



McMillan's Message

*Commissioner
John McMillan*

Feeding the World: Alabama's Opportunity

The world's population will grow to 9 billion, while the world's middle class will triple in size to 3 billion people by 2050. As a result, world demand for food will double.

In late November, 2011, over 100 Alabamians from business, agriculture and government met in Birmingham to learn what significance these numbers have to Alabama, especially our farmers and agribusinesses.

Entitled, "Feeding the World," it was the first symposium of its kind to address strategic considerations and how Alabama agriculture must position itself for the long term.

One point reiterated by several of the presenters was the disconnect between consumers and the realization of what farmers must do to meet the explosion in demand for food and fiber. Tyson Foods' CEO Donnie Smith said the challenge is to give consumers, especially the up and coming generation, an understanding of how food is produced and why.

"We have to teach them what we know, and we have to do it in a hurry," Smith said. "We have a massive responsibility on our shoulders. We have to tell our story."

Alabamians find themselves in an enviable position of having the natural resources of good soil and abundant water, along with transportation linking up to the deep water Port of Mobile, all of which are necessary in meeting world food demand.

As Tyson's Smith said, the average consumer hasn't any idea how vegetables are grown or how meat is grown, processed and delivered. Having an understanding will pave the way for public policies that enable agriculture to thrive.

As Congresswoman Martha Roby told us that day, "We can't feed the world if the federal government is in competition

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STUDENTS ENJOY ALABAMA GROWN SATSUMAS

Students at Forest Avenue Academic Magnet Elementary School recently enjoyed delicious and nutritious Alabama grown satsumas. The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries' Farm to School Program strives to incorporate fresh Alabama grown fruits and vegetables into the school lunch program each year.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan was joined at Forest Avenue by Perry Fulton, director of child nutrition programs of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Frank Speed, administrator of food distribution at ALSDE, and Blake Nicholas, a Grand Bay area farmer who grew the satsumas. As a result of the Farm to School Program, every public school cafeteria across Alabama served Alabama grown satsumas in mid-December.

"The program just makes sense," McMillan said. "Children need to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables as a part of a healthy lifestyle and Alabama farmers can provide them." He added, "We appreciate the working relationship our department has established with the Alabama State Department



Maia McKinney, a student at Forest Avenue Academic Magnet Elementary School sits down to eat her Alabama grown satsuma with Agricultural Commissioner John McMillan looking on.

of Education and hope that next year we are able to put more Alabama grown foods on the lunch trays of our school children."

Fulton explained, "The Child Nutrition Program emphasizes fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. This year alone, \$2 million will be spent on fresh fruits and vegetables with \$600,000 of that going to Alabama farmers. We see this as a win-win situation—we are able to support Alabama farmers and expose students to locally grown seasonal produce."

The students were very excited to meet the farmer that grew the food on their plates. Nicholas spent time

explaining to students where his farm was located and how he grows the tasty satsumas.

"It is a privilege for me to be here and see these children enjoy the 'fruits' of our labor. It is encouraging as a farmer to see so many empty peelings on their plates," Nicholas said. "We are honored to have the opportunity to provide every Alabama school student this healthy treat."

Satsuma oranges are a small, sweet, nearly seedless citrus fruit that is very easy to peel because of its very thin, loose skin. Satsumas provide a wide range of vitamins and nutrients, such

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AQUACULTURE

Bluegills, Coppernose \$.25/up; Fatheads \$8.50/lb.; Golden Shiners \$9/lb.; Threadfin Shad \$.20 ea.; Grass Carp \$5 ea.; Stainless hatchery troughs 4'x12'x3.5' \$1,000 ea. (2). Barry Bates 6204 Co Rd. 26, Faunsdale 36738 205/361-9863 (Hale)

Tilapia \$5/lb. plus delivery fee, great for Bass lake and algae problems. 205/477-8446 (Tuscaloosa)

Northern Bass \$.85/up; Adult Bass \$7/lb./up; Bluegill, Coppernose, Shellcracker \$.25/up; White Amur \$4-\$6 ea.; Fathead minnows or Golden Shiners \$8.50/lb. Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)

Pond liming \$25/ton/up; application aeration systems \$900/up; electrofishing \$750; weed treatment \$350/up; automatic feeders \$758/up. Robby Mays 8007 Troy Hwy., Pike Road 36064 334/281-8112 (Montgomery)

Coppernose, Bluegill \$.30 ea./up; Grass Carp \$5 ea.; Tiger Bass \$1 ea./up; Shellcracker \$.30 ea.; Florida Bass \$1 ea.; Threadfin Shad \$.30 ea.; Smallmouth Bass \$2 ea. Don C. Keller P.O. Box 20050, Montgomery 36120 334/281-7703 (Montgomery)

CATTLE

All livestock listings must be from bonafide livestock farmers. Notices from livestock dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted.
CATTLE SALES
Animals sold out-of-state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

Brahman bull calves, grey, red, speckle, gentle pets, weaning at around 600 lbs., \$900/up, come and pick them. Ben Cardwell 334/566-0607 (Pike)

Reg. Jersey heifer sired by Action due to calve March 2012 to Fantom, halter broke, very gentle, will make exc. milker or nurse cow \$2,000. 251/746-2160 (Wilcox)

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 19-22 mos., \$1,800; two at 5 yo \$2,000; w/semens check, delivery available. Jeff James 196 Rabbit Rd., Brent 35034 205/926-7521 or 800/844-4435 (Bibb)

Reg. Angus bulls, 19-15 mos., direct sons of Retail Product, New Design 1407, Focus of ER, Boyd on Target, Grandsons of 878, \$1,600/up. George M. Gibbins 256/237-7350 (Calhoun)

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Commissioner

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On the Cover—Winter time on the farm.

