natural

growth in the density of black bears,” says Keith Gauldin, large carnivore coordinator for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. “Observing a black bear in Alabama is becoming more of a common occurrence and should not frighten citizens. If you are lucky enough to spot one, do not approach it and please report the sighting to your WFF District Wildlife Office.”

Black bears are a protected species in Alabama typically found in two distinct regions of the state. The southwest Alabama black bear population resides predominantly in Mobile, Baldwin and Washington counties, while the northeast population occurs mainly in DeKalb, Cherokee and Etowah counties. Although these areas contain the core populations of black bears, it is not unusual for them to be observed outside of these regions.

While bears are classified as a game animal, there is no open hunting season for black bear in Alabama.

To report a black bear sighting, contact your local WFF District Wildlife Office at www.outdooralabama.com/ contact or Keith Gauldin at 251-626-5474 or keith.gauldin@dcnr.alabama.gov.

McMillan's Message

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business expansion, hiring and profitability.

- Automakers in Alabama continue to build more cars and announce plans to expand operations.

- Alabama is scoring big in industrial relocations, including Airbus Aircraft and Austal Shipbuilding, creating thousands of new jobs in the Mobile area.

- Alabama's rate of economic growth or GDP is expected to nearly double this year to 2.2 percent.

We have a strong economic base in Alabama, especially in agriculture and manufacturing, which should generate jobs and opportunity for thousands of Alabamians and small businesses for the foreseeable future.

Yet, it's not wise to rely on the status quo to sustain us, especially in today's highly competitive international marketplace. Two years ago, our department joined the campaign for ratification of free trade agreements between the United States and three nations: Colombia, South Korea and Panama. Thanks to bipartisan efforts in Congress, these trade agreements passed

overwhelmingly and President Barack Obama signed them into law.

It is now time for us to focus on how Alabama companies can take advantage of these open markets. Thanks to support from many of our stakeholder companies, we held a symposium in late 2011 on world food outlook and how Alabama agriculture can respond to the burgeoning demand for food and fiber.

By the year 2050, world population will reach 9 billion, including 2 billion more people joining the middle class. Most of the middle income growth will occur in China and India. The American farmer has an incredible opportunity to meet what will be a 50 percent increase in world food demand, much of which will be protein, such as meat, poultry and grains. Alabama will play a large role in this, as we are the nation's third largest poultry producer. Our Alabama poultry producers this year are well ahead of last year's production levels, with some 25 million new chickens added each week to the state's poultry population. It is worth noting that Alabama cattle and grain production also are in great

demand.

There is more to growing our economy than agricultural output. We have a significant agricultural and forestry related industrial base that provides significant benefits. Total value-added impact for the agriculture, forestry and related industries sector of Alabama's economy totals \$30.8 billion a year, according to a recent study conducted by Auburn University's Department of Agricultural Economic and Rural Sociology.

This sector has great potential for Alabama's economic future, supported by our land grant colleges that provide the research and development resources necessary for growth.

We have a very good working relationship and strong leaders among our agricultural and forestry stakeholder groups, along with our land grant colleges upon which we are building our future. Our focus is clear and our challenges are formidable. Fortunately, all of us are moving in the same direction.

John McMillan is Commissioner of Alabama's Department of Agriculture & Industries. You can write him at john.mcmillan@agi.alabama.gov.

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ALABAMA MONTHLY HAY REPORT

Compared to last month: Hay prices remain steady for the month of August. Trade light to moderate with moderate demand. Wet weather throughout the Southeast region has kept hay producers out of the fields and minimized hay production. All prices are FOB unless otherwise noted.

Estimated Tons: 1,092 Last Month: 805 Last Year: 670

Southeast Hay:	Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
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Premium	449	180.00-280.00	208.53
Bermuda Grass Large Round			
Premium	75	100.00-100.00	100.00
Bermuda Grass Mid Round			
Premium	341	80.00-120.00	93.68
Bahia Grass Small Square			
Premium	20	200.00-200.00	200.00
Fair	5	100.00-140.00	106.67
Bahia Grass Large Round			
Premium	8	73.39-86.67	81.36
Bahia Grass Mid Round			
Premium	21	100.00-100.00	100.00
Mixed Grass Small Square			
Good	9	150.00-150.00	150.00
Mixed Grass Mid Round			
Good	110	60.00-70.00	67.40
Fair	25	42.00-42.00	42.00
Wheat Straw Small Square			
Fair	29	140.00-160.00	154.04

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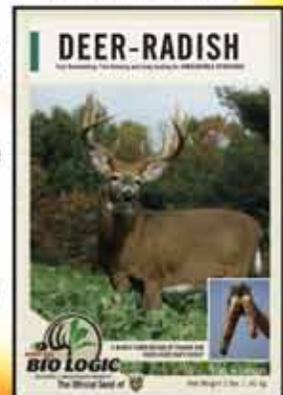
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