

Acadiana AgLine

A newsletter for farmers and cattle producers in Lafayette Parish & the Acadiana area.



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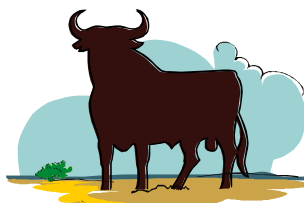
REMINDER! BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM – **February 22 & 23!!**

As announced in your December newsletter this is a final reminder that our 21th Annual Bull Soundness Exam has been scheduled for **Thursday & Friday, February 22 & 23, 2018 at Dominique's Stockyard** in **OPELOUSAS, LA**. All producers in the Acadiana area are invited to bring in their bulls to have them semen/fertility tested at a cost of \$50 per bull. However, please note the following:



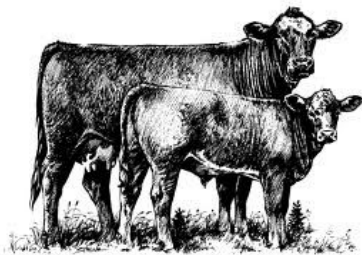
1. Producers **MUST** call in to pre-register in advance.
2. Bulls will be tentatively scheduled by appointment when producers call in, or will receive a call back to schedule an approximate appointment time.
3. In addition to our normal fertility testing we will once again offer "Trich" testing. However, any producer wanted to get bulls Trich tested must indicate this and request a "Trich test kit" at the time they call in to pre-register. All Trich test bulls will be done on Thursday morning.

Please call one of our secretaries (Ms. Tessie or Ms. Leah) here at my office (291-7090) to pre-register, or contact me (654-2642) or Mike Dominique (654-4030) directly on our cell phones. Refer to the attached flier (also sent out previously) for specific details. We would like to thank Mike Dominique and Dominique's Stockyard for continuing to provide their facilities for our Bull Exam each year. Mike has asked me to remind all cattle producers of upcoming special sales at both Dominique Stockyard locations as listed below. Contact him directly for questions or further information on these events.



- March 24, 1:00 pm, Opelousas – La. Brahman Breeders Purebred & F-1 Sale
- April 21, 1:00 pm, Baton Rouge – Spring Stocker Cow Sale #1
- April 28, 1:00 pm, Opelousas – Spring Stocker Cow Sale #2

ACADIANA CATTLE PRODUCERS FIELD DAY – **SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018**



Attention All Cattlemen & Hay Producers!! You are invited to attend the upcoming **Acadiana Cattle Producer's Spring Field Day to be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 8:00am** at the Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette. The field day will cover a variety of topics of interest to both cattle and hay producers and a sponsored lunch will be provided. Last year's field day was a great success with and we are planning for an even better event this year. A flier with further details is attached. In addition to the regular program we will also begin taking sign-

ups for our next Master Cattleman class. The field day has also been approved for Master Farmer Phase II credit. Start making plans to attend and refer to the flier or give me a call here at 291-7090 if you need further info.



PESTICIDE APPLICATOR "RE-CERTIFICATION" – THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Also as mentioned in your last newsletter, the Annual Lafayette Parish Private Applicator "Re-Certification" Meeting will be held here at the **Lafayette Parish LSU AgCenter/Extension Office** on Thursday, **March 22, 2018**, beginning w/ **registration at 5:30 p.m.** Letters have already gone out to all of those on our list with cards that will expire this year. If you are one of those and cannot attend our meeting here, you still have an opportunity to attend a meeting elsewhere. A few neighboring parishes still have meetings upcoming as follows:



- *Feb. 20 – Vermilion Parish - Gueydan Civic Ctr in Gueydan – 5:30pm (call 898-4335)
- *Feb. 22 – Acadia Parish – LSU AgCenter/Extension Office in Crowley – 9:00am (call 788-821)
- *Feb. 22 – Iberia Parish – Ward 8 Rec Ctr in Jeanerette – 8:00am (call 369-4441)
- *Mar. 8 – Vermilion Parish – Cecil McCrory Exhibit Barn in Abbeville – 5:30pm (898-4335)
- *Mar. 14 – St. Landry Parish - LSU AgCenter/Extension Office in Opelousas – 1:30pm (call 948-0561)

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CARD. Cards that expire in 2018 will do so on March 31, and to become re-certified and get a new card you must attend a Recertification Meeting prior to that date. If you let your current card expire without attending a Recertification Meeting **the only way to obtain a new one and become re-certified will be to re-take and pass the Private Applicator Exam once again.** As a reminder, anyone needing to take the exam in the future on an individual basis will need to do so at their closest La. Dept. of Ag & Forestry (LDAF) office. LSU AgCenter offices will no longer serve as test sites for individual exams.