CATTLE

39 Angus cows and heifers (22 cows, 17 heifers), 17 calved born in 2011, one reg. bull, one steer 1,000 lbs., young bull 600 lbs., 59 total head of Angus cattle, \$51,000 for all. 600 Stamps Junction, Montevallo 35115 205/665-2416 or 205/914-1497 (Shelby)

Reg. Black Simmental bulls, 2 yo, \$2,000; yearling bulls \$1,500; yearling heifers reg. \$1,100; com. Heifers \$900. Allen M. Lyles 6875 Co Hwy 21, Horton 35980 256/572-0800 (Blount)

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 12-36 mos, \$850-\$1,500, LBW, genetics exc. bloodlines, great grandsons of Bon View/New Design, all shots up to date, wormed in November, check website www.cattle.com/semens/bulls/Bon_View_New_Design_878.aspx. Carl Smith 678/358-2036 or 678/708-7772 (Barbour)

Limousin, Angus and Lim-Flex bulls and heifers \$1,000/up; semen & embryos, red, black & homo black and homo polled, also planned matings, many repeat customers, www.chrlimousin.com, free local delivery. Bill Helton 3733 Co Rd 1212, Vinemont 256/962-0256 (Cullman)

Reg. top quality Charolais bulls, 12-18 mos., low birth weights, thick meaty, gentle dispositions, proven genetics, \$2,500-\$3,000. www.frankellis.com. Frank Ellis, 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 334/227-4856 or 334/315-8927 (Lowndes)

Reg. Blonde d'Aquitaine bulls and heifers, very docile, more muscle—more meat, great for crossbreeding, adds more weight to calves \$1,300-\$2,200. Clayton Bryant 204 Sanford Rd., Andalusia 36420 334/222-9631 (Covington)

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Black Angus bulls \$800/up; Reg. Angus bulls \$1,500/up; heifers 10-14 mos. \$1,000. Ted Jackson, Co. Rd. 59, Prattville 36067 334/207-8640 (Autauga)

Jersey cows 3, 1 Jersey Brown Swiss cross and 1 Jersey Holstein Cross bred to Jersey bull, \$700-\$950. Jim Powell, P.O. Box 1318, Troy 36081 334/372-4900 (Pike)

Reg. Gelbvieh bull, black or red, polled, 18-24 mos., pure bred or full blood, \$1,200-\$1,500. Tommy Johnson 205/966-6950 (Jefferson)

Pure bred Brangus bulls, 8-12 mos., \$800/up. 2723 Jackson Tr. Rd., Ohatchee 36271 256/892-3836 (Calhoun)

Santa Gertrudis bulls & heifers, \$1,100/up; Reg. gentle, dark red, Gerts are great in cold weather, free ballcap. Betty Kelso-Clough, 85 Jackson Cove, Somerville 35670 256/566-7878 or 256/778-7362 (Morgan)

Reg. Simmental Sim-Angus bulls, yearlings, black polled, LBW, exc. quality, gentle, \$2,000/up, winner Cullman Test 3 years. Chester Hicks, 4892 Crawford's Cove Rd., Springville 35146 256/543-7344 (St. Clair)

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Reg. Pineywoods cattle, \$500/up, Hickman and Griffen strains. Karl P. Knight 290 Timberland Rd., Thomasville 36784 334/636-4042 (Clarke)

Jersey steers, pasture raised, wt. 850 to 1,000 lbs., ready to butcher, \$.85/lb on foot, prime condition, delivery local available, scales local. Roy Hammond 4660 Co Rd 89, Lexington 35648 256/229-6931 (Lauderdale)

Reg. Brangus bulls, heifers, 7-13 mos, \$900/up. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)

Black Angus bulls \$500/up; Reg. Angus bulls \$1,500/up; bred heifers \$1,500 ea.; LBW, exc. bloodlines, good milkers, good selection. Earl Woodard, 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount)

Reg. Angus bulls, several good heifer bulls, \$1,500/up, top bloodlines, gentle, handfed, the offering includes several Macedon bred bulls. Ken Tyler 2984 Pine Ridge Rd., Union Grove 35175 256/506-3819 or 256/498-3174 (Morgan)

Gray Brahman bulls \$1,500-\$2,000; young Angus plus bulls \$1,000-\$1,250; weaning Brahman bulls \$900. Wes Tyler 18 Blake Ln., Arab 35016 256/673-2672 (Marshall)

Reg. Angus bulls, 23 mos., good bloodlines, EPDs, docile, \$2,000 ea. Sammy Crow 256/612-0778 or 256/773-0784 (Morgan)

Reg. Limousin bulls, red or black, performance records, 16 mos., low birth weights, out of heavy milking dams \$1,500 to \$1,800 ea. J. Beard 7343 Pinewood Dr., Trussville 35173 205/296-3461 (Jefferson)

BBU Reg. Beefmaster bulls, red or black, \$1,000/up; heifers weaning age and up \$750/up, polled or scrud. Larry Bowen 1030 Co Rd 470, Woodland 36280 256/449-2618 (Randolph)

