



McMillan's Message

Commissioner
John McMillan

A Look Ahead to 2016



Irrigation continues to be a major factor in agriculture production in 2016. The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries hopes to see the number of farms with irrigation increase in the state.

As we enter 2016 and reflect on 2015, it may not have been our best for profitability in agriculture but we are hopeful for a New Year that holds more potential. We look for reduced input costs and

consumer demand to improve. The success of farmers in 2016 will also depend on overall economic growth, strength of the dollar and interest rates.

We foresee 2016 providing opportunities for farmers as they continue to evaluate alternative crops. Nationwide the demand for fresh locally grown produce continues to increase and Alabama is in a unique position with our abundance of natural resources, mainly water.

I believe that produce production is an opportunity to supplement our traditional commodity crops. Irrigation continues to be a major factor in agriculture production, and I hope to see legislation to promote irrigation expansion within Alabama.

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Pictured left to right in the Dalraida Elementary School cafeteria are Commissioner John McMillan, satsuma farmer Jeremy Sessions and Dalraida Elementary School Principal Michelle Harris.

SATSUMAS — IT'S WHAT'S FOR LUNCH!

The smell of sweet citrus filled the lunchroom full of happy faces at Montgomery's Dalraida Elementary School in early December as the students enjoyed fresh Alabama grown satsumas.

The Mobile County farmer that grew the satsumas, Jeremy Sessions, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan joined Dalraida Principal Michelle Harris and the entire 5th grade class for a very informative question and answer session following a news conference promoting the success of Alabama's Farm to School program.

The Farm to School initiative represents collaboration among the Alabama Department of Education, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, the Food Bank of North Alabama, Alabama

Cooperative Extension and Alabama Farmers Federation to promote locally grown fruits and vegetables in Alabama public school cafeterias.

"All of these entities working together results in additional markets for Alabama farmers and fresh, local produce for Alabama's children," says McMillan.

Satsumas, one of the sweetest and easiest to peel citrus fruits, is grown in Southern Alabama and ripens mid-November to mid-December. These fruits are brought into Alabama schools as a way to introduce students to eat healthier, locally grown produce. During the question and answer session, Sessions shared with the students information about his farm and the process of growing and harvesting satsumas.

"It is great knowing that Alabama school kids are enjoying fresh fruit from my family's farm," says Sessions.

After talking to Sessions and the Commissioner, the students had the best opportunity to put the fruit to a taste test. The smiles on their faces told the story. No doubt, satsumas were a hit at lunch on this day in the Dalraida lunchroom!

"These pioneering farm-to-plate programs offer tremendous economic development opportunities to growers throughout Alabama, and provide access to healthy, fresh produce for the state's school children," said Frank Speed, administrator of the Child Nutrition Program for the Alabama Department of Education.

AQUACULTURE

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JOHN McMILLAN
 Commissioner

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 10 Black Heifers, breeding age, \$2,000 ea.; 3 Black bred heifers \$2,550 ea.; Purebred Black Brangus bulls, \$3,000/up. Bob King 6525 Co Rd 5, Ashland 36251 256/354-7726 (Clay)
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EGG & POULTRY

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Custom environmental friendly land clearing, mulch trees & bushes up to 6" dia., no brush piles, clean house lots, food plots, pastures, right of ways. 256/599-0591 (Jackson)

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Bahia & Bermuda rolls, no rain, last cuttings, \$35, stored in barn. 205/410-1484 (Jefferson)

4'x5' net wrap hay Bermuda & Bahia \$35; Discount on volume Wheat Straw, 4x5 net, \$25, large supply. 4525 Washington Ferry Rd., Montgomery 36108 334/361-9496 or 334/558-4052 (Montgomery)

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Alfalfa hay, Western grown, heavy, 95+/- lbs., leafy, fine stem, \$18.50, 20 bale min., discounts on 100 bales or more; Alfalfa Orchard mix \$12.50/bale; 3x3x8 Alfalfa bales \$135, premium 1,000+/- lbs. bales \$159 ea. Junior Beard 8109 Glendale Farms Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)

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HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

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Two Haflinger mare horses, 7 & 9 yo, broke to wagon, work single or double, \$1,000 for both, Granett harnesses available. Don Rabren 334/288-4699 or 334/235-0550 (Montgomery)

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Free miniature horse stud, black & white, 4 yo, gentle, needs good home, herd reduction. H.L. Bailey 500 Bailey Loop Rd., Gardendale 35071 205/590-1189 (Jefferson)

5 yo Morgan horse gelding, solid black, works good, been rode some, \$1,200 OBO. Daniel P. Yoder 111 Waterfork Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456 (Tennessee)

Old type Morgan bay colt foaled June 10, 2015, halter broke, stands tied & leads, will be registered, \$850 plus you pay transfer fee of \$30. Carol Potts 256/482-3953 (Morgan)

AQHA blue roan & black ranch bred horses. If you run barrels or rope, these are bred to win. \$2,500-\$5,000. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

Donkeys, many to choose from, assorted sizes, \$50 ea. Joe at 334/349-6624 (Hale)

Old type Morgan chestnut colt foaled July 17, 2015, halter broke, stands tied & leads, will be registered, \$800 plus you pay transfer fee of \$30. Carol Potts 256/482-3953 (Morgan)

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Great Pyrenees pups, raised w/goats & cows, working parents, ready to go, \$100 ea.; One grown male Pyrenees mixed w/Border Collie but solid white \$50. Joe 334/349-6624 (Hale)



Map of Alabama Counties

MACHINERY

Two Champion Pecan Crackers Model "O" & "OO" in working order, \$2,500 ea. or \$4,500 for both. Serious inquiries only. Joel S. McCrory, P.O. Box 275, Geneva 36340 334/723-5201 (Geneva)

2 row Ford Planter, good cond., needs paint \$500; One 2014 Polaris Ranger 400, low hrs., \$6,500. David C. Fowler 208 Fowler Loop, Fayette 35555 205/932-4933 (Fayette)

I have a 674 Int'l Tractor, diesel, in good working cond., asking \$4,000; Also have hay spear that mounts on bucket on front end loader, asking \$150, like new. Jeff Fuller, Talladega 256/493-4797 (Talladega)

RJ high residue, carousel-type transplanter, 2-row, water tank, great working order, must sell, \$6,500. Gary Weil 334/697-0519 (Pike)

Field Queen Side Dump Forage Harvester, 3208 Cat motor, 3-row attachment & pickup attachment, \$8,500. 251/599-6870 or 251/789-2351 (Monroe)

Cat bulldozer 1975-78 D7F, nearly new, undercarriage good, strong machine, don't use oil (small hyd. leek at tilt cylinder), \$24,500. Doug Thomas 637 Fortner Cemetery Rd., Phil Campbell 35581 256/460-8771 (Marion)

JD Manure Spreader, ground driven, \$250. 205/486-3902 (Winston)

