

Acadiana AgLine

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



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Christmas Season is a special time used by many of us to reflect on life's blessings. Although my greatest blessings are God and family, another has been the continued opportunity to serve the people of Lafayette and the Acadiana area throughout my career.... and the many friends and acquaintances made along the way. It is "the people" of south Louisiana who make Lafayette and the Acadiana such a great place to live and work. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2018. Thanks for all you have done to assist me in my position here and to help Louisiana and agriculture across this state.



UPCOMING AGRONOMIC CROP GROWER MEETINGS

As is customary each year during the month of January, the LSU AgCenter conducts commodity specific grower meetings for all local farmers in order for them to keep abreast of the latest research based information regarding their respective commodity. As you are aware Lafayette Parish is partnered with St. Martin Parish for sugarcane and with Acadia Parish for rice and soybeans. Dates and locations of upcoming grower meetings are listed below. Because of the timely information provided at these meetings I would like to encourage all farmers to attend as they begin making plans for 2018.

***Acadia/Lafayette/Jeff Davis Rice/Soybean Production Meeting**
(see attached flier) **Thursday, January 4, 2018** beginning at 8:00am,
Acadia Parish LSU AgCenter/Extension Office in Crowley

***St. Martin/Lafayette/St. Landry Sugarcane Production Meeting**
Wednesday, January 24 2018 beginning at 9:30am
St. Martin Parish LSU AgCenter/Extension Office in Breaux Bridge

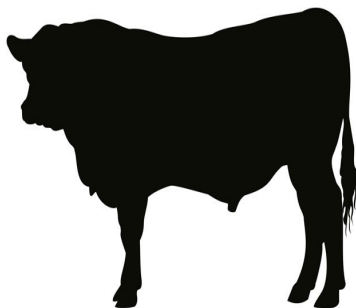


LIVESTOCK SHOW TIME QUICKLY APPROACHING



As you are aware January-February is 4-H livestock show time in south Louisiana. The **Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale** is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, January 26-27, 2018** in the barns behind Blackham Coliseum. The **Acadiana District Livestock Show**, which involves participants from a nine parish area, is scheduled the following week, **Tuesday-Saturday, January 30-February 3, 2018, also at Blackham Coliseum Complex**. I would like to invite you to attend all of these events and solicit your support of our 4-H and FFA youth as a potential market animal buyer at the Parish Sale on Saturday morning, **January 27**. A flyer with further details is attached.

LAFAYETTE CATTLEMEN'S ANNUAL MTG. - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018



The Lafayette Parish Cattlemen's Association will conduct their annual membership meeting beginning at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Location for this year's meeting has not yet been finalized but will likely be the Scott Event Center. All current Lafayette Cattlemen's Association members along with their spouse/guest, or anyone interested in joining the association or learning more, are invited to attend. A short educational program will be presented along with announcements about local upcoming cattle/forage related events and a sponsored meal will be served. Anyone with questions or needing further information should contact Lafayette Cattlemen's President Kirk Martin (896-8223) or Secretary/Treasurer Dwayne Martin (277-2647), or give me a call here at 291-7090.

BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22-23

Our 20th Annual Spring Bull Soundness Exam has been scheduled for **Thursday & Friday, February 22 & 23, 2018, at Dominique's Stockyard in OPELOUSAS, LA.** All producers in the area are again invited to bring in their bulls to have them semen/fertility tested at a cost of \$50 per head. However, beginning this year all producers MUST call in to pre-register in advance.

