Keeping Alabamians Safe

The Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) has been active in the testing of seafood for the presence of contaminates for over 15 years, and has maintained a cooperative relationship with the seafood industry throughout that time. Alabama’s Gulf seafood industry has a $500 million economic impact on the state, as well as providing for over 11,000 jobs to our coastal communities.

On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded off the coast of Louisiana, dumping an estimated 3.26 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The long-term effects of this incident are still being felt over five years later. One industry that took a devastating hit was Alabama’s Gulf seafood industry.

In 2011, the Marine Resources Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the ADAI, and the Alabama Department of Public Health entered into a partnership forming the Alabama Seafood Testing Committee (ASTC). This committee implemented a long-term sampling and monitoring program designed to test samples for the presence of contaminates. The program they created was known as the Alabama Seafood Tissue Testing Program. The goal of this long-term sampling and monitoring program was to ensure the safety of products throughout that time.

New Farmers Market in Enterprise Opens

In late March, the Department of Agriculture and Industries’ Assistant Commissioner Glen Zorn and Farmers Marketing Specialist John Willoughby joined several city, county and other government and community leaders at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the City of Enterprise’s new $1.2 million Farmers Market facility. The new Farmers Market has a large open-air pavilion that will serve as a place for local farmers to sell their fresh, nutritious produce but also has several other amenities.

With almost 12,000 square feet of open and closed space, the multi-purpose facility offers a remarkable heated and cooled indoor meeting space with two HD projectors, beautiful stained concrete floors and a full-service kitchen. There is also an outdoor stage with eight microphone jacks and LED lighting, perfect for any performance or concert. The versatility offered by the new Enterprise Farmers Market is sure to provide a venue for numerous meetings, weddings, receptions, family reunions and other special events.

Zorn, who is from Florala, said, “A modern multi-facet facility like this has been needed in this area for some time. This property was dedicated almost 10 years ago and I’m excited to see the economic impact it will have in this community.”

It was very important to the many community leaders who worked hard to make the vision of this market a reality to remember the significant role agriculture has played in the history of Coffee County. Thanks to a generous donation made by Mark Holloway, a permanent display of an antique tractor, horse drawn sickle cutter, a double-turning plow and harrow plow will remain in front of the facility. These serve as a reminder to visitors that agriculture is what continues to make this community prosper. In fact, Coffee County is the largest ag producing county in south Alabama.

Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell said, “The facility will be the perfect place for the farmers to sell their produce, but it can also serve as a classroom for agriculture officials to hold meetings and seminars or a place to educate students and the public about (continued on page 11)
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**CATFISH**

- All livestock listings must be from bona fide livestock owners. Listings from livestock dealers, buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted.

**CATTELES**

- Cattle 18 months and older must be officially identified at change of ownership. For more information about obtaining official tags, contact the State Veterinarian’s Office at 334-240-7253. Animals sold out of state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

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**CATTLE**

- Reg. Linximus bulls, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, 10 mos. to 26 mos., $2,750-$3,900. Don Jones 15366 Hwy 11, Hitop, 36029 334/279-1023 or 334/277-7448 (Bullard).

**CATTLE**

- Black Simmental bulls, black, polled, $3,500-$4,500. Reg. Longhorn cows & heifers, gentle, fertile, easy keeping, passed BSEs, $3,000/up, be ready for fall breeding season. Ken McMillan mcm0315@gmail.com 205/405-0068 (Talladega).

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**EGG COUNTRY**

- Red Star, gentle, friendly, lays early & year round, large brown eggs, laying soon, $16-$18 ea. actavernafarms@gmail.com 205/276-2269 (Levi).

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**FARM FOR RENT**

- 16 ac. lease, $45/ac. 400 Wheeler St., 256/225/2424 rent to 205/843-5960 (Jefferson).

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**FARMS FOR SALE**

- 112 ac. farm, land cleared, farm equipment included, furnished 2006/160 mobile home, front & back porches, 2 wells, 2 septic tanks, land cleared, $125,000 w/5,000 /$100,000 without equipment, 13800 Boydtown Rd., 251/872-0566, 251/401-0187 or 251/846-5762 (Mobile).

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**AD”**

- Ad “For Rent” in the Classified Section.