MACHINERY

O-Troy Bilt Tiller, 7 hp, horse hiller furrer attachment, one owner, operators manual, good cond., \$350. 205/436-7895 or 205/229-0636 (Jefferson)

Claas Hay Roller 85 electric tie, field ready, \$3,000; JD Flail cutter \$650. 251/599-6870 (Monroe)

2006 MF 492, 100 hp, 2,570 hrs., exc. cond., \$14,500. Ray Dewberry 251/248-2892 or 251/282-7362 (Conecuh)

JD 1326 8' disc mower Impeller conditioner, TR90 Vermeer Tedder/Rake, JD 430 Baler rebuilt 2012, all in good cond., \$9750. Call Lawrence 770/328-0486 (Randolph)

1995 JD 9600 Combine w/3,935 sep. hrs. & 5,559 eng. hrs., w/like new TSR fine cut straw chopper, \$22,000. 205/908-4809 (Chilton)

2013 JD 6170R Tractor, 2 wd, 750 hrs., 3 remotes, front weights, 140 hp, \$82,000. 4525 Washington Ferry Rd., Montgomery 36108 334/361-9496 or 334/558-4052 (Montgomery)

Columbo Peanut Combine, 6-36" rows, only harvested 300 ac., \$70,000; JD 694 corn head, 6-36 rows, hyd. deck plates \$12,000; Int 3950 28 1/2" disc \$8,000. 334/391-5188 (Crenshaw)

New 10' pull type leveling box \$1,550; Gravity wagons \$750 to \$1,550; JD Loader, good, \$3,550; 20' disc \$2,850; AMCO Grain Drill, 10', 6H, \$3,250. 12975 Hwy 157, Florence 35633 256/764-5322 or 256/856-6018 (Lauderdale)

MACHINERY

140 Int'l Tractor, original paint, good sheet metal, lights, cultivator, 1 pt. hitch, \$3,000. 12900 Co Rd 49, Heflin 36264 256/591-2010 (Cleburne)

1980 Cat D3 Dozer, 6-way blade, \$8,500. Wes Brown 251/282-0558 (Conecuh)

1997 Linc Belt 3400 Q Excavator, 4,457 hrs., 60% undercarriage, new bucket teeth, \$35,000. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)

2009 JD 8130, 4wd, duals IUT transmission, 4 remotes, front weights, 1,900 hrs., big pump, small & large PTO, exc. cond. \$108,000. 4525 Washington Ferry Rd., Montgomery 36108 334/361-9496 or 334/558-4052 (Montgomery)

1950 Ford 9 or 8N Tractor w/old disc, best offer, not running. 1253 Calvin Fowler Rd., Winfield 35594 205/487-2843 or 205/487-6235 (Marion)

JD Tractor 4020 Powershift, wide front, diesel, \$4,000. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 (Monroe)

4430 JD Powershift, duals available, 4 post canopy, good, good cond., \$10,000. 251/459-3630 (Mobile)

Adams L-95 Fertilizer Distributor (injector), 12-row, 800 gal. tank, exc. cond. \$8,000. 334/301-6348 (Montgomery)

Farmall Cub Tractor w/cultivators, belly disk plow & belly mower, new battery, \$1,750. 12900 Co Rd 49, Heflin 36264 256/591-2010 (Cleburne)

MACHINERY

2010 JD 9670 Combine, 4 wd, bullet rotor, 1,100 sep. hrs., 894 corn head, 630 30' head w/trailers etc., \$175,000. 4525 Washington Ferry Rd., Montgomery 36108 334/361-9496 or 334/558-4052 (Montgomery)
 Tuffline Mdl TW51, gang disc, 8½', hydraulic lift, 1 broken disc, fair to good cond., \$2,000. Duane Lewis 5493 Hwy 119, Montevallo 205/243-5068 (Shelby)
 Set of 200 gal. saddle tanks, had on JD 7630, \$1,000. David Lazzari 251/424-0071 (Baldwin)
 Case 885 diesel tractor, 47 hp, p.s., good engine, good hydraulics, great tires, ready to work, \$2,800. Edd Lipscomb 251/367-1968 (Baldwin)
 20" JD fold-up disc w/21" blades \$1,500; 5 hp Craftsman Rowbuster garden tractor \$225; I.H. 3 pt. hitch, 2-row planter, no fertilizer hoppers, fiberglass seed hoppers w/several sizes seed plates, \$500. 10743 Co Rd 191, Eutaw 35462 205/372-4810 (Greene)
 Root Master front end mounted global hook up loader, exc. cond., \$1,950. 2921 Co Rd 59, Moundville 35474 205/372-7463 (Hale)
 1942 Case "VAC" Tractor, one owner, needs complete restoration, have the original owners manuals w/\$600 firm. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
 Atlas landscaping box blade, 8', all teeth, never used, \$600. Duane Lewis 5493 Hwy 119, Montevallo 205/243-5068 (Shelby)
 Komatsu PC200LC5 Excavator, SR#70245, 6,080 hrs. w/42" Escob bucket & Komatsu grapple, \$38,000. Mike Griffin 256/362-3009 (Talladega)
 JD 450G Dozer, straight blade, rebuilt by Deere, less than 50 hrs. on rebuild, \$10,000; I.H. Tractor "H" \$1,500. Joe 334/349-6624 (Hale)
 1994 JD 9600 Combine, 4x4, duals, 925 full finger flex head, 843 corn head, all shedded, in good cond., \$55,000. Jody Nichols 5311 Co Rd 180, Marion Junction 36759 334/419-3755 (Dallas)

MACHINERY

1997 Linc Belt 3400 Q Excavator, 4,457 hrs., 60% undercarriage \$38,000; Cat 977 Traxcavator, new batteries, runs good, \$8,500. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
 2009 Truax Prairie seeder/grain drill, like new, \$15,000 OBO. Hudson 334/391-6646 (Montgomery)

MISCELLANEOUS

16' galvanized stop sign post, use for fence post, sheds, catch pens, etc., great for tree stand ladders, \$1/foot. 334/385-2421 (Marengo)
 Gourds 1000s & 1000s, \$1/up, hard shell & thickwall, birdhouse & craft. From Oneonta take 231 N. Go 3 miles to Ebell Rd. on right. Go 1 mile to Adamson Dr. on right. Go to end of drive at top of hill. 205/625-5040 (Blount)
 4-bale covered hay feeder \$2,250; 2-bale covered hay feeder \$1,300; Horse hay feeder w/roof/floor & collapsible sides: 1-bale \$1,500, 2-bale \$2,500. Saves hay, see to appreciate. 605 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/547-1659 (Cherokee)
 Cedar Posts 8' long, 6 to 7" heart, good solid posts, \$8 ea. Call Jeff McDonald 256/527-0808 (Morgan)
 Cypress, cedar & oak lumber, posts & beams up to 32', \$.80/BF/up; Pine also available. 251/246-5913 (Clarke)
 Irrigation parts, drip tape, fittings, wobblers w/posts, please call for details, wobbler sets \$7 ea., fittings \$1 ea. Gary Weil 334/697-0519 (Pike)
 Harvest free, large maples, sweetgum, firewood or lumber, take all but stump, bucket truck needed! Harold A. Weinbaum 142 Sweetwater Br. Rd., Ft. Mitchell 36856 334/855-3960 (Russell)
 1000 new fiber fence posts for installing hi-tensile fence the right way, 6" tall x 1.50" across w/5 pre-drilled holes, unbreakable & will not bend, \$6 ea., volume discounts. Rick Neves 256/747-3301 (Cullman)
 One 250 gal. skich tank \$250. Robert McKenzie 251/282-4281 (Monroe)

