

Appointment: 100% Extension

Requested Action: Promotion from Associate to Full County Agent Status

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1. Documentation of Major Program Areas and Initiatives

Vincent “Vince” Deshotel graduated from McNeese State University in December of 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in General Agriculture. Mr. Deshotel has been employed in Louisiana’s agriculture sector since that time. His diverse employment and work experiences have created a positive impact with the agriculture community. Mr. Deshotel is known across Louisiana in private industry and with producers and has held various jobs, including multiple technical positions with governmental agencies have allowed him to become knowledgeable in many agricultural production areas, and enabled him to successfully fulfill the duties as an Associate County Extension Agent in St. Landry Parish since July of 2014.

Mr. Deshotel hired by the LSU AgCenter to serve as an Assistant County Agent performing the duties of an ANR horticulture agent with a large emphasis in the area of sweet potato production in St. Landry, Evangeline, and Acadia Parishes. That roll has since changed due to attrition and the retirement of ANR agents who previously held the responsibility in areas of agronomic crop production, horticulture, and livestock production where he has stepped up to those responsibilities. Mr. Deshotel occasionally been called on in surrounding parishes

where he has assisted clients with many agriculture and environmental resource concerns since his employment with the LSU AgCenter in St. Landry.

Mr. Deshotel has completed a Master of Science Degree Program in the area of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences from McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. in December 2015. Mr. Deshotel has also successfully completed the two required extension courses in the LSU system to fulfill the extension education component as an extension agent. In the fall semester of 2009 he completed the HRE 7122 Program Development course, and in the fall of 2010 completing HRE 7622 Evaluation Methods.

Mr. Deshotel's past and current employment experiences have enabled him to gain critical knowledge of the agricultural industry in Louisiana. While employment with Louisiana Farm Bureau's Grain Marketing Service in Crowley, LA., from 1994 through 1996, he learned critical factors affecting grain quality issues and many marketing factors, associated with and related to rice production in Louisiana. From 1996 through 2003, he worked for United Agri Products in Bunkie, LA., where he became experienced in agronomic crop production. He learned management and sales for agriculture crop protection products including seed, pesticides, and fertilizer used in commercial agriculture production. This opportunity was a great learning experience to become familiar with many needs and diversity of cropping systems across Louisiana.

Upon a decision to explore employment opportunities in 2003, he went to work for USDA Farm Service Agency in Opelousas, LA., St. Landry Parish, as a Program Technician. While in this position, he was responsible for conducting compliance verification of farm bill related policy, consisting of farm compliance checks, primarily regarding acreage and commodity measurements of stored grain.

In 2005, an opportunity with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Agency (NRCS) became available as a Field Technician in Avoyelles

Parish. His duties included designing and implementing engineered conservation practices related to farm conservation programs where natural resources were of concern. These programs included land leveling surveys, surveying and performing engineering checks on irrigation pipeline for crops, grade stabilization projects for soil erosion control, and re-forestation projects such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Wetland Restoration Program (WRP).

While employed by NRCS, he also had the opportunity to be associated with projects concerning coastal restoration in an effort to restore Louisiana's vanishing coastline associated with natural weather events such as hurricanes like Katrina and Rita, spending nearly two years performing surveys using GIS technology in an effort to restore natural drainage.

Commercial Agricultural Crop Production and Horticulture Programing

St. Landry Parish's agriculture production setting is very diverse, utilizing approximately 300,000 acres each year for crops, livestock, and hay production. Crops grown in St. Landry Parish include most major crops grown in Louisiana, consisting of soybeans, rice, corn, grain sorghum, sugarcane, wheat, crawfish, sweet potatoes, cattle, equine, some occasional cotton, commercial vegetable production and many small farming operations, producing sustainable crops such as sweet potatoes, okra, peas, and leafy green crops in the fall and winter months.

As far as commercial agriculture production, soybeans are the leading crop, where more than 300 producers grow approximately 100,000 acres annually rice is second in terms of acreage, with approximately 25,000 acres grown annually by approximately 100 producers.

Upon Mr. Deshotel's appointment in 2008 as Assistant County Agent in St. Landry Parish, he has concentrated the majority of his efforts on the major crops grown in that parish. Mr. Deshotel has successfully implemented and conducted on-farm

demonstrations in conjunction with extension, research, and industry, in several major commodity production areas.

Soybeans, rice, and feed grain crops, (corn and grain sorghum), sugarcane, sweet potato, wheat, crawfish, cotton, beef cattle, equine and commercial vegetable production are the major commodities and many other small animal enterprises are produced in St. Landry Parish. During the last nine years, Mr. Deshotel has incorporated field verification programs in the areas of rice and soybean production. This program is critical to the young, beginning farmers and enables them the opportunity work with state specialists in their respective crop production areas to gain valuable and critical knowledge from working directly with state commodity specialist.

The results and information derived from on-farm demonstrations, verification programs are valuable pieces of information for educating and extending research, and extension based information to stakeholders. This type of demonstration work has enhanced production levels across the region and in this state offering economic stability to our local economy. Below you will find the types of trial and field demonstrations Mr. Deshotel has conducted and offered in his past work with the LSU AgCenter.

Assistant County Agent 2008 through 2014

<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Type of Demonstration</u>	<u>Results</u>
2008		
Garber Farms Dr. Don Labonte – LSU AgCenter Sweet Potato Breeder Dr. Tara Smith – LSU AgCenter State Sweet Potato Specialist	Experimental Sweet Potato Variety Trial	Yield data collected for commercial release of new varieties

<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Type of Demonstration</u>	<u>Results</u>
2009		
Barret Olivier Farms Dr. Johnny Saichuk- LSU AgCenter State Rice Specialist Keith Normand- LSU AgCenter St. Landry County Agent	Rice Verification Program	Evaluate production cost to determine yield efficiency and economics
Charlie Fontenot Farms Inc. Dr. Natalie Hummel – LSU AgCenter Rice Entomologist	Rice Entomology Rice Water Weevil Plots	Determine effectiveness of commercial insecticide seed treatments.
Charlie Fontenot Farm Inc. Michael Fruge, Sunny Bottoms, Horizon Ag Seed Dean Reed, Helena Chem. Rep.	Variable rice seeding rates	To determine yield and economics value of lower seeding rates compared to traditional seeding rates
Fontenot Farms Ville Platte. LA. Dr. Don Labonte – LSU AgCenter Sweet Potato Breeder Dr. Tara Smith – LSU AgCenter State Sweet Potato Specialist	Sweet Potato Variety Trial	Yield data compiled associated with potential for commercial release of new varieties
Gerald Roberts- LSU AgCenter County Agent LSU AgCenter Horticulture Agent Assisted	Pecan Grafting Clinic	Demonstrate methods of grafting improved pecan cultivars

Washington Garden Club, Spring Garden Symposium	Tree Pruning	Participants learned proper methods for pruning trees in the landscape during dormant stages of the year.
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<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Type of Demonstration</u>	<u>Results</u>
2010		
Thistlewaite Planting Co. Washington, LA. Dr. John Kruse – LSU AgCenter, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Cannatella Farms Palmetto, LA. Kyle Siebert Eunice, LA. Dr. Ronnie Levy – LSU AgCenter Soybean Specialist	Soybean Variety Core Block Trials Maturity Group IV and V Maturity Group V	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Charlie Fontenot Farms Inc. Dr. Natalie Hummel – LSU AgCenter Rice Entomologist	Rice Entomology, Rice Water Weevil Plots	Determine effectiveness of commercial insecticide seed treatments.
Anthony Plattsmier Dr. John Kruse– LSU AgCenter, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Grain Sorghum Variety Trial	To compare yield data of popular commercially grown varieties for adaptability on different soil types
Robin Farms Dr. James Boudreaux– LSU Commercial Garden Specialist Dr. Katherine Fontenot – LSU Commercial Garden Specialist	Commercial Tomato Trial	Compare popular tomato varieties for taste and yield

Cooperator
2011

Type of Demonstration

Results

Anthony Plattsmier Washington, LA. Dr. Ron Levy– LSU AgCenter Soybean, Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV & V	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture community.
Stephen Quibedeaux Farms Dr. John Kruse – LSU AgCenter, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Grain Sorghum Core Block Study	Data Not Available weather related.
McCauley, St. Cyr Farms Bunkie, LA. Dr. Johnny Saichuk– LSU State Rice Specialist	Rice Verification Program	Evaluate production cost to determine yield efficiency and economics
Rabilais Farms Dr. John Kruse – LSU AgCenter, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison

Cooperator
2012

Type of Demonstration

Results

Charlie Fontenot Farms Inc. Palmetto, LA. Dr. Ron Levy - – LSU AgCenter Soybean Specialist	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV & V	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture community.
Anthony Plattsmier Washington, LA. Dr. Johnny Saichuk– LSU AgCenter State Rice Specialist	Rice Verification Program	Weekly farm visits to evaluate management and production cost to determine yield efficiency and economics
Brett Clark Bayou Current Farms Bayou Current LA. Dr. Ron Levy– LSU AgCenter Soybean, Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Charlie Fontenot Farms Inc. Palmetto, LA. Dr. Harrell – LSU AgCenter Rice Fertility Dr. Linscombe – LSU AgCenter Rice Breeder	Off Station Rice Variety Research	experimental and commercial varieties in a commercial / farm setting To determine yield efficiency
Canatella Farms Melville LA. Dr. Ron Levy – LSU AgCenter Soybean Specialist	Soybean Verification Program	Weekly farm visits to assist producer with management decisions

Cooperator
2013

Type of Demonstration

Results

Thistlewaite Planting Co. Dr. Ron Levy– LSU AgCenter Soybean, Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Charlie Fontenot Farm Inc. Dr. Ron Levy– LSU AgCenter Soybean, Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Maturity Group III, IV, V Soybean Core Block Study	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Anthony Plattsmier Dr. Johnny Saichuk	Rice Verification Program	Evaluate production cost to determine yield efficiency and economics
Charlie Fontenot Farm Inc. Dr. Ron Levy Dr. Boyd Padgett	Soybean Fungicide Trial	To compare new fungicide chemistry to what had been readily available
Joey Olivier Farm Dr. Ron Levy	Soybean Planting date study	Determine yield differences related to planting dates
Fred Lavergne Farms Dr. Josh Loflin	Use of cover crops on compacted soils	Intentions are to gather multiple years of data and to measure the effects of this practice
Charlie Fontenot Farms Dr. Harrell– LSU AgCenter Rice Fertility Dr. Linscombe– LSU AgCenter Rice Breeder	Off station rice variety work	experimental and commercial varieties in a commercial / farm setting To determine yield

Cooperator
2014

Type of Demonstration

Results

Tom Rabilaias Farms Dr. Steve Harrison Dr. Boyd Padgett	Wheat Core Block	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Thistlewaite Planting Co. Dr. Ron Levy– LSU AgCenter Soybean, Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Charlie Fontenot Farms Dr. Harrell– LSU AgCenter Rice Fertility Dr. Linscombe– LSU AgCenter Rice Breeder	Off station rice variety work	To Determine yield of experimental and commercial varieties in a commercial / farm setting
Charlie Fontenot Farm Inc. Dr. Ron Levy Dr. Boyd Padgett	Soybean Fungicide Trial	To compare new fungicide chemistry to what had been readily available
Anthony Plattsmier Farms	Grain Sorghum Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Charlie Fontenot Farm Inc. Dr. Ron Levy– LSU AgCenter Soybean, Specialist	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV & V	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers

Associate County Agent 2015 through Present

Cooperator

Type of Demonstration

Results

2015

Thistlewaite Planting Co. Dr. Dan Fromme– LSU AgCenter Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Anthony Plattsmier Farms	Grain Sorghum Core Block Study	Collect yield data for variety comparison
Charlie Fontenot Farm Inc. Dr. Ron Levy Dr. Boyd Padgett	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV & V Soybean Fungicide Trial	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Charlie Fontenot Farms Dr. Harrwell– LSU AgCenter Rice Fertility Dr. Linscombe– LSU AgCenter Rice Breeder	Off station rice variety work	To Determine yield of experimental and commercial varieties in a commercial / farm setting

Cooperator
2016

Type of Demonstration

Results

Thistlewaite Planting Co. Dr. Dan Fromme– LSU AgCenter Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Charlie Fontenot Farm Dr. Dr. Ron Levy Dr. Boyd Padgett	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV & V Soybean Fungicide Trial	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Charlie Fontenot Farm Dr. Dr. Dan Fromme	Cotton Core Block Study	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Charlie Fontenot Farms Dr. Harrwell– LSU AgCenter Rice Fertility Dr. Linscombe– LSU AgCenter Rice Breeder	Off station rice variety work	To Determine yield of experimental and commercial varieties in a commercial / farm setting
Stephen Quibedeaux Farms Dan Fromme, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Grain Sorghum Core Block Study	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Jay Guidry/ St. Landry Cattleman's Assoc. Dr. Ron Strahan	Pasture Herbicide for invasive trees and fence line treatments	Cattle Field Day Demo St. Landry Parish

Cooperator	Type of Demonstration	Results
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2017

Thistlewaite Planting Co. Dr. Dan Fromme– LSU AgCenter Corn Grain Sorghum, Cotton Specialist	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Charlie Fontenot Farms Dr. Harrell– LSU AgCenter Rice Fertility Dr. Linscombe– LSU AgCenter Rice Breeder	Off station rice variety work	To Determine yield of experimental and commercial varieties in a commercial / farm setting
Charlie Fontenot Farm Dr. Dr. Ron Levy Dr. Boyd Padgett	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Anthony Plattsmier Farms	Soybean Core Block Study Maturity Group IV	Monitor plots and collect yield data for dissemination to the agriculture producers
Floyd Farms	Invasive Tree Herbicide Treatment by use of helicopter for application	Determine most effective treatment

Livestock and Equine Programming

St. Landry Parish is well-known commercial agriculture crop production; however, the livestock and equine production industry are also significant and have a large impact on the local economy. The horse racing industry, recreational equine, and trail riding and other equine related interests as well as beef cattle production are also significant to the parish and has strongly influenced by LSU AgCenter programming thru the years. Beef cattle production in St. Landry Parish is important to the agriculture sector with more than 250 cattle producers and approximately 12,000 head of cattle. Also, St. Landry Parish is home of a major livestock auction barn in Louisiana, where LSU AgCenter programs often work with and compliment some of their marketing strategies through fields day and educational programs. In St. Landry Parish, Mr. Deshotel has always taken an active role in cooperating with local cattle producer associations as well as the Louisiana Cattleman's Association to identify the needs for cattle producers.

Many components go into the equine and livestock industry including pasture and forage management. Mr. Deshotel spends much of his time making recommendations related to pasture and forage management, including soil nutrient management issues, proper fertility practices, scouting for insect pest, diseases, and weeds, which frequently includes conducting farm visits to help properly identify the problem.

Mr. Deshotel works closely with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and other governmental agencies including USDA, Farm Service Agency and The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) where crops and livestock issues create resource concerns for clients. He routinely collaborates with these agencies to support what concerns may be at hand.

In 2011, the Mississippi River at record levels forced the activation of The Morganza Spill Way, dumping flooding waters into the Atchafalaya River and Basin created flooding issues in eastern St. Landry Parish. Up to 14 feet of diversion water from the Mississippi River entered the spillway, which flooded several thousand acres of crop and forced livestock owners to sell their herds of cattle and or relocated to safer pastures. Mr. Deshotel assisted in identifying and locating pasturelands for relocating their herds. Approximately 300 head of displaced cattle needed relocating. Approximately 3,500 ac. of pastureland and thousands of acres of crops were flooded during this event.

In 2011, many areas concerning crops and livestock in Louisiana and neighboring states suffered from severe drought conditions. Mr. Deshotel led a campaign to help cattle and livestock producers in these areas of Louisiana and Texas locate and negotiate sources and transportation of hay for livestock feeding purposes.

Because of those efforts, he was responsible for having approximately 5,000 tons (more than 10,000 round bales) of hay shipped to these desperate livestock producers. By networking in this drought situation, he has developed some industry wide contacts with the livestock and crop component of the agriculture industry in a multi-state area.

Mr. Deshotel's intense efforts in 2011 with the Atchafalaya and Mississippi River flooding , and his assistance with hay resources for drought stricken areas, earned him an opportunity to serve on Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Emergency Livestock Response Team, along with other county agents. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security, and the St. Landry Office of Emergency Preparedness asked him to participated by performing livestock evaluations by air with the use National Guard helicopters. The purpose of this training/mock disaster event was to simulate an actual livestock evaluation potentially affected by weather related disasters in preparation for future activation.

In 2013, Mr. Deshotel accepted a role as a regional Beef Cattle Program Coordinator for the LSU AgCenter Central Region. In that capacity, he has offered the

Louisiana Master Cattleman Program to cattle enthusiasts in the Central Region of Louisiana. This program is designed to educate cattle producers on various means of beef cattle production including: pasture management, breeding and selection of cattle, nutrition, reproduction, carcass evaluation, herd health, cattle handling, and economics. The program has generated the interest of more than one hundred producers participating in the program since 2014. As Regional Beef Program Coordinator, Mr. Deshotel has also assisted agents in surrounding parishes and throughout the central region with beef cattle issues. Most of the issues are related to pasture and forage recommendations including stocking rates, soil fertility, herbicide treatments on pastures and hayfields, treating fence lines and property boundaries for invasive weeds and trees, hay field and pasture renovations, drainage issues, any many other resource concerns.

Field days are effective tools to reach clients. In St. Landry Parish, Mr. Deshotel has conducted several beef cattle field days in his nine years serving as an Extension Agent. Producers learn best when they see the results of a practice, rather than only to hear about it. He has applied several herbicide plots to address common weed issues found in the parish Weed control measures in pastures and hay fields, herbicide treatments on invasive trees, fence line treatments, and soil fertility and management, based on soil testing, are a few of the popular applications producers are interested in.

Mr. Deshotel has always taken an active role in participating in regional field days, assisting with coordinating and presenting a part of the program. Most notable in his nine years as an extension agent, would be his participation in the Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day Program. Mr. Deshotel participated with this team of agents from the LSU AgCenter, which includes Guillermo Scaglia, Stan Dutile, Blaire Hebert, Andrew Granger, and Stuart Gauthier. This program is held twice per year, in the spring and fall. In the spring, the program is held in March generally in March at the LSU AgCenter Iberia Research Station, and in the fall normally October, the event rotates in different parishes each year. He participated with this team/group for four years. These events

draw the attention of many producers' spring and fall where approximately 100 producers will attend each event. In 2013, this group received the Denver T. & Ferne Loupe Team Award for their accomplishments and attendance at this field day program. Since 2014, Mr. Deshotel has also been participating with agents and specialists with field day efforts at the Dean Lee Beef and Forage Field Day in Alexandria, La., in order to offer programs that are interesting to producers in that region of the state.

On-farm demonstrations with producers are good tools for education and outreach. Dr. Ron Strahan and Mr. Deshotel were recently able to identify a rather unique asking from DOW Agro Sciences, a chemical company. This company is interested in performing herbicide tests for treating invasive trees in pastureland, in particular, the Black Honey Locust Tree. This test is new to any of my previous experiences, where herbicide treatments are applied by helicopter. Use of a helicopter is necessary due to the size, height, and density of the trees in the location to be tested. This type of chemical study is good collaboration with research scientists as well as offering results to the landowner.

Mr. Deshotel also assists with 4-H livestock show events at the parish, district, and state levels, including the State Fair of Louisiana. Mr. Deshotel assists with the beef cattle component of the program at the state fair. His involvement has gained the confidence of youth and adults from across the state in respecting his ability to assist in good decision-making and guidance to youth relative to their livestock projects and programs. In recent years, Mr. Deshotel has been assisting with the State Premier Beef Exhibitor contest, associated with the State 4-H and FFA Livestock Show held each year in Gonzales, La. Mr. Deshotel assists by helping organize the equipment identification and scoring. In 2016, Mr. Deshotel attended the beef educational trip to Louisville, Ky. to assist 4-H members attending with day-to-day care of the livestock while traveling. Mr. Deshotel is always willing to help by volunteering for livestock related events.

Natural Resources

The topography of St. Landry Parish is vast and changes greatly from coastal prairie soils in the southwest portion of the parish to the most easterly part of the parish, consisting of river bottom and alluvial soils. The alluvial soils range from sandy river deposition to heavy clay bottomland soils, where bayous and streams begin and end. Natural resource concerns such as soil erosion and flooding are major issues for property owners. Mr. Deshotel's experience and ability to recognize natural resource concerns such as drainage problems, erosion, and elevation differences have enabled him to assist property owners in making reasonable, sound decisions on how to minimize the impacts associated with flooding, soil erosion, and other areas of concern.

Mr. Deshotel has assisted a number of property owners with forestry and urban tree issues as well. Concerns related to the viability or the dangers associated with large trees as a liability to their home or the property of others, and safety. His opinion is valued in many situations where the property owner needs the confidence from an outside source for securing or removal of a tree regarding safety.