WPS TRAIN-THE TRAINER PROGRAMS

As has also been discussed in prior newsletters, any farm employees who work around and/or handle pesticides, and who do not have a valid pesticide applicator card, must be provided training annually before they begin work on the farm as required by the federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS). As time passes the need for agricultural employers to become WPS trained/certified so they can train their own employees will become more and more important. Additionally the WPS regulations have been recently updated. With all of this in mind several upcoming **WPS "Train-the-Trainer" workshops** in different parts of the state have been scheduled as follows. Additional trainings will be scheduled later during the year. Cost is \$25 made payable to the LSU AgCenter.



- ** **March 2** in Hammond @ Hammond Research Station Sponsor: LSU AgCenter
Location: 21549 Old Covington Hwy, Hammond, LA TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 - ** **March 14** in Alexandria @ Evacuation Shelter Sponsor: LSU AgCenter
Location: 8125 Hwy 71 South, Alexandria, LA TIME: 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 - ** **March 19** in Crowley @ Acadia Parish Office Sponsor: LSU AgCenter
Location: 157 Cherokee Drive Crowley, LA TIME: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
 - ** **March 30** in Winnsboro @ Scott Research/ Extension Center Sponsor: LSU AgCenter
Location: 212B Macon Ridge Rd., Winnsboro, LA TIME: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- ***Please contact Kim Pope Brown at 225-436-3199 or 225-578-6998 for more info on these.



OTHER UPCOMING PROGRAMS of INTEREST

Sugarcane farmers should have already received emails on what follows, but for others who receive this in time several additional upcoming programs have been scheduled that may be of interest. Iberia County Agent Blair Hebert has scheduled the following events and invited farmers from neighboring parishes to attend. Please call Blair (369-4441) for further info.



February 19 – Teche Area Sugarcane Cover Crops Field tour, Loreauville, Jeanerette, and Glencoe

February 22 – Iberia/St. Mary Pesticide recertification meeting, Burn Manager Recertification meeting, and Soybean Production Meeting – Ward 8, Jeanerette

February 27 – Iberia/St. Mary/Vermilion Sugarcane Production Academy Meeting – Ward 8, Jeanerette

RICE FIELD DAY SET - JUNE 27, 2018 – RICE RESEARCH STATION

The 2018 LSU AgCenter Rice Field Day has been set for June 27, 2018, beginning with the field tours starting at 7:30am just as in the past. All rice farmers and/or anyone interested in the Louisiana rice industry is encouraged to put this date on their calendar and begin making plans now to attend.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS

By the time you receive this most of our annual 4-H/FFA Winter/Spring Livestock Shows will be history. As always the general public is invited to visit all of our livestock shows each year and the LSU AgCenter is proud to host these events for our young people.

2018 marked the 41st year of our Acadiana District Livestock Show (ADLS) held here in Lafayette at Blackham Coliseum, and the first year of a new 10 year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with UL Lafayette last year at our 40th Anniversary celebration. We would like to publicly thank UL for their long time support of the ADLS and also recognize other major show sponsors who support the show each year. These include: *Lafayette Consolidated Government, Lafayette Parish School System, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department, South Louisiana Mid-Winter Fair Association, Lafayette Cattle-men's Association and Lafayette Parish Farm Bureau, and other numerous smaller sponsors from those parishes that participate in the show each year.*

Additionally the 2018 show had four new first and second year major sponsors which included *First South Farm Credit, Louisiana Land Bank, and Angco Disposal, and the Louisiana Beef Industry Council.* Our 4-H livestock show program could not continue to be a success without the financial and in-kind support we continue to receive from these many sponsors and supporters, and on behalf of the many youth who participate in our show we would like to say "THANK YOU"!!