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John McMillan Commissioner

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Amy Belcher Erica J. West Anita Miller

Editor Project Manager Circulation Manager

On the Cover — June is National Dairy Month. For more information on the history of Dairy Month, see the article on page 6 of this issue. Photo ©Draghicich/Dreamstime.com
MACHINERY

10" 2556 1/2 to 20/54 4 x 4 15.5 x 28" "mini-barn" (Tallapoosa) 205/339-9540 (Tuscaloosa) 

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256/590-7303 (Cullman) 

$3,850 OBO. 205/678-8592 (Shelby) 

We will have blueberries for U-Pick, about $10/pound or we pick for about $14/pound,
Nigerian Dwarfs, not reg., does $150-$200, w/kids, herd reduction, exc. breeding stock, ABGA reg. & non-reg. Boers: 1 to 5 yo, some nannies, good colors, $80/up. 205/674-5790. 334/496-4004 (Covington)

sheep, rams $300, ewes $400. Jeanne Creek 35672 256/436-3752 (Lawrence)

paint spots, ready to breed, 1½ yo, $140. Boer goat, male, brown head, white body w/4 mos. $175-$240. P. O. Box 1932, Decatur 20-26 mos. bred $450-$475 ea.; 10 kids Reg. Boer nanny $275; 4 Texas red nannies & 1 Nubian Boer cross buck $150. Ford-blueberryhillsfarm.net Ray Humphrey 2900 JUNE 2015

Guidelines for Submitting Ads

Following are the guidelines for advertising in the section classified of the Alabama Farmers and Consumer Bulletin. Adherence to these rules will ensure quick processing of ads. All ads that do not meet the following guidelines will not be published.

1. Only those ads which pertain to agriculture or forestry and other items employed in the actual growth, harvesting and disposal of such products will be accepted.

2. Ads should be typed or printed. Those ads that are not legible will not be published.

3. Ads must be limited to 20 words. This does not include name, address or phone number.

4. Ads to exchange one item for another item will be accepted only when both items being exchanged will not meet the following guidelines will not be published.

5. Only paid subscribers are permitted to advertise in the Bulletin.

6. Paid subscribers can submit more than one advertisement per category per month but each advertisement is still limited to 20 words.

7. Ads for the classified section will not be accepted from dealers, merchants or commercial establishments.

8. Ads received by fax or e-mail must be received by 5 p.m. on the 10th day of the month and ads will not be accepted.

9. Ads which are to be repeated must be submitted for each issue.

10. Land advertised/wanted must be minimum of 10 acres or more. Ads will not be accepted from dealers or persons selling land on a commission basis. Information on housing should be limited. Ads should reflect descriptions of the land/farm.

11. Only livestock (herding/working) dogs will be published in the Bulletin.

12. Instructional material cannot be advertised in the Bulletin.

13. Ads will be accepted for agricultural work only. Ads for household, nursing or commercial establishments.

14. Ads to exchange one item for another item will be accepted only when both items being exchanged relate to agriculture. Ads for cars, boats, mobile homes, etc. will not be accepted as an exchange for agricultural items.

15. Prices must be included with all items offered for sale. Price ranges may be used in certain ads; for example, due to age, weight, etc. cattle can be advertised as $1,200-$1,500.

16. We will only advertise birds listed in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) book. National Poultry Improvement Plans, under breeder or persons selling commission cannot be accepted. Please note: Psittacine birds and pigeons NOT listed in the NPIP book. Any questions concerning the NPIP should be directed to the Poultry Service at 334/240-7257 ext. 4.

Advertisements in the Bulletin are published on a first come, first serve basis. It is to the advertiser’s advantage to submit their items as soon as possible. While the Bulletin does not assume responsibility for transactions resulting from the use of this publication, all means of preventing fraud will be exercised. Misrepresentation will result in the revocation of all privileges. For questions concerning the guidelines, please e-mail afcb@ag.alaabama.gov.
While June may symbolize the start of summer across the country, to Alabama dairy farm families, June symbolizes something else — National Dairy Month!

Join Alabama dairy farm families and the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association Inc. (SUDIA) as they celebrate 78 years of June Dairy Month and encourage consumers to “Get more with milk.” This June, SUDIA will honor the accomplishments of more than 2,900 dairy farm families across the Southeast who are dedicated to dairy, sharing their stories of producing wholesome, nutritious dairy foods for consumers across the U.S.

National Dairy Month began in 1937 as a way to promote dairy consumption during peak milk production in the summer. Today, its rich history continues with communities, companies and people from the Southeast celebrating in a variety of ways, including festivals, contests and even a special night dedicated to dairy farmers at the ballpark.

This year’s theme, “Get More with Milk,” focuses on the consumer, and encourages families to make milk their first beverage choice due to its unique package of vitamins, minerals and nutrients that are an essential part of a healthy diet. Dairy farmers will be working alongside SUDIA with local media and farm bureaus to promote dairy and engage consumers through social media, radio contests, T-shirt giveaways, events and more.

Dairy farming plays an important role in the landscape of Alabama agriculture, and in 2014, more than 8,000 Alabama dairy cows produced 12.7 million gallons, or approximately 109 pounds of milk. Alabama’s top milk-producing counties were Fayette and Cullman. Alabama also is home to two commercial milk processing plants, located in Birmingham and Cowarts, as well as one commercial ice cream plant.

Alabama also produces some of the nation’s finest dairy farmers and industry leaders. Will Gilmer, a third generation dairyman from Lamar County, has grown to national recognition for his efforts to reconnect consumers with the agriculture industry through social media.

Gilmer understood early on that the internet was a way to connect with people who are generations away from life on the farm. As creative as he is intelligent, Gilmer embraces technology and social media to communicate with people looking for answers and to address misconceptions. He blogs, posts pictures, videos and even records songs that tell the dairyman’s story. Through the Gilmer Dairy Farm’s web page, “The Dairymans Blog” and even his own ‘Moo Tube minute,’ Gilmer is able to explain processes on the farm that could possibly be misunderstood by the untrained eye.

Gilmer has received national recognition for his social media efforts and was elected as the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance Face of Farming and Ranching, allowing Gilmer to connect with consumers nationwide. Gilmer’s adaptability, willingness to communicate and work ethic are invaluable to the dairy industry and are shaping the future of dairy farming in the United States.

Farmers like Gilmer, who can engage with the world outside of agriculture and communicate the challenges of feeding a growing population, will be vital to keeping the dairy business strong and sustainable. Leadership like Gilmer’s will propel an organization like the National Dairy Council ahead and build a bright future for its next 100 years. For more information about June Dairy Month or the National Dairy Council, go to www.SoutheastDairy.org.

2015 Century & Heritage Farm Program

The Department of Agriculture and Industries will accept applications for the 2015 Century and Heritage Farm program beginning June 1. This program is designed to recognize and honor those farms that have been in operation as a family farm over a long period of time and have played a significant role in Alabama history.

A County Farm is one that has been in the same family continuously for at least 100 years and currently has some agricultural activities on the farm. The farm must include at least 40 acres of land and be owned by the applicant or nominee.

A Heritage Farm is one that has been operated continuously as a family farm for at least 100 years. The farm must possess interesting and important historical and agricultural aspects, including one or more structures at least 40 years old. The farm must be at least 40 acres of land owned and operated by the applicant, who must reside in Alabama.

This program began in 1976 when the director of the Alabama Historical Commission and a representative from the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries met to discuss some way to recognize small family farms that had been in operation over a long period of time. Out of this original meeting the idea for the Century and Heritage Farm program was born. They decided recognition should be given to these farms because they had played such a significant role in Alabama’s history.

The population in rural Alabama at that time was rapidly changing as people moved to urban areas. The number of family farms was diminishing rapidly at the time as it still is today. It was decided that farms with over 100 years of ownership should be awarded a certificate to recognize this significant achievement.

It was agreed that the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries would administer this program. The first certificates of recognition were presented at an Alabama Farm Bureau meeting in Birmingham during the month of December 1977. To date, over 585 farms have been recognized from all across the state.

All applicants must complete an Ownership Registration Form supplied by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. If you feel your farm meets the above qualifications and you are interested in applying for the 2015 program, please contact Amy Belcher at 334-240-7126 or by e-mail amy.belcher@agi.alabama.gov. The application deadline for the 2015 Century and Heritage Farm program is Friday, August 28th.
We are continuing to spotlight an employee each month to put a face with the many services provided by the Department of Agriculture and Industries. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about our excellent employees!