There are many land uses and activities in St. Landry Parish other than for agriculture. With the large and vast amount of timber acreage, forest and timber production are valuable to the local economy, often providing income and returns to the landowner and many employment opportunities. Much of the land devoted to timber production also provides wildlife habitat, which in turn provides an abundant amount of outdoor recreation, a favorite pastime for many in St. Landry Parish. These forested regions provide habitat where wildlife thrive. Mr. Deshotel works closely with outdoorsmen annually, twenty or more individuals and a number of hunting clubs and leaseholders who pride themselves in being good stewards of the land. Planting and maintaining a healthy wildlife habitat is a productive alternative for food sources. Wildlife plots are often the alternative to supporting an abundant wildlife population in a given area. Wildlife productivity all begins with soil nutrient management, as with

growing a crop. Mr. Deshotel always encourages soil testing to allow for a base line of information or to form a level of guidance for what plant life the soils will support and what amendments are necessary to maximize productivity. Recommendations can be endless, but Mr. Deshotel will always attempt to educate an individual in the simplest terms, making their efforts most economical for their situation.

Aquaculture

Aquaculture and fisheries have an approximate farm gate value of \$20 million industry in St. Landry Parish. There is a large concentration of pond-raised crawfish in the parish with approximately 20,000 acres. Top priorities for the pond crawfish producer: water quality, food availability, forage quality and quantity of food sources. An average harvest in St. Landry Parish is approximately 700 pounds per acre annually and that may vary depending on the environmental conditions.

Crawfish production efforts go beyond the rice field levee. There are also wild harvested crawfish and other wild caught fisheries in St. Landry Parish, with an abundance of fresh water tributaries and fisheries from rivers, bayous, streams, and swamps located throughout the parish. This portion of the aquaculture industry is responsible for generating several million dollars to the local economy each year. As a vital part of the local aquaculture and agriculture economy Mr. Deshotel offers educational programing for management of water quality, food sources, and marketing resources through annual producer meetings and as needed through farm visits.

Horticulture

Home gardening and landscaping is popular in St. Landry Parish as a sustainable food source and in the meantime supporting local culture. With an estimated 5,000 + home gardeners and approximately 150 acres devoted to commercial vegetable production, there are 25 or more commercial producers satisfy the need for traditional fresh grown produce in St. Landry and surrounding parishes. Crops grown consist of okra, Southern peas, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon and other cucurbits, with an abundance of cool season crops such as cabbage, mustard greens, and turnips.

St. Landry Parish is largely comprised of a rural setting, often challenging to meet all program needs for the clientele by having organized meetings only. Because of this, horticulture concerns have been more effectively addressed by reaching the majority of clients on an as needed basis for a home visit and/or by a phone call to discuss their needs and concerns. Many home garden and horticulture concerns issues are repetitive, may be environmentally induced, and can be addressed with a phone call. However, some concerns require a site visit to evaluate and reassure the client that they are getting the information needed.

In the area of horticulture, Mr. Deshotel has served and taken an active role in assisting local garden clubs. Mr. Deshotel has made presentations to The Washington Garden Club, The Opelousas City Garden Club, and the Magnolia Garden Club of Ville Platte presenting information to address club member requests and concerns. Some typical and common topics for these presentations consist of soil fertility and nutrient management issues, irrigation systems and watering practices for home gardens, proper pruning and management of over grown ornamentals, and lawn and turf care.

Mr. Deshotel has assisted with area athletic and sporting field turf maintenance and care in St. Landry and Evangeline Parishes. He has worked extensively with several high schools and municipalities including the City of Opelousas. He has help address weed control programs, soil conditioning, nutrient management, insect and rodent control, and

irrigation on athletic turf. Sacred Heart High School in Ville Platte, Mamou High School, and St. Edmunds High School in Eunice, are schools he routinely visits and consults with to assist with sport field and turf issues. In the past, St. Edmunds High School has recently agreed to enroll in Dr. Ron Strahan's Field of Excellence Program for improving and maintaining the quality of the turf grass where their students compete.

Mr. Deshotel has recently supported Dr. Ron Strahan with a strategy for turf grass management, at the Evangeline Downs Race Track in Opelousas. This effort is to re-establish turf for horse racing purposes. The turf had not established properly from the time of construction of the racing facility and track. Within weeks we are seeing positive results and facility management is pleased with our assistance and presence the LSU AgCenter for helping manage their turf issue.

St. Landry parish youth organizations were awarded multiple Monsanto Grants for educating the youth about agriculture. The grant program, "Growing Communities with Agriculture" has been awarded to Opelousas Catholic School 4-H Club. Funds from this grant helped to arrange for an educational field tour program relating to agriculture in St. Landry and Avoyelles Parish, visiting a cotton gin and farm experienced corn and soybean harvest. The remaining portion of the grant helped to establish a butterfly garden for educational purposes at the school.

Every year Mr. Deshotel coordinates with the Sweet Potato Research station at Chase, LA., to sell foundation sweet potato seed to local growers and delivered to the producers in St. Landry Parish. There are approximately 12-15 disadvantaged smaller growers, who do not have the resources to produce their own seed or pick up the foundation seed from the station. Therefore he is able to assist these producers through the foundation sweet potato seed program at the Chase, LA., Sweet Potato Research Station. Mr. Deshotel works closely with the sweet potato so that they can coordinate delivering of the seed annually for a minimal cost.

In addition to his foundation sweet potato seed program, each year Mr. Deshotel has been conducting coordinating a bare-root strawberry plant sale. Approximately 20 clients order the strawberry plants, four of which, are local FFA chapters, where approximately 500 students use these plants in a greenhouse project. Mr. Deshotel has also offered bare-root seedling trees through the LDAF Tree Nursery Program where they have bare root seedling hardwoods and pine trees available to the public for a small fee. He has also coordinated and offered to the public three and five gallon grafted pecan trees in years when those are available from vendors.

2. Advisory Process And Critical Issue Responsiveness

Mr. Deshotel develops ANR Programming protocol through an advisory process. Committee members consist of a diverse group of individuals or groups, primarily from commercial agriculture production areas including, but not limited to, agriculture producers, LSU AgCenter Extension Specialists, representatives from governmental agencies (LDAF, USDA FSA& NRCS), Parish Farm Bureau Federation Board members, and the Cattleman's Association representatives. Other programming options and suggestions derived from sources such as parish government, civic groups like, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, landscaping professionals, crop protection dealers, consultants, livestock feed dealers, and farm equipment dealers.

Advisory committee members are contacted by e-mail or by phone. Participants recognize the advisory process to be a necessity when establishing guidelines, which provides direction for ANR Programs in St. Landry Parish.

A top priority is to establish parish average yields for commodities. Parish average yields are tools used by producers for making management decisions but also by bankers for making production loans and often utilized by other industries, utility companies and environmental services where crops may be damaged in an unavoidable situations, such as pipeline and utility construction or petroleum exploration . Other areas of high priority

have been with nuisance wildlife issues, where landowners and agriculture producers are facing crop damages and loss. Feral hogs and black bird populations are a primary concern related damaging newly planted crops. These wildlife issues require constant attention where Mr. Deshotel assists by keeping producers informed of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Black Bird Baiting programs and has utilized the LSU AgCenter's Feral Hog Trapping systems in multiple locations in St. Landry parish. In addition, Mr. Deshotel serves on the overall extension advisory panel representing agriculture and agriculture extension programs in St. Landry Parish.

3. Innovative Teaching Methods, Knowledge and Application Of New Technology

Mr. Deshotel always attempts to assess the audience to be addressed in advance by utilizing the most appropriate means of delivering the message. He has utilized power point, posters, informational packets, guest speakers, and hands-on demonstrations to reach clients and address their concerns.

Mr. Deshotel has established producer e-mail distribution lists by commodity to disseminate crop or commodity specific information. Mass text messaging has also been a useful tool for reaching clients of a specific group or commodity. By utilizing and networking through eXtension, a resource where extension agents gain knowledge, new ideas for various programs and a useful tool for communicating with extension professionals at all levels.

4. Program Delivery Effectiveness Demonstrated by Evaluation, Change and Adoption

As our society and agriculture production have become more conservation minded, there has been an increased use of no-till or minimum tillage practices in an effort to minimize soil erosion. These practices have become a standard and are widely used. However, these conservation practices can result in increased use of pesticides, particularly herbicides, for the control of noxious and invasive weed species. Increased use of herbicides has led to weed resistance to glyphosate and other widely used herbicides in crop production systems.

Modern crop production has changed greatly in the recent years with technology and the intervention of inserting genes that are resistant for different traits, such as crops with specific herbicide tolerance, and protection from insects as when the *Bacillus thuringiensis* or Bt technology which was introduced in cotton, as a naturally occurring bacterial disease of insects.

Today growing a soybean crop with the of Glyphosate tolerance, Liberty Link genes, Dicamba resistance and other herbicide technology in the cropping system, has simplified and nearly illuminated the need for traditional use pre-emerge herbicides. However over time and miss-use of these technologies the farming community has created a degree of weed and insect resistance which has caused the industry to revert back to some previously use cultural practices of incorporating pre-emerge herbicides and the use of different classes of insecticides for maximum control.

Mr. Deshotel has always incorporated a practical approach into a program which offers different options to ensure that the end result will offer positive and maximize yield in a crop production situation. A broad spectrum of control measures, concerning weeds, insects, and disease are considered in his programing as one program may not work for all. When delivering educational materiel he always encourages the use of a

practice with the appropriate labeled product, and that they are being used in accordance with the label.

5. Development and Presentation of Research Based Materials

Since 2008, Mr. Deshotel has presented information to many different clientele groups. Agriculture and homeowner groups include soybean, rice, crawfish, beef cattle producers, as well as horticulture groups, garden clubs, and civic organizations. In addition, Mr. Deshotel routinely participates in local governmental agency discussions, related to environmental and agriculture issues when those are of concern. He has always strived to offer information that is current and useful to the audience and stakeholders present.

With the increased accessibility and used of pesticides in modern agriculture he strives to educate clientele with proper use, handling, and procedures for pesticide use during and after an application is made, specifically where herbicide drift is a concern.

Annually St. Landry Parish has approximately 100 private pesticide applicators who re-certify. Mr. Deshotel provides the educational programing of recertifying applicators in order to maintain their license through a collaborative effort with LDAF. The recertification process is made available at multiple locations and dates across the parish, which makes the re-certification process convenient and accommodating to the client. This process of offering several re certifications options each year has been well received by private pesticide applicators.

Mr. Deshotel also offers training to farm workers and others who apply and mix to be trained as handlers and workers where pesticides are used in the work place. These individuals are required to be trained under the Worker Protection Standard Act of 1974. Mr. Deshotel has trained numerous individuals in this area to comply with EPA & LDAF regulations associated with the Worker Protection Standards Act. More recently, Mr. Deshotel encourages agriculture producers to be trained with Worker Protection

Standards to keep his/her own employees in compliance with state and federal regulations. Trainings are scheduled on an as needed or requested from a producer or an agriculture related business.

