

SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Avoyelles Parish LSU AgCenter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Officer Training Sept. 12
Day

Livestock Exhibitor Day Sept. 27

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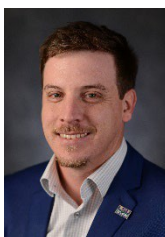


Dayton Pennington (LASAS 2026) celebrates being named Louisiana 4-H President

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The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a statewide network of parish extension offices, research stations and academic departments, the LSU AgCenter helps Louisiana citizens make the best use of natural resources, protect the environment, enhance agricultural enterprises, and develop human and community resources. In Avoyelles, we possess a profoundly unique and distinct culture that is deeply rooted in agriculture and the connected industries that come along with it. The Avoyelles Parish LSU AgCenter remains committed to preserving this tradition by offering supportive programming that educates, innovates, and improves agriculture production, youth development, and nutrition.

Our Team:



Justin Dufour
ANR Agent
Parish Chair



Ann Soileau
4-H Agent



Amy Ardoin
4-H Agent

Area Agents:

Jennifer Duhon - Nutrition
Molly Lyles - Horticulture
Brittany Zaunbrecher - Livestock
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Avoyelles Parish 4-H Shines at 2024-2025 4-H University



Avoyelles Parish 4-H University Parish Picture

The 2024-2025 4-H University was a remarkable event for Avoyelles Parish 4-H, as 15 dedicated youth represented their community with pride and excellence. Each participant competed in a variety of contests, showcasing their diverse talents and hard work. The Avoyelles Parish 4-H team brought home an impressive 10 blue ribbons.

Among the standout performers was Austin LeBlanc, who secured 1st place in Consumer Decision Making, earning a trip, and placed 3rd in Photography. Andrew Dauzat demonstrated his skills by placing 3rd in Zero Turn Mower. Lucas Guillory excelled in Meat Identification and Evaluation, clinching 1st place and winning a trip to Kansas City. In the Horticulture category, Jayden Moreau and Jacques Dauzat placed 9th and 8th, respectively. Additionally, Jayden, Jacques, and Zoey Matthews teamed up to achieve 3rd place in the Horticulture team contest.



Austin LeBlanc (LASAS 2025) announced as State Winner in his contest at 4-H University

Marlee Mayeux showcased her fishing prowess by placing 4th in Fishing Sports, while Katie Guillory impressed with her creativity, securing 3rd place in Fashion Upcycle. Dayton Pennington demonstrated his oratory skills by placing 9th in Public Speaking.

Beyond the individual achievements, Avoyelles Parish 4-H celebrated the success of their state board and ambassador representatives. Jacques Dauzat was appointed to the Food and Fitness State Board, while Ethan LeBlanc and Andrew Dauzat were named State Wetlands Ambassadors. Clara Deloach earned the title of State Livestock Ambassador, and Dayton Pennington was elected as Louisiana State 4-H President by his peers.

4-H University is the premier leadership and competition event for the Louisiana 4-H Program, held annually in mid-June on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge. It offers 4-H members from 8th to 12th grade the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in

over 30 competitive events, ranging from Demonstrations and Automotive Care to Fishing Sports and Public Speaking. The event is a culmination of a year of hard work and dedication, allowing youth to develop life skills such as teamwork, decision-making, problem-solving, and resiliency. Participants also have the chance to engage in Clover College, an in-depth, hands-on learning experience focused on specific topics with a strong emphasis on college and career connections. This program helps youth gain insights into potential career interests and opportunities, which they can bring back to their local communities. Avoyelles Parish 4-H continues to break records and set new standards of excellence. Preparation for next year's 4-H University is already underway, with the event scheduled for June 23-25, 2026. The community eagerly anticipates another year of outstanding achievements and growth.

Focusing on Fall Nutrition



Nutrition Agent, Jennifer Duhon

While temps may not feel crisp and brisk yet, Fall is just around the corner. As the vibrant days of summer fade, fall emerges, ushering in shorter periods of daylight and a cooler climate. These changes can impact our health and nutrition needs. Embracing fall nutrition means focusing on seasonally available produce and ensuring adequate intake of specific nutrients to support immunity and overall well-being.

1. Embrace seasonal abundance

Fall offers a rich harvest of nutrient-dense fruits and vegetables. Incorporating these into your diet maximizes their nutritional value and flavor.