David Hamby

Our Spotlight Employee of the Month is David Hamby. David has worked for the Department of Agriculture and Industries for seven years. He is a laboratory technician at the Thompson-Bishop-Sparks State Diagnostic Laboratory located in Auburn. He works in the Necropsy Section, and just in case you aren’t sure what “Necropsy” means, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, necropsy is an autopsy/postmortem examination performed on an animal.

David’s primary responsibilities include assisting pathologists with postmortem examinations of animals that are brought to the lab to determine their cause of death. He also collects samples from animals brought to the laboratory by department staff, staff from other state agencies and individuals as part of our routine animal disease surveillance programs. The most common animals tested are poultry, cattle, sheep, goats, dogs and cats, but the lab also performs necropsies on horses, deer and other wildlife, animals from zoos and even turtles. David collects samples from the animals and sends them to the other appropriate laboratory sections...
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**ARMYWORMS ON THE MOVE IN ALABAMA**

True armyworms are another problem that Alabama farmers did not need. Cold weather and heavy rains delayed many farmers from planting their row crops in a timely manner. Now, an entomologist with Alabama Cooperative Extension System says true armyworms have been identified in two northeast Alabama counties.

"The cool, wet spring created ideal circumstances for these caterpillars," said Kathy Flanders. "We informally call this insect a true armyworm to separate it from the fall armyworm and various cutworms. Technically, we should call this insect the armyworm or Mythimna unipuncta."

Flanders says true armyworms are a particular threat to forage grasses, seedling corn and small grains. The pest has been identified in both Dekalb and Marshall counties.

"These worms can do significant damage to a stand of forage grass or small grain fairly rapidly. They are also likely to damage late planted corn."

Flanders explains that the worms will attack forage grasses, seedling corn and small grains.

"On corn, they are more like cutworms," she said. "They cut the plants off at ground level, in addition to feeding on the leaves."

Kent Stanford, an Extension specialist in northeast Alabama, found true armyworms when he visited a Dekalb County farm recently.

"The worms ate seven acres in a 30-acre field of Bermudagrass with some ryegrass mixed in," said Stanford. "The producer had an appropriate pesticide on hand and sprayed them as soon as he found them and was able to control them."

Flanders says farmers should scout forage grasses, corn and wheat for this foliage feeding caterpillar. True armyworms can be hard to detect because they hide on or in the soil during the daytime. A sweep net can be used to find them in forage grasses or wheat. Feeding damage is evident by inspecting individual corn plants.

Mature larvae are about 1.5 inches long, smooth-bodied and dark gray to greenish-black. The main distinguishing feature is five stripes extending lengthwise on the body, three on the back and one on each side. True armyworms have rounded heads when you look at them from the side profile.

"This insect has several generations per year, but usually only one that causes significant damage."

Flanders says the only good news for farmers is that the pest is relatively easy to kill. She suggests farmers consult Alabama Extension’s grain, corn and forage integrated pest management guides for control recommendations. Regional agents with Alabama Extension’s crops team can provide assistance as well.

**WHERE WILL THE NEXT GENERATION FARMER COME FROM?**

The next generation of farmers and ranchers will come from everywhere. They may come from farming backgrounds or be new to agriculture. They may be college graduates or veterans, retirees or second career seekers. They will be people from all ethnic backgrounds.

Cawaco RC&D, in conjunction with Soil & Water Conservation Districts, USDA/NRCS and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host the following workshops to assist beginning farmers and ranchers:

- **June 20, 1-4 p.m.** for Livestock, Forages & Farm Planning — ACES Chilton County Research Station Conference Room at 120 County Rd. 756, Clanton, AL 35045. Contact Cawaco RC&D at 205-623-0147 or cawacodirector@hotmail.com
- **July 18, TBD** for Soil Health — ACES Walker County, 1501 N. Airport Rd. Jasper, AL 35504. Contact Cawaco RC&D at 205-623-0147 or cawacodirector@hotmail.com
- **August 7, TBD** for Managing Invasive Species at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, 3906 Turkey Creek Rd., Pinson, AL 35126. Contact Cawaco RC&D at 205-623-0147 or cawacodirector@hotmail.com.

**BOXWOOD BLIGHT DETECTED IN ALABAMA**

Boxwood blight has been detected in recently installed landscape plants across Alabama. A plant pathologist with Alabama Cooperative Extension System says when infected boxwoods are planted in a landscape, the pathogen can easily spread to established boxwoods.

