

LSU AgCenter

DeSoto Parish

AG UPDATE

September 2023



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Grand Cane, LA 71032

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Upcoming Events

September 2023

8th-9th: DeBossier Showdown
Livestock Show

30th: NW Region Hunter's Forum

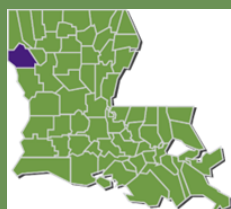
October 2023

7th: Homesteader's Conference

14th: DeSoto Plant Swap

16th: DeSoto Parish Cattleman's
Association Meeting

DeSoto Parish is made up of
547,840 acres of land with a
population of approximately 27,000
residents. Timber, beef cattle, and
forages are the major commodities.



From the Agent's Desk

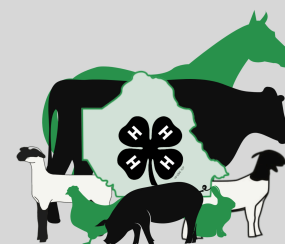
I think we can all agree on one thing as we enter into a new month, thank the Good Lord for some cooler temperatures and a little bit of much needed rain. These "cool" fronts that we have been experiencing are a greatly appreciated break from the triple digit heat we had in August. Many parts of DeSoto received rainfall within the last week. It wasn't enough to bust the drought but right now every little drop counts. As of August 31st, DeSoto is now classified as a D3 Extreme Drought intensity level. Livestock producers within DeSoto Parish can now qualify for drought assistance through the Livestock Forage Disaster Program which is under the jurisdiction of the USDA's Farm Service Agency. If you wish to sign up for this program, you will need to contact your local FSA office and schedule an appointment with a representative from that office.

We are entering a busy time of year in the world of extension. Next week 4-H livestock exhibitors will be showing off their livestock projects here at the 4-H barn for the 2023 DeBossier Showdown. I would like to invite you to come out and show your support of these kids and see the hard work that they put into their projects. There are also a few regional events coming up as you can see on the left side of this newsletter under upcoming events. I have also included flyers for these events in this newsletter. I hope to see you around.

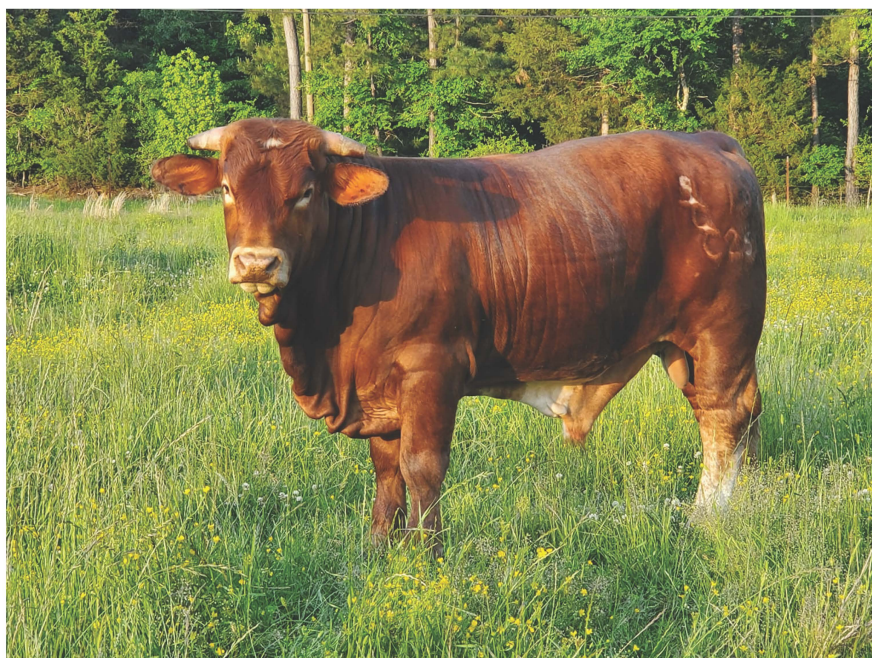
Until next month,
Josh

DeSoto Parish 4-H Jr. Livestock Club

Our Jr. Livestock is growing and we need YOUR help! If you or your farming operation would like to make a financial donation to the DeSoto 4-H Jr. Livestock program, contact our office!



DeSoto Parish Livestock



BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAMS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

**STARTING AT 9:00 AM
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

To pre-register contact Joshua Salley at
jsalley@agcenter.lsu.edu or 318-872-0533.

Exams performed by Marylynn Gooden, DVM.

Location:

7719 Hwy 171
Grand Cane, LA, 71032

Take advantage of these discounted rates!!!

Breeding Soundness Exam - \$75

Trichomoniasis Testing - