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*A Look at How the Department
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ALABAMA FARM-CITY AWARD WINNERS



Sam and Lynne Givhan (seated in the John Deere Gator) are this year's Alabama Farm of Distinction winners. The Givhans operate a diversified farm in Dallas County where they grow cotton, catfish, soybeans and beef cattle. From left are: Tom Tribble of John Deere, Alabama Farmers Federation President Jerry Newby, Jim Allen of Alabama Farmers Cooperative, the Givhans and John Deere Dealers Chris Cline of Snead Ag Supply, Lester Killebrew of SunSouth, Kenneth Williams of Snead Ag Supply and Lynne Morton of TriGreen Equipment.

TRADING WITH THE WORLD



of the state Department of Agriculture & Industries.

Alabama farmers and agribusinesses must adopt what McMillan calls a "global approach" to agriculture production. To this end, the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries on May 15 will hold a one-day conference for farmers and agribusinesses to provide insights on international trade and how to export products to foreign markets.

"Exports mean jobs and greater opportunity for Alabamians. Our competitors, especially Canada, have in recent years moved aggressively into international markets and taken a major position in agricultural exports," McMillan said. "Conditions for international trade are improving, one of which includes recent passage of Free Trade Agreements with three nations."

McMillan announced the one-day conference, entitled "Trading With the World," to be held at the Birmingham Marriott. Registration is open to farmers and agribusinesses. There is no charge for

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A diversified Dallas County farm was named the state's 2012 Farm of Distinction during the Alabama Farm-City Awards luncheon in Birmingham. At 68, the farm's owner, Sam Givhan, has seen a lot of changes in agriculture at Givhan Land and Cattle Co., but it's his ability to change and adapt that's made his farm successful. His farm expanded from traditional Black Belt crops, like cotton and soybeans, to catfish and cattle.

"When I was a kid, most of the farming was done with mules," Givhan recalled. "We had a few old tractors that did some ground work, but the

plowing and planting and all that — and the harvesting of cotton — was done by manual labor and animal power. Over the years, we've finally evolved into trying to do as much no-till farming as we can here. We still do some things the old way, but agriculture in this area has really changed."

As this year's winner, Givhan will represent Alabama in the Swisher Sweets Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest October 16-18 in Moultrie, Ga.

During the Farm-City Awards program, Givhan received a John Deere Gator, donated by SunSouth, Snead Ag and TriGreen Equipment

dealers in Alabama, plus a \$1,250 gift certificate from Alabama Farmers Cooperative, redeemable at any of its member Quality Co-Op stores. The Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Health presented Givhan an engraved farm sign, and they also will receive a \$2,500 cash award and an expense-paid trip to the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo. The Swisher Sweets Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year will receive \$14,000, plus several other prizes.

A Vietnam veteran, Givhan returned to his family farm near Safford in 1969, and by 1972, he was running the operation

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AQUACULTURE

Catfish 4-11" \$.30/up ea.; 1-5" Coppernose Bluegill \$.25/up ea.; Shellcrack \$.28/up ea.; White Amur grasscarp \$5 ea.; Bass \$.80/up ea.; Threadfin Shad \$450/up; Fathead minnows \$30 per 1,000; Crawfish & Tilapia available in Spring. Bill Davis 854 Co Rd 167, Leesburg 35983 256/526-8453 (Cherokee)

Pond liming, electro-shocking, feeders, aerators, pond fertilizer, \$400/up. Daniel Davis 3822 Co Rd 26, Centre 35960 256/504-3034 (Cherokee)

Tilapia for Bass forage, duck weed control and some moss control, \$4.50/lb/up, delivery available. 334/606-5074 (Marengo)

Threadfin Shad \$.20 ea.; Bluegills, Coppernose \$.20/up; Golden Shiners \$9/lb.; Fatheads \$8.50/lb.; Grass Carp \$5/up; Tigerbass \$1/up; Tilapia \$5/up. Barry Bates 6204 Co Rd 26, Faunsdale 36738 205/361-9863 (Hale)

Catfish fingerlings \$.40/up ea.; Coppernose Bluegill \$.40 ea.; Grass Carp 8"-10" \$7 ea. Tommy Pettit 205/429-3415 (Blount)

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

Tilapia \$5/lb/up; Bass \$.85/up; Bream \$.25/up; Grass carp \$4/up; Fathead minnows and Golden Shiners \$8.50/lb; Crawfish \$1.75/lb/up. Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)

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.

Reg. Black Angus and Black Simmental bulls, 17-19 mos., \$2,000 w/semen check, delivery available. Jeff James 196 Rabbit Rd., Brent 35034 205/926-7521 (Bibb)

Reg. Brangus bulls 12 mos/up, Brinks bloodlines, great EPD/Dispositions, \$1,000/up; Reg. Brangus heifers, open/breed \$1,000/up. Gary Biggs 301 N. Cedar St., Foley 36535 850/393-2059 (Baldwin)

BBU Reg. Beefmaster bulls, \$1,500, polled red and black colors. Carmon Smith 3557 Co Rd 24, Crossville 35962 256/891-3777 (day) or 256/659-4337 (night) (DeKalb)

16 mos. Charolais cross bull, ready for light service, very sound w/a touch of Angus in him, \$1,800. Jerry Turner 334/796-0545 (Geneva)

Top level longhorn genetics, bloodlines of JP Rio Grand, Farlap Chex, Drag Iron and Headliner, great quality stock, \$800-\$3,000. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

CATTLE

Reg. Brangus bulls 8 mos./up, Real Deal, Tank, New Direction bloodlines, exc. EPDs, \$1,000/up. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)