Reg. Black Simmental bull, 2 yo, easy calving, gentle, \$1,500. Winston Stewart 1990 Hoyle Bryars Rd., Perdido 36562 251/937-3610 or 251/454-4654 (Baldwin)

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Reg. CCR Ultrablack 4 yo bull, \$2,000. 256/476-3860 (Lawrence)

11 bred cows, black, Angus and Angus X, \$1,200-\$1,300; 6 open Sim-Angus heifers \$1,000 ea.; 8 Angus and Sim-Angus bulls, \$1,250-\$1,750. W. P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton, AL 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

Zebu miniatures, bull 42", cow, 3 yo heifer, 1 yo heifer, \$2,800 for all, make offer, must sell. 11536 Council Ln., Gulf Shores 36542 251/609-6602 (Baldwin)

Reg. Limousin bulls, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, 20 mos. to 25 mos., \$1,450-\$1,650. Don Jones 15246 Hwy 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 (Bullock)

Twelve mostly black pet cows of various ages, five w/calves, pastured w/reg. Hereford bull, entire herd for \$14,000. 256/234-5739 after 4 p.m. (Tallapoosa)

Limousin double black and double polled bulls & heifers, some homozygous black & polled, guarantee black & polled w/most crosses, LBW, gentle, free delivery \$975/up. 205/456-0468 or 205/466-3468 (Blount)

Reg. polled Hereford bulls, 22 mos., \$1,900 ea., extra gentle, dark red, top pedigrees & EPDs, satisfied bull customers throughout Alabama. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

EGG & POULTRY

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India blue peafowl \$50 ea. Rachel Taylor 672 Nuckols Rd., Seale 36875 706/249-3830 (Russell)

Swans: Black mates, black necks, 1 yo, 2 yo, proven breeders, starting at \$250 ea. 205/429-4998 (Blount)

Ten hole hen nest, exc. cond., \$30 ea. Dennis Hall 256/736-4593 (Cullman)

Old English Bantams, several different breeds, \$15/pr, \$20/trio; RIR hens \$10 ea. Ken Fordham 6620 Co Rd. 33, Wedowee, AL 36278 334/338-5524 or 256/395-0119 (Randolph)

Golden Sebrights \$10/pr, sold in pairs only. 205/647-4867 (Blount)

Pheasants – Red Gold, Lady Amherst \$75/pr; Mandarin Ducks – Ring Teal \$60/pr. 256/844-8538 (DeKalb)

Bobwhite Quail, mature or early release, delivery available \$3.40 ea. 205/275-1449 (Walker)

Serama chickens, various \$35/pr; Guinea \$25/pr; Cochon roosters \$1 ea. 205/625-6999 or 205/903-9559 (Blount)

Georgia Giant Bobwhite Quail, flight conditioned, \$4.25 ea.. Russell Blank 50 Ivey Ln., Moundville 35474 205/371-6521 (Hale)

Pheasants: Blue-ears, Swinhoe, Elliot's, Amherst, Red-gold, green-mutes, N. Pintails, woodies, tree-ducks, cinnamon teal, Phillipines, Rosy-bill, red-heads, Shelducks, \$50/up. Joe Mitchell 1837 S. Broad St., Albertville 35950 256/878-2969 (Marshall)

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MACHINERY

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 Ford front end loader w/on hydraulic system \$1,600; 10 ton pintle hook trailer 8'x28' ramps, dovetail, electric brakes \$3,100. 205/924-8163 (Walker)
 1975 GMC Dump truck \$2,500; Long 910 tractor, 2 RM, PS \$5,500; 504 Super G Baler \$2,500; Aliss Chalmers crawler loader \$5,500. 205/717-4326 (Walker)
 1938 Oliver 80 steel wheels, not running \$4,000 invested, want \$2,750; 1930s hay baler \$650; corn binder \$950; copsider part trade. 334/361-6033 (Autauga)
 Long Peanut Combine, PTO driven \$2,000; IHC hay baler stationary w/motor \$650; 1969 Chevrolet truck, 20' steel flatbed, JD 3 pt hitch rotary hoe \$150. 334/382-8371 (Butler)
 JD 637 12' 2" harrow, great shape w/warning lights and a drag, blades are 21", looks new \$6,500. 334/618-5230 (Barbour)
 3 pt hitch, 6' blade, will reverse, 90% new, \$275; 5 Red Cedar logs 10' long \$10 ea. 205/339-3623 (Tuscaloosa)
 Woodmizer Sawmill, LT40HDG24, good working cond., shed kept \$12,000. Houston Jones 106 Howie St., Heflin 36264 256/463-7523 (Cleburne)
 JD 4430 rebuilt engine, dual wheels, 4 post canopy, \$9,000; 1966 Ford 4000, lots of new parts, mechanically good \$5,500. 251/655-0725 (Escambia)
 2008 NH TN75A low profile, 4 wd, 810 TL NH loader bucket, hay spear, 815 hrs., \$29,000. 256/451-3594 (Jackson)
 2011 4105 JD 42 hp, 20 hrs., 6' Bush Hog heavy duty 7' box blade \$19,500; 3000 Ford, factory PS, good cond. \$5,500; 1990 GMC 12' dump, 75,000 actual miles, \$7,000; 2 row cultivator \$450. 256/734-2545 (Cullman)
 MF new 38 hp, lists for over \$12,000, want \$9,500. 251/945-1447 (Baldwin)