MISCELLANEOUS

Outdoor animal pens 10x20x6, wood floors, tin roof & four front gates, easy disassembled to move, photos upon request, \$1,650. 256/737-9513 (Cullman)
 Kamatsu PC75, runs great & has two new track motors, very good undercarriage, \$16,000 OBO. Diteous (Neil) Sutton 53 Lightner Rd., Ariton 36311 334/685-3169 (Barbour)
 Old timey horse drawn hay mower, good cond., \$1,500. Daniel P. Yoder 111 Waterfork Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456 (Tennessee)
 28-piece heavy duty catch pen/funnel/alley w/head catch, \$5,000 ea., consists of 50' dia. catch pen, 22' funnel w/sweep gate/33' alley. Ideal for cattle producers w/rented/multiple farms/pastures. See display at our farm. 605 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Cherokee)
 Lumber, cedar, cypress & juniper \$1.10/BFT/up; Tongue & groove Persimmon 200 BFT, \$6/BFT; Tongue & groove Pine & Spalted Poplar \$8/BFT. Wes Brown 251/282-0558 (Conecuh)
 Old timey stalk cutter, 3 pt. hitch, 65-70 years old, good cond., \$900. 205/365-6697 (Shelby)
 Used rear tractor tires, 26"-50" \$200/up; Used pickup tires 16"-22" \$30/up. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 (Monroe)
 1 set of Simple Cavallo boots for horse, size 3, never used. Use in place of shoes, \$90. Carol Potts 256/482-3953 (Morgan)
 Oak & poplar bean sticks, 6' to 8' long, most are 8', \$.50 ea. Chris Malone 2755 Hawk Pride Mt. Rd., Tusculumbia 35674 256/577-0883 (Colbert)
 LUMBER FOR SALE, Circular Saw Red & White Oak, Hickory, Ash \$1.20 BFT; Heart Pine \$5 BFT; all sizes of treated lumber. Loring White 334/782-3636 (Tallapoosa)
 Used industrial tires 15"-28" \$150/up; 10 new military tires w/tubes & flaps \$125 ea. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 (Monroe)
 One new 20.8x38 rear tractor tire \$600; One new 12.4x28 rear tractor tire \$200. Edd Lipscomb 251/367-1968 (Baldwin)

MISCELLANEOUS

Extra heavy duty cattle panels, 11' long x 5'8" tall & weighs 175 lbs., \$140 ea. or 11' long x 5'8" tall & weighs 140 lbs. \$125 ea. Several types gates/panels for catch pens, working pens, all user friendly & animal safe. Tim Decker 466 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-0240 (Cherokee)
 LUMBER FOR SALE, 5" Treated Round/One-side Flat Fence Post, 8' long, \$9.50 ea.; all sizes of treated lumber. Loring White 334/782-3636 (Tallapoosa)
 Alpacas: beautiful babies - white male 4 mos. \$250, rust & white female 2 mos. \$350. Call Chuck 205/999-2812 (Tuscaloosa)
 6' Woods box blade \$395; 3 pt. hitch hay forks \$95 ea.; 3 pt hitch tote \$145; Air compressor, electric, \$125. 205/295-8151 (Winston)
 11-piece heavy duty portable cattle alley \$1,650 ea., ideal for cattle producers w/multiple farms. Add a head catch for \$350 ea. All items built in Cherokee County, see to appreciate at 605 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/572-7736 (Cherokee)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Japanese Maples, plant now, \$5/up, Thursday through Saturday. Paul & Glenda Lowe 11265 Hwy 50, Dadeville 36853 256/896-0105 (Tallapoosa)
 Old Southern apple trees \$10-\$20; Blueberries \$8; Figs \$10; Sourwood & Sawtooth \$7; Persimmons \$5-\$7. 9093 County Line Rd., Dora 35062 205/746-5961 (Jefferson)
 Fresh, homegrown, versatile & evergreen Lenten Rose (Helleborous) plants available & this is one of the best times for planting. More mature plants will likely bloom this year & sell for \$8 ea. Smaller ones for as little as 10 plants for \$10. Shipping varies. Drought & deer resistant & unusual bloom season of late Jan.-June. Leave message 256/245-6029 (Talladega)

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.

Nubian male goat, reg., born 8-27-15, \$100. 260 Cherokee Trail, Altoona 35952 205/493-0485 (Etowah)
 Reg. Kiko buck, Two 3/8 Spanish/1/8 Boer bucks, April born crossbred buck, \$300 ea. or 2/\$500 or trade. 334/745-2357 (Chambers)
 2 Saanen males & 2 Alpine/Saanen mix for \$60 ea., born spring; One hornless gentle Saanen male 5 yo \$200. 205/935-1916 (Franklin)
 Fullblooded reg. Nubian buck 4 yo, good temperament, gentle, hornless, great health, sired 4 kids via 2 does spring 2015, \$175. Laura Brown fowlplay555@gmail.com 334/863-2365 (Chambers)
 Reg. Boer doe, 3 yo, \$500. Daniel Jones 970 Eason Brown Rd., Prattville 36067 334/399-2310 (Autauga)

SWINE

Pastured pigs, barrows & gilts, American Guinea x Kunekune, \$1/lb. Free delivery to slaughterhouse or your home within 50 miles (mileage charges for longer distances). James Smith 260 Co Rd 523, Lexington 35648 rutie10@hotmail.com 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)
 Teacup Piglets, the original breed, tiny baby piglets, we now can ship to your post office, \$350. For information 601/671-4209 (Mississippi)
 Tamworth sow, only had one litter of pigs, \$400; Tamworth shoats, 2 boars & 6 gilts ranging from \$125 to \$150 ea., nice pigs. 256/643-3097 (Cherokee)

SYRUP, HONEY & BEES

Are you interested in growing cane & making syrup? The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. This month, bring a bottle of syrup to enter the Cane Syrup Making Contest. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)
 Cane juice and cane syrup for sale. Syrup is \$5/bottle and juice is \$3/half-gallon. Earl Stokes 334/494-3037 (Coffee)