Fruits: Apples, pears, cranberries, grapes, pomegranates, figs, and persimmons are excellent fall fruits. These pair well in a savory salad.

Vegetables: Pumpkins, various types of squash (butternut, acorn, spaghetti), sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, kale, spinach, beets, carrots, cauliflower, and mushrooms are abundant in fall.

2. Focus on key nutrients for fall

Vitamin D: Sunlight exposure, our primary source of vitamin D, decreases in fall. This vitamin is crucial for immune function, bone health, and mood regulation. Food sources: Fatty fish (salmon, tuna), fortified milk and cereals, and egg yolks. Supplementation:

Consider a vitamin D supplement if dietary intake and sun exposure are insufficient. Talk

to your medical provider before starting any supplements.

Vitamin C: A potent antioxidant, vitamin C is vital for a robust immune system to fight off seasonal infections. Food sources: Citrus fruits, bell peppers, leafy greens, kiwi, and cranberries.

Vitamin A/Beta-carotene: Essential for eye health and immune support. Food sources: Pumpkin, sweet potatoes, carrots, and kale.

Fiber: Important for digestive health, satiety, and blood sugar regulation. Food sources: Whole grains (oats, barley, brown rice, quinoa), fruits, vegetables, beans, and lentils.

Lean protein: Supports sustained energy and muscle health. Food sources: Poultry, fish, beans, and lentils.

Healthy fats: Essential fatty acids, particularly omega-3s, support heart health and reduce inflammation. Food sources: Salmon, tuna, flaxseeds, walnuts, chia seeds, and avocados.

3. Hydration remains key

Don't forget to drink plenty of water, even as the weather cools. Warm herbal teas can also provide hydration and comfort. Be cautious of holiday themed coffees and beverages as they are often packed with added calories and sugar.

4. Get creative with fall flavors and recipes

Spices: Utilize warming spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and cloves in your fall cooking and baking. The LSU AgCenter's Herb and Spice of the month program has numerous recipes to try.

Comfort foods: Make healthier versions of fall classics like soups, stews, and casseroles by adding extra vegetables, using leaner proteins, and reducing fat and sodium. A quick google search for "healthier versions" of any of your fall favorites will meet your needs.

Meal planning: Plan meals that incorporate seasonal produce and key nutrients. Consider options like roasted butternut squash soup, apple salads, roasted Brussels sprouts, sweet potato stews, and pumpkin chili. This will allow you to use all of your produce for multiple meals.

By focusing on seasonal foods and incorporating essential nutrients, you can build a fall diet that's both delicious and supportive of your overall health and wellness.

Clubs, Clinics, and Camps

Spark – Action – Change Summit



Avoyelles Parish youth attending Spark – Action -Change Summit

The Spark•Action•Change Summit was an amazing opportunity for our 7th and 8th graders. The Summit was held February 20 -22, 2025 in the Capital City – Baton Rouge, LA.

Day 1, our spark, consisted of networking, educational sessions about how our government works, and a speech by Representative Wyble.

Day 2, our action, began with a visit to the state capital. We first met with Representative Lafleur and then our youth participated in a mock hearing to pass a bill. After our guided tour of the capital, we explored the capital museum. This all happened before our LSU campus tour and an evening social.

Day 3, our change, was our chance to give back. We volunteered at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Here we sorted and packaged donated items and learned about how the food bank functions. Our closing ceremony comprised of a luncheon, speeches, and reflection activities. We cannot wait to see how experiencing this fantastic summit will impact the future of our youth.

4-H Foundation Fun – Run



Avoyelles 4-H Foundation 1-Mile Walk and 5k Participants

The Avoyelles Parish 4-H Foundation hosted an inaugural fundraiser to help offset the expenses of the annual Outstanding Member Banquet, that awards achievements to Avoyelles Parish 4-H members and volunteers. The event's original date was rescheduled due to rain, but supporters came through and participated in a 1-mile walk or 5k. Foundation members were responsible for organizing and executing the fundraiser. The winners were as followed: 1 Mile – (1st Place) Anneliesa Dufour, (2nd Place) Addyson Miller, and (3rd Place) Andrew Dauzat. The 5k winners were as followed: {Ages 11-17} (1st Place) Danny Luu, (2nd Place) Kylee Lemoine, and (3rd Place) Dalila Aymon. {Ages 18-39} (1st Place) Hailey Meche, and (2nd Place) Aiden Priestler. {Ages 40+} (1st Place) Lee Marsh, and (2nd Place) Christopher Mann.