Black Angus bulls, 2 yo younger, starting at \$1,050/up. Alex Khan, Hwy 5, Wilsonville 35186 205/592-3003 or ak175@juno.com (Shelby)

Reg. Limousin bulls & heifers, red & black, double polled, gentle, low birth weight, bulls: 13-20 mos. \$1,600-\$1,800; heifers: 10-13 mos. \$850-\$950. Don Jones 15246 Hwy 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 (Bullock)

Limousin, Angus and Lim-Flex bulls & heifers, \$1,250/up; Semen & embryos, red, black & homo black and homo polled. www.chrlimousin.com. Bill Helton 3733 Co Rd 1212, Vinemont 256/962-0256 (Cullman)

Limousin double black & double polled bulls & heifers, all bulls homozygous black, guarantee black calves w/most crosses, LBW, gentle, free delivery, \$1,000/up. 205/456-0468 or 205/466-3468 (Blount)

Reg. Red Angus bull, 3 yo, sires LBW calves, bull is in good flesh and ready for service, \$2,250. 5043 Co Hwy 1, Cleveland 35049 205/237-9597 (Blount)

4 yo purebred Angus bull, he is a 004 son, don't have papers on him, exc. breeder, \$2,300. Jerry Turner 334/796-0545 (Geneva)

Black Baldie & Hereford heifers and Hereford cows bred to LBW Angus bull, \$1,600/up. Ken McMillan 205/405-0068 DrKen@Pell-CityVets.com (Talladega)

Charolais bulls, top bloodlines, great dispositions, \$1,500/up. 256/874-4667 or 256/232-0512 (Limestone)

Bulls Reg. Black Simmental, 18 mos., \$1,800/up. Allen Lyles 5814 Co Hwy 21, Horton 35980 256/572-0800 (Blount)

Reg. Charolais bulls and heifers, 13 mos., thick, meaty, LBW, Gridmaker breeding, \$1,600 ea. Glenn L. Biddle 1407 Union Chapel Rd., Union Grove 35175 256/753-6622 (Marshall)

B/K cow/calf pair, 2 yo, \$1,500. David Shadix 123 Campbell Rd., Locust Fork 35097 205/681-6129 (Blount)

Zebu bull, two Zebu cows, both cows pastured w/bull, 8 mos. Zebu steer, \$2,100. Cecil Lancaster 205/394-3009 (Tuscaloosa)

Reg. double polled full blood Limousin heifer, born 11-20-10, actual yearling weight - 1,000 lbs., yearling frame score 7.1, very nice, \$2,500. Nancy R. Webb 240 Co Rd 168, Scottsboro 35768 256/599-5945 (Jackson)

8 Angus and Sim-Angus, young bulls, black & BWF, several ready for service, \$1,150-\$1,750. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

Jersey cow being hand milked, exposed to bull 4-7-12, \$800. 334/745-2357 (Chambers)

10 gentle heifers, 8-10 mos, \$850 ea. 256/283-7771 (Calhoun)

CATTLE

Six Charolais heifers, medium frame, 15 mos., pasture exposed to LBW Limousin bull since February, \$1,350 ea. or if taking all \$1,250 ea. 808 Callias Ferry Rd., Pell City 35128 205/365-2845 (St. Clair)

Black Angus bulls, heifers \$900/up; Reg. Angus bulls \$1,500/up; Cow/calf pairs \$2,000, exc. bloodlines, LBW, good milkers, good selection. Earl Woodard 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount) Exc. Charolais bull calf, swap for like calf to prevent in-breeding. Eddie J. Pruden 4836 Freewill Dr., Quinton 35130 205/674-5402 (Jefferson)

Reg. Jersey heifer, 2 yo, out of DLM Legion Value and C/Baileys Eliza Geronimo Emma \$1,100. Ray Humphrey 2900 Lee Rd 401, Opelika 36804 334/742-8058 (Lee)

Reg. Polled Hereford heifers, group of 8 born April & May 2011, \$8,800 firm, top quality breeding stock, exc. pedigrees & EPDs. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

10 Reg. Angus bulls, several good heifer bulls, \$1,500/up, top bloodlines, gentle, hand fed, homegrown. Ken Tyler 2984 Pine Ridge Rd., Union Grove 35175 256/506-3819 or 256/498-3174 (Morgan)

Gray Brahman bull, breeding age, V8-Hudgins bred, \$2,500; F1 Brangus bull, \$1,500. Wes Tyler 18 Blake Ln., Arab 35016 256/673-2672 (Marshall)

98 brood cows, calves still on their side, middle age, used Sim/Angus bulls, calves born around December, \$2,100/pr. Jody Robertson 334/744-9663 (Lee)

CATTLE

Reg. Scottish Highland cattle, 8 mos./up heifers & bulls, purebred bloodlines for foundation stock, \$2,000/up, exc. maternal characteristics, gentle dispositions, great to cross w/your cattle. www.gb3highlandcattle.com Tracey 205/426-2086 (Chilton)

Reg. Pineywoods cattle, \$500/up. Karl P. Knight, 290 Timberland Rd., Thomasville 36774 334/636-4042 (Clarke)

Jersey milk cow, 6 yo, not milking now, has been in w/a Jersey bull \$750. 251/964-2656 (Baldwin)

Reg. top quality Charolais bulls, 15-20 mos., LBW, 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)

EGG & POULTRY

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Buff Orpington, Marans, Black Copper, Blues, Blue Cooper hatching eggs, \$4/up. Eric Cooper, P.O. Box 114, Lacey's Spring 35754 256/498-2908 (Morgan)

Cage-free Brown Eggs, large, jumbo and double yolked, rooster free flock, \$3/dozen. Torey 256/468-3022 (Madison)