TRUCKS & TRAILERS

2000 Toyota 4 wd Tacoma, salvage title, parting out, 90% of truck perfect; 2.7 4 cylinder, 5 speed engine, \$1,500; Transmission & transfer case \$1,500; 4 wd front end \$1,500, will sell whole truck. James Kervin 3035 Co Rd 24, Red Level 36474 334/374-8126 (Covington)
 Gooseneck tri-axle, dove tail w/ramps, 26', 18,000, electric brakes w/breakaway, new wiring & rd oak floor, \$5,250. Call Steve 205/699-7246 (Shelby)
 1987 Dodge 250 flatbed w/sides, 1,000 lb. lift gate, 46,000 actual miles, new radiator & brakes, tires 2 years old, \$3,000. Leave message. 334/996-8873 (Dallas)
 2004 F250 crew cab Lariat 4x4 diesel, 280,000 miles, needs engine work, \$5,000 OBO. 205/243-6892 (Shelby)
 1994 Ford F350 4x4 w/Loral sprayrig, 7.3 diesel engine, 5 speed manual transmission, 500 gal. s. steel tank, 60' booms, \$17,500. 256/708-3212 (Cullman)
 2000 Tacoma 4 wd, parting out, salvage title, 2.7 4 cylinder, 5 speed, 165,000 miles, 90% of truck perfect, will sell whole truck \$4,000, extended cab. James Kervin 3035 Co Rd 24, Red Level 36474 334/374-8126 (Covington)
 27' Barrett aluminum livestock trailer, dual tandems, electric brakes, torsion bar suspension, 2 cut gates, \$11,500. 205/295-8151 (Winston)
 1995 Siebert tri-axle lowboy, folding gooseneck, big rubber w/disc wheels, good trailer, \$11,500. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
 2000 Peterbilt 330 truck, 3126 Cat, 6 speed manual trans., air operated lift axle, new warren twin cylinder hoist, 16' flatbed, \$22,500. 256/708-3212 (Cullman)
 2000 Freightliner 112 Dax cab, C-12 Cat, 10 speed, aluminum wheels, jake brake, one owner, 389,000 miles, nice, \$18,500. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
 Utility trailer for hauling goats, calves, steel bottom & loading ramps, new tires, side boards, wired, \$325 firm, come see. James C. Davis 1245 Bennetts Rd., Jasper 35503 205/384-5065 (Walker)

WANTED

Spare parts for a Husqvarna chain saw 359 E-teck "Main Body." Harold Godwin 256/249-4878 (Talladega)
 Looking for Purple Collard seed, not the same as Alabama Blue. 205/655-4547 (Jefferson)
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 Mobile man looking for 700 lb. or larger cotton scales & any size pea weights. Ernie Campbell 251/604-7897 (Mobile)
 Want to buy small honey extractor & related processing equipment. 256/547-5435 (Etowah)
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 Need someone to set & file old crosscut saws. Reggie McCray 205/317-0563 (Hale)

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WANTED

Rear tires & wheels for 240 International utility tractor. 3034 State Lake Rd., Lineville 36266 (Clay)
 1970 thru 1980 2-ton truck, 16' grain bed dump. George County 601/508-7155 (Mississippi)
 JD 2210 tractor for parts, running or not; 8' multi-fit root rake for JD 450. Rod Stone 22 Co Rd 510, Valley Grande 334/872-5867 (Dallas)
 Western or gaited saddle, 16", 17" or 18", tan/light colored, has to be in good to exc. cond., flashier the better. 205/387-0881 (Walker)
 Used fence post driver, 3 pt. hitch self contained & 8 wheel V rack on caddy w/center kicker wheel. Bradley Wilson 205/275-8597 (Walker)
 Blacksmith cone anvil & Meadows gristmill for parts. 256/770-9383 (Talladega)
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 Deutz 3006 tractor for parts w/drawbar & frame &/or front-end loader for 3006 tractor. 334/750-0894 (Lee)

WANTED

Do you have syrup making equipment, cane mills, syrup kettles, etc? Members of the Alabama Syrup-Makers Association are looking for equipment. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)
 Main gearbox complete (left side) for 268R Bush Hog, good cond. only. Donald Blaylock 191 Gray Circle, Winfield 35594 205/487-3549 (Marion)
 V blade or KG blade for a D6D Cat Dozer. Thomas Murray 300 Hwy 68, Russellville 35654 256/627-1457 (Franklin)
 Looking for Vicon 240 disc mower cutter bar & Vicon 217 3 pt. attachment w/gearbox, already have the cutter bar. Rob 251/490-6041 (Mobile)

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SIGN UP FOR PRECISION AG WORKSHOP IN AUBURN

Auburn University and Alabama Extension professionals will host a Precision Agriculture Workshop in Auburn on Jan. 28. The event will take place at the Auburn University Dixon Hotel and Conference Center. Cutting edge precision agriculture presentations and precision ag demonstrations will be led by Extension professionals and private companies.

Alabama Extension Precision Ag and Grain Crops Specialist Brenda Ortiz said

there are many producers who have not fully adopted precision agriculture practices and site-specific management strategies.

"We want to provide current information, access to current technology and connect farmers with private companies and consultants who can assist producers with this move," said Ortiz.

Topics covered by presenters will include precision planting, precision spraying, variable rate nitrogen, variable rate irrigation and data management.

Ortiz said the workshop will combine presentations and demonstrations to give attendees a thorough overview of site specific management practices.

"Site specific management can help farmers increase yield and profitability, increase efficiency and be better stewards of the environment," she said. "We want to help

farmers understand how to better use our natural resources, and how to analyze data collected in their fields and use it effectively."

Ortiz said the conference will have information for producers who are new to precision agriculture practices and for those who have already implemented practices on their farms.

Speakers include Dr. Ajay Sharda from Kansas State University, Dr. Brian Arnal from Oklahoma State University, Dr. Timothy Stombaugh from the University of Kentucky and Dr. Kenneth Stone from USDA/ARS. Company presenters include representatives from SunSouth John Deere, TriGreen John Deere, MapShots, Valley and Russell Planter Service.

There is no registration fee, but registration is required. Register at auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYE8U4TToCTfmhT.

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 or forestry 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.
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11. Only livestock (herding/working) dogs will be published in the Bulletin.
12. Instructional material cannot be advertised in the Bulletin.
13. Ads will be accepted for agricultural work only. Ads for household, nursing or companionship will not be accepted.
14. Ads to exchange one item for another item will be accepted only when both items being exchanged relate to agriculture. Ads for cars, boats, mobile homes, etc. will not be accepted as an exchange for agricultural items.
15. Prices must be included with all items offered for sale. Price ranges may be used in certain ads; for example, due to age, weight, etc. cattle can be advertised as \$1,200-\$1,500.
16. We will only advertise birds listed in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) book. Notices from poultry dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted. Please note: Psittacine birds and pigeons are NOT listed in the NPIP book. Any questions concerning the NPIP should be directed to the Poultry Section at 334/240-7255 ext. 4.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

Applications for the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation (AFAF) are available online and due April 1, 2016. Applications for the Alfa Foundation scholarships will be available Feb. 1 and are due April 1, 2016.

Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation scholarships are \$1,750 each and are awarded to high school seniors and college students from participating counties seeking an agriculture-related degree at Auburn University or Alabama A&M University.

Alfa Foundation scholarships are \$1,000 each and are for students pursuing any degree at Alabama colleges, universities and technical schools.

"The Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance are proud to invest in Alabama youth," said Alfa Insurance and Federation President Jimmy Parnell. "Through these scholarships, we hope to help prepare young people for

successful careers that allow them to give back to their communities and society."

This marks the fourth year for the AFAF scholarship program, which provides \$1,250 in matching funds for county Federations that contribute \$500 to a scholarship. Earlier this summer, 56 students from participating counties received \$103,250 in scholarships from the AFAF.

The Alfa Foundation scholarship program, now in its third year, will award \$100,000 in scholarships.

Applicants for Alfa Foundation scholarships must be Federation members. AFAF scholarships are available to Federation members and their children (under age 25). Please see application for more details.

For AFAF scholarships, visit AlfaFarmers.org/About/Forms, and for Alfa Foundation scholarships, visit AlfaInsurance.com.

WATCH FOR DEER ON THE MOVE

With more deer on the move this time of year, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources asks drivers to stay alert, especially during hours around dusk and dawn.

“As the breeding season occurs during the winter months in Alabama, their activity will increase during this time,” said Wildlife Chief Keith Gauldin. “When bucks are actively pursuing does in low light conditions, they can quickly appear out of nowhere.”

Gauldin said while a few may be solitary, most will travel in groups. “If you see one deer, there may be others following behind, so drive with caution.”

The Insurance Information Institute offers these tips to avoid hitting deer:

- Be especially attentive from sunset to midnight and during the hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are the highest risk times for deer-vehicle collisions.
- Drive with caution when moving through deer-crossing zones, in areas known to have a large deer population and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one deer, others may be nearby.
- When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will better



Photo by Pam Goldstein

illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

- Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars.
- Always wear your seat belt. Most people injured in car/deer crashes were not wearing their seat belt.

- Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer. These devices have not been proven to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama’s natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Allie Grooms

We are continuing to spotlight an employee each month to put a face with the many services provided by the Department of Agriculture and Industries. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about our excellent employees!

Our Spotlight Employee of the Month is Allie Grooms. Allie began working for the Department of Agriculture and Industries over nine years ago.

Allie is a Lab Technician II at the Thompson-Bishop-Sparks State Diagnostic Lab located in Auburn. She works in the receiving department,

and also performs diagnostics testing in the molecular detection laboratory. Her duties include processing samples for testing as they are brought to the lab. Animals submitted to the lab could be chickens, cattle, goats, dogs, cats or a variety of other animals. Allie collects and processes tissue and blood samples from the animals so they can be sent onto the proper area of the lab for testing. Each sample is given an identification number and labeled for the specific test that will be administered. She also screens poultry samples for Avian Influenza and Newcastle disease.

Allie says her favorite part of her job is being part of the food safety process. There is a great sense of accomplishment in knowing you have a part in assuring the public that the livestock sent to the marketplace has been tested for diseases and is safe to eat.

Allie and her husband, Derrick, have been married for two years. They have a precious 8-month baby boy named Drake who just celebrated his first Christmas!

SIGN UP NOW FOR FARM OF DISTINCTION CONTEST

Applications are being accepted through January 29 for the Alabama Farm of Distinction contest, which includes cash and prizes valued at more than \$12,000.

Alabama Farm-City Committee Chairman Jeff Helms said the competition recognizes farms of all types and sizes that excel in production, management, stewardship and innovation.

“This will be the 30th year we’ve honored an exceptional agricultural operation with the Farm of Distinction award,” Helms said. “The list of past recipients includes some of the finest farms in the Southeast owned by families who are among Alabama’s greatest agricultural leaders.”

Up to four finalists for the award will be selected based on applications, and each will receive a \$250 gift certificate from Alabama Farmers

Cooperative (AFC).

Judges will travel to the finalists’ farms, and the overall winner will be announced at the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon April 7 in Birmingham. Alabama’s Farm of Distinction will receive a John Deere Gator from SunSouth, TriGreen and Snead Ag dealers; a \$1,000 gift certificate from AFC; \$2,500 from Swisher International and an engraved farm sign from Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance. The overall winner will represent Alabama in the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest at the Sunbelt Ag Expo Oct. 18-20.

Farm-City Week started in 1955 and is officially observed the week before Thanksgiving.

Farm of Distinction applications are available under documents at AlabamaFarmCity.org.



New Tom Kelly Book

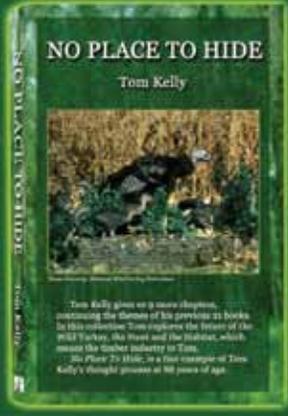
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PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Jeff Grimes has been mixing and remixing butt rub seasoning ingredients for years in Andalusia.

Every time Auburn tailgating season rolled around, he pulled out his favorite butt rub recipes and experimented combining them, deleting ingredients and adding new ones until he finally got the perfect butt rub mixture that he proudly calls "Dixie Dirt." Grimes "played around with different ingredients trying to find a rub that would give Boston butts the best flavor and not dry them out."

But a concoction this good just could not be kept a secret. At every tailgating event since 1999, Grimes made sure to bring plenty of Boston butts and his famous rub to feed the flocks of people that wanted to enjoy the best Boston butt they had ever tasted.

Eventually people wanted the recipe for themselves,



but Grimes refused to let the secret out. He never gave out all the ingredients, but he still wanted his friends to be able to enjoy Dixie Dirt Boston butts at their own tailgating events and parties. So, Grimes, with much help from his wife Laquetta, began searching for someone to mix and market Dixie Dirt. Finally they found an excellent food manufacturer in North Alabama and passed the project onto them.

As word got out that Dixie Dirt was on the market, people began to buy the butt rub that looked and clotted just like dirt but tasted too good to be true.

Order now for your first time and you will never go back to an ordinary marinade, or if you are a returning customer then you know that Dixie Dirt butt rub is the only way to cook your Boston butts. For more information visit the website at <http://dixiedirtrub.com>.



The 2016 Alabama Farmers Federation Board of Directors are, from left to right: (Front Row) Regina Carnes, Lance Miller, Jake Harper and Dean Wysner; (Back Row) Steve Dunn, Brian Glenn, Rickey Cornutt, Joe Lambrecht and Steve Stroud.

FARM ORGANIZATION LEADERS ELECTED

In December, officers and directors were elected to serve the Alabama Farmers Federation for 2016. Officers will serve two-year terms.