The Avoyelles Parish 4-H Foundation would like to thank all of the participants and community members for advertisement. A Spring Fundraiser will be announced in the Winter of 2026.

Wild Over Wildlife



Wild Over Wildlife Participants Kayaking at Bayou Chicot

Bayou Chicot, LA — Avoyelles 4-H, led by Assistant Agent Mrs. Ann Soileau, continues to inspire youth through hands-on environmental education with its popular “Wild Over Wildlife” Day Camp. The most recent camp, held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Chicot State Park, welcomed 15 youth and 4 parents for a day of outdoor exploration and learning.

Participants were guided by a knowledgeable park ranger on a walking tour through the park’s arboretum, where they learned about native plant species and local ecosystems. The ranger also led a kayaking tour across the lake, offering a unique perspective on the park’s natural beauty. One memorable takeaway for attendees was learning that “Chicot” is a Native American term meaning “stump,” reflecting the park’s cultural and ecological heritage.

Mrs. Soileau expressed pride in the event’s success, noting how experiences like these help youth connect with nature and develop a deeper appreciation for wildlife and conservation.

Looking ahead, Avoyelles 4-H is excited to host another Wild Over Wildlife Day Camp at Chicot State Park on March 21, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This upcoming camp will feature wildlife observation, nature hikes, kayaking, and educational workshops designed to engage young nature enthusiasts in a fun and interactive setting.



Reptilian Lesson



Forestry Lesson



Campfire Basics

Achievement Day



Youth Participating in Equipment Driving (Sponsored by Sunshine Manager, Trampus Blood)

Riverside Elementary School was filled with energy and excitement on Saturday, April 12, as it hosted the annual Avoyelles 4-H Achievement Day, a celebration of youth leadership, learning, and community spirit.

The event brought together 4-H members from across Avoyelles Parish to compete, collaborate, and showcase their talents. Among the highlights were the Skill-a-Thon competitions, where youth demonstrated their knowledge and hands-on abilities in a wide range of categories, including: Insect ID, Fish ID and Skills, Consumer Decision Making, Sewing, Horticulture, First Aid...and many more! Each attending school also fielded a team to compete in the Avoyelles 4-H Quiz Bowl, a fast-paced contest that tested students' knowledge of 4-H facts. The friendly competition fostered school pride and camaraderie among participants.

The day's festivities included a Talent Contest, where 4-H youth took the stage to perform music, dance, and other creative acts. Families and friends cheered as students showcased their artistic abilities and confidence in front of a supportive audience. Educational sessions were hosted by the Avoyelles Junior Leader Club, whose members led workshops on public speaking, leadership development, and healthy living. These sessions provided younger

4-H members with valuable insights and mentorship from their older peers.

To celebrate excellence, first-place winners in each competition were awarded a special prize: a 4-H Night at the Movies, complete with popcorn and a drink. This fun reward recognized their hard work and gave them a chance to relax and enjoy time with fellow 4-H members. "This day is a celebration of everything 4-H stands for—learning by doing, building character, and serving others," said one 4-H coordinator. "We're proud of our youth and grateful to Riverside Elementary for being such a welcoming host."

With smiles, ribbons, and new friendships, the 2025 Avoyelles 4-H Achievement Day left a lasting impression on all who attended.

New Agent Spotlight



Karen Burlew, Avoyelles Parish 4-H Agent

Avoyelles Parish 4-H welcomed new agent Karen Burlew on August 15, 2025. Karen was a part of 4-H throughout her middle and high school years. She graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. In the summer of 2024, Karen served as the Livestock Extension ASPIRE Intern under the guidance of Dr. Ashley Edwards, where she gain experience of the LSU AgCenter Extension program. She then continued as a student worker throughout the 2024-25 academic year. These experiences sparked her desire to work for the LSU AgCenter. Karen is excited to be a part of Avoyelles Parish 4-H and is eager to work to make Avoyelles Parish and our state the best it can be.

As we welcome Karen to the Parish, we want to thank and wish the very best to Mrs. Amy Ardoin as she has transferred to Jefferson Parish to serve as the 4-H Agent there. Amy's work and dedication to Avoyelles 4-H is acknowledged and appreciated.