Serama bantams, check them out on the internet, \$40/pr, starter chicks \$5 ea., no shipping, lots of colors. Ricky McCord 8345 Bradley Rd., Wetumpka 36092 334/567-5815 (Elmore)

Crossbred baby chicks, brown egg layers, mostly black, a few reds (from Dominique, Rhode Island Red, and Black Giant parentage) \$1/up. Rutie10@hotmail.com 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

Peacocks, various colors and ages, \$100/up, 2009-2011 hatch. Candi Whitman 706/326-2812 (Lee)

EGG & POULTRY

Baby Bantams \$2 ea., grown \$10/pr. Claude McLaughlin 225 McLaughlin Ln., Westover 35147 205/678-6078 (Shelby)

Butler Bobwhite Quail breeders \$2.50, incubator \$250, brooder \$150, feeders \$5/up, waterers \$5/up, misc \$5/up. Bill Moore 8979 W. U.S. 84, Dothan 36305 334/692-5597 (Houston)

14 Rhode Island Red hens, Trio Barred Rock 1 yo, \$15 ea., all \$200; 1 pr. Giant Black Cochin \$30; Guineas \$3/up; Peafowl \$20/up. Alois Flowers P.O. Box 145, Brundidge 36010 334/406-9995 (Pike)

Chicks: one day to 3 mos., White Leghorn, Hamburg, Egyptian, Jersey Giant, \$2.50/up. Charles F. Morrow 22135 Bucksville Rd., McCalla 35111 205/999-2812 (Tuscaloosa)

Peacocks - Indian Blue, white and pied blues pairs, \$50/up. Frances Riggsby 251/626-0081 (Baldwin)

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FARMS FOR RENT

13 ac. for lease or sale, water hookup, 2 power poles, septic tank, clean up necessary, will work with individual, \$150/month or \$4,500/ac., leave message. 205/522-6591 or jpoe35502@yahoo.com (Walker) 375 ac. hay land for rent. 334/300-5868 (Lowndes)

FARMS FOR SALE

40 ac. farm w/2 story older home built in 1940s, outside city limits of Albertville, cleared and wooded w/pond, quiet and private, appraised in 2009 for \$320,000. 256/878-4908 or djw1760@yahoo.com (Marshall)

33.3 ac., 14 miles north of Wetumpka, 600' road frontage, large timber, good building sites, county water available, \$114,500. 334/315-2910 (Elmore)

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On the Cover—Remember those who have served and are bravely serving our country. National Memorial Day is May 28, 2012.

MISCELLANEOUS

Two horse wagon, all good wood, rubber tires, hyd. brakes, bucket seats, green and yellow, \$1,650. Dwight Bailey 1111 Bailey Rd., Arab 35016 256/586-4517 (Marshall)

Cedar fence posts, 7' long, line posts \$3 ea., corner posts 10-12" dia. \$4 ea. 256/303-0893 (Lawrence)

3000 Ford \$4,500; 8N Ford restored \$3,500; 8N Ford \$1,650; 245 Case Int'l diesel. Walter Kilgore 2142 Windham Loop, Jasper 35503 205/384-3832 or 205/275-9224 (Walker)

Double Eagle hydraulic lift gate, 8' wide, \$400. Mike Skelton 1908 43rd Ave., Northport 35476 205/292-3927 (Tuscaloosa)

Gooseneck brand 20' cattle trailer, one owner, exc. cond., always shedded, lifetime floor, washed after each use, \$5,000, used very little. Glenn L. Biddle 1407 Union Chapel Rd., Union Grove 35175 256/753-6622 (Marshall)

Lincoln ranger 250 welder/generator, 8,500 watts, 101 hrs., \$3,500. 205/365-0367 (Shelby)

2-point tool bar \$150; 2-row cultivator \$450; IH ground driven grain binder \$950; 801 JD hitch \$475; M-H pony belly mower \$350. Larry Herbaugh 334/361-6033 (Autauga)

Fence, one roll of chain link, 150', 6' high, heavy gauge, \$275. 256/538-3825 (Etowah)

All purpose plow \$300; 55 gal. sprayer \$300; automatic head catcher \$300. 256/748-3906 (Cleburne)

Gourds, thick wall for birdhouses or crafts, by the dozen or truck load, Martin, kettle, bottle, etc., \$1/up. 256/737-9513 (Cullman)

Tractor driven generator, works off PTO shaft, generates 25,000 watts of electrical power, tractor must be 45 hp, \$2,500. Edsel Anderson 20454 Hadley Rd., Foley 36535 251/943-5845 (Baldwin)

Portable 225A welder generator, 18 hp, Wisconsin electric start, 10' Whip \$550; Worth welding rods, welding hood \$995. Thomas F. Matthews 444 Laredo Dr., Hoover 35226 205/823-5019 (Jefferson)

Loyal Model MS23B manure spreader, new cond., \$1,200 w/owners manual, call office 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 205/221-7999 (Walker)

Bush Hog brand bush hog, 6' good cond., Rebel series, 45 hp gearbox \$650. 1275 Red Hill School Rd., Empire 35063 205/647-8320 (Blount)

Dodge 05 long body w/bumper and receiver hitch, never used \$600. 10207 W. State Hwy 106, Georgiana 36033 334/376-2387 (Butler)

100 to 125 used metal post, 6', \$3.65 ea. Joe Roberts, P.O. Box 272, Springville 35146 205/467-7511 or 205/473-1911 (St. Clair)

Metal SIDC boards for Chevy or GMC long wheel base truck, factory made, please leave message, \$425, calls will be returned. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkville 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)

Lumber cedar, cypress \$1.10 BFT, poplar \$.85 BFT, heart pine \$2 BFT. Wes Brown 252/564-2940 (Conecuh)