Steve Dunn, a Conecuh County row crop and cattle farmer, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Central Area Vice President Dean Wysner, a cattle and hay producer in Randolph County, and Southwest Area Vice President Jake Harper, a cattle and timber producer in Wilcox County, were also re-elected.

Elections were held for Federation Board of Director seats in Districts 1, 4, 7 and 10. Directors serve three-year terms.

Brian Glenn, a row crop farmer in Lawrence County, was re-elected to represent District 1. Rickey Cornutt, a row crop and cattle farmer in Marshall County, was elected to District 4. Joe Lambrecht, a produce farmer in Elmore County, will represent District 7. Pike County poultry farmer and county Federation President Steve Stroud was elected to the District 10 board seat.

Elected to one-year ex-officio terms were Women's Leadership Committee Chairman Regina Carnes, of Marshall County, and State Young Farmers Committee Chairman Lance Miller, of Blount County.



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FARMER-FUNDED RESEARCH ON CATFISH BACTERIA

A research study, partially funded by Alabama catfish farmers, could save tens of thousands of fish each year that die from common bacteria. Results of a six-month research project conducted by Auburn University (AU) on the Aeromonas bacteria were presented to catfish farmers in Demopolis in December.



Catfish in net. Photo courtesy of Auburn University

The survival rate for infected fish increased from 5 percent several years ago to 99.6 percent for fish given a new vaccine developed through the project. Survival also was higher for fish fed a probiotic feed, the AU report said.

“Usually we don’t see these kind of results for field trials,” said AU’s Jeff Terhune. “The question now is, how do we move to a vaccination method that is more commercially and economically feasible.”

The research project, funded in part by \$65,000 in checkoff money from the Alabama Farmers Federation Catfish Producers, tested an Aeromonas vaccine developed by the AU School of Fisheries Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences (SFAAS). In this study, the vaccine was administered by hand to nearly 18,000 young fish. The bacteria typically affect mature fish near harvest, and experts estimate it has cost U.S. catfish farmers about \$72 million in losses since 2009.

The vaccinated fish were released in raceways at Hale County farmer Randy Hollingsworth’s farm. The four-prong research project included vaccinated fish, those given probiotic feed, hybrid catfish and traditional catfish. Survival rates for vaccinated fish and those given probiotic feed showed the most promise. Terhune said researchers hope to conduct more assessments on older fish next year.

Catfish farmers and processors at the meeting said

they are cautiously optimistic about the study results, adding they are eager to see more research on mature fish.

“Losses from Aeromonas have cost our farm a lot of money,” said Alabama Catfish Producers Chairman Will Pearce, of Dallas County. “I feel like we’re making headway, but we need to see results on fish 18 to 24 months old, which is when Aeromonas is more prevalent.”

Federation Catfish Division Director Rick Oates said the checkoff program is funded by catfish farmers who contribute \$1 per ton of catfish feed they purchase. Catfish farmers voted in February 2015 to fund the research project, he said.

“Aeromonas is a serious issue facing our farmers,” Oates said. “The record number of farmers and industry professionals who attended this meeting indicates the amount of interest in this research.”

Most of the meeting focused on the research report. However, the 130 farmers and processors at the meeting also heard reports on the state of the catfish industry and discussed water aeration, water quality and catfish genetics.

Federation members David Pearce and Randy Hollingsworth were honored for contributions to the catfish industry at AU’s Aquaculture and Fisheries Business Institute awards luncheon that was part of the meeting.

For more information about the research project, visit the AlfaFarmers.org.



Mark Liles

PROFESSOR RECEIVES GRANT FOR CATFISH VACCINE RESEARCH

By Charles Martin

Auburn University Associate Professor Mark Liles, of the College of Sciences and Mathematics, has been awarded an Alabama Innovation Fund grant in the amount of \$250,000 for research involving catfish vaccines.

Auburn University will match those funds, resulting in Liles’ amount to go to \$500,000.

Liles is working on an oral vaccine, delivered through catfish feed, which combats an emerging strain of Aeromonas hydrophila that causes Aeromonas septicemia in catfish and has resulted in over 15 million pounds of fish losses in Alabama alone. The state of Alabama is a major player in the nation’s catfish industry and ranks second among the states in catfish production.

He is partnering with Professors Jesse Chappell, Terry Hanson and Jeff Terhune in the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences in the College of Agriculture; Professor Joe Newton in the Department of Pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine; the Alabama Catfish Feed Mill in Uniontown; Hollingsworth Farms Inc. in Newbern; and Osprey Biotechnics in Sarasota, Florida.

ALABAMA MONTHLY HAY REPORT

Compared to last month: Hay prices were firm for the month of November. Trade moderate with moderate supply and good demand. All prices are FOB unless otherwise noted.

Estimated Tons: 1,600 Last Month: 1,622 Last Year: 2,026

Southeast Hay:	Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Peanut Small Square			
Premium	13	70.00-70.00	70.00
Good	98	70.00-70.00	70.00
Bermuda Grass Small Square			
Premium	679	180.00-300.00	217.67
Good	2	160.00-160.00	160.00
Bermuda Grass Large Round			
Premium	74	93.33-130.33	120.99
Bermuda Grass Mid Round			
Premium	590	90.00-130.00	104.94
Good	87	70.00-75.00	74.19
Bahia Grass Small Square			
Premium	11	200.00-200.00	200.00
Fair	2	160.00-160.00	160.00
Bahia Grass Large Round			
Premium	9	100.00-100.00	100.00
Bahia Grass Mid Round			
Premium	11	100.00-100.00	100.00
Good	3	40.00-40.00	40.00
Mixed Grass Large Round			
Premium	8	73.33-73.33	73.33
Wheat Straw Small Square			
Fair	35	160.00-160.00	160.00

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

McMillan’s Message CONTINUED...

We anticipate the 2016 legislative session to be a difficult one, with tight budgets and funding concerns. We are fearful that if we are cut any further in our general fund appropriation, we will not be able to sustain the critical services our agency provides. We have been able to provide services over the last five years due to great cooperation by Governor Robert Bentley and the Legislature. Due to their support, we have been able to streamline operations at the department by updating technology and reforming many of our regulatory functions.