Summer Camp



Avoyelles 4-H Group Picture, Summer Camp 2025

POLLOCK, LA — The spirit of summer was alive and thriving as 69 energetic 4th through 6th grade youth from Avoyelles Parish joined together for an unforgettable week at Camp Grant Walker, the Louisiana 4-H summer camp nestled in the piney woods of Pollock.

This year's group included 46 girls and 23 boys, all eager to dive into a week filled with outdoor fun, learning, and friendship. The campers were accompanied by four dedicated parent volunteers, five junior camp counselors, and Avoyelles Parish 4-H Agent Ann Soileau, who helped guide and support the young participants throughout the experience.

Camp Grant Walker offered a wide variety of activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Campers participated in swimming, canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, environmental education, and team-building games. Evening campfires and talent shows added to the excitement, creating lasting memories for everyone involved.

This camp is more than just a getaway. It's a chance for our youth to grow, explore new interests, and make lifelong friends. Watching them support each other and step out of their comfort zones is truly inspiring.

The junior camp counselors, many of whom are former campers themselves, played a vital role in mentoring the younger youth and helping facilitate daily activities. Their leadership and enthusiasm were key to the camp's success.

Parents also expressed gratitude for the opportunity. "It's wonderful to see our kids unplug and connect with nature and each other," said one volunteer. "They come home more confident and full of stories."

As the buses rolled back into Avoyelles Parish, tired but happy campers waved goodbye to a week of adventure, already looking forward to next summer's return to Camp Grant Walker.



Avoyelles Parish Takes on Ireland



Mansura, LA - A group of enthusiastic youth and their dedicated chaperones from Louisiana 4-H are experiencing the trip of a lifetime in Ireland. Over the past eight days, the group has immersed themselves in the rich agricultural and cultural heritage of the Emerald Isle, starting their journey in Dublin on the east coast and making their way to Galway on the west coast.

The adventure began with five days of diverse and enriching activities. The group visited a castle, the Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Facility, and experienced traditional Irish river dancing. They also toured a working dairy farm and an organic apple orchard with a rich history. A highlight of their time in Dublin was a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where they marveled at the stunning architecture and learned about its historical significance.

On Day 6, the group visited Redmond Farm, a mixed beef and vegetable farm. Here, they learned about the Aberdeen Angus cattle and the vegetables produced for local hotel restaurants. Lunch was enjoyed at Wheelock Fruit Farm, a family-run farm known for its strawberry production since the 1950s. The youth gained insights into the challenges and opportunities of growing soft fruit in Ireland's unique conditions. The day concluded with a delightful farm-to-fork dinner, celebrating the local produce and culinary traditions of Ireland.

Day 7 was marked by a visit to the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic natural landmarks. Day 8 began with a visit to the Glengowla Mines, where the group was treated to a fascinating sheepdog demonstration and a tour of the historic mines. The

adventure continued with a tour of an oyster farm, where the youth learned about the intricate process of oyster farming and even participated in an oyster packing competition. Participants Avoyelles 4H members Dayton Pennington, Dalton Causey, Jacques and Andrew Dauzat, Sinaya Stewart, Mrs. Ann Soileau Avoyelles 4-H Agent, Mrs. Jennie Pennington, and Mrs. Kristin Dauzat made the most of their time in Ireland, gaining invaluable knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime.



Ireland Pictures Cont.



Agriculture and Natural Resources

Avoyelles Parish Hosts LCAA Annual Conference



LCAA Group at Native American History Museum (Tunica Biloxi Tribe, Marksville)



LCAA Group at Great Southern Wood Preserve (Mansura)

As President, Justin Dufour had the privilege of hosting our Louisiana County Ag Agents Association annual conference right here in Avoyelles Parish. County Agents from around the state came together for fellowship and professional development, as we showcased our dynamic agricultural operations.

Our conference kicked off Sunday evening at the The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Museum, where LCAA members and their guests received an all access tour of the museum that highlighted the history of local Native American tribes, while featuring the state of the art artifact center. Next, we headed to the bayou where we enjoyed boiled crawfish catered by Mr. Paul Couvillion and his team at Rocky's Tails and Shells Dugout Grill and Bar. This meal was graciously sponsored by the team at Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board!