"The fungus that causes boxwood blight is easily spread by splashing water whether that be irrigation water or rain," said Kassie Conner. "This fungal disease can also be spread by equipment, soil, shoes, clothing and even animals."

In addition to these infected landscapes, the disease was also discovered at retail garden centers across the state. Conner added that all infected plant material has been imported into Alabama from areas that are known to have boxwood blight.

"We have several boxwood producers in Alabama that do not have the disease in their nurseries and are working very hard to keep their material free of the disease," she said. "We encourage anyone planning on installing boxwoods to purchase plants produced in Alabama."

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The ADAI and Alabama Extension are working to survey areas where boxwood blight has been found in the landscape to prevent further spread of the pathogen.

**Boxwood blight has been detected in recently installed landscape plants across Alabama.**

Healthy bulbous boxwood bushes at a nursery. © Rmorijn/Dreamstime.com

**Boxwood blight appears as light to dark brown spots on leaves. These leaf spots may merge to cover much of the surface.**

Infected plants will shed these diseased brown or straw-colored leaves, almost completely defoliating the plant. Brown to reddish-brown colored lesions with tan to light brown centers form on shoots and larger stems. Later these lesions turn black.

Nursery and landscape professionals should contact their local diagnostic lab (Auburn University Plant Diagnostic Laboratory or Birmingham Plant Diagnostic Laboratory) should they observe plants with suspicious symptoms. They should also isolate the diseased plants.

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Livestock Auctions

Cattle Auctions
Alabama Livestock Auction Inc.  
Uniontown  
Monday, 11 a.m.  
334-628-2371
Arab Livestock Market Inc.  
Arab  
Tuesday, 10 a.m.  
256-594-5151
Ashville Stockyard Inc.  
Ashville  
Monday, 11:30 a.m.  
256-586-4212
Clay County Livestock Inc.  
Lineville  
Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.  
256-354-2276
Coffee County Stockyard LLC  
New Brockton  
Thursday, 1 p.m.  
334-897-2540
Cullman Stockyard Inc.  
Cullman  
Thursday, 8:30 a.m.  
256-734-4531
Dothan Livestock Co.  
Dothan  
Monday, 10 a.m.  
334-677-3361
Frisco City Livestock Market  
Frisco City  
Wednesday, 1 p.m.  
251-267-3176
Farmers Cooperative Market Inc.  
Fayetteville  
Wednesday, 1 p.m.  
334-493-4568
Fort Payne Stockyard Inc.  
Fort Payne  
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.  
256-845-1028
Linden Stock Yards Inc.  
Linden  
Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.  
334-295-8707
Livingston Stockyard  
Livingston  
Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.  
205-652-7411
Mid States Stockyards Inc.  
Lethabichtee  
Tuesday, 10 a.m.  
334-227-8000
Montgomery Stock Yards Inc.  
Montgomery  
Monday, 1 p.m.  
334-288-8060
Moulton Stockyard Inc.  
Moulton  
Wednesday, 11 a.m.  
256-974-3133
Northwest AL Livestock Auction  
Russellswee  
Monday, 10 a.m.  
256-332-3332
Roanoke Stockyards Inc.  
Roanoke  
Wednesday, 11 a.m.  
334-863-2411
Sand Mountain Stockyard Inc.  
Crossville  
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.  
256-561-3434
South Alabama Livestock Inc.  
Brundidge  
Thursday, 1 p.m.  
334-735-2364
Tennessee Valley Livestock Association  
Florence  
Monday, 12 p.m.  
256-766-0281
Valley Stockyard Inc.  
Decatur  
Thursday, 11 a.m.  
256-353-7664
Goat Auctions
Central Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction  
Clanton  
2nd & 4th Saturday  
205-287-1647
Clay County Goat & Poultry Auction  
Millabaile  
2nd & 4th Saturday, 12 p.m.  
256-839-6824
Escambia County Cooperative Inc.  
Brewton  
Saturday, 12 p.m.  
251-867-5111

National Weekly Hog Report

The following are national statistics of hog sales, as compiled by the USDA on Friday, May 15. Early weaned pigs steady. All feeder pigs $2 per head higher. Demand moderate for moderate offerings. Receipts include 50 percent formulated prices. All prices quoted on per head basis with an estimated lean value of 50-54 percent.