MACHINERY

3 pt hitch finishing mower, 60" wide, like brand new, FDR 1660 Land Pride, Patriot model, 4 solid rubber tires, new cost \$1,875, must sell \$1,325. 7211 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/236-7376 (Calhoun)
 2030 JD 60 hp diesel tractor w/JD loader, bucket, and spear, remotes, wide tires, power steering, nice cond. \$10,300. 11087 Choccolocco Rd., Anniston 36207 256/282-4487 (Calhoun)
 2355 JD diesel tractor, power steering, remote hydraulics, 62 hp, rollbar, canopy, like new tires, real nice tractor, \$9,300. 10966 Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/435-7844 (Calhoun)
 2355 JD 62 hp diesel farm tractor w/front end loader, bucket, and spear, rollbar, canopy, remotes, exc. cond., \$11,500. 7317 AL Hwy 9, Anniston 36207 256/235-2024 (Calhoun)
 Hay tedder, two rotors \$800; Hay Rake H/90-V, 8 wheels \$2,000. 256/498-3997 (Marshall)
 Farmall Cub tractor w/cultivators, manual lift, new battery \$1,750; Farmall Cub Tractor w/cultivators, hydraulic lift \$2,350; both good cond. and good paint. Vernon Myers 256/591-2010 (Cleburne)
 Cat 977 track loader, rebuilt engine and transmission, 90% under carriage, 40,000 lbs., \$15,000. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)
 MF tractor 282, exc. cond., serious buyers only \$7,000. 205/713-0809 or 205/356-6579 (Barbour)
 1945 JD Model B tractor \$2,950. 334/382-7266 (Crenshaw)
 Vermeer 505 Super I round baler \$5,900; JD Gator TPX, 2 wd, top electric dump, \$3,500. John Norris 10195 Hwy 107, Winfield 205/932-3235 (Marion)
 One set of JD 2 row planters, 3 pt hitch, \$1,000; One 16' bumper pull trailer, 2 axles, one axle electric, 4,500 lb. axles, \$700; one 3pt. hitch gain disc 9' in good cond. \$750; one 10' gain disc wheel carrier \$2,500. Donald Whitley 4465 Hwy 129, Fayette 35555 205/932-1947 (Fayette)

MACHINERY

Fords Hammer Mill and 25 hp motor, cardinal scales, assortment of augers and motors, price negotiable. 205/589-6416 (Blount)

MISCELLANEOUS

2010 Dual Tandem Gooseneck trailer 25' w/5' dove tail \$8,000 OBO. Edward Walker 256/362-6948 (Talladega)
 Circle W stock trailer 24' x 6'8" two axle HD cut gates nose over storage \$4,200; HD Powder River panels 9 ea. at 12', one ea. 8' bow gate \$2,500. 334/313-2709 (Lowndes)
 Free firewood, tornado downed trees, mostly hardwood, you chop, you carry, plenty available. Jerri Lynn Morrow 1137 14th Ave., Pleasant Grove 35127 205/223-1999 (Jefferson)
 Two 6-ton hydraulic scissor hoist w/frames, new, never used, in barn \$400 ea. or 2 for \$750. 8800 William St., Citronelle 36522 251/866-7477 (Mobile)
 Dump trailer 18'x8' 44" sides, G.N.H. up air brakes 11x22.5 tires \$3,500, exc. cond.; hay trailer 25Lx8 1/2W electric brakes, pintle hitch \$2,000. Don Mitchell 725 Co Rd 43, Wadley 36276 256/395-2636 (Randolph)
 Warm Morning bread wood burning heater, exc. cond., great for home or farm shop, \$175. Don Clark 334/864-7851 (Chambers)
 10 ton 20' pintle hook equipment trailer, beaver tail w/ramps \$2,700. Mike Smith 570 Savage Town Rd., Pell City 35125 205/965-9837 (St. Clair)
 Cypress, cedar and oak lumber, posts and beams up to 32', \$80/BF/up, pine also available. 251/246-5913 (Clarke)
 Aluminum walk boards, 24' and 17' long, \$500 for both. 205/589-6416 (Blount)
 Goat milk soaps and lotions, home made from my dairy goat milk, no fragrances or colors, \$5 bar/bottle includes shipping. Intha Rafadin 173 Fowler Rd., Empire 35063 205/266-0746 (Walker)