Monday featured our tour day, where members were exposed to multiple unique and impactful agricultural operations in Avoyelles. A special thanks to Brock Descant with Great Southern Wood Preserving, Jason Bordelon with Southern Whitetails LLC, and Mr. James, Mrs. Georgia, Robbie, and Jake Bernard with J Bernard Seafood Co. For lunch, we enjoyed a delicious crawfish etouffee prepared by the aforementioned Mr. James Bernard. During this time, we heard from our Director of Extension with the LSU AgCenter, Dr. Tara Smith.

Following our morning stops, we broke out into discipline-specific tours that featured our 3 ANR groups: Horticulture, Livestock, and Agronomy. Livestock was welcomed at Avoyelles Animal Clinic where Dr. Troy Spencer and his staff elaborated on the embryonic transfer process in beef cattle, featuring an in-depth look at samples under a microscope. Following that, the group headed to Richard Dupuy's peanut hay operation to learn about the unique crop being grown for hay. Agronomy agents visited the Port of Avoyelles where Mr. Obie Ryland gave us the history and functionality of the port and the impact current and potential

industries could have for its growth and production on the property. From there, we headed to John-Thomas Laborde and his family farm to visit our recently implemented deer repellent trial. This trial is the only study of its kind in Louisiana and is a part of a national trial featured throughout the Southeastern United States. The horticulture group visited Louisiana Tree Farm, where they showcased their greenhouse and ornamental/shade tree operation. From there, the group headed back to base where they met the managers of the newly developed Tach'i Farms, an organic vegetable operation within the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe.

Monday night featured our scholarship auction, where members were treated with a Cochon de Lait prepared by my good friend, Mr. Lonis Kelone. This meal was sponsored by our great Avoyelles Parish Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors. Over \$6,000 was raised, a record for our association, to go toward Louisiana 4-H college scholarships. Avoyelles had 2 awesome donations: Ward Bordelon with LASAS FFA Chapter and Deputy Warden Steve Bordelon at Raymond Laborde Correctional Facility.

For our professional development series, our keynote speaker, Dr. Paul Coreil, Chancellor of LSU Alexandria reflected on his time as an LSU AgCenter County Agent and Extension Director that offered encouraging wisdom and professional advice. State Climatologist, Jay

Grymes, and multiple AgCenter Specialists followed with informative presentations regarding a new weather and crop condition reporting system, invasive carp species, sweet potato production, and the beef cattle nutrition research being done.



J. Bernard Seafood Processing Plant (Cottonport)

During this time, our spouses and special guest were treated to downtown Bunkie, LA and the newly remodeled shopping strip. Leading the tour, Natalie Roblin representing Travel Avoyelles ended with a stop at Steeles Florist and Jewelry to make an awesome arrangement!

For lunch, we were honored to be joined by families of past county agents that have passed away in the recent year. Our annual Memorial Luncheon, paid tribute to our colleagues and the impact they had.

The Awards Banquet on Tuesday night was hosted by our friends at Bailey's on the Square, where we recognized multiple communication award winners at the state level. The awards were presented and sponsored by Ty Eicemann and First South Farm Credit. This banquet also featured our highest honor bestowed within our association, the Distinguished Service Award to Lee Faulk and the Achievement Award to Dr. Joe Willis. Furthermore, Dr. Ashley Keith Edwards and her teams received recognition as the National Winner and an

additional Finalist placing in the Search for Excellence Award. Special recognition was presented to Dr. Bobby Soileau for his service as Treasurer of the association. Dinner was provided by the Crawfish Bread man himself, Mr. John-Ed Laborde with Panaroma Foods, Inc.

So many people to thank, but a special thanks to my heart, Hailey Meche, and my work family at Avoyelles Parish LSU AgCenter, Avoyelles Parish 4-H and Travel Avoyelles. Couldn't have done it without y'all!



Southern Whitetails (Moreauville)



Couchon De Lait (Lonis Kelone)



Awards Night (Baileys on the Square)

LSU AgCenter Radio Spot



As a reminder, the Avoyelles Parish LSU AgCenter has a weekly radio segment that airs every Wednesday morning. The radio spot offers the opportunity to update stakeholders on all of our programming and important information pertaining to agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, and nutrition and community health. Additionally, it gives 4-H youth the platform to improve communication abilities and develop key skills regarding media relations. We want to extend our appreciation to Mr. Todd Laborde, owner of the radio station, and his staff for allowing us to reach our clientele.