Receipts this Week: 91,738  
Last Week: 111,912  
Last Year: 62,632
Information below (l-r) is: Lot Size, Head, Formula Range, Formula Wtd Avg., Head Receipts this Week: 91,738  
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Early Weaned Pigs 10-12 lbs. Basis:

600 or less  
2,184  
34.28-40.45  
36.30  
2,106  
35.00-42.00  
37.59
600-1200  
12,852  
34.45-44.90  
38.87  
2,944  
35.00-38.50  
36.56
1200 or more  
31,259  
34.45-44.90  
38.87  
2,944  
35.00-38.50  
36.56
Total compos. 46,295  
33.74-48.00  
39.55  
29,708  
35.00-43.00  
39.28

Feeder Pigs 40 lbs. Basis:

600 or less  
3,445  
57.50-67.00  
61.83
600-1200  
3,090  
57.50-63.00  
60.73
1200 or more  
9,200  
63.00-68.00  
65.20
Total composite 15,735  
57.50-68.00  
63.58

Total composite Weighted Average Receipts and Price (Formula and Cash): All Early Weaned Pigs: 76,003 at 39.44; All 40 lbs. Feeder Pigs: 15,735 at 63.58.

Note: Prices are quoted on a per head basis delivered to the buyers farm. Prices include freight and fees on a farm to farm basis.


Alabama Monthly Hay Report

Compared to last month: Hay prices were firm for the month of May. Trade moderate with moderate demand and light supply. All prices are FOB unless otherwise noted.

Estimated Tons: 1,600  
Last Month: 1,614  
Last Year: 853
Southeast Hay:
Peanut Mid Round
Good 7 100.00-100.00 100.00

Bermuda Grass Small Square
Premium 387 180.00-300.00 216.54

Bermuda Grass Large Round
Premium 42 133.33-133.33 133.33

Bermuda Grass Mid Round
Premium 222 80.00-130.00 106.49
Good 12 75.00-75.00 75.00

Bahia Grass Small Square
Premium 6 200.00-200.00 200.00
Fair 15 160.00-160.00 160.00

Bahia Grass Mid Round
Premium 18 90.00-90.00 90.00


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**Alabama Livestock Summary**

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for May totaled an estimated 31,000 head compared to 37,006 head for April and 42,497 head for May 2014. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows sold steady to $2 higher, bulls steady sold. Feeder steers under 600 lbs sold $8 to $10 lower; over 600 lbs sold $2 to $4 lower. Feeder heifers sold $6 to $10 lower; over 600 lbs sold $2 to $4 lower. Replacement cows and pairs sold steady to $2 higher. The feeder supply consisted of 20 percent steers, 43 percent heifers and 37 percent bulls.

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within the diagnostic lab for futher testing, which could include histology, bacteriology, virology, molecular detection, serology or toxicology.

David is also responsible for operating the diagnostic lab's tissue digester. This digester is critical should an infectious disease situation arise where a contaminated animal needs to be destroyed. The digester uses heat, pressure and chemicals to completely dissolve the entire carcass and destroy any infectious agents within the tissues.

David went to high school in Georgia and graduated with a degree in animal science from Auburn University in 2006. David said during his interview that he realizes that very few people know how much work is done behind the scenes by agencies like the department to keep our food supply safe. He said that his favorite part of his job is being part of the surveillance program and helping to ensure the safety of the food supply for the public.
Upcoming Ag Events

• June 3—The Capital City Master Gardener Association sponsors a free monthly Lunch and Learn. Gardening topics are highlighted during the noon to 1 p.m. sessions at the Armory Learning Arts Center at 1018 Madison Ave., Montgomery. The June topic is Roses for the Faint at Heart. For more information, call 334-270-4133 or visit www.capcitymga.org.

• June 5, 12, 19 & 26—Chickens and small animals sale will be held at 7 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• June 6—Horse and tack sale will be held at 7 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• June 6—Are you interested in growing cane and making syrup? Do you have syrup-making equipment for sale? The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. at Ryan’s Steakhouse in Enterprise. If interested in joining, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.

• June 6—The Montgomery Area Daylily Society will host their annual registered daylily sale, beginning at 10 a.m. at Eastdale Mall, 1000 Eastdale Mall, Montgomery. For more information, call 334-288-6024.