The successes we had in 2015 and previous years were due to the agribusiness community working together, and we hope to see that continue in 2016. We will soon have a new dean at the Auburn University College of Agriculture and director of the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station. The 2012 economic impact study will be brought up to date and work will continue on the strategic plan for agriculture. All of these factors will play an important role in the success of agriculture in 2016 and we look forward to serving you at the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

Cattle Auctions

Alabama Livestock Auction Inc.
Uniontown
Tuesday, 11 a.m.
334-628-2371

Arab Livestock Market Inc.
Arab
Tuesday, 10 a.m.
256-586-4212

Ashville Stockyard Inc.
Ashville
Monday, 11:30 a.m.
205-594-5151

Clay County Livestock Inc.
Lineville
Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.
256-354-2276

Coffee County Stockyard LLC
New Brockton
Thursday, 1 p.m.
334-897-2540

Cullman Stockyard Inc.
Cullman
Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
256-734-4531

Dothan Livestock Co.
Dothan
Monday, 10 a.m.
334-677-3361

Frisco City Livestock Market
Frisco City
Wednesday, 1 p.m.
251-267-3176

Farmers Cooperative Market Inc.
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Wednesday, 1 p.m.
334-493-4568

Fort Payne Stockyard Inc.
Fort Payne
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
256-845-1028

Linden Stock Yards Inc.
Linden
Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
334-295-8707

Livingston Stockyard
Livingston
Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
205-652-7411

Mid States Stockyards Inc.
Letohatchee
Tuesday, 10 a.m.
334-227-8000

Montgomery Stock Yards Inc.
Montgomery
Monday, 1 p.m.
334-288-8060

Moulton Stockyard Inc.
Moulton
Wednesday, 11 a.m.
256-974-3133

Northwest AL Livestock Auction
Russellville
Monday, 10 a.m.
256-332-3323

Roanoke Stockyards Inc.
Roanoke

Wednesday, 11 a.m.
334-863-2411

Sand Mountain Stockyard Inc.
Crossville
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
256-561-3434

South Alabama Livestock Inc.
Brundidge
Thursday, 1 p.m.
334-735-2364

Tennessee Valley Livestock Association
Florence
Monday, 12 p.m.
256-766-0281

Valley Stockyard Inc.
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256-353-7664

Goat Auctions

Central Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction
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205-287-1647

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256-839-6824

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GET BACK TO BEEF BASICS

By Justin Miller

The Alabama cattle industry is a \$2.5 billion industry, making it the state's second highest ranked commodity. Dr. Kim Mullenix, an Alabama Extension beef cattle specialist, sees the state's booming cattle industry as an opportunity to further educate the producers and supporters of the Alabama beef cattle industry, which is why she helped create the Beef Basics program.

"Beef Basics is a free online course from Alabama Extension that producers, supporters and anyone connected to the cattle industry can take to brush up on their cattle knowledge," said Mullenix, who is an assistant professor of animal science at Auburn University.

The course will cover basic cattle management principles related to forages, such as nutrition, management, breeding and genetics. Beef Basics also will go into detail on what the consumer's perspective is on the cattle industry. After a student completes the eight-week course, he or she will receive a certificate of completion.

"The main goal is for producers to improve their overall management skills and understanding of the beef industry, resulting in a positive economic impact on their production system," Mullenix said.

Landon Marks, an Alabama Extension agent in Animal Science based in Cherokee County, explained the way the course sections will take place. "Within a section of Beef Basics, such as breeding and genetics, students can pick a specific topic on which to focus. For example, if you want to know more about calving but not necessarily about choosing a breeding bull, you can choose the section that fits your need."

Course enrollment began December 10, 2015, but the course will have an open enrollment with no end date.

For more information about the Beef Basics course, visit Alabama Extension's Beef Systems website at www.aces.edu/agriculture/livestock-poultry/beef or contact Mullenix by email at clinemk@aces.edu.

NATIONAL WEEKLY HOG REPORT

The following are national statistics of hog sales, as compiled by the USDA on Friday, December 18. Early weaned pigs \$2 per head higher. All feeder pigs steady. Demand moderate for moderate offerings. Receipts include 40 percent formulated prices. All prices quoted on per head basis with an estimated lean value of 50-54 percent.

Receipts this Week: 104,712 Last Week: 119,715 Last Year: 88,529

Information below (l-r) is: Lot Size, Head, Formula Range, Formula Wtd Avg., Head, Cash Range, and Cash Wtd Avg.

Early Weaned Pigs 10-12 lbs. Basis:

600 or less	2,010	39.47-41.46	40.82	1,768	25.00-45.00	34.73
600-1200	7,989	35.74-44.90	39.32	9,000	32.00-45.00	38.84
1200 or more	31,469	34.13-46.00	40.74	38,250	37.00-52.00	45.32
Total compos.	41,468	34.13-46.00	40.47	49,018	25.00-52.00	43.75

Feeder Pigs 40 lbs. Basis:

600 or less				2,035	44.00-51.00	48.46
600 - 1200	1,101	54.37-54.37	54.37	2,890	46.00-52.00	48.89
1200 or more				8,200	48.00-57.00	54.11
Total composite	1,101	54.37-54.37	54.37	13,125	44.00-57.00	52.08

Total Composite Weighted Average Receipts and Price (Formula and Cash): All Early Weaned Pigs: 90,486 at 42.25; All 40 lbs. Feeder Pigs: 14,226 at 52.26.

Note: Prices are quoted on a per head basis delivered to the buyers farm. Prices include freight and fees on a farm to farm basis.

Source: USDA Market News Service, Des Moines, IA. 24 Hour recorded market information 515-284-4830. Visit www.ams.usda.gov/LPSMarketNewsPage.

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ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for December 2015 totaled an estimated 29,000 head compared to 40,199 head for November 2015 and 40,169 head for December 2014. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows sold \$3 to \$6 lower, bulls sold \$10 lower. Feeder steers and heifers sold sharply lower. Replacement cows and pairs sold \$100 to \$200 lower. The feeder supply consisted of 22 percent steers, 38 percent heifers, and 40 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breakers 70-80				550-596	578	130.00-170.00	152.60
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	604-648	627	129.00-157.00	145.44
1070-1640	1420	70.00-75.00	73.33	650-695	678	128.00-151.00	141.49
900-1750	1398	62.00-67.00	64.86 Low Dressing	710-745	728	123.00-147.00	137.20
1215-1515	1359	75.00-80.00	78.29 High Dressing	760-795	768	125.00-140.00	130.71

Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85				Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
805-1695	1200	75.00-80.00	75.05	220-245	240	195.00-235.00	217.36
865-1780	1226	70.00-76.00	70.92 Low Dressing	255-295	278	180.00-220.00	206.95
870-1680	1207	81.00-85.00	87.80 High Dressing	285-290	288	190.00-200.00	196.71

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90				Replacement			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
825-1675	1112	67.00-72.00	69.98	300-345	324	180.00-222.00	197.80
830-1495	1051	60.00-65.00	64.17 Low Dressing	350-395	372	158.00-195.00	175.78
900-1340	1153	72.00-77.00	74.88 High Dressing	401-445	422	150.00-182.00	162.33

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1				Replacement			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1155-2385	1560	90.00-95.00	93.91	500-548	522	127.00-160.00	144.47
1110-2255	1586	83.00-88.00	86.88 Low Dressing	530-545	541	152.00-162.00	155.81
1075-2160	1456	96.00-101.00	98.79 High Dressing	550-595	573	122.00-160.00	137.33

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1				Replacement			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-240	215	265.00-310.00	280.81	600-640	618	114.00-160.00	133.79
260-280	271	235.00-255.00	244.64	655-695	671	115.00-139.00	129.85
303-345	320	205.00-235.00	222.80	709-740	716	117.00-137.00	128.64

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2				Replacement			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
405-445	419	190.00-215.00	201.75	205-240	230	185.00-225.00	206.23
455-495	466	170.00-207.00	188.41	255-295	279	172.00-210.00	191.49
500-540	526	154.00-186.00	172.44	300-345	328	157.00-206.00	182.31

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2				Replacement			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
260-295	278	212.00-245.00	227.75	600-645	627	110.00-139.00	124.28
305-345	326	192.00-220.00	210.88	610-645	634	130.00-145.00	141.63
355-395	376	182.00-222.00	199.72	650-695	675	110.00-130.00	123.54

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.