Molly's Minute – Horticulture Update



Molly Lyles, ANR Horticulture Agent

Lawn Burweed: Getting ahead of weeds in the lawn is a yearlong activity in central Louisiana. To reduce the impact and spread of weeds in our turf grasses, it is essential to know the type of grass you have and to properly identify any weeds present. Identifying your grass type and following the specific maintenance practices recommended will enhance the health and vigor of your lawn. The LSU AgCenter provides Best Management Practices for various turf grasses, and I encourage you to check this out or contact your local extension service for more details. Understanding the weeds in your lawn, their growth cycles, and the appropriate times to treat is crucial. Once you know what weeds are present, creating a calendar or reminders for when and what to apply throughout the year can significantly reduce weed pressure.

A common call I receive in the spring is about burweed. Burweed is also referred to as sticker weed and is most noticeable when it produces seeds covered in sharp spines or burs in the spring. If you've ever tried walking barefoot in the lawn in the spring and had to hurry back on tip toes to get shoes or just decided to continue walking while getting poked on the bottom of your feet, you most likely know which weed I'm referring to. By that stage, the plant has already created seeds so there is little that can be done to treat them at this point. There are a few tools that can help remove these seeds on the internet, but I cannot personally speak of their effectiveness as I have never used them. Management of burweed begins around October in central Louisiana. Burweed is a cool season weed that germinates in the cooler temperatures of early fall and continues to grow throughout the winter in Louisiana. Around this time of year, burweeds start to germinate. Applying a pre-emerge can help reduce germination of this weed and others. Although I anticipate that many burweed seeds from last year have already germinated, I would encourage applying a pre-emerge for lawns if you haven't done so already and re-apply according to the label instructions. During the next few months from December to February, watch for young burweed plants, which resemble young parsley or carrot leaves. They have a low growing habit so close inspection is required. Treat these with a post emergent herbicide labeled for burweed. Herbicides with the active ingredient atrazine, or a combination of 2,4-D, mecoprop and dicamba are labeled to treat burweed and are available to homeowners. It is important to follow the directions on the label as there may be specific instructions for applying products based on the lawn grass that you are applying these over. For more information contact your local extension agent.



Narrowly divided leaves



Seed bur



Branching growth habit

It's That Time of Year: Football and Food Plots



Robbie Hutchins, ANR Forestry and Wildlife Agent

As Fall approaches, preparation for implementation or management of food plots must be considered. Below you will find a list of recommended practices regarding soil testing, fertility and planting to make your successful food plot a reality:

SOIL TESTING

A. TOOLS NEEDED

- i. Shovel, Sharp Shooter, or Garden Trowel
- ii. Bucket

B. PROCEDURE

- i. Scrape Back Leaves, Grass, and Organic Matter
- ii. Take a Plug of Soil 4"-6" Deep
- iii. Place in Bucket
- iv. If Wet Dry Out on a Piece of Cardboard, Plywood, Etc.
- v. Place Soil in LSU AgCenter Bags
- vi. Fill Out Information Sheet
- vii. Pay with Either Credit Card or Check
- viii. Place in Envelope, Address Envelope, and Mail to LSU AgCenter Lab

C. FAQs

What Does It Cost?

\$11 / Sample Plus Postage

How Many Samples Do I Need to Take?

Number Depends On:

Soil Type
Topography
Hydrology

Evaluate your property and determine the variability of the above features and sample accordingly.

How Long Are Soil Test Recommendations Good For?

Until You Apply the Amendments at the Prescribed Rate



RECOMMENDED FORAGES AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Clover: Patriot or Durana @ 5-10 lbs per acre. Pennington products. Patriot is supposed to be the new and improved Durana. I think Durana went off patent.

Oats or Wheat @ 25-30 lbs per acre. To me oats are best.

I recommend planting between October 1 and October 15.

Planting Schedule with Approximate Dates for Reference

1. Round Up Burndown - July 15 - August 1
2. First Discing - August 1 - August 15
3. Retreat Round Up - August 15 - September 1

4. Second Discing and Lime Application - September 15 - October Must till/disc lime into soil.
5. Third Discing, Planting, P& K Fertilization, October 1 - October 15. Prepare Seedbed, Apply Seed and Fertilizer and Cover.
6. Nitrogen Schedule as Listed Above

Apply a Minimum of 325 lbs of Urea this year ONLY in 3 applications.