1929 4-door Model A Ford \$11,500; 1972 Chev. 1-ton flatbed truck \$2,500. 205/425-8119 or 205/542-7661 (Jefferson)

1,000 gal. A&W Water Wagon w/Briggs pump, good tires, \$1,450. Richard Beard 5751 Carrington Way, Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)

250 pallets ideal for hay storage, \$1.50 ea. or \$1.25 if you by 100. Tracey Campbell 8145 Micklewright Rd., Trussville 35173 205/296-3463 (Jefferson)

20 Corral panels, 12' heavy duty, 140 lbs., \$95 ea. 205/594-7405 (St. Clair)

Delta 12" radial arm saw \$600; Craftsmen wood shaper \$150. 256/412-3426 (Franklin)

4 new Michelin LTX AT2 tires, size 265x70x18, 10 ply, blackwall, \$900 OBO. 205/921-2973 (Marion)

Plywood trusses, made of 2x4" top and bottom "flange" with 1/2" plywood "webb," (100) 16"x35', (50) 12" x16', (25) 14.5"x 40', great for a barn or equipment shed, \$4,000 OBO. Tony Louis 205/672-7465 (Shelby)

24' Circle W equipment gooseneck trailer, 2 yo, used less than 1,000 miles, paid \$6,800, asking \$4,000 firm. 334/335-5825 (Crenshaw)

MISCELLANEOUS

5 gal. fruit press tri pod stand, 50 gal. stainless steel vat w/lid, other fruit processing equipment for jams, jellies, etc. \$250. Wedowee 256/589-1155 (Randolph)

Powder River calf table w/trailer, exc. cond., \$1,200. Clark Brown 1610 Co Rd 1114, Cullman 35057 256/708-3888 (Cullman)

100 gal. poly sprayer-type, good as new, \$125. 256/737-9513 (Cullman)

Mule drawn cane mill golden #2, good cond. \$500; also three anvils \$150 ea. 205/594-5474 (St. Clair)

2002 Chev 2500 HD pickup, 6.0 tow haul pkg., 95,000 miles, ext. cab, \$6,100. 251/769-5965 (Baldwin)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Organic livestock compost, rich, black soil, great for gardens or flowers, \$55/pickup load. 256/717-8295 (Jackson)

Homegrown perennial flowers, very reasonable, will mail or order by phone, black or green elephant ear & many more, \$1-\$3 avg. 1500 Coosa Co Rd 78, Sylacauga 25151 256/245-6029 (Talladega)

Peter pepper seed, approx. 30 seeds per pack for \$3, send cash, money order or cashier's check for payment w/a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing and number of packs needed. S. S. Chancellor 5972 Lawson Dr., Hueytown 35023 205/426-1035 (Jefferson)

Tennessee Red Cob Corn \$10/lb. post-paid, rutie10@hotmail.com 256/247-6528 (Lauderdale)

Japanese Maples, new grafts \$15. Paul & Glenda Lowe 11265 Hwy 50, Dadeville 36853 256/896-0105 Tues.-Sat. (Tallapoosa)

Fig trees 2 gal. pots, \$6.50; scuppermong vines, 2 gal. \$6.50; mulberry trees 3 gal. \$6.50. 1594 Hwy 21, Atmore 36502 (Escambia)

Day lilies over 200 different colors, we sell by color, none over \$5, we ship over 50 new this year. Elwyn Williamson 255 Lakeshore Circle, Oneonta 35121 205/274-7601 (Blount)

7 gal. 3-5' tall greyish blue conical evergreen trees \$25 ea.; 3 gal green Jap. Maple trees \$8 ea.; 16 lemon blam herbs, vol. disc. 205/365-7224 (St. Clair)

Japanese roof iris, mixed Siberian iris, blackberry lily, mixed Lenten rose, mixed Columbine, balloon flowers, bloodroot, Mexican hat, \$2/pk. ea. SASE. Mildred Maroney 784 Talucah Rd., Valhermosa Springs 35775 256/778-8561 (Morgan)

Pepper seeds 2012, cayenne blend - sweet cayenne, cowhorn, tobacco, birdseye, 20 others, \$1 pkt. w/SASE list incl. Donald Allen 3647 Spain Rd., Snellville, GA 30039 (near Stone Mountain)

Daylilies and iris \$5/up. Glenda & Arthur Woods 190 Kahatchee Loop, Childersburg 35044 256/391-3598 (Talladega)

Old Southern Apple trees \$12-\$25; Sawtooth Shumar oaks, persimmons \$7; figs \$10; monkey grass \$3; hosta \$3-\$10. 9093 County Line Rd., Dora 35062 205/648-9670 (Jefferson)

Hybrid daylilies, 1/2 acre field, hundreds of varieties, \$2/fan. Oral Roper 11311 Co Rd 87, Roanoke 36274 256/449-2059 (Randolph)

Rooted azalea cuttings: red, purple and pink \$25/100 cuttings; rooted cleara hyponica cuttings \$25/100 cuttings; we also have gallon size available. Jon Robinson 22364 Tumbleweed Ln., Robertsedale 36567 251/752-6520 (Baldwin)

RABBITS

Small breed, pure bred Dutch and Mini Satin rabbits from winning show lines, show and breeding stock, youth discount, \$10/up. 256/468-3022 (Madison)

April special - N.Z.'s and Californians breeding age, \$25-\$40 ea., buy 10 or more bucks gets 50 lbs. of feed free, limited does available. Jim Gallander 5441 Georgia Rd., Wetumpka 36092 334/567-9043 (Elmore)

SHEEP & GOATS

All sheep and some classes of goats offered for sale or exhibition must be individually identified with official USDA ear tags for the National Scrapie Eradication Program. To obtain official USDA ear tags, contact the USDA Veterinary Services Area Office at 1-866-USDA-TAG.