MISCELLANEOUS

2007 utility trailer, 6'x12', wood floor, 15" tires and wheels, \$950 firm. 334/374-2003 (Butler)
 Genuine JD manuals: technical/service \$65; parts \$35; operators \$20; add \$5 postage, limited selection. 256/574-1557 (Jackson)
 Chicken house equipment, 5 yo, Cumberland hi-lo feeders, \$2,000; val drinkers \$1,500; 4 tube heaters 40' \$2,000; Rotem controller \$1,200; 120' Reeves 6" cool cell \$1,500. 256/623-2840 (DeKalb)
 2006 8 ton trailboss tagalong trailer, new cond., \$4,750; 10 ton industrial manual chain hoist, not junk, 20' lift \$350. 205/496-0235 (Greene)
 Hay twine 8 bundles (16 rolls) 16,000 for round bales, \$30 ea., \$235 for all. 205/594-5036 or 256/390-2503 (St. Clair)
 20 Corral panels, 12' heavy duty 145 lbs. \$95 ea. 205/594-7405 (St. Clair)
 Grain trailer 14'x6' solid wood floor, 37" removable oak side boards \$750; also Gravelley model 8165 riding mower 18 hp Briggs Stratton engine, 5' mowing deck \$300. 256/492-6714 (Etowah)
 2007 PJ 40' gooseneck trailer w/ramps, LED lights, new tires and rims, \$7,500. 730 Ellis Rd., Boaz 35957 334/319-4609 (Marshall)
 1974 Alabama single axle lowboy \$1,650; 1948 Farmall A \$1,250; 1990 Fontaine Military lowboy \$5,500; used Mack engine E-7 400 \$2,450. 215 Thrash Ln., Guntersville 35976 256/891-1398 (Marshall)
 2007 and 2008 nice clean golf carts, 2008 Club Car Precedent, color hunter green, front light, black factory top, new windshield and an automatic battery charger, \$2,900. McKenzie, 334/374-2003 (Butler)
 Automatic gate opener, new in box \$200. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)
 Poplar, white oak and red oak lumber, \$.75/BFT. 256/347-5046 (Cullman)
 Used 2003 Chevy 3500 4x4 1-ton truck w/factory flatbed, 6 liter gas w/5 speed manual, 37,000 actual miles, LS package, one owner, exc. cond. \$18,900 OBO. One of a kind truck, looking for one of a kind buyer. 205/921-2973 (Marion)
 Martin gourds \$1.50; Small birdhouse gourds \$.75; NH 451 sickle mower, exc. cond. \$550. Wade Hancock 6065 Co Rd 436, Cullman 35057 256/708-3723 (Cullman)
 Growers needed to sell your vegetables and/or fruit at Anniston Downtown Farmers Market, call for info. Steve 256/283-6622 (Calhoun)
 Radial arm saw Montgomery ward 10" w/extra blades, routing bits and instruction book, \$895. 334/588-2416 (Geneva)
 Craftsman welder, 250 amp, AC-DC, 220 volts, \$325 firm. 256/737-9513 (Cullman)
 Dump truck 2006 Ford F-650, exc. cond., 21,500 miles, air, 8-speed trans. \$27,000. 334/855-4318 (Russell)
 Martin and craft gourds \$1/up; ready to hang gourds \$3; Bushel gourds available \$3/up. Bernice McCraw 7299 Co Rd 15, Maplesville 36750 334/366-4263 (Chilton)
 Dodge 05 long bed, never used, \$600; air brake axle from log trailer w/7.50x20 tires \$500. 10207 W. State Hwy 106, Georgiana 36033 334/376-2387 (Butler)
 Lumber cedar and cypress, \$1.10 BFT, pine \$.50 to \$2 BFT; Poplar \$.85 to \$2 BFT; JD 4 cyl. power unit, \$1,500; Ford 5000 steel cage and belly pan w/bushhog \$4,000. Wes Brown 251/564-2940 (Conecuh)
 Shenendoa side belt nest \$100 ea.; have enough for 300 or 400' house. Oscar Bradford Jr. 149 Co Rd 415, Cullman 256/338-6888 (Cullman)
 Metal sideboards for Chevy or GMC long wheel base truck, factory made, please leave message, calls will be returned, \$425. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkville 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)

MISCELLANEOUS

Buy Dan an over 100 yo hand turned corn sheller for \$100, exc. cond., works good as new. Robert A. Lancaster 1523 Galway Bay Circle, Northport 35473 205/339-1971 (Tuscaloosa)
 1995 16' Circle W gooseneck stock trailer, very good cond. w/rubber mats, good tires and spare, \$3,000. 256/762-8149 (Lawrence)
 Gourds, thickwall, hardshell, many varieties for crafts and birdhouses, from Oneonta 231 N 3 mi. to Ebell Rd., turn right, 1 mile to Adamson Dr. on right, \$1/up. H.H. Adamson 219 Adamson Dr., Oneonta 35121 205/625-5040 (Blount)
 JD weights/brackets (1) R53614 \$50; (1) R44350 \$50; (4) R58823 \$200; (19) R51680 \$1,600. 205/678-8592 (Shelby)
 Fuel or water tanks, 1,000 gal., stainless steel, \$800; 5,000 gal. aluminum tank \$2,500, other tanks available. 334/624-3472 or 574/507-6099 (Hale)
 Hunting cart, EZGO ST 4x4, 18 hp Honda engine, 4-wheel drive, \$3,000. Jim Watson 334/573-2400 (Wilcox)
 Hird hand propane heaters, force air heaters, out of old chicken houses, \$200 ea. Hope Hull 334/284-3388 or 334/320-7025 (Montgomery)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Organic livestock compost, rich, black soil, great for gardens or flowers, \$55 p/u load. 256/717-8295 (Jackson)
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SIX ALABAMA COUNTIES DESIGNATED AS PRIMARY NATURAL DISASTER AREA

In early December, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack designated six Alabama counties as disaster areas due to losses caused by excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding, hail, high winds and tornadoes that occurred April 1-30, 2011. Those counties are: Blount, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Monroe and Morgan.

As a result of the designation, 20 Alabama counties were named as contiguous counties. Those counties are: Baldwin, Butler, Clarke, Colbert, St. Clair, Conecuh, Cullman, Escambia, Etowah, Walker, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Wilcox, Lamar, Lauderdale, Limestone,

Marshall and Winston.