Bulls will be tentatively scheduled by appointment when producers call in to pre-register and then tested on a first come first serve basis as they arrive. **A flyer with more specific details is attached.** Once again, producers who plan to bring bulls this year MUST contact me (291-7090) or Mike Dominique (654-4030) in advance. In addition to our usual semen/fertility testing, we will once again offer an opportunity for "Trich" testing as well. Producers who want this test performed on their bulls **must** reserve their "Trich test kit" in advance when they call in, be prepared to pay the additional Trich testing fee of \$100, and also plan to be tested on the Thursday morning only. *This is an optional test only for those cattlemen interested.*

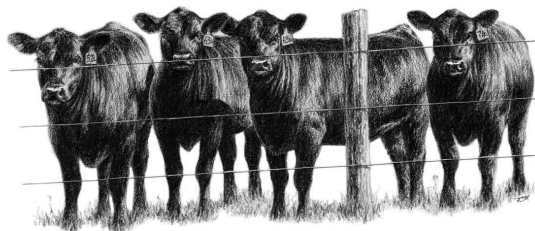


ACADIANA CATTLE PRODUCERS SPRING FIELD DAY– SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018



Although it is a bit early I wanted to notify all of you that our next **Acadiana Cattle Producers Spring Field Day** has already been set and scheduled for **Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Iberia Research Station.**

Our Fall field day held in October at the UL Cade day was a big success with over 100 producers in attendance, so we encourage producers to begin making plans to now attend our Spring field day. A number of topics at the Spring field day that should be of interest to both cattle and hay producers will include: export markets and their impact on U.S. cattle prices; use of cover crops and effects on soil health; nitrogen fertilizer alternatives for pastures; dewormer drug resistance and control of internal parasites; and more. In addition a sponsored lunch will served. *See the attached flyer for further details* and please make plans to attend. Contact me at 291-7090 if you have questions or need further information.



2018 LCA ANNUAL MEETING AND TRADE SHOW – COVINGTON



Cattle producers who are members of the **Louisiana Cattlemen's Association** will be gathering for their 88th Annual Meeting/Convention and Trade Show on **January 5-7 in Covington, LA.** The meeting was held in Covington last year and was a big success so it is being held there once again. All the usual events (*Friday night auction/dance, Saturday night banquet/queen's contest, Cattlemen's College, etc*) will be conducted along with additional presentations and updates on the current cattle industry. Interested producers should register by going to the LCA website or by completing the registration forms inside the Louisiana Cattleman magazine. Locally, any producers who would like to join the Lafayette Cattlemen's Association should contact President Kirk Martin (896-8223) or Secretary/Treasurer Dwayne Martin (277-2647), or contact me if you have questions.

2018 ASSCT ANNUAL MEETING - LAFAYETTE

Sugarcane producers should mark their calendars and plan to attend the Annual Meeting of Louisiana Division of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, **February 5-7 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge.** The Louisiana Division will meet in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Sugar Cane League. It should be an excellent meeting for all and anyone interested/involved in the Louisiana sugarcane industry should consider attending. For further information or to register go the website at ASSCT.ORG



Pesticide Applicator "Recertification" - MARCH 22

As you should recall, changes made last year now require individuals who wish to become certified as Private Pesticide Applicators to go through the La. Dept. of Ag & Forestry (LDAF) for testing, as LSU AgCenter offices can no longer administer the Private Pesticide Applicator test. However, parish LSU AgCenter offices continue to conduct Private Applicator "Recertification" meetings (for those who already passed the test, have a valid card, and wish to renew it for 3 additional years) just in the past.



Pesticide

As was also implemented last year, recertification fees once again will be **\$25 collected by LDAF and an additional \$15 fee collected by the LSU AgCenter.** *These two fees will again require separate payment so participants "must" bring TWO SEPARATE CHECKS to the meeting.* Here in Lafayette Parish our Pesticide Recertification Meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, March 22, 2018, beginning w/registration at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Lafayette Parish LSU AgCenter/ Extension Office.**

Letters will be sent 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. Call us if this is the case and we will try to locate other upcoming meetings in the area. **Please check your card.** *Cards that expire in 2018 will do so on March 31, and to get a new card you must attend a Recertification Meeting prior to that date or you will be required to retest get a new card.* Please understand that all "Recertification" meetings are only for those who currently have a valid private pesticide applicator card.