3/4 Pygmy, 5 whether, 6 does, born Feb.-March 2012, \$25-\$35 ea. Raymond, Hanceville 256/352-5296 (Cullman)

Reg. ABGA 100% Boer buck, DOB 4-13-11, exc. bloodline, \$150. John Harris 256/377-2465 (Coosa)

P/B Kiko buck herd sire, 4 yo, no papers, \$200 or trade for young fainter buck. Intha Rafadin 173 Fowler Rd., Empire 35063 205/266-0746 (Walker)

ADGA reg. LaMancha and Alpines bucks and milking does, starting at \$125. Doug Wheatley 230 Coulter Dr., New Market 35761 256/379-2331 (Madison)

% Boer goats billies & nannies, 4 mos., electric fence trained \$75/up. 205/674-5790 (Walker)

American Alpine, bucks \$200. Larry 256/962-1118 (Cullman)

4 young Boer x billies \$75 ea; 2 nannies Boer/Nubian \$150 ea; 1 Katahdin ram lamb \$125. Elizabeth Ann Newton 325 Thomas Rd., Altoona 205/466-7872 or 256/295-1580 (Blount)

2 Boer billies \$175-450-750; 25 Boer nannies \$175-450. T. Sullivan, P.O. Box 1932, Decatur 35602 256/566-3857 (Morgan)

Goat herd: Your choice nannies and kids, Boer and Spanish crosses, some nursing 3, \$100-\$350. Kenneth Avery 2993 Co Rd 67, Hartford 36344 334/588-0919 (Geneva)

100% Reg. Boer bucks, 3 mos., \$150. 205/454-2815 or 205/330-1322 (Tuscaloosa)

Billy goat (father reg. Nigerian) \$150. Wayne Heard 256/357-2557 (Randolph)

SHEEP & GOATS

Crossbred goats \$75/up. 224/745-2357 (Chambers)

Boer buck IBGA fullblood, 3 mos, \$350; spotted 1/2 Nubian and 1/2 Boer bucks \$150, lots of color. Brandon Shirah 334/701-4659 (Houston)

Boer billies & nannies & percentage, exc. bloodline (Eggsfile, Cloud Dancing, Egg-spense, Eggs-Ryals, Kaptein), some ready for breeding, traditional & paints, also % billies & nannie \$125/up. Perry Verdun 11368 Co Rd 49, Heflin 36264 256/748-8906 or 770/841-5134 (Cleburne)

SWINE

Gloucestershire old spots breeding stock, sows, boars, gilts, \$100/up; Barrow meat hogs, free delivery to butcher, \$1 lb. on foot. 256/630-0140 (DeKalb)

SYRUP, HONEY & BEES

Cell Punch Queen Rearing kits, Basic kit \$15 + \$2 shipping, Deluxe kit \$19.95 + \$3 shipping, Cell Punch Outfit \$59.95 + \$6 shipping, all come w/color photos and instructions to rear your own queens. Wil Montgomery n4wm@bellsouth.net or send check to 1401 Lakemont Dr. S., Southside 35907 (Etowah)

WANTED

Front loader w/controls for 5000 Ford tractor, also need G/N trailer 20'-26' factor single two axle. 205/387-0881 (Jefferson)

Used 3 pt hitch pasture/field aerator, roller type, prefer 8-10'. 256/476-4319 (Etowah)

30" or larger dirt scoop, must be in exc. cond. 205/483-6232 (Walker)

Cedar logs \$50 to \$75 ton. Wes Brown 251/564-2940 (Conecuh)

WANTED

Trade pair young black jennies, 12 hand for pair young white jennies 38-40", halter broke. 696 Wood Dr., Horton 35980 256/891-3725 (Marshall)

One 14.9/13 - 30 rear tractor tire in good cond. and reasonably priced. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 (Chilton)

Big full-grown chickens, around Limestone County. Andy Whitt 256/729-1208 (Limestone)

Large smooth gaited saddle or racking horse for trail riding, has to be gentle, no bad habits. 205/387-0944 (Walker)

Corn sheller, must have fly wheel and metal. Floyd Clay 684 Brown Bridge Rd., Piedmont 36272 256/435-4269 (Calhoun)

500 gal. propane tank in North Central Alabama, reasonable. 920 Co Rd 946 Cullman 35057 256/347-1990 or 256/747-6258 (Cullman)

Wiper, w/wicks, fits on 3 pt hitch, used to kill Johnson grass, pipe fills w/Roundup and water, would like 8', 10' or 12' in length. 205/559-8164 (Blount)

White Cornish Bantams, short and stocky, also wanted short stock dark Cornish Bantams. 256/237-6922 or 256/283-0441 (Calhoun)

Old repairable grist mill or stone. 256/835-0897 (Talladega)

Used dump body truck. 334/567-2211 (Elmore)

Tiger striped F1 heifers or cows, will pay cash. 256/734-1344 (Cullman)

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REWARD OFFERED

Alfa Insurance is offering an additional \$10,000 reward for information leading to a conviction for the theft of copper and other metal from poultry houses, farm irrigation systems and other property in Alabama covered by an Alfa Insurance policy. Alabama Farmers Federation members already benefit from a \$1,000 reward for theft from their property.

“The theft of copper wiring and other valuable metal is growing, especially in our rural communities,” said Alfa Insurance and Alabama Farmers Federation President Jerry Newby. “Criminals who commit these acts cost our policyholders money, and they often do thousands of dollars in damage to property and cripple the equipment and buildings farmers depend on for their livelihoods.”