JUST THE AGRICULTURE FACTS



Baby Chickens. Photo courtesy of Alabama Farmers Federation

According to a report compiled by the Alabama Agribusiness Council, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University and other businesses and organization in 2012, here are some facts about Alabama's agricultural industry:

- \$3.8 billion in sales of livestock and poultry
- \$918.2 million in sales were for crops

Of those sales, \$3.1 billion was in poultry and egg production. Cattle production brought in \$394.5 million.

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FORESTRY AGENCIES WORK TOGETHER

A new partnership is allowing national and state forestry agencies to work together across boundaries to improve the health of Alabama's national forests.

A Good Neighbor Authority agreement was signed in December by Carl Petrick, USDA Forest Service supervisor for Alabama's national forests, and Greg Pate, state forester for the Alabama Forestry Commission.

The agreement paves the

way for the state's top national and state forestry agencies to collaborate and perform watershed restoration and forest management services on the Bankhead, Conecuh, Talladega and Tuskegee National Forests.

Management activities will include treating insect and disease infected trees, reducing hazardous fuels, and any other activities to restore or improve forest and watershed health, including fish and wildlife habitats.

Upcoming Ag Events

• **January 2**—Are you interested in growing cane and making syrup? Do you have syrup-making equipment for sale? The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. This month, bring a bottle of syrup to enter the Cane Syrup Making Contest. For more information, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.

• **January 2**—Horse and tack sale will be held at 5 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• **January 2 & 16**—The East Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1006 Co Rd 474, Woodland, AL 36380. The auction will sell goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry. For more information, call 256-419-8527.

• **January 6**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association sponsors a free monthly Lunch and Learn. Gardening topics are highlighted during the noon to 1 p.m. sessions at the Armory Learning Arts Center at 1018 Madison Ave., Montgomery. The January topic is Beautiful Lawns, conducted by Dr. Chip East, a horticulturist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. For more information, call 334-270-4133 or visit www.capcitymga.org.

• **January 8, 15, 22 & 29**—Chickens and small animals sale will be held at 7 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• **January 9 & 23**—The Central Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1403 Kincheon Road in Clanton. Additional livestock and poultry, etc. welcome. For more information, call Joseph Holley at 205-258-8805 or Jada Myrick at 205-258-8307.

• **January 9 & 23**—Goats, sheep and cattle sale will be held at noon at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• **January 13**—Learn about interesting winter borders and containers at Bellingrath Gardens in Theodore. The Bellingrath Horticulture Management Team will present the information from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Magnolia Room. Admission to the program is the cost of regular Gardens admission and guests are encouraged to tour the gardens after the program. To register contact 251-973-2217.

• **January 30**—The Queen's Castle Beekeeping Association meets the last Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at 21980 US Highway 29 in Andalusia. Hive demonstrations will be held, weather permitting. Bring a covered dish, meat is furnished. For more information, email OJBees@gmail.com.

Recipe of the Month

During Alabama's chilly weather, there is nothing better than curling up with a bowl of soup in front of the fire — after all, January is National Soup Month. This recipe was provided by Peggy Collins, of Montgomery, who says it is her favorite soup for this time of the year. Enjoy!

Split Pea Soup — Peggy's Recipe

Ingredients:

Ham Stock:
3 or 4 ham hocks
3 stalks celery, cut in 3 or 4 pieces each
1 medium to large onion, cut in quarters
1 Tbls. each peppercorns and mustard seed
1 bay leaf
3 large carrots, cut in 3 or 4 pieces each

Soup:

1 lb. pkg. dried split peas
1 qt. chicken stock
½ lb. salt pork, minced
1 large or 2 medium onions
1 package celery hearts, cleaned and sliced diagonally
3 large carrots, minced
1 bay leaf
Salt & pepper to taste
1 lb. Kielbasa

For stock, combine all stock ingredients in stock pot, along with 6 cups water. Bring to a boil, turn down to simmer and let cook for 2 to 3 hours. Check occasionally to make sure it doesn't need more water added.

Strain stock and discard all the flavorings (they will no longer have any flavor and the meat will be extremely dry).

For soup, put the ham stock, chicken stock and split peas in stock pot and bring to a simmer.

While that pot is simmering, put salt pork in a large (preferably iron) skillet and cook over low heat until fat has rendered out and pork is crispy. Add onions, celery and carrots to the skillet and cook until onions are translucent.

Put all contents of skillet into the stock pot with the peas. Add salt, pepper and bay leaf and more liquid if necessary.

Let simmer until peas have disintegrated completely.

About 30 minutes before serving, make cuts in Kielbasa at 1-inch intervals and add it to the pot.

Delicious served with crusty croutons and grilled cheese sandwiches.

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with other Bulletin readers? You can submit your recipes by mailing them to Alabama Farmers & Consumer Bulletin, P.O. Box 3336, Montgomery, AL 36109-0336 or by emailing them to afcb@agi.alabama.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE: ALABAMA PORK PRODUCERS AND NATIONAL PORK BOARD

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2017 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place Feb. 2, 2016 at 1 p.m., in conjunction with a Board of Directors meeting of the Alabama Pork Producers Association in the State Boardroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center at 300 Tallapoosa Street in Montgomery, during the Alabama Farmers Federation's Commodity Organization Meeting. All Alabama pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer who is a



resident of the state, at least 18 years old, is a producer of porcine animals or its representative, and has paid all assessments due, may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participant in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted. For more information contact: Alabama Pork Producers, P.O. Box 11000, Montgomery, AL 36191-0001; call 334-612-5181 or email gHall@alfafarmers.org.

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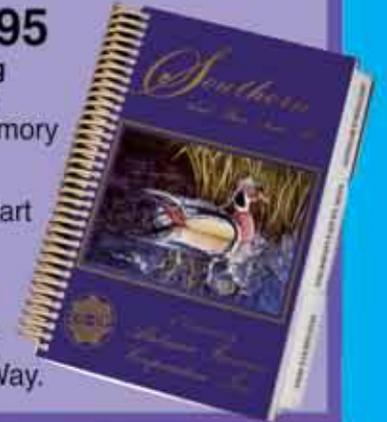
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