Listed are the presentations Mr. Deshotel has made while serving in his present capacity as associate county agent:

Topic	Audience	Date	Location
Crop Stage, Insect, disease, and weed concerns	St. Landry Farm Bureau Monthly Meeting	Monthly	Opelousas, LA
Forage recommendations herbicides, insecticides, and soil management	St. Landry Cattleman's	Quarterly	Opelousas, LA
Flooding Affects Hurricane Gustuv	KATC TV-3	8/2/08	Bunkie, LA
Agriculture Update related to parish production and programs offered to producers	St. Landry Parish Govt.	12/17/08	Opelousas, LA.
Pesticide Applicator Re-Cert.	St. Landry Parish Extension Office	1/23/09	Opelousas, LA.
Pesticide Applicator Re-Cert.	St. Landry Parish Extension Office	2/9/09	Opelousas, LA.
Pesticide Applicator Re-Cert.	G&H Seed Co. Farm Supply Dealer	2/10/09	Eunice, LA
Pesticide Applicator Re-Cert.	Evangeline Parish Extension Office	3/3/09	Ville Platte, LA.
Controlling Outdoor Pest Fleas, ticks, mosquitos	KLFY TV-10	3/11/09	Lafayette, LA.
Proper ways to prune trees in the landscape	Washington Garden Club	3/13/09	Washington, LA.
Field Day Tour Guide Iberia Research Station	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day	3/21/09	Jeanerette, LA.
Pasture Management Soil Fertility & Weed Control	St. Landry Cattleman's Annual Meeting	3/28/09	Opelousas, LA.

Basics on How Plants Grow	Ville Platte Lower 1 st Grade	3/31/09	Ville Platte, LA.
Mother plant Sweet Potato update	Evangeline Parish Farm Bureau	4/6/09	Ville Platte, LA.
Pecan Grafting Methods	Field Demonstration	4/15/09	Opelousas, LA.
Athletic Turf Management, Weed Control	Athletic Field Work Shop	5/15/09	Opelousas, LA.
Pasture Insecticides for Armyworm infestation	St. Landry Cattlemen's Quarterly meeting	5/21/09	Opelousas, LA.
Weed Management	SHHS Athletic Dept.	6/9/09	Ville Platte, LA.
Worker/Handler WPS	E&L Produce	6/11/09	Ville Platte, LA.
Field Day Tour Guide	Rice Research Station	7/1/09	Crowley, LA.
Worker/Handler WPS	Central Farmers Flying	7/6/09	Ville Platte, LA.
Tour Guide Introduce Presenters	Dean Lee Crops Field Day	8/20/09	Alexandria, LA.
Sweet Potato Harvest/Yield Potential Update	KLFY-TV 10	9/30/09	Lafayette, LA.
Judge Horticulture Entries	Beauregard Parish Fair	10/6/09	DeRidder, LA.
Emergency Ag County Committee/Drought	Farm Service Agency	11/10/09	Opelousas, LA.
Establish Parish Yields	St. Landry Farm Bureau	11/10/09	Opelousas, LA.
AgCenter Career Opportunities/Jobs	Northwest High School	11/11/09	Opelousas, LA.
Weather Related Crop Disaster	KLFY-TV 10	12/1/09	Lafayette, LA.
Private Pest. App Training & Testing.	G&H Seed Co.	12/8/09	Eunice, LA.
Update on Ag & AgCenter Programs	St. Landry Parish Govt.	12/17/09	Opelousas, LA.
St. Landry Wheat & Feed Grains Producer Mtg. Production Mtg.	Grower Meeting/Pesticide Re-Cert.	1/25/10	Opelousas, LA
Farmer of the Year Recognition	Opelousas Rotary Club	2/9/10	Opelousas, LA

Vegetable Garden Soil Fertility & Management	Big Cane Garden Club	3/9/10	Big Cane, LA.
Private Applicator Re-Certification	St. Landry Parish Extension Office	3/16/10	Opelousas, LA.
Proper Uses of Pesticides for the Homeowner	Opelousas Garden Club	4/20/10	Opelousas, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day Tour Guide	7/1/10	Crowley, LA.
Row Crops & Beef Cattle Field Tour	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Field Day	8/5/10	Alexandria, LA.
Beef Cattle Management	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day	9/30/10	Jeanerette, LA.
Wheat Production St. Landry Producers Disease Management	LSU AgCenter	11/22/10	Krotz Springs, LA.
Food & Fiber Vulnerability	St. Landry Parish Extension Office	1/10/11	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pest. App. Education Program/Test	G&H Seed Co.	1/14/11	Eunice, LA.
St. Landry Wheat & Feed Grains Producer Meeting	Grower Meeting/ Pesticide Re-Cert.	1/20/11	Opelousas, LA
Farmer of the Year Recognition	Opelousas Rotary Club	2/15/11	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed Co.	2/23/11	Eunice, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/10/11	Opelousas, LA
Livestock Pasture & Forage Management, Herbicide Treatments	Farm Bureau Mtg. Rm.	3/22/11	Opelousas, LA
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day Tour Guide	6/30/11	Crowley, LA.
Row Crops & Beef Cattle	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Field Day Tour Guide	7/28/11	Alexandria, LA.
Beef Cattle Management Program	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day	9/17/11	Carencro, LA.

Judge Horticulture Entries	Beauregard Parish Fair	10/4/11	DeRidder, LA
AgCenter Career Opportunities	Northwest High School	11/15/11	Opelousas, LA.
ANR Crop Advisory Parish Averages & Resource Concerns	St. Landry Producers	12/12/11	Melville, LA.
Economic Impact of Agriculture in St. Landry	Opelousas Sunrise Rotary Club	12/15/11	Opelousas, LA.
St. Landry Wheat & Feed Grains Producer Meeting	Grower Meeting/ Pesticide Re-Cert.	1/12/12	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed Co.	1/26/12	Eunice, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/8/12	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/15/12	Opelousas, LA.
Presented the Farmer of the Year Award	Opelousas Rotary Club	3/27/12	Opelousas, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day Tour Guide	6/28/12	Crowley, LA.
Rice & Soybean Production	St. Landry Producer Field Tour	7/10/12	Palmetto, LA.
Row Crops & Beef Cattle	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Field Day Tour Guide	7/19/12	Alexandria, LA.
Beef Cattle Management Selecting Replacement Heifers	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day	10/18/12	Abbeville, LA.
ANR Crop Advisory Parish Averages & Resource Concerns	St. Landry Producers	12/13/12	Melville, LA.
St. Landry Wheat & Feed Grains Producer Meeting	Grower Meeting/ Pesticide Re-Cert.	1/22/13	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed Co.	2/7/13	Eunice, LA.
AgCenter Programs in St. Landry Parish	Kiwanis Club	2/20/13	Opelousas, LA.

Presented the Farmer of the Year Award	Opelousas Rotary Club	2/26/13	Opelousas, LA.
Field Day Tour Guide Iberia Research Station	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day	3/9/13	Jeanerette, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/12/13	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pest. App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/21/13	Opelousas, LA.
Large Animal Disaster Recovery	St. Landry Cattleman's Annual Meeting	3/23/13	Opelousas, LA.
SPCC Fuel Tank & Oil Storage Reg.	LSU AgCenter Farm Bureau Meeting Rm.	5/1/13	Opelousas, LA.
Beef Quality Assurance	LSU AgCenter	5/9/13	Opelousas, LA.
AgCenter Programs in St. Landry Parish	Kiwanis Club	5/9/13	Eunice, LA.
Field of Excellence Athletic Field Program	St. Edmund Catholic School	6/20/13	Eunice, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day Tour Guide	6/26/13	Crowley, LA.
Row Crops Production Management	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Field Day Tour Guide	7/18/13	Alexandria, LA.
Rice & Soybean Production	St. Landry Producer Field Day	7/25/13	Palmetto, LA.
Farmer's Market Information Guidelines	St. Landry Parish Govt., Parish President	7/24/13	Opelousas, LA.
Train Derailment Water Resource Concerns to Farmers	DEQ, Parish Govt., State Police	8/7/13	Opelousas, LA.
Train Derailment Water Resource Concerns to Farmers	DEQ, Parish Govt., LSU AgCenter	8/16/13	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	Wheat & Feed Grains Mtg.	1/23/14	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed.	2/6/14	Eunice, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Study Session & Test	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	2/28/14	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/12/14	Opelousas, LA.

Beef Lunch & Learn History of La. Beef Cattle Production	LSU AgCenter Extension Office Rapides Parish	3/20/14	Alexandria, LA.
Louisiana Master Cattleman Program	Cattle Production Education	5/2014 – 9/2014	Alexandria, LA.
Louisiana Cattle Production	Opelousas Sunrise Rotary	5/29/2014	Opelousas, LA.
Spray Rig Calibration Training	Peoples Moss Gin	7/7/2014	Palmetto, LA.
St. Landry Rice & SB Production	St. Landry Producer Field Day	7/22/14	Palmetto, LA.
Crops/Commodities Livestock Feeds are made of	Louisiana Junior Cattleman's Association Educational Program	7/25/2014	Alexandria, LA.
Career Futures Expo. LSU AgCenter Jobs	St. Landry Parish School Northwest High School	11/29/2014	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	Wheat & Feed Grains Mtg.	1/22/2015	Opelousas, LA.
St. Landry Parish Economic Development	Impact of agriculture to the local economy	1/28/2015	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed.	1/13/2015	Eunice, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert. 2 sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/12/2015	Opelousas, LA.
Spray Rig Calibration Training	Peoples Moss Gin	3/30/2015	Palmetto, LA.
Pesticide Workers & Handlers Trainings	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	Multiple	Opelousas, LA.
Louisiana Master Cattleman Program	Cattle Production Management Education	5/2015 – 9/2015	Alexandria, LA.
Live Beef Cattle display for intercity kids	Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom, St. Landry	11/10/2015	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	Wheat & Feed Grains Mtg.	1/21/2016	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed.	2/11/2016	Eunice, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert. 2 sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/15/2016	Opelousas, LA.

Home Garden Preparation & Management	Big Cane Baptist Church	6/14/2016	Goudeau, LA.
Pesticide Application & Herbicide Treatments	St. Landry Cattleman's Association Field Day	6/18/2016	Opelousas, LA.
Rice, Soybean, Cotton, and Soybean Fungicide Management	St. Landry Crop Producers Field Day	7/6/2016	Palmetto, LA.
Assist FSA with determining Crop damages related to August 2016 Flood	FSA Emergency Mtg.	8/15/2016	Opelousas, LA.
Crawfish Production & the effects of the August 2016 flood	Crawfish Producer Mtg.	11/18/2016	Basile, LA.
Cattle Body Condition Scores and Nutrition	Dean Lee Beef & Forage Field Day	11/20/2016	Alexandria, LA.
Farmer of the year Recognition	Opelousas Rotary Club	1/31/2017	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	1/18/2017	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert.	G&H Seed.	2/7/2017	Eunice, LA.
Premier Beef Exhibitor	State Livestock Show	2/14/2017	Gonzales, LA.
Beef Cattle Presentation Basic Beef Cattle Management	Acadia Parish Cattleman's Assoc.	2/23/2017	Rayne, LA.
Resource & Conservation Mtg.	USDA - NRCS	3/2/2017	Opelousas, LA.
Agriculture in LA. and the Economic Values	Westminster Academy 5 th Grade	3/10/2017	Opelousas, LA.
Private Pesticide App. Re-Cert. 2 Sessions	LSU AgCenter Extension Office	3/23/2017	Opelousas, LA.
WPS Pesticide Trainings multiple	St. Landry Parish	5/24/2017	Opelousas, LA.
Louisiana Master Cattleman Program	Central Region	July – Sept. 2017	Alexandria, LA.