The \$10,000 reward will

be paid to the first person that furnishes information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for the theft of copper or other metal taken from property in Alabama covered by an Alfa Insurance policy.

Alfa Insurance is the leading insurer of farms in the state. In recent years, dozens of farmers and other rural residents have reported property damage related to copper theft. Anyone with information related to the theft of copper is encouraged to contact local law enforcement officials.

In the last few years, Alabama has strengthened penalties for metal theft. The Federation currently is supporting a bill in the Alabama Legislature that would further deter metal theft by requiring buyers of scrap metal to collect additional information about the seller.

Farm-City Awards

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as president and manager. Today, the farm spans more than 4,500 acres and includes about 2,000 acres of row crops, a 400-cow commercial beef cattle herd and 250 acres of catfish ponds. While Givhan's biggest crop remains soybeans, he said catfish have played an increasingly important role in recent years.

“We've been growing some catfish for about 20-25 years now, but I got serious about it about 15 years ago,” Givhan said. “I saw the handwriting that you're either going to have to get to a viable size operation or get out, so we invested and went into it, and it's been one of the better ends of the operation for the last few years.”

Givhan and his wife, Lynne, have two sons involved in the farm. The oldest, Sam, is an attorney, while David manages the beef and hay operations.

Givhan served 26 years as president of the Dallas County Farmers Federation and is a former board member of the Alabama Farmers Federation. He is president of the Central Alabama Farmers Co-op and incoming chairman of the Alabama Farmers Co-op board of directors.



FARM-CITY

Other Farm of Distinction finalists from around the state also were recognized during the Farm-City awards luncheon, which was held in conjunction with the Alabama Farmers Federation's Women's Conference. The finalists were: Donald and Janice Hodge of New Market in Madison County; Paul and Carolyn Beavers of Trafford in Jefferson County; and Joe and Faye Williams of Newton in Dale County. Each one of them received a \$250 gift certificate from the Alabama Farmers Co-Op and an engraved plaque.

County Farm-City committees, as well as poster and essay winners, were also recognized at the luncheon.

Upcoming Ag Events

• **May 4**—The future of irrigated agriculture will be on display at the Dee River Ranch/Lindsey Irrigation Technology Field Day at Dee River Ranch near Aliceville. The field day will showcase the latest in integrated irrigation technology and products. The field day starts at 11 a.m. and will include a short program, project dedication, farm tours and lunch. Attendees are asked to RSVP by May 1 to Danielle.Kolander@lindsay.com or call 402-829-6807.

• **May 5**—The Central Alabama Daylily Society will have their annual sale at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens from 8 a.m. until all items are sold. Prices begin at \$5 and go up to \$20. For additional information, contact Joan Woodard at 256-435-8884.

• **May 5**—The Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association will hold its spring plant sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of Trinity Episcopal Church at 5375 US Hwy 231 in Wetumpka, just across from McDonald's. New to the sale this year is the “Potting Shed” where new and recycled flower pots will be for sale. For more information, call the Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Wetumpka office at 334-567-6301.

• **May 5 & 19**—The East Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1006 Co Rd 474 in Woodland. The auction sells goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry. For more information, call 256-419-8527.

• **May 7, 14, 21 & 28**—The Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction will be held at 748 Co Rd 91 in Goodwater at noon. For more information, call Richard or Joan Askew at 256-839-6824.

• **May 12**—The Beef Herd Health Management Clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Walker County. Reservations are required, but there isn't a charge to attend the event. Registration will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. For more information, call Katherine at the NRCS Jasper Field Office/Walker County Soil and Water Conservation District at 205-387-1879 ext. 1.

• **May 15**—Trading with the World, a one-day conference for farmers and agribusinesses, will be held at the Birmingham Marriott. There is no charge to attend. The conference will provide insights on international trade and how to export products to foreign markets. For more information, contact Brett Hall at 334-240-7101.

• **May 18-19**—Alabama Chapter 23 of International Harvester Collectors will hold its annual state show, hosted by the Alabama Antique Tractor Show and Pull in Elmore. Gates open at 7 a.m., with events starting at 10 a.m. Lots of antique tractors will be on display, along with demonstrations of “old time” agriculture equipment, methods and techniques. The event is located at 301 Politic Rd in Elmore. For more information on the IHC's state show, call 205-870-1535. For information on the Antique Tractor Show and Pull, call 334-478-0711 or 334-514-5988 or email tractorshow@elmorefd.org.

• **May 26**—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, call 256-332-3323.

• **June 8-9**—The 17th annual Marion Rodeo will be held at the Marion Arena on Highway 14. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$10, children ages 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under get in free. Proceeds will be donated to begin a crisis fund for the Perry County Fire Association. For more information, call 334-683-4004.

• **June 8, 9 & 10**—The Alabama Quarter Horse Youth Show in Andalusia will be held in the Covington arena. The flat rate fee for the three-day event is \$150. AQHA High Point and Circuit awards will be given. To make your reservation, visit www.alqha.com.

• **June 15**—The Alabama Farmers Federation is among the sponsors of the 2012 Alabama Cow-Calf Conference at Auburn University's Ham Wilson Livestock Arena, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration must be received by June 1 and is \$60 per person and increases to \$75 after June 1. Checks should be made payable to Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education. You can register online at www.aces.edu/animalforage/2012AlabamaCow-CalfConference.php or call Lisa Kriese-Anderson at 334-844-1561 or 334-539-2129.

• **August 15**—Last day to apply for the Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association Fall classes, which are held for 14 consecutive weeks in September-December at the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service facility at 340 Queen Ann Rd. in Wetumpka. Each class begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday mornings. For more information, call the ACES office at 334-567-6301.