SOIL HEALTH & COVER CROP CONFERENCES

The LSU AgCenter, NRCS, and the Master Farmer Program have scheduled two Soil Health & Cover Crop Conferences (duplicate conferences) for the 3rd week of January in northeast and central Louisiana. Speakers from Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Louisiana will cover topics such as soil testing and interpretation, soil fertility and health, cover crop variety and management, and more specific information on row crop and forage issues.



The first conference will be on January 23rd at the Hampton Inn in West Monroe, and the second on ***JANUARY 24th at the DeWitt Livestock Show Facility adjacent to the LSU Alexandria campus.*** Both will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no registration charge, and the public is invited. Farmers, land-owners and personnel of state and federal agencies are encouraged to attend.

Participants will receive credit for Phase 2 of the Louisiana Master Farmer Program, as well as CEUs for certified Master Farmers. Certified crop advisers who attend will also receive continuing education credit. Pre-registration is required and can be accessed online as follows

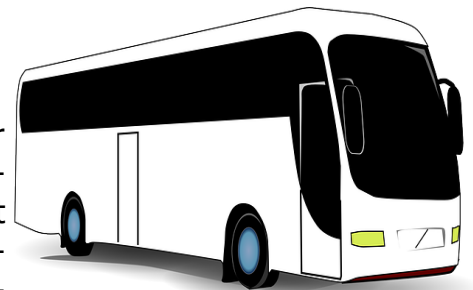
* *West Monroe conference* (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisiana-soil-health-cover-crop-conference-west-monroe-tickets-40791418230>)

* *Alexandria conference* (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisiana-soil-health-cover-crop-conference-alexandria-tickets-40791660956>)

Details and conference agenda will be posted to the Master Farmer Program website, as well as the Master Farmer Program Facebook page.

2018 AG TOUR ??

Attention cattlemen and farmers! Last year our LSU AgCenter office here in Lafayette Parish (along with the Lafayette Cattlemen's Association and the Lafayette Farm Bureau) worked to put together a one day educational trip for local cattlemen and farmers to tour the cattle and ag operations at Angola State Penitentiary. The trip was a success with a bus load of producers and spouses participating. No decision has been made yet on whether or not we will offer another Ag Tour in 2018, but if we did the trip would likely be to a new destination and possibly last several days. If you have potential ideas for and/or interest in a trip of this type please contact me and will move forward with planning if there is enough producer interest to warrant doing a trip in 2018.



For 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
County Agent
Lafayette Parish

Rice & Soybean Production Meeting
Thursday, January 4, 2018, 7:45am
Acadia Parish LSU AgCenter/Extension Office – Crowley
157 Cherokee Road, Crowley, LA

7:45 - 8:10 am	Registration
8:10 – 8:20	Welcome and introduction of guests - Jeremy Hebert, County Agent, LSU AgCenter
8:20 – 8:35	Acadia Rice Growers Assn Annual Meeting
8:35 – 8:55	Rice Varieties for 2018 - Dr. Adam Famoso
8:55 – 9:20	Rice Fertility and Production Practices - Dr. Dustin Harrell, Rice Specialist, LSU AgCenter
9:20 – 9:40	Rice Weed Control Update - Dr. Eric Webster, Rice Weed Specialist, LSU AgCenter
9:40 – 10:00	Rice Disease Control Update - Dr. Don Groth, Rice Pathologist, LSU AgCenter
10:00 – 10:25	Rice & Soybean Market Update -Dr. Michael Deliberto, Ag Economist, LSU AgCenter
10:25 – 10:35	Break, Coffee and Doughnuts - Sponsors
10:35 – 10:55	Rice Insect Control - Dr. Blake Wilson, Entomologist, LSU AgCenter
10:55 – 11:15	Soybean Production practices - Dr. Todd Spivey, Soybean Specialist, LSU AgCenter
11:15 – 11:35	Soybean Insect Update - Dr. Jeff Davis, Entomologist, LSU AgCenter
11:45	Lunch – Courtesy of Sponsors
12:30 pm	Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Meeting. (Please note the changes below)

Private pesticide recertification will begin promptly at 12:30pm. In order to be recertified, you must stay for the entire recertification meeting; the meeting will conclude at 2pm. The cost for recertification this year will be **\$25 to LDAF AND \$15 to LSU AgCenter**; you must pay with 2 different checks. No cash will be accepted.