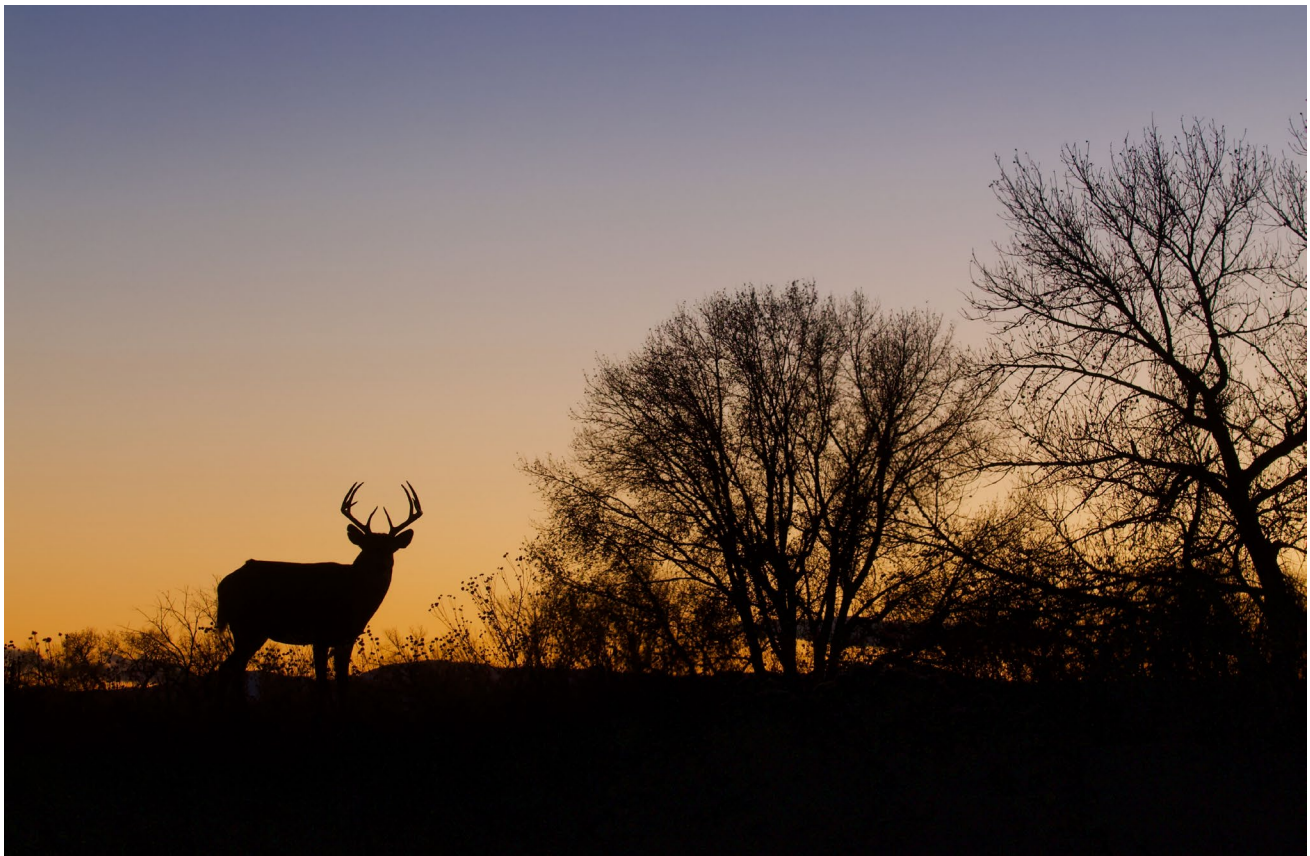
No Nitrogen After Establishment Year. NITROGEN = WEEDS

CLOVER PLOT MAINTENANCE 2026 AND BEYOND

- i. MOW - May 15 - June 15
Mowing "Dead" Clover Flowers Effectively Over Seeds the Plot Each Year
- ii. MOW - September 15 - October 15
Only if Needed. It Usually Is
- iii. SOIL TEST – August – September
- iv. FERTILIZE – October 1 - 15

Based on Soil Test Data

NO NITROGEN!! Nitrogen makes weeds.
- v. WEED CONTROL - Only If Needed





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