Rice & Soybean Field Day	St. Landry Crop Producer's Field Day	7/6/2017	Palmetto, LA.
WPS Train the Trainer Certification for producers	St. Landry Parish	7/11/2017	Opelousas, LA.

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6. Mass Media, Web Page Development and Maintenance

Since the time of his employment in 2008, Mr. Deshotel, in collaboration with Evangeline Parish County Agent Todd Fontenot, (currently) has participated in a bi-weekly radio program, approximately 235 programs over a nine-year period, on KVPI Radio, Ville Platte, LA. Their program consists of local agriculture related news, current horticulture topics, seasonal issues, crop production, horticulture, farm safety, common household pests and garden issues. These radio programs also include pasture and forage concerns, pesticide use information, and many topics generated from clients with concerns relative to environmental and agriculture related issues in the listening area.

Mr. Deshotel also contributes to local newspapers including The Daily World in Opelousas, LA. & the Eunice News, Eunice, LA. Mr. Deshotel and the local newspaper editor's goals are to keep clients aware of local events like field days, producer meetings, and current situations in the local agriculture community.

Mr. Deshotel has cooperated with local television stations on numerous occasions to share information. Those include:

- 2008 Hurricane Gustav and Ike KATC Channel 3 Lafayette, "Effects and Weather Related Issues to the Crop" Rice and Sweet Potato Crops
- 2009 Sweet Potato Harvest Situation, KLFY Channel 10 Lafayette
- 2011 River Flood and the Effects to Crops and Cattle, KLFY Channel 10 Lafayette
- 2012 Farm Bureau's TWILA TV, The importance of having parish field days.
- 2013 Lawtell Train Incident, KATC Channel 3 Lafayette, "Water Concerns for Farmers"
- 2016 Farm Bureau's TWILA TV, Reporter Craig Gautreaux, Rain event flooding crops.
- 2016 KALB TV, Channel 5 Alexandria, Dean Lee Beef and Forage Field Day
- 2017 KALB TV, Channel 5 Alexandria, Louisiana Master Cattleman Program

8. Other Educational materials such as exhibits, curriculum, and lesson plans, audio tapes, videos, etc.

Power Point Presentations Include:

- “Proper use of Pesticides for Home Owners and Gardeners”, 2010 Opelousas Garden Club
- “The History of Modern Agriculture and How it Evolved”, 2011
- “Soybean Production and the Use of Best Management Practices Addressing Potential Weed Resistance” 2011
- “Agriculture in St. Landry Parish” 2011 & 2012, December Advisory Meeting

Mr. Deshotel has found by use of audio visuals such as power point presentation, that this method has been the most affective when addressing a large audience for delivering the core content of the subject matter.

9. Cooperation/Collaboration with Other Faculty

Mr. Deshotel cooperates with other AgCenter faculty and staff throughout the LSU AgCenter organization in an effort to implement many of his programs. Mr. Deshotel also cooperates with other county agents in Southwest and Central Louisiana, over time concerning the Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day events and many day to calls related agriculture production issues as well as homeowner calls.

Mr. Deshotel also cooperates when called upon by administration, in support of special efforts and AgCenter programs, which often required additional personnel. This may include serving on search committees for new employees, 4-H University dorm supervision, Field Day Guides, and assist AgCenter programming as needed.

Mr. Deshotel works with extension and research specialists in cooperating to implement multiple on-farm demonstrations in St. Landry Parish every year. This type of programming is an area he feels is a necessity to address local producer needs and concerns related to insect, disease, weeds, and many other cultural practices found with commercial agriculture production. Interaction between producers, extension specialists and researchers at the production are often productive for problem solving.

Program Collaboration LSU AgCenter Extension & Research Personnel

Rice Verification Program	Dr. Johnny Saichuk, Rice Specialist
Soybean Verification and Core Block Studies	Dr. Ronnie Levy, Soybean Specialist, Keith Norman, Soybean Research Associate.
Soybean Fungicide Demonstrations	Dr. Boyd Padgett & Dr. Trey Price, Plant Pathology, Feed Grains
Sweet Potato Variety Demonstrations & Herbicide Trials	Dr. Don Labonte and Dr. Tara Smith, Sweet Potato Variety Development
Rice Variety Trials	Dr. Steve Linscombe & Dr. Dustin Harrell Variety Development
Tomato Variety Trials	Dr. Jimmy Boudreaux & Dr. Katherine Fontenot

Herbicide Trials, Invasive Trees and weed management in livestock pastures, turf management, effects of herbicides on ornamentals, Master Cattleman	Dr. Ron Strahan, Turf Grass and Forage Management
Calf To Carcass Program, Master Cattleman Program	Dr. Tim Page, Beef Specialist
Identify Herbicide Resistance Weeds in Rice and Row Crops	Dr. Daniel Stephenson, Weed Specialist, Row Crops
Beef Quality Assurance and Beef Cattle Herd Health, Master Cattleman Program	Dr. Christine Navarre, Extension Veterinarian
Identifying populations of sugarcane aphids in Grain Sorghum	Dr. Sebe Brown, Row Crop Entomologist
Core Block Studies, Corn, Cotton, and Grain Sorghum	Dr. Daniel Fromme, LA. Corn, Cotton, and Grain Sorghum Specialist, Keith Shannon, Research Associate
Feral Hog Management, Master Cattleman Program, Dean Lee Beef and Forage Field Day	Dr. Glen Gentry
Farm Management Planning, Economics, Farm Bill related decisions, Master Cattleman	Dr. Kurt Guidry, Ag Economist
Beef Cattle Breeding Stock selection and Master Cattleman Presentation, Dean Lee Beef and Forage Field Day	Jeff Gurie, Beef Cattle Research Associate
Pesticide Education and Work Protection Standards	Kim Pope Brown, Pesticide Education
Junior Beef Livestock Programs, Premier Exhibitor, Educational Trip, Louisiana State Fair	Jason Holmes, County Agent and Beef and Poultry Specialist
Master Cattleman Program	Dr. Guillermo Scaglia, Kenny Sharp, Jason Holmes, Lee Faull - Regional Coordinators, Dr. Phil Elzer State Livestock Program Leader, LSU AgCenter Rodney Johnson, County Agent
Dean Lee Beef and Forage Field Day	Donna Morgan, Rodney Johnson
Acadian Cattleman's Field Day	County Agents, Stan Dutile, Blaire Hebert, Andrew Granger, Stuart Gauthier, and Dr. Guillermo

10.External Funding, Material Support and Grants

Mr. Deshotel has been able meet the needs and expenses for extension and agriculture programs in the parishes and region he works, by the use of in-kind and monetary support from contributions. Through his collaboration with agricultural manufacture representatives, agricultural vendors, local governing bodies, and retail businesses who support the agriculture industry, he has been able to secure support for programming. Expenses often incur with extension programs, which may include meal preparation, miscellaneous expenses for supplies and other needs associated with program needs. In-kind support includes, but is not limited to, the use of municipal buildings, privately owned facilities, land and equipment uses for field demonstrations, and other miscellaneous support extension programs.

Listed are the areas Mr. Deshotel has gained support both in-kind and monetary as an extension agent:

2009	In Kind	Monetary
	Evangeline Cattleman's Association collected donated food items, beverages, and door prizes for annual membership meeting. Approximate value \$1,200.00 land and equipment	Evangeline Cattleman's Association annual fall fund raiser cattle show, sponsorship and support for prizes \$2,500.00
	Rice Verification Program Field 40 ac. Barret Olivier approximate value \$28,000.00 land and equipment	
	Rice Entomology Demonstration 10ac. Charlie Fontenot approximate value \$7,000.00 Rice Water Weevil trial land and equipment	
	Variable Rice Seeding Rates, Charlie Fontenot Farm, 40ac. approximate value \$28,000.00 land and equipment	
	Sweet Potato Variety Trial, Fontenot Farms, 5 ac. approximate value \$15,000.00 land and equipment	

2010**In Kind****Monetary**

<p>Cotton's Bakery Evangeline Cattleman's Social approximate value of \$150.00</p> <p>Tomato Trial, Robin Farms, 10 rows 120 ft. approximate value \$1,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Rice Entomology Demonstration 10ac. Charlie Fontenot approximate value \$7,000.00 Rice Water Weevil trial, land and equipment</p> <p>Grain Sorghum Plot, Plattsmier Farms, 10 ac. approximate value \$2,500.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Soybean Variety Trials, Cannatella Farms and Seibert Farms 20 ac. approximate value \$6,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Thistlewaite Planting Co. 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer mtg. Opelousas Civic Center approximate value \$800.00</p>	<p>St. Landry Parish Wheat and Feed Grains Producer meeting sponsors and support;, Crop Production Services, First South Farm Credit, Louisiana Land Bank, Monsanto Corp., Terral Seed Co., \$285.00</p> <p>Louisiana State Sweet Potato Mtg. sponsors and support; Agro Distribution, Bayer Crop Sciences, Dupont, Evangeline Farmer's Co-op, FMC, G&H Seed, Valent Corp. \$550.00</p> <p>Evangeline Cattleman's Open Junior Show Sponsors, Citizens Bank, CLECO, Dr. Fontenot, Evangeline Farm Bureau, Ranch Supply, T&J Ford, Vidrine Community Health Clinic, Ville Platte Rice Drier, \$1,600.00</p>
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2011**In Kind****Monetary**