Louisiana

SOIL HEALTH & COVER CROP CONFERENCES

LA Master
Farmer
Program
Phase 2 Credit
& CEUs

CCA CEUs

* PRODUCERS MAY ATTEND EITHER DAY/CONFERENCE *

1ST CONFERENCE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018, 8AM-4PM
HAMPTON INN-WEST MONROE
601 MANE ST., WEST MONROE

2ND CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018, 8AM-4PM
STATE EMERGENCY SHELTER, (SOUTH OF LSUA)
HWY 71 S, ALEXANDRIA

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- SOIL FERTILITY
- SOIL BIOLOGY/STABILITY
- SOIL MOISTURE/WATER MANAGEMENT/WATER QUALITY
- COVER CROP ECONOMICS
- COVER CROP SELECTION/MIXES/MANAGEMENT
- RAINFALL SIMULATOR DEMONSTRATION
- WEED MANAGEMENT/INVASIVE PLANTS
- DISEASE MANAGEMENT IN COVER CROPPING SYSTEMS
- COVER CROP MANAGEMENT IN PASTURES
- NEMATODE ISSUES IN COVER CROPS
- PASTURE GRAZING MANAGEMENT

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND, BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

JAN. 23RD, WEST MONROE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisiana-soil-health-cover-crop-conference-west-monroe-tickets-40791418230>

JAN. 24TH, ALEXANDRIA:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisiana-soil-health-cover-crop-conference-alexandria-tickets-40791660956>

For more information,
please contact
James Hendrix at 318-
235-7198 or
Donna Morgan at 318-
613-9278

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SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF ACADIANA

Lafayette Parish 4~H/FFA Livestock Show & Sale January 26~27, 2018

UL Lafayette Blackham - Barns "C" & "D"

Poultry Show Friday - 8:30 AM

Swine, Sheep, & Goat Shows Friday - 10:00 AM

Beef Cattle Show Friday - 2:00 PM

Market Animal Auction Sale Saturday - 9:30 AM

Champions and top animals will sell !!!

Acadiana District 4~H/FFA Livestock Show January 30~February 3, 2018

Dairy Cattle Show..... Friday - 8:00 AM

Swine Show..... Friday - 8:00 AM

Sheep Show..... Friday (following Swine Show)

Goat Show..... Saturday - 8:00 AM

Beef Cattle Show..... Friday - 10:00 AM & Saturday - 8:00 AM

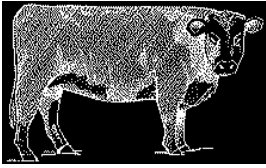
Poultry Show..... Saturday - 9:00 AM

For further information, contact:

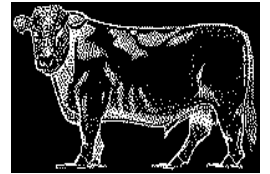
**Stan Dutile, Charles Hebert, Cassie Phillips or Victoria Dupuis
at the Lafayette Parish LSU AgCenter/Extension Office (337-291-7090)**

ATTENTION CATTLEMEN

**21st 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 \$50.00 per bull. Additional vaccinations also available for an additional charge.
- ♦ Additional Benefits:
 - *No vet road service charges
 - *Free help provided to handle & work bulls
 - *Good working facilities
 - *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 Dutille (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

****ADDITIONAL TEST—Testing for Trichomoniasis ("Trich") will be available at a cost of \$100 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 CATTLE PRODUCERS SPRING 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

Approved for Master Farmer Phase 2 credit

INDOOR PROGRAM

- ♦ *Use of cover crops and effects on soil health*
- ♦ *Export markets and impact on U.S. 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 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); (337-828-4100 ext.300); Vermilion-Andrew Granger (337-898-4335); Louisiana Forage and Grassland Council-Ed Twidwell (225-578-4564)

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