This designation makes all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency loans and disaster assistance under USDA Farm Service Agency's Supplement Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), provided eligibility requirements are met under each individual program, as applicable. The SURE was approved as part of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 available to assist farmers and ranchers in the designated areas. Producers are reminded that USDA's authority to operate SURE expired on Sept. 30, 2011; however, production losses

in the counties listed above are covered because the event triggering the loss occurred prior to the expiration of these programs. Interested farmers should contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

Additional information is available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BACKS BILL TO LIMIT EPA DUST REGULATIONS



By Mitt Walker
Alabama Farmers Federation

U.S. Reps. Spencer Bachus and Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) were among more than 100 co-sponsors of legislation that would limit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating naturally occurring dust. The bill passed the House of Representatives in December by a margin of 268-150. All seven of Alabama's congressional

delegation supported the bill.

U.S. Reps. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.) and Robert Hurt sponsored the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act, H.R. 1633. If it becomes law, the bill would limit EPA from regulating naturally occurring dust from rural areas to those areas where it is not regulated under state, tribal or local law, where the nuisance dust causes substantial adverse effects and the benefits of federal regulation outweigh the

costs.

Coarse particulate matter is a naturally occurring substance found mostly in rural areas. It is frequently caused by activities on unpaved roads and in farm fields. Virtually all of the data on possible environmental effects of coarse particulate matter comes from urban studies. EPA is reviewing the ambient air quality standard for coarse particulate matter in the normal course of a five-year review required by the Clean Air Act.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson recently announced that the agency would not propose any revisions to the current standard, a course that is supported by the Alabama Farmers Federation. This legislation, however, is still necessary in order to provide certainty to farmers, ranchers and rural residents that naturally occurring dust will not be federally regulated. Regulations often change from the proposal stage to the final rule and combined with the threat of citizen lawsuits, the current situation provides no certainty.

An identical bill was introduced in the Senate by U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns (R-Neb.) and is awaiting action in the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Article courtesy of the Alabama Farmers Federation/ALFA

Mama's Recipes

At this time of year, you have eaten all of the family favorites. Turkey, ham, dressing, casseroles of everything imaginable all converge into holiday feasts. So, when I started looking for a recipe to highlight for this month's column, I decided to go with a non-traditional dish—one that probably doesn't grace many holiday tables, but maybe it should. I hope you enjoy it.

As always, we invite you to share with us some of those tasty treats that your family is known for. So dig into the family cookbook, and send in your recipes to Alabama Farmers & Consumers Bulletin, Attn: Mama's Recipes, P.O. Box 3336, Montgomery, AL 36109-0336, fax to 334-240-7169 or email it to afcb@agi.alabama.gov.

Curried Chicken Salad

2 cup diced, cooked chicken
 ¼ cup sliced water chestnuts
 ½ lb. green grapes, cut in half
 ½ cup coarsely chopped celery
 ½ cup toasted slivered almonds
 8 oz. can pineapple chunks, drained

Dressing:

¾ cup mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon curry powder
 2 teaspoons soy sauce
 2 teaspoons lemon juice

In a bowl, mix all salad ingredients. Combine dressing ingredients and add to chicken mixture. Chill 3 to 4 hours (may be made one day ahead). Serve on Bibb lettuce or in a pineapple boat (cut a fresh pineapple in half lengthwise and scoop out a place for salad). Excellent garnished with cantaloupe and honeydew melon slices. Serves 6-8.

Submitted by Mary Potts Brown of Mobile

Satsumas in Schools

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as vitamin C and cancer-fighting antioxidants.

Satsumas were introduced to Alabama in 1878, when trees were imported from Asia. The plants were very successful, but a string of fruit-killing freezes in the late 1920s and early 1930s took a toll on the industry.

Alabama Agricultural Extension System researchers currently are studying how to make Satsuma plants hardier in freezing temperatures and to reestablish their production in South Alabama.

Earlier this year, the Farm to School Program arranged for Alabama grown sweet potatoes and watermelons



Enjoying satsumas are kindergarten students (left to right) Maia McKinney, Carter Lehman, Elizabeth Belcher, Khalid Jackson and Nathan Hong. Looking on are Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan, Alabama satsuma grower Blake Nicholas, Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Director of Child Nutrition Programs Perry Fulton and ALSDE Administrator of Food Distribution Frank Speed.

to be served to all public school students. Plans are to continue to increase the amount of Alabama grown produce sold to schools through this program.

UPCOMING AG EVENTS

• **January 7, 14, 21, 28**—Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction, sale starts at noon at 748 Co Rd. 91, Goodwater. Horse sale will be held on Jan. 7. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• **January 9-February 27**—First lessons in beekeeping class will be held at the library in Foley from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuition for the class is \$36 and \$12 for books. For more information, contact Roger Bemis at P.O. Box 353, Bon Secour, AL 36511, 251-213-0168 or email bemisroger@yahoo.com.

• **January 18-21**—The Practical Tools and Solutions for Sustaining Family Farms Conference will be held in Little Rock, Ark. The event offers pre-conference courses and field trips, eight tracks of practical sessions, a trade show, and more. The schedule is available at www.ssawg.org or email media@ssawg.org to request a brochure.

• **January 21-22**—The 18th annual Alabama Horse Fair will be held at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery. Vendors from across the region will offer a diverse choice of goods and lectures on horse care and training will be presented. Clinics will feature RFD-TV stars Tommy Garland and Craig Cameron. Admission is \$10 per day with children 6 and under free. For more information, visit alabamahorsecouncil.org or call 205-678-2882.

• **January 28**—A special sheep and goat sale will be held at 1 p.m. at the North Alabama Livestock Auction on Hwy. 243 in Russellville. For more information, contact 256-332-3323.