St. Landry Parish Livestock Show, Tractor and equipment trailer, Quality Equipment, value \$1,000.00	St. Landry Parish Wheat and Feed Grains Producer Meeting sponsors and support; CPS, Monsanto, Valent, Bayer Crop Sciences, LA. Land Bank, G&H Seed, First South Farm Credit, \$900.00
Acadiana Cattleman Field day door prize donor, Southwest Feed, Opelousas, value \$100.00	Livestock Producer Program, Pasture and Forage Management sponsor, First South Farm Credit, \$350.00
Acadiana Cattleman Field day door prize donor, Progressive Tractor, Opelousas, value \$100.00	St. Landry Cattleman's Blood Drive T-Shirts, St. Landry Farm Bureau, \$250.00
Soybean Core Block Study, Plattsmier Farm, approximate value, \$4,000.00 land and equipment	Evangeline Cattleman's Junior Open Show, donations, Central Flying Service, Circle T Cattle, Citizens Bank, CLECO, Dr. Fontenot, Evangeline Farm Bureau, Progressive Tractor, T&J Ford, Teet's Groc., TLC Lawn Service, Town & Country Animal Clinic, Vidrine Community Clinic, Ville Platte Rice Drier, \$1,890.00
Grain Sorghum Core Block Study, Quibedeaux Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$2500.00 land and equipment	St. Landry Junior Livestock Show, CLECO \$250.00
Rice Verification Program, McCauley Farms, 40ac. approximate value \$28,000.00 land and equipment	
Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Rabalais Farms, 10ac., approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment	
St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer mtg. Opelousas Civic Center approximate value \$800.00	
Bottled Water, First South Production Credit, \$50.00	

2012**In Kind****Monetary**

Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day, Door Prizes, Progressive Tractor, CLECO, and Southwest Feed, approximate value \$285.00	St. Landry Agriculture Advisory Meeting, sponsor Monsanto \$500.00
Soybean Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, approximate value \$12,000.00 land and equipment	St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer Meeting sponsors and support; CPS, Dupont, Bayer, G&H Seed, Progressive Tractor, Syngenta, First South Farm Credit, LA. Land Bank, Chastant Bros. Farm Supply \$315.00
Rice Verification Program, Anthony Plattsmier 40ac. approximate value \$28,000.00, land and equipment	
Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Brett Clark, 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment	
Rice Variety Research Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$8,000.00 land and equipment	
Soybean Verification Program, Cannatella Farms, 40ac. approximate value \$12,000.00 land and equipment	
St. Landry Agriculture Advisory Meeting, Long River Lodge Meeting Room, approximate value \$400.00	
Bottled Water, First South Production Credit, \$50.00	

2013**In Kind****Monetary**

Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day, Door Prizes Sponsors, Quality Equipment, Hidalgo Supply, Tractor Supply, Southwest Feed, People's Moss Gin – Feed Division, approximate value, \$500.00	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day held in St. Landry Parish, St. Landry Farm Bureau, sponsor \$200.00
Beef Quality Assurance Training, Farm Bureau Meeting Room, approximate value \$400.00	Extension Program sponsors for Producer meetings, pesticide re certifications, and field days support; Quality Equipment, Chastant Bros. Farm Supply, St. Landry Farm Bureau, BASF, Syngenta, Monsanto, CPS, \$550.00
Wheat Core Block Study, Rabillas Farms, 15ac. approximate value \$3,000.00 land and equipment	
Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Thistlewaite Planting Co. 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment	
Rice Variety Research Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$8,000.00 land and equipment	
Soybean Fungicide Trial, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 60ac. approximate value \$1,500.00 land and equipment	
Grain Sorghum Core Block Study, Anthony Plattsmier Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$2500.00 land and equipment	
Soybean Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, approximate value \$12,000.00 land and equipment	
Bottled Water, First South Production Credit, \$50.00	

2014

In Kind

Monetary

<p>Acadiana Cattle Field Day, door prizes contributions, Progressive Tractor, Southwest Feed, CLECO, Dupont, CPS, approximate value, \$500.00</p> <p>Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Thistlewaite Planting Co. 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Soybean Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 40ac. approximate value \$12,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Soybean Date of Planting Study, Joey Olivier, 40ac. approximate value \$12,000.00, land and equipment</p> <p>Cover Crop Study for compaction, Fred Lavergene, 50ac. approximate value \$6,000.00 land, equipment, and herbicides</p> <p>Rice Variety Research Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$8,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer mtg. Yambilee Building approximate value \$600.00</p> <p>Bottled Water, First South Production Credit, \$50.00</p>	<p>St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer meeting donations and support, St. Landry Farm Bureau, First South farm Credit, Dupont, Syngenta, Chastant Bros., CPS, \$300.00</p>
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2015**In Kind****Monetary**

<p>Supply goods for field days and other extension programs, Dow Chemical Co. and LA. Land Bank, approximate value, \$250.00</p> <p>Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Thistlewaite Planting Co. 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Soybean Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 40ac. approximate value \$12,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Rice Variety Research Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$8,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Grain Sorghum Core Block Study, Anthony Plattsmier Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$2500.00 land and equipment</p> <p>St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer mtg. Yambilee Building approximate value \$600.00</p> <p>Bottled Water, First South Production Credit, \$50.00</p>	<p>Extension Program sponsors for Producer meetings, pesticide re certifications, and field days support; CPS, BASF, Syngenta, Dupont, Monsanto, First South Farm Production Credit, \$525.00</p>
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2016**In Kind****Monetary**

<p>Central Region Master Cattleman Program, Dow Chemical and the St. Landry Cattleman's Association value approximately \$450.00</p> <p>St. Landry Parish Extension Program Support, LA. Land Bank value approximately \$75.00</p> <p>Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Thistlewaite Planting Co. 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Soybean Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 40ac. approximate value \$12,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Cotton Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Rice Variety Research Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$8,000.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Grain Sorghum Core Block Study, Quibedeaux Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$2500.00 land and equipment</p> <p>Invasive Tree and Fence Line Herbicide Plots, Claude Guidry Cattle Farm, 5ac. approximate value \$2,000.00</p> <p>Bottled Water, First South Production Credit, \$50.00</p>	<p>Extension Program sponsors for Producer meetings, pesticide re certifications, and field day support; St. Landry Farm Bureau, CPS, BASF, Syngenta, Dupont, Monsanto, First South Farm Production Credit, La. Land Bank, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Progressive Tractor \$525.00</p> <p>Louisiana County Agriculture Agents Association Conference support, Green Point Ag, CPS, First South Farm Production Credit, Progressive Tractor, \$800.00</p> <p>Dean Lee Research Station Beef and Forage Field Day support, Kinder Livestock Auction Barns and H&W Equipment \$300.00</p> <p>St, Landry Cattleman's Assoc. Field Day, Pasture Management, Herbicide Trials, and Marketing host and sponsor, \$750.00</p>
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2017	In Kind	Monetary
	Corn Hybrid Core Block Study, Thistlewaite Planting Co. 10ac. approximate value \$4,000.00 land and equipment	Soybean and Rice Field day sponsor, Farmers and Merchants Bank, \$250.00
	Soybean Core Block Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 20ac. approximate value \$6,000.00 land and equipment	Pesticide re certification and pasture management program, St. Landry Cattleman's Assoc. \$250.00
	Rice Variety Research Study, Charlie Fontenot Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$8,000.00 land and equipment	Master Cattleman Program sponsor, BASF Corp. \$400.00
	Soybean Core Block Study, Anthony Plattsmier Farms, 10ac. approximate value \$3,000.00 land and equipment	Master Cattleman Program sponsor, Russell's Food Store, \$200.00
	Invasive Tree Herbicide test plot by helicopter, Floyd Farms, 100ac. approximate value, \$10,000 land and equipment.	Master Cattleman program, St. Landry Cattleman's Assoc. \$250.00
	Master Cattleman and Dean Lee Beef and Forage Field Day sponsor, Targil Seasonings, approximate value \$300.00	
	Equipment Donation to the LSU AgCenter, Dean Lee Research Station, Goudeau Family Cattle Farm, value approximately \$55,000.00	

11.Referred Journal Articles

None

12. Presentations at Professional and Clientele Targeted Conferences and Meetings

Horticulture Programs

- Washington Garden Club, “Proper Techniques of Tree Pruning” 2010, “Pesticides and Proper Use”, 2017
- Pecan Grafting Clinic, Pecan Grafting Demonstration 2010
- Opelousas Garden Club, “Proper Use of Pesticides for the Homeowner and Gardener” 2011

Agriculture and Livestock Programs

- St. Landry Wheat and Feed Grains Producer Meeting 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- ANR Advisory Committee Meeting 2010, 2011, 2012
- ANR and Livestock Advisory Committees 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
St. Farm Bureau Board and St. Landry Cattleman’s Association
- Beef Quality Assurance Training, St. Landry Parish Beef Producers, 2013
BQA in conjunction with Master Cattleman Program 2014, 2015, 2017
- Acadiana Cattleman Field Day, 2011 “Factors Affecting Forage and Hay Quality”
- 2012 “Herd Bull Selection”, 2013 “Selection Criteria for Replacement Females in the Cow Herd”
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- 2012 “Herd Bull Selection”, 2013 “Selection Criteria for Replacement Females in the Cow Herd”
- Beef Lunch & Learn, “History of the Beef Cow Coming to Louisiana” 2014
- Dean Lee Beef & Forage Field Day, 2014 “Evaluating and Selecting Replacement Females for the Cow Herd”

- Dean Lee Beef & Forage Field Day, 2015 “ Body Condition Scores & Nutritional Needs for Beef Cattle”
- Dean Lee Beef & Forage Field Day, 2016 “Nutritional Needs for the Beef Cow”
- Dean Lee Beef & Forage Field Day, 2017 “ Proper Materials & Methods for Fence Building”
- Vernon Parish 4-H Judging Day. “Selecting Animals for a Show Project” 2014
- Rice Research Station Field Day Tour Guide, 2009 thru 2017
- Dean Lee Research Station Field Day Tour Guide, 2011 thru 2013

Aquaculture and Recreation Fish Ponds

- Pond Crawfish Producer Meeting , St. Landry Parish 2011
- Pond Crawfish Producer Meeting, St. Landry/Evangeline Parish, Basile La. 2016 Following August 2016 Flood

Civic Groups and Government Outreach-Professional

- Sunrise Rotary Club, Opelousas, “Economic Impact of Agriculture In St. Landry Parish” 2011, “Local & State Economic Impact of Agriculture” 2017
- Kiwanis Club Eunice, LA. “LSU AgCenter Programs in St. Landry Parish”, 2013
- Opelousas Rotary Club. Farmer of the Year recognition & selection committee 2010 – 2017
- St. Landry Parish Council, Present Agriculture Programs, 2011, 2012, 2013

Pesticide Programs

- Private Pesticide Applicator Re-certification Meetings St. Landry Parish 2009 (2), 2010 (3), 2011 (4), 2012 (4), 2013 (6), 2014 (4), 2015 (4), 2016 (5), 2017 (5) in Allen Parish (1) 2017

13.Participation in and leadership of Professional Organizations/Committees

Upon Mr. Deshotel's employment in 2008 as Assistant Extension Agent, he joined the Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association (LCAAA), and has been a member since that time. He currently serves as a Board Member for the south central region of the state. The past two years he has served on the Scholarship Committee and judged the poster competition at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Each year the LCAAA provides an appreciation luncheon for 4-H agents and adult volunteers attending 4-H University on the Baton Rouge Campus. Mr. Deshotel has been assisting with the luncheon event for several years and recently accepted a position on the Planning Committee for this annual program.