• June 6, 13, 20 & 27—Brewton Choo-choo Farmers’ Market offers free vendor space to all registered growers at the market. The weekly market, which is open through December, sets up at 8 a.m. and opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. For more information, call Connie Baggett, with the City of Brewton, at 251-809-1777 or 251-604-4256.

• June 6 & 20—The East Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1006 Co Rd 474, Woodland, AL 36380. The auction will sell goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry. For more information, call 256-419-8527.

• June 12-13—The 20th annual Marion Rodeo will be held at the Perry County Cattlemen’s Ralph Eagle Memorial Arena in Marion on Highway 14. Gates open at 6 p.m., with the rodeo starting at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are $10, children 3 and younger get in free. Proceeds are donated to the crisis fund for the Perry County Fire Association. For more information, call 334-683-4004 and leave a message.

• June 13—The Central Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1403 Kincheon Road in Clanton. Additional livestock and poultry, etc. welcome. For more information, call Joseph Holley at 205-287-1647 or Jada Myrick at 205-258-6179.

• June 13 & 27—Goats, sheep and cattle sale will be held at noon at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call 256-839-6824.

• June 18 & 19—The Forestry and Wildlife School for Landowners will be held in Munford and will cover an intro to timber management, planting trees and creating wildlife openings, wild pig damage and control, etc. CFE units are available to registered foresters who attend. Early registration fee by June 1 is $35; late registration is $40, spouse registration is $20. For more information, call Katherine at the Walker County Soil and Water Conservation District at 205-384-0606 ext. 1.

• June 27—The Queen’s Castle Beekeeping Association meets the last Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at 21980 US Highway 29 in Andalusia. Hive demonstrations will be held, weather permitting. Bring a covered dish, meat is furnished. For information, email OJBees@gmail.com.

ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY OPTIONS FOR FARMERS

Weather is one of farming’s greatest challenges. But Brenda Ortiz, a corn and grain crops specialist with Alabama Cooperative Extension System, says farmers’ abilities to manage production risks, like drought or heavy rains, are improving.

Producers can learn more about climate adaptation strategies at Ag Solutions Day, August 10. The one-day event is free and will be held at the Orange Beach Events Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway, Orange Beach. The meeting is slated for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

Registration is encouraged by July 31. To register, visit www.aces.edu/go/551. For more information, contact Jeane Baker at 334-844-3922 or jlb0049@auburn.edu.

“Producers will learn best options for reducing climate-related risks,” Ortiz says. “In addition, they see innovations that can enhance their sustainability, as well as learn strategies that will allow them to upscale their production levels.”

Producers will have a chance to get hands-on experience with the AgroClimate website, which uses crop simulation models and climate data to compare changes in possible outcomes under different conditions.

Participants will hear from farmers, industry representatives and Extension professionals during a panel discussion on agricultural solutions, as well as climate outlook for this summer and fall.

The event is sponsored by Southeast Climate Extension Project, a network of row crop farmers, Extension specialists, researchers and climate scientists engaging in climate adaptation dialogue in the southeastern United States.

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and to restore public faith and confidence in the Alabama seafood industry.

Through extensive funding from British Petroleum (BP), the State of Alabama was able to purchase numerous testing instruments and equipment, as well as to provide for the maintenance and staffing of laboratory operations. BP provided $4 million in order to upscale their production levels.

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Farmers Market
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the importance of agriculture in their daily lives.” Several members of the Enterprise High School FFA Chapter attended the grand opening of the facility to solidify the impact agricultural students will have on the future of this facility.

During the event, Boswell said the building could also be used during midday.

Rental rules will be the same as those of the Enterprise Civic Center and rental requests will go through Community Service Coordinator Birgit Briggs, who runs the Civic Center.

For more information, visit http://enterprisefowntown.org/farmers-market or call 334-348-2668 or e-mail bbriggs@enterpriseal.gov.
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Southern And Then Some More COOKBOOK

Our latest cookbook contains wonderful recipes from the readers of AFC Cooperative News, employees and families of AFC, and vendors.

The cookbook is dedicated in memory of our late CEO Roger Pangle. Part of the proceeds goes to support cancer research and the United Way.

Cookbooks may be purchased at participating Co-op stores for $15.95.

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