• **February 24-25**—Bee queen workshop will begin at 9 a.m. both days at the Foley library. Please bring a bee suit and other protective gear. Tuition for the class for both days is \$50. Please make check payable to Roger Bemis and mail it to P.O. Box 353, Bon Secour, AL 36511 or call 251-213-0168 or email bemisroger@yahoo.com.

McMillan's Message

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with farmers to take property out of production." That is why Roby, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has authored legislation that will put more of our farmland back in production.

Fellow Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell, also an Agriculture Committee member, is co-sponsoring the bill entitled "The Preserving of Marginal Lands & Protecting Farming Act."

"At the end of the day, no matter how bleak it is when it comes to job creation and the economy, I think we all agree there is no country in the world that wouldn't trade places with the United States," Sewell said.

Dr. William Batchelor, dean of Auburn's College of Agriculture, noted that timing of the symposium was appropriate, given news reports that world population hit 7 billion in October. Despite vast improvements in agriculture production the past half century, he said American agriculture may well fall behind the demand curve.

Batchelor poignantly noted that we will succeed only if there are advances in biotechnology, expanded use of irrigation, and a more favorable government regulatory climate. Those are three big if's, all things considered.

HOW TO BUILD A FERAL HOG TRAP



By Chris Jaworowski
Wildlife Biologist

Alabama Division of
Wildlife and Freshwater
Fisheries

Landowners, farmers and wildlife managers in Alabama are looking for answers to the growing population of feral hogs in the state. Feral hogs are destroying crops and pastures and competing with native wildlife species for valuable food sources.

An important part of any feral hog control program involves live trapping. Feral hog traps come in all shapes and sizes; however, research has shown that corral traps have the ability to catch and hold more hogs than box-type traps.

The first step in building a corral hog trap is determining the type of door to use. Three types of designs are used: falling doors, swinging doors and root doors. Though all three designs will catch hogs, falling doors are considered single-catch traps. Swinging door and root door designs are considered multiple-catch doors because they allow more hogs to push their way into the trap even after the door has closed. Hog trap door designs are available via the Internet or can be purchased ready to install from many local farm stores and co-ops.

Constructing a feral hog corral trap is a task that can be completed by one or two people in about an hour. To build a corral trap large enough to catch 15 to 20 hogs, the following supplies are needed: three 5 ft. x 16 ft. horse panels, 14 6 ½-ft. T-posts, a T-post slammer, one roll of trapper's tie wire (utility wire) and one pair of lineman's pliers.

After building or purchasing a door, the next step is to find a suitable location for the trap. To keep hogs from rooting under the trap or bending your panels and escaping, you will need to find a flat and level area about 42 feet in diameter in the shade and near a water source.

Begin constructing the trap by setting the door facing a roadway, trail or fire lane that is accessible by vehicles. Traps accessible to trails or roads make removal of euthanized hogs much easier. Drive a T-post into the ground on each side of the door and tie the door to the T-post using the trapper's tie wire and the lineman's pliers.

Next, attach one of the three horse panels to the T-post supporting the door. Be sure to start at ground level and tie the panel to the post about every foot. After tying the wire to the post, use the lineman's pliers to twist the tie wire

tight. Next, move that panel and adjust to begin the formation of a circle. Install a T-post about 4 feet from the last post on the outside of the panel. Keep adding T-posts about every 4 feet until another horse panel is needed. When needed, overlap the next panel about 2 feet and tie both panels together with the tie wire. Be sure to install a T-post at the junction of the two overlapping panels. When the end of the second panel is reached, overlap the third panel and tie the panels together using the tie wire. Pull the panel around to the door and complete the circle by attaching the third panel to the T-post supporting the door. Remember to start at ground level when tying the panel to the post and install a tie about every foot. After tying the third panel to the door, complete the trap by installing T-posts every 4 feet along the third panel.

Trigger selection for the new trap depends on the door type used, but most often a trip wire made of 50- to 60-pound test fishing line and some type of root stick will be used.

For more information on trapping hogs, contact Chris Jaworowski at 154 Battlefield Rd, Lowndesboro, AL 36752 or contact your local Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries district office.

A GRASSROOTS APPROACH TO LABOR SHORTAGE

By John McMillan

Time will tell whether a meeting of agribusinesses and community leaders in Mobile will yield measurable results to address a statewide shortage of labor in the \$5.5 billion agriculture industry.

Earlier in 2011, when Alabama's new immigration law went into effect, tens of thousands of Latino workers moved out of state, presumably to avoid arrest due to lack of proper documentation.

As a result, many farmers and agribusinesses, such as producers of poultry and catfish products as well as nursery growers, were left without a sufficient number of workers. Indeed, last summer and fall, we witnessed produce rotting in the fields throughout Alabama, again due to a lack of workers.

Responding to this emergency, we have launched a program of reaching out to the industry and to people in the local communities. Directing efforts in South Alabama is Bobby Cunningham, a community leader in Mobile who has helped us to launch our grassroots effort there.

About 200 people, including 150 from Mobile and Baldwin County agribusinesses, came to a December 6 public meeting to discuss alternatives to the chronic labor shortage. Thanks to U.S. Attorney Kenen Brown, of the Southern Alabama Federal District, for his insights. He has formed a program to help men and women to transition from prison to the work place, and came to our meeting to discuss how he can help.