Be reminded that 4-H is open to youth ages 9-19 and is the largest youth organization in the world. If you have children or grandchildren, and/or know any child who may be interested in participating in 4-H, please have them contact their local LSU AgCenter/Extension Service Office for further information on 4-H and the 4-H livestock program.

MASTER CATTLEMAN – next class likely in 2019!

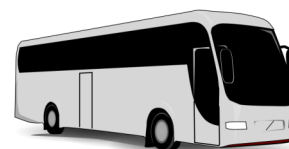
The LSU AgCenter Master Cattleman Program (formerly known as Master Cattle Producer) remains one of the most successful educational programs provided by the LSU AgCenter. The program first began here in Lafayette/Acadiana in 2004, and we are proud of the many graduates who have participated and made it through the program.



The class is offered to interested cattle producers in the Acadiana region approximately every other year based upon interest and usually rotates between the Lafayette and Vermilion Parish LSU AgCenter/Extension Offices on **Monday nights**. The MC program is a series of 10 sessions that covers Animal Handling, Health, Nutrition, Pasture Management, Breeding/Selection, Reproduction, End Product & Financial Management. Participants who completed the recent Fall 2017 class will be recognized at their graduation ceremony during the March 3 Cattle Field Day. We are now beginning to solicit applicants for 2019. *If you are interested please call me (291-7090) or Andrew Granger (898-4335) to get on the list.* There is a fee for the program (\$125) but this fee covers meals, refreshments, teaching materials during each session, and a certificate and farm sign once the class is completed, so it is well worth the fee. Just as in the past, in order to conduct a new class we will need a minimum of 25-30 producers to enroll.

AG TRIP FOR CATTLEMEN & FARMERS IN 2018 ??

Last year (2017) we again offered an Ag Trip for local cattlemen and farmers and once again traveled to Angola State Penitentiary to tour cattle and farming operations at the prison. A similar trip was also taken in 2015. As we move farther into 2018 we are once again considering scheduling another Ag Trip, but if so will plan a different destination. Several possible options are currently being considered but no decisions have been made. Consideration is also being given to taking a multi-day trip rather than just a one day tour. If you would be interested in traveling on another Ag Trip, or if you have trip ideas or suggestions that you would like to have considered, please give me a call here at 291-7090 to discuss. We will likely make a decision on the trip later this spring and if the trip materializes we would likely plan to travel this summer or fall.



NEW LSU AGCENTER SOUTHWEST REGION DIRECTOR – DR. KURT GUIDRY

Dr. Kurt Guidry was recently named as the new Regional Director for the LSU AgCenter's Southwest Region replacing Dr. Steve Linscombe who retired at the end of September, 2017.

Guidry, a professor in the LSU AgCenter's Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, will oversee LSU AgCenter operations in the Southwest Region that includes 14 parishes and three research stations. An Acadia Parish native, Guidry received his bachelor's degree in agri business from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, master's degree in agricultural economics from LSU and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State.

Dr. Guidry started his career with the AgCenter in 1993 as a 4-H county agent in St. Landry Parish. He departed a year later to pursue his Ph.D. and then returned in 1997 serving as Ag Economics Specialist in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. In 2008 Dr. Guidry was named the Gilbert Durbin Professor of Agricultural Economics.

Dr. Guidry said he is looking forward to the challenge of maintaining and expanding on the successes of the Southwest Region under the leadership of Linscombe. "I have a deep appreciation for the level and importance of the work that is being done by the research stations as well as by our extension faculty in the region," Guidry said. "I will work with our faculty and clientele groups to ensure we continue to effectively and adequately address the needs of the region." Guidry will be housed at the Rice Research Station in Crowley. "This is very much a homecoming for me" he said.

COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RE-CERTIFICATION RESCHEDULED

Just like private applicators must keep their pesticide cards current, commercial applicators are required to do the same. Commercial applicators usually receive notice each year directly from LDAF, and are invited to attend an annual commercial pesticide recertification scheduled for their respective commercial category. Commercial recertification for categories 1 (Ag Pest Control) and 10 (Demonstration & Research) is usually held in January in Alexandria, but this year's meeting had to be cancelled due to snow/icy road conditions. The meeting has now been rescheduled, and we have been asked to assist in publicizing the new meeting date, which has been set **for March 14, 2018, at the Louisiana Evacuation Center on the LSU-Alexandria Campus beginning with registration at 7:30am.** If you are a commercial applicator currently certified in categories 1 or 10 and in need of re-certification, please make plans to attend, and contact Kim Pope Brown at 225-436-3199 or 225-578-6998 for more information.



For questions or further information on any of the above, or if you have a disability that would limit your participation in any of the above, please contact me 337-291-7090 or email me at sdutile@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Stan Dutile

Stan Dutile
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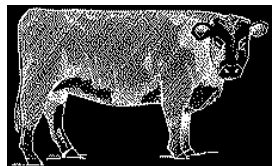
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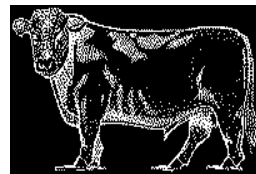
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ATTENTION CATTLEMEN

21th ANNUAL SPRING BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM



THURSDAY & FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2018



8:00 A.M. – Until completed each day
DOMINIQUE'S STOCKYARD - OPELOUSAS, LA

- ♦ Cattlemen from throughout the Acadiana area are invited to bring their bulls.
- ♦ ***PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!*** (See below)
- ♦ All bulls will be semen tested, visually evaluated, and will have scrotal measurements taken with a written soundness report provided to the producer.
- ♦ Licensed veterinarians will perform testing at a charge of \$40.00 per bull. Additional vaccinations also available for an additional charge.
- ♦ Additional Benefits:
 - *No vet road service charges
 - *Good working facilities
 - *Free help provided to handle & work bulls
 - *Educational information provided
- ♦ Bulls will be tentatively scheduled by appointment when producers call to pre-register and tested on a first come first serve basis once they arrive. Bulls may be brought in the afternoon prior but only if special arrangements are made at time of call in. All Trich test bulls must be tested on Thursday morning.
- ♦ ***Call County Agent Stan Dutile (291-7090 or 654-2642) or Mike Dominique at Dominique's Stockyard (896-6995 or 654-4030) to sign up bulls and make arrangements.***

FIND OUT IF YOUR BULL IS FERTILE BEFORE YOU LOSE A CALF CROP

****Again for 2016** Testing for Trichomoniasis ("Trich") will be available at a cost of \$75 per bull. Because Trich testing kits must be ordered in advance and test kits shipped overnight once test is completed producers who want to have bulls Trich tested must sign up asap and plan to be tested on Thursday morning.**

ACADIANA BEEF CATTLE PRODUCERS FIELD DAY

Date: Saturday March 3, 2018
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: Iberia Research Station, Jeanerette
Registration starts at 8:00 AM

INDOOR PROGRAM

- ♦ Use of cover crops and effects on soil health
- ♦ Export market and its impact on US beef prices and policies
- ♦ Resistance to dewormers and control of internal parasites

OUTDOOR PROGRAM

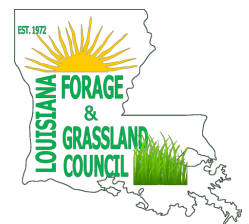
- ♦ Control of annual ryegrass in bermudagrass hay meadows
- ♦ Alternatives to improve the use of nitrogen fertilizer on pastures: Update and field demonstration
- ♦ Care of the newborn calf: How to handle problems
- ♦ Evaluation of low vs. high input cow/calf management systems

ALSO

- ♦ Master Farmer Program update
- ♦ Master Cattleman graduation ceremony



DOOR PRIZES AND LUNCH PROVIDED



CONTACTS: LCA District VIII Vice President-James Leleux (337-893-8334); Iberia-Blair Hebert (337-369-4441); Iberia Research Station-Guillermo Scaglia (337-276-5527); St. Martin-Stuart Gauthier (337-332-2181); Lafayette, West St. Mary, and Acadia-Stan Dutile (337-291-7090); and Vermilion-Andrew Granger (337-898-4335); Louisiana Forage and Grassland Council-Ed Twidwell (225-578-4564)

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