Mr. Deshotel is also a member of the Louisiana Grasslands Council, where he was recently elected to the board and serves on the Annual Conference Planning Committee.

At the local and parish level, Mr. Deshotel regularly attends the St. Landry Farm Bureau Federation Board meetings, and offers agricultural updates for the local situation. He also participates with the St. Landry Parish Cattleman's association offering educational programming to assist producers with decision-making process of management decisions and serves as a Board Member for their association.

14. Continued Coursework, In-Service Training, Sabbaticals, Professional Involvement

Mr. Deshotel has participated in numerous AgCenter trainings as well as other organizations, and private industry trainings on agricultural products. Mr. Deshotel has completed his required extension courses and a Master's degree program in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences from McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. in December 2016. Trainings and educational programs attended include:

Topic	Meeting	Date	Location
Master of Science Agriculture & Environmental Science	McNeese State University	Completed December 2015	Lake Charles, LA. Classroom & online courses
Sweet Potato	ACE Meetings	2008-2010 2011	Baton Rouge, LA.
Soybean & Feed Grains	ACE Meetings	2008-2016	Baton Rouge, LA. Alexandria, LA.
Rice	ACE Meetings	2008-2010 2011	Baton Rouge, LA. Crowley, LA.
Beef Cattle	ACE Meetings	2009-2016	Baton Rouge, LA.
Weed Control, Varieties, Quality Control at Harvest	LSU AgCenter Sweet Potato Field Day	8/14/2008	Chase, LA.
Soil Nutrient Management	LA. Crop Consultants Association	10/1/08	Dean Lee Alexandria, LA.
Organic Vegetable Production	Burden Center	11/12/08	Baton Rouge, LA.
Commercial Pesticide Applicator Re-Cert.	LDAF	1/13/09	Alexandria, LA.
Athletic/Sports Field Workshop	LSU AgCenter	5/12/09	Opelousas, LA.
County Agents Meeting & Tour	LCAAA Convention	6/1/09	Oak Grove, LA.

Grain Bin Management Grain Quality	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee	6/12/09	Alexandria, LA.
Soybean & Crawfish Production	LSU AgCenter South Station	6/18/09	Crowley, LA.
Commodity Meetings	LA Farm Bureau Convention	6/27/09	New Orleans, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	7/1/09	Crowley, LA.
Corn & Soybean Variety Information	Terral Seed Field Day	7/9/09	Greenville, MS.
How to Deal with Harvest Issues	Sweet Potato Harvest Workshop	8/11/09	LSU AgCenter Winnsboro, LA.
Extension Programming HRE	LSU Grad School	Fall 2009	Distance Ed. Crowley, LA.
Develop a Policy for Sweet Potato	RMA Sweet Potato Insurance	8/27/09	Chase, LA.
AgCenter Admin. Meeting	Parish Chair Meeting	9/15/09	Pollock, LA.
Commercial Vegetable Production	LSU AgCenter	11/10/09	Alexandria, LA.
Rice Industry Info. International	Rice Technical Working Group	2/22/10	Biloxi, MS.
Rice Water Weevil Training	Rice Entomology	3/1/10	Crowley, LA.
Pasture Herbicides	DuPont Co.	3/17/10	Lafayette, LA.
Hurricane Preparedness	Tri-Parish 911 Area Meeting	4/8/10	Rayne, LA.
Forage Management Balage	LSU AgCenter	5/6/10	Rosepine, LA.
Program Evaluation Training	LSU AgCenter	5/20/10	Crowley, LA.
County Agents Meeting & Tour	LCAAA Convention	5/30/10	Thibodeaux, LA.
Soybean & Crawfish Production	LSU AgCenter South Station	6/16/10	Crowley, LA.
Commodity Meetings	LA Farm Bureau Convention	6/26/10	New Orleans, LA.

Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	7/1/10	Crowley, LA.
LSU AgCenter Online Marketing	Market Maker LSU AgCenter	7/15/10	Baton Rouge, LA.
Fertilizer Agents Training	LSU AgCenter	7/28/10	Baton Rouge, LA.
Row Crops & Beef Cattle	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Field Day	8/5/10	Alexandria, LA.
Program Evaluation HRE 7622	LSU Graduate School	Fall 2010	Distance Ed. Crowley, LA.
Weed Control, Varieties, Quality Control at Harvest	LSU AgCenter Sweet Potato Field Day	8/24/10	Chase, LA.
Beef Cattle Management	Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day	9/30/10	Jeanerette, LA.
Outlook IT Training	LSU AgCenter	10/7/10	Alexandria, LA.
Soybean Production Management	LA Crop Consultants Association	10/28/10	Dean Lee Alexandria, LA.
Soil Nutrient Management	LA Crop Consultants Association	11/16/10	Dean Lee Alexandria, LA.
Beef Cattle Management	LSU AgCenter	11/17/10	Dean Lee
Agriculture & Food Vulnerability	LSU AgCenter	11/23/10	Alexandria, LA.
Turf Management	LSU AgCenter	12/8/10	Alexandria, LA.
Working Effectively With Groups	ODE LSU AgCenter	1/13/11	Alexandria, LA.
Crop Production Products-Fungicide	Bayer Crop Science	2/28/11	Vicksburg, MS.
Rice Water Weevil & Stink Bug Training	Rice Entomology	3/2/11	Crowley, LA
County Agents Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention	6/6/11	Natchez, MS.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	6/30/11	Crowley, LA.
Commodity Meetings	LA Farm Bureau Convention	7/8/11	New Orleans, LA.

Corn & Soybean Variety Information	Terral Seed Field Day	7/14/11	Greenville, MS.
Row Crops & Beef Cattle	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Field Day	7/28/11	Alexandria, LA.
Rice Disease	Syngenta	8/29/11	Crowley, LA.
Rice Water Weevil & Stink Bug Training	Rice Entomology	9/13/11	Crowley, LA.
Dynamics Training	LSU AgCenter IT	9/21/11	Crowley, LA
Soil Nutrient Management	LA. Crop Consultants Association	11/11/11	Dean Lee Alexandria, LA.
Rice Water Weevil & Stink Bug Training	Rice Entomology	10/25/11	Crowley, LA.
S-CAP Workshop Region 8	Homeland Security Governor's Office	4/25/12	Opelousas, LA.
Fungicide Sercadis & Prioxor	BASF Rice Research Station	5/17/12	Crowley, LA.
Wildlife Habitat Food Sources	Sherburne WMA LSU AgCenter	5/18/12	Krotz Springs, LA.
County Agent's Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention	5/21/12	Baton Rouge, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	6/28/12	Crowley, LA.
Commodity Meetings	LA Farm Bureau Convention	6/29/12	New Orleans, LA.
Beef Quality Assurance	LSU AgCenter	7/19/12	Ville Platte, LA.
Beef Cattle Training	UL Cade Farm NRCS, LSU AgCenter	8/17/12	St. Martinville, LA.
Soil Nutrient Management	LA Crop Consultants Association	10/10/12	Dean Lee Alexandria, LA.
Beef Cattle Artificial Insemination Course	McNeese State University	11/11/12	Lake Charles, LA.
Sugarcane Extension & Research Meeting	USDA Research Center	1/16/13	Houma, LA.
Louisiana Cattleman's	LCA, LSU AgCenter	1/19/13	Monroe, LA.

Rice Production	NRCS	2/21/13	Crowley, LA.
Mock Hurricane Livestock Disaster Exercise/Training	St. Landry Parish Government, LDAF, National Guard (helicopter)	3/23/13	St. Landry Parish
AgCenter Admin. Meeting	Parish Chair Meeting	4/9/13	Pollock, LA.
Beef Cattle Training	UL Cade Farm, LSU AgCenter	4/17/13	St. Martinville, LA.
County Agent's Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention	5/23/13	Abbeville, LA.
Hurricane Preparedness	St. Landry OEP	6/4/13	Opelousas, LA.
Beef Cattle Training	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee	6/4/13	Alexandria, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	6/26/13	Crowley, LA.
Commodity Meetings	LA Farm Bureau Convention	6/28/13	New Orleans, LA.
Corn & Soybean Research	Monsanto Co.	7/9/13	Scott, MS.
Agent Training Corn, Soybean, Grain Sorghum	LSU AgCenter Dean Lee, Field Day	7/17/13	Alexandria, LA.
State Sweet Potato Mtg.	LSU AgCenter West Carroll Parish	1/7/14	Oak Grove, LA.
Agent Training Beef Cattle	W/Tim Page Various stops	3/29/14	Texas
Agent Training Horticulture	LSU AgCenter EVAC.	4/11/2014	Dean Lee Alexandria
County Agent's Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention	6/2/2014	Vidilia, LA. Natchez, Ms.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	6/24/2014	Crowley, LA.
NRCS/LSU AgCenter Agent & Staff Training	EVAC. Shelter	9/23/14	Alexandria, LA.
USDA FSA Farm Bill Training	LSU AgCenter Acadia Parish	10/21/2014	Crowley, LA.

Rec. Farm Pond Training	Rice Research Station	11/14/2014	Crowley, LA.
Soils & soil analysis Training	LSUA AgCenter Rapides Parish Office	11/17/2014	Alexandria, LA.
FSA 2014 Farm Bill Trainings	Multiple locations St. Landry/Avoyelles Parish	10/28/14 12/2, 12/4 & 12/8/2014	Opelousas, LA. Port Barre, LA. Bunkie, LA.
Food Safety Training	Rice Research Station	12/1/2014	Crowley, LA.
FSA 2014 Farm Bill Training	St. Landry Extension Office	1/6/2015	Opelousas, LA.
Commercial Applicators Re-Cert. & Training	EVAC. Shelter	1/12/2015	Alexandria, LA.
State Sweet Potato Mtg.	Avoyelles Parish	1/13/2015	Mansura, LA.
Sugarcane Research & Extension Mtg./Training	USDA Research Station	1/21/2015	Homa, LA.
Stored Grain Workshop/Training	Rice Research Station	2/25/2015	Crowley, LA.
Hurricane Preparedness Training	National Weather Service	4/8/2015	Opelousas, LA.
Area Horticulture Training	Acadia Parish Extension office	4/17/2015	Crowley, LA.
County Agent's Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention	6/1/2015	Monroe, LA.
Rice Production & Management	Rice Research Station Field Day	6/30/2015	Crowley, LA.
Sweet Potato Production and weed Management	Sweet Potato Field Day	7/20/2015	Delhi, LA.
Beef Cattle Agent Training, Nutrition	Dean Lee Research Station	10/8/2015	Alexandria, LA.
LA. Crop Consultants Rice Management Mtg.	Dean Lee Research Station	10/29/2015	Alexandria, LA.
Fresh Produce Safety Workshop	Dean Lee Research Station	12/3/2015	Alexandria, LA.