• **October 1**—The Alabama Outdoor Heritage Day will be held at Wehle Land Conservation Center in Midway from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. There will be exhibits and demonstrations. For more information, contact Otis LeCompte at 334-775-7448.

To submit an upcoming event, fax it to 334-240-7169 or email it to afcb@agi.alabama.gov. The deadline for submitting upcoming events is the 10th of the month prior to publication.

ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for March totaled 42,450 head compared to 47,726 head for February and 47,040 head for March 2011. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows sold \$1 lower. Slaughter bulls sold steady. All feeder classes sold unevenly steady. Trade light to moderate with moderate demand on feeders throughout the month of March. Replacement cows and pairs sold \$50 per head higher. Feeder classes for the week ending March 31, consisted of 18 percent steers, 42 percent heifers, and 40 percent bulls.

FARMERS Use GIS

Today's farmers have more technology at their disposal than ever before. One piece that is expected to greatly impact the production of food and fiber is geographic information systems (GIS) technology.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the world's population will reach 9.1 billion by 2050, 34 percent higher than today's population. According to GIS software technology firm Esri, the ability of GIS to analyze and visualize agricultural environments and workflows has proven to be very beneficial to those involved in the farming industry.

"GIS is crucial in agriculture as it can be used to understand everything from where to better apply fertilizers to mapping various conditions of the soil. The information is processed immediately and indicates to farmers whether they need to adjust their strategy to improve production, which directly impacts revenue, food and products for the world's population," says Devon Cancilla, Ph.D., dean, business and technology at American Sentinel University.

GIS tools help farmers conduct crop forecasting. For instance, using Esri's ArcGIS, farmers can collect georeference samples in cultivated areas and apply a statistical process to the samples.

After completing the data, they can create a geodatabase that helps farmers make better decisions. This forecasting measure helps them better accurately conduct harvests and save on spoilage, meaning more food gets to people.

While Esri is the dominate software firm in the GIS space, several other software houses make GIS applications for the farming industry. Farm Credit Canada recently launched Field Manager PRO 360, which allows farmers to take a closer look at their operations using satellite imagery.

Developed in partnership with Logiag, an agri-environmental specialist company, FM PRO 360 shows aerial images of fields so producers can map and compare their yields.

Other agriculture GIS solution providers include SST Software, PCI Geomatics, Case Corp. and Land View Systems. In fact, agriculture is thought to be one of the fastest-growing GIS customer bases.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 70-80% Lean

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
980-1380	1165	82.50-87.50	85.02
1285-1350	1333	91.00-93.50	91.51 High Dressing
1470-1680	1538	84.00-89.00	86.71
1400-1560	1516	90.00-92.50	91.94 High Dressing

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85% Lean

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
920-1395	1132	84.00-89.00	86.31
925-1370	1169	89.00-93.50	91.41 High Dressing
945-1240	1075	78.00-83.00	80.85 Low Dressing
1400-1545	1487	93.00-94.00	93.62 High Dressing

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90% Lean

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
900-1250	1042	77.00-81.50	79.14
915-1175	1059	71.00-74.50	72.70 Low Dressing

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1130-1400	1272	97.50-99.00	98.21
1530-2070	1816	100.50-105.50	103.11
1560-2210	1815	95.00-98.00	97.05 Low Dressing

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
410-430	418	191.00-200.00	193.44
460-480	472	185.00-191.00	186.75
500-530	514	178.00-185.00	180.00
550-595	571	168.00-178.00	172.15
680-690	686	153.00-160.00	155.19
715-735	722	147.00-150.00	149.28
750-750	750	153.00	153.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
370-395	378	194.00-201.00	196.99
410-445	427	185.00-194.00	189.65
450-495	475	177.00-185.00	180.84
505-540	521	168.00-177.00	173.69
550-595	573	160.00-168.00	164.43
655-690	663	148.00-152.00	149.03
705-708	708	145.00-147.00	145.33
820-820	820	136.50	136.50

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
300-340	316	188.00-196.00	190.91

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
350-380	372	177.00-184.00	178.75
400-445	419	173.00-177.00	174.78
450-495	468	168.00-173.00	170.42
505-545	517	162.00-168.00	164.75
560-595	578	157.00-162.00	159.12
605-645	630	147.00-157.00	150.75
660-680	671	137.00-146.00	142.22

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
300-345	328	177.50-188.00	182.60
355-395	376	171.00-176.00	173.55
400-445	424	163.00-171.00	167.40
455-495	478	157.00-163.00	160.07
500-545	524	151.00-157.00	154.24
555-590	576	145.00-150.00	146.92
605-648	638	137.00-145.00	140.67
655-690	669	135.00-137.00	135.79

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
300-325	311	205.00-215.00	211.28
354-395	372	198.00-202.00	199.42
400-445	427	188.00-198.00	191.07
450-495	474	178.00-188.00	183.17
500-545	519	170.00-178.00	174.02
550-580	566	163.00-170.00	165.97
610-645	629	152.00-160.00	155.81

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
310-330	323	198.00-204.00	200.20
350-395	376	189.00-197.00	192.64
402-445	420	178.00-188.00	183.30
450-497	478	170.00-178.00	174.87
505-545	522	162.00-170.00	166.29
550-595	577	154.00-162.00	159.75
600-645	621	148.00-153.00	150.23
655-690	670	140.00-147.00	143.98
705-730	721	135.00-140.00	138.00
810-817	816	117.50-120.00	117.78

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Division Focus

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attendance and registration is limited to 125. Deadline is April 30.