Also there was Robert Brantley, head of the Alabama Employment Centers, under the state's Department of Industrial Relations. This department is working with farmers and agribusinesses to direct potential workers to job sites



John McMillan,
Agriculture Commissioner

around the state.

Discussing the ins and outs of the federal H-2A and H-2B guest worker laws was Rodolfo Alvarez, CEO of GWS Guest Worker Services LLC, who provides hundreds of workers from Mexico through this program. The U.S. Department of Labor has proposed significant changes in these two programs that may render them inoperable for the agriculture industry.

Thanks to other organizations, including ministers from Mobile and Prichard, who have reached out to people in their communities in search of ready, willing and able workers. They have identified no less than 1,000 men and women available for work.

Nursery growers, sod farmers and landscapers in South Alabama represent a large part of this state's billion-dollar nursery and landscape industry. Their labor needs hit a critical stage during the first quarter of 2012. Working with the South Alabama Nursery and Landscape Association, headed up by Debra Green, who is a nursery grower herself, we are cautiously optimistic that this is an approach that will yield results.

We will report back to you in the near future with results of our grassroots program in Mobile and Baldwin Counties, as well as elsewhere in Alabama.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Barber's Dairy was founded by George H. Barber in the 1930's. The dairy has a large ice plant, which produced enough ice to keep the pasteurized milk, buttermilk, butter, cottage cheese and other dairy products cold on company delivery trucks. Barber was one of this nation's outspoken advocates for pasteurization and distribution of milk products from centrally owned processing plants. His personal role in the establishment of the U.S. Public Health Service Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance is widely recognized. This one ordinance changed forever the way milk is processed—ensuring a sanitary and safe milk supply for the country.



In the 1940's, Barber's Dairy purchased dozens of small independent dairies, marking its expansion as a regional dairy processor and distributor. Barber's ambitious growth continued as the company acquired other dairies in the 1950's and 60's. New manufacturing and operational headquarters came in the 70's, as well as full-service distribution centers across the Southeast.

Today, Barber's milk enjoys the brand equity of an 80-year-old name that delivers a 92 percent recognition rate in its home state of Alabama. As the oldest dairy in Alabama, Barber's Dairy has a respected history of delivering the best in dairy products in Alabama and parts of Mississippi, Georgia and Florida.

Barber's has a long-standing reputation for raising the benchmark in quality and innovation, from the introduction of wax-coating paperboard cartons in 1949 to the use of opaque white plastic jugs in the 1980's to keep out the light that destroys nutrient content and affects taste and freshness. Direct-store-delivery is another hallmark of Barber's that makes it possible to deliver on its everyday promise of "Freshness. Guaranteed!"

Barber's Dairy products include milk, buttermilk, sour cream, cottage cheese, party dip, orange juice, lemonade, party punch, half & half, whipping cream and eggnog. You can find these products at your local retailer. For more information on Barber's Dairy, please visit its website at www.BarbersDairy.com.



Recently, Commissioner John McMillan and several others visited George Warden's satsuma orchard in Grand Bay. Pictured are (l-r) Bobby Cunningham, George Warden, McMillan, satsuma farmer Joyce Nicholas, Valerie Day, field representative for Sen. Jeff Sessions and Frazier Payne, field representative for Rep. Jo Bonner.

USDA MEASURES ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF AMERICAN FARMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will spend the next several months contacting farmers and ranchers across the nation to conduct the Agriculture Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The results of this survey will serve as a baseline for numerous federal policies and programs that affect U.S. farms and farm families.

"ARMS is our primary tool for gauging the financial condition and production practices on American farms and ranches," said Bill Weaver, director of the NASS Alabama Field Office. "By participating in this survey, Alabama farmers directly

impact the decisions that affect them, their families and their operations."

NASS and the USDA's Economic Research Service will reach out to nearly 35,000 producers nationwide, including 478 in Alabama between mid-January and the end of March. The survey asks the producers to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics. Nearly half the sample in Alabama will target broiler operations this year as part of the cost of production study.

Weaver said, "Poultry producers are dealing with rising expenses in a flat

market; vegetable farmers have been impacted by the recent immigration legislation; and farmers in the southeastern part of the state experienced a drought that is still lingering today. That's why it is imperative for all farmers contacted by NASS to provide responses so people in the industry can make informed decisions to determine farm policy both today and tomorrow."

Information provided by respondents is confidential by law. The economic data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual Farm Production Expenditures report on August 2, 2012. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

2012 ALABAMA FARM OF DISTINCTION

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The Alabama Farm-City Committee is seeking applications for the Alabama's Farm of Distinction. Farms will be judged on environmental stewardship, overall appearance, accomplishments, efficiency and leadership of the farm owner. Based on the applications submitted, division winners will be chosen from four areas of the state, plus two at-large winners. These six farms will then compete for the state title and prizes valued at more than \$10,000. SunSouth, TriGreen and Sneed Ag Supply will donate a new John Deere Gator to the 2012 winner. In addition, the Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC) will present each division winner with a \$250 gift certificate and the state winner with a \$1,000 gift certificate redeemable at any of its Quality Co-op stores. The state winner also will receive a \$2,500 cash award from Swisher International of Jacksonville, Fla., and go on represent the state in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year competition at the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo in Moultrie, Ga., on Oct. 16-18. The winner will be announced April 2 at the Alabama Farm-City Awards in Birmingham. For more information, call 1-800-392-5705, ext. 4410 or email pculver@alfafarmers.org. Applications are available at www.AlfaFarmers.org/farm-city.



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