Climate Change Training NRCS	EVAC.	12/17/2015	Alexandria, LA.
LA. State Sweet Potato Production Mtg.	West Carroll Parish Office	1/12/2016	Oak Grove, LA.
Rice Weed Management	Acadia Parish Ext. Office	2/26/2016	Crowley, LA.
Sugarcane Research & Extension mtg.	Sugarcane Research Station	5/19/2016	St. Gabriel, LA.
County Agent's Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention Co mtg. with MS. State	5/24/2016	Natchez, Ms.
Feral Hog Mtg.	Management & Control	5/31/2016	Alexandria, LA.
Acadia Rice & SB Field Day	Rice & Soybean Management Practices	6/15/2016	Crowley, LA.
Rice Production & Management Training	Rice Research Station Field Day	6/28/2016	Crowley, LA.
Rolling Crops Field Tour & Agent Training	Northeast LA.	7/27/2016	Rayville, LA.
Beef Marketing Meeting	EVAC. Shelter	8/11/2016	Alexandria, LA.
Sweet Potato Production and weed Management	Sweet Potato Field Day	8/31/2016	Chase, LA.
Agriculture Lender Conf.	LSU-A Campus	10/13/2016	Alexandria, LA.
Urban Forestry and Recreational pond management	Rapides Extension Office	12/1/2016	Alexandria, LA.
Ag Summary Data entry and Livestock Mtgs.	LSU - Baton Rouge Annual Conf.	12/14/2016	Baton Rouge, LA.
Forage Management	LA. Grasslands & Forage Council Mtg. Annual Mtg.	2/22/2017	Alexandria, LA.
Soybean, Feed Grains, & Cotton Research & Extension Mtg. (Plots)	Dean Lee Research Station	3/7/2017	Alexandria, LA.
IPM Training Crop Pest Management	Rice Research Station	3/8/2017	Crowley, LA.

Acadiana Cattleman's Field Day Beef Cattle Management	Iberia Research Station	3/18/2017	Jeanerette, LA.
Home Lawn & Turf Agent training	Rice Research Station	4/26/2017	Crowley, LA.
Sugarcane Extension Mtg.	Sugarcane Research Station	5/17/2017	St. Gabriel, LA.
County Agent's Tour & Meeting	LCAAA Convention Co mtg.	6/5/2017	Hammond, LA.
Rice Production & Management Training	Rice Research Station	6/27/2017	Crowley, LA.
Commodities mtgs. Rice, Soybean, livestock	Louisiana Farm Bureau Convention	6/30/2017	New Orleans, LA.

15. Participation in Public Policy and Community Issues

Mr. Deshotel works closely with St. Landry Parish government, and the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security when agriculture related issues are concerned due to manmade issues or natural disasters. Local parish government officials have relied on Mr. Deshotel's community involvement and input for assistance in making decisions concerning agriculture. Some of these critical issues have included livestock evacuation, man-made disaster issues and their effects, identification of critical food source issues for the parish, identifying potential terrorist targets, and mosquito control in high population mosquito outbreaks.

Mr. Deshotel also serves on the St. Landry Parish Agriculture Arena Authority Board, which governs building and grounds and the maintenance of the local agriculture arena. This public livestock facility is used for group events, primarily agricultural related, such as, rodeo events, trail rides, carnivals, youth livestock shows, and other festival related and entertainment.

Annually, the Opelousas Rotary Clubs and St. Landry Economic Development Board recognizes a "Farmer of the Year" and Mr. Deshotel has been active in that selection process. He, along with the County Executive Director of Farm Service Agency in St. Landry, Ag lenders, Rotary Club members and the St. Landry Parish Economic Development Director comprise of this selection committee. Mr. Deshotel has been responsible for contacting the recipient once an individual has been selected, gathering information for a biography, and recognizing this individual at a special Rotary Club luncheon devoted to the agriculture sector in St. Landry Parish.

Mr. Deshotel has addressed and delivered other presentations to other civic organizations such as the Sunrise Rotary Club of Opelousas, the Kiwanis Clubs of both Opelousas and Eunice LA.

16.Awards and Recognition

- 2014 Denver T. & Ferne Loupe Team Excellence Award
“Acadiana Cattleman’s Field Day Team Award”
Team Members: Guillermo Scaglia, Stan Dutile, Blaire Hebert, Andrew Granger, Vincent Deshotel
- 2014 Promotion to Associate County

17.Agency and State Collaboration

With such a large amount of commercial agriculture in St. Landry Parish, it is important that Mr. Deshotel maintain a clear line of communication with local and supporting agricultural entities and agencies.

He facilitates these efforts through making himself available and a progressive figure in the area of communicating with FSA, NRCS, and LDAF officials to keep producers informed of any current or on-going situations in St. Landry and surrounding parishes. During disaster situations, he serves on the Emergency Disaster County Committee & communicates the effects of the situation at hand. He has taken an active role in several situations related to drought, flood, and high wind situations associated with tropical weather issues. More recently assisting parish government with water quality issues associated with a train derailment incident, where contaminated water ways were affecting rice and crawfish producers for using surface flood water for irrigation purposes. Mr. Deshotel assisted by making assessments of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality’s results through water sampling and keeping producers informed of the situation.

18. Other Scholarly or Creative Activities

Mr. Deshotel is a member of the Louisiana County Agents Association. He has attended the state LCAAA Convention since 2008, currently serves as a Board Member as well as the Scholarship Committee member, and has served as a judge for the educational poster competition in 2016. Mr. Deshotel assists with the Annual LCAAA luncheon at 4-H University, where this association provides an appreciation lunch for youth leaders and 4-H Agents during their weeklong stay on LSU's campus. He assists with preparing and serving the meal and serves on the Planning Committee.

Mr. Deshotel has attended and served as a Senior Agent/Dorm Supervisor during 4-H University in the years 2010, 2012 and 2015.

19. Organizations Advised

Mr. Deshotel has advised the following groups on agriculture and horticulture related issues for quarterly or annual meetings of their general memberships:

- Washington Garden Club, Washington, LA.
- Opelousas Garden Club, Opelousas, LA.
- Magnolia Garden Club, Ville Plate, LA.
- Big Cane Baptist Church Spring Garden Day, Goudeau, LA.
- St. Landry Cattleman's Association
- St. Landry Farm Bureau Federation
- Evangeline Cattleman's Association
- Washington Farmer's Market Association
- St. Landry Parish Government Officials, Farmers Market in Opelousas
- Louisiana Braford Breeders Association, President
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Washington Farmer's Market
- Sunset Farmer's Market

20. University Service

Mr. Deshotel has served on several search committees for new hires, which includes two state specialist positions, Dr. Mavis Finger as State Sweet Potato and Northeast Region Horticulture Specialists, as well as Dr. Katherine Fontenot as State Vegetable Specialists. Mr. Deshotel assisted Dr.'s Finger and Fontenot in their transition to the LSU AgCenter visiting sweet potato producers and commercial horticulture producers in central Louisiana. Mr. Deshotel and Dr. Fontenot have collaborated to implement test plot work with commercial vegetable producers in the area of tomato production in St. Landry Parish.

Mr. Deshotel has participated on search committees for 4-H Agent and Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent positions, in St. Landry, Avoyelles, and Point Coupee Parishes. Megan Robnett Plattsmier, 4-H agent St. Landry Parish, Justin Dufor, ANR Agent Avoyelles, Channel Angey, Horticulture Agent Point Coupee and St. Landry. Mr. Deshotel served the Promotion and Tenure committee for Megan Robnett Plattsmier, from Assistant to Associate 4-H Agent and served as an outside reviewer for the promotion of Bruce Garner in West Carol Parish from Assistant ANR Agent to Associate agent promotion recently.

In 2014 Dr. Phil Elzer, Livestock Program Leader, requested Mr. Deshotel's participation to serve on a statewide Livestock Task Force of agents to address concerns associated with the extension livestock programs. Mr. Deshotel represents the Central Region on this committee.

Mr. Deshotel has also supported the LSU AgCenter Ag Leadership Development Program by submitting letters of recommendation for producers and one agriculture industry person. Those persons were accepted and have successfully completed to the program, where they value this program as a tool to become more knowledgeable of the Agriculture Industry.

21. Professional Service

Mr. Deshotel serves in a professional capacity in the following organizations and associations:

- Louisiana Braford Breeders Association, member 1996 – present, currently Louisiana State Board President
- Louisiana Junior Braford Association, Advisor 1996 – present
- United Braford Breeders Association, member 1996 – present
National Show Committee 2013 – 2015
- Evangeline Parish Citizens Corporation Board - 2008 until present
- Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association, member 2009 – present, currently serves as Board of Director and Scholarship Committee
- National Association of County Agriculture Agents, member, 2009 – present
- St. Landry Parish Government, 2011 – present, currently Ag Arena Authority Board Member
- Central Louisiana Rice Growers Association 2012 – present
- Louisiana Rice Growers Association 2012 - present
- Louisiana Grasslands Council board member 2016 – present Annual mtg. planning committee
- American Brahman Breeders Association – member
- American Hereford Association – member
- Louisiana Farm Bureau – member

22. Other External Community Service

Mr. Deshotel serves as member of the St. Landry Parish 911 Emergency Response Team, for agriculture related issues in the event of a disaster. He has served as a member since 2008 and has been involved in several disaster situations providing up to date information. Following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, he assisted with mosquito population counts where spraying by air to support human and livestock concerns. He has also assisted with crop loss estimates related to wind and extensive flooding. In 2011, the Mississippi River flood event caused the Morganza Spillway to open for the first time in 40 years to relieve pressure from the Mississippi River levee system. Mr. Deshotel assisted with livestock removal and placement of livestock that were in possible danger from the flooding

In 2013, Mr. Deshotel assisted with addressing water resource concerns for rice and crawfish producers who were potentially affected by a train-derailment incident along U.S. Hwy. 190, West of Opelousas. Unknown contaminants leaked into waterways used for irrigation of rice and crawfish production. Mr. Deshotel immediately was able to assemble producers in the affected area where LDEQ, EPA, Union Pacific Railroad, St. Landry Parish Government, and LSU AgCenter specialists were available to address the concerns and possible effects of the associated contaminants. Approximately 20 rice and crawfish producers who were potentially affected by this incident, was of concern to Mr. Deshotel, for the safety of the community and the commodities produced in this area.

In March and August of 2016, and April and May of 2017, the area Mr. Deshotel works were affected by historic rain events, delaying planting of crops and flooding crops that had been planted. In 2016, harvest of several thousand acres of rice and soybeans grown in the area where he works were lost where he worked closely with producers, crop insurance agents and adjusters, and Farm Service Agency in making crop loss determinations, and how this weather event affected growers and landowners.