"Our goal is to help Alabama farmers and agribusinesses learn the process of international trade and expand their opportunities in export

sales, especially as new foreign markets are opening up with the recently passed Free Trade Agreements," McMillan said.

The Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA) is a co-sponsor in the conference, providing

expert advice on how to lessen the risks of international marketing. SUSTA offers a range of services to producers, manufacturers and distributors of U.S. agricultural products.

Other presenters include persons from the Alabama International Trade Center, Alabama Department of Commerce (formerly the Alabama Development Office),

Alabama State Port Authority, Alabama Legislature, Bremen Investments, and BLG Logistics.

Admission to the conference is free. To sign up, go to ALexportconference.com and click on the registration tab. For more information, contact: Deputy Commissioner Brett Hall at 334-240-7101 or brett.hall@agi.alabama.gov.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Sweet Melissa's Sauces & Seasonings, LLC is a home-based business in Birmingham that began in August 2008. After many years of trial and error, Randy Thomas and his wife, Beth, felt they had perfected their three products: Jalapeno Dippin' Sauce, Ruby Red Sauce and Barbeque Rub.



After several years of making the sauces and rub for family and friends, they were encouraged to begin bottling their products and take them to local stores and markets. The research began and a co-packer was found to produce the sauces and rub.

If you have ever tasted the Jalapeno Dippin' Sauce, you understand why it is "Sweet Melissa's" favorite. It blends quality, all natural ingredients to compliment and intensify the flavor of any meat, cheese, fruit or vegetable creation. You will have fun crafting your own recipes and discovering the unlimited possibilities for a symphony of new tastes to enjoy and share with friends. It also makes a great gift that is always appreciated.

The Ruby Red Sauce blends the freshest and finest ingredients together to make a spectacular spicy sauce. It is delicious with any of your favorite grilled meats. It also tastes great mixed in ground meats for burgers or meat loafs to add a little extra flavor. It even tastes great on portabella mushrooms.

The Barbeque Rub blends just the right amount of spices to bring out the flavor of your meat. Use the rub on chicken or pork for at least 30 minutes and up to 2 hours before grilling. For the best taste, especially for ribs, rub on and marinate overnight. This also works for seasoning for burgers, meat loafs and even tacos.



For more information on Sweet Melissa's, visit its website at <http://sweetmelissasauc.com/home/>.

McMILLAN RECEIVES T. WHIT ATHEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

John McMillan, longtime agricultural leader and current commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, received the T. Whit Athey Award from the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. The annual award is presented to individuals who exemplify the gentle, quiet and effective agricultural leadership of the late Thomas Whitfield Athey Jr.

McMillan grew up in Baldwin County in the same house in Stockton where his 99-year-old mother still lives. His early education was at Stockton School, followed by the Baldwin County High School and Rhodes College, where he earned a BA in Economics. McMillan met his wife, Kathryn, in high school and recently celebrated his 46th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Murphy and William, and two grandchildren, El and John.

As a child, McMillan worked on his uncle's farm and in his father's sawmill. After college, he continued working at the family sawmill for nearly 20 years. His first venture into public service was in 1969 when Governor Albert Brewer appointed him to a vacancy on the Baldwin County Commission. He was elected a state representative in 1974



Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Commissioner John McMillan received the T. Whit Athey Award from Dr. J. Lee Alley (right), former state veterinarian for the department.

and chaired the Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Committee for the state House of Representatives.

McMillan served as commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under Governor Fob James. He was given the opportunity to work for the Alabama Forestry Association in 1983, and in 1986 was selected to its executive vice president position, which he served as for the next 20 years.

During his career, he has had the opportunity to serve as chairman of the

Alabama Forestry Council, the Alabama Council of Association Executives and the Alabama Civil Justice Reform Committee and as a member of numerous business and agricultural organizations, including the Montgomery Rotary Club and the Auburn University President's Commission on Agriculture. He served two terms on the State Personnel Board and also served on the board of the University of South Alabama Foundation.

He was elected as commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Industries in 2010.

NEW BUILDING FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Researchers and Extension System specialists who serve Alabama farmers now have a modern, efficient place to work thanks to a new Alabama Farmers Federation Administrative Building at the Tennessee Valley Research and Experiment Center in Belle Mina.

Federation President Jerry Newby said, "I've always been an advocate for supporting facilities and projects that would help our farmers be more successful on their farms."

The research center at Belle Mina has been serving farmers for more than 80 years.

"The addition of this facility will help sustain agriculture in

this area and throughout the state as this center continues its mission to improve the profitability of farmers," Newby said.

The 4,000-square-foot facility includes 12 offices and a small conference room with video conferencing capabilities. It was funded with annual donations totaling \$1 million from the Federation since 2007.

Established in 1927, the Tennessee Valley Research and Extension Center is nationally recognized for its long-running cotton programs, but it also is a leader in precision agriculture and irrigation research. Last year, the center conducted 95 agricultural experiments on everything from grain crops



Federation and Auburn University leaders cut the ribbon on the new Alabama Farmers Federation Administrative Building at the Tennessee Valley Research and Extension Center. From left are: Federation Executive Director Paul Pinyan, Federation Board Member Ted Grantland, Federation and Alfa President Jerry Newby, Research and Extension Director Chet Norris, Auburn University College of Agriculture Dean William Batchelor, Director of Outlying Units Jim Bannon and Alabama Cooperative Extension System Director Gary Lemme.

and soybeans to cattle and ornamentals.

Auburn University College of Agriculture Dean William

Batchelor said a report would soon be released showing that precision agriculture research done at Belle Mina and other experiment stations

in Alabama has generated \$30 million for the state's farmers. That kind of result, he added, is the mission of Alabama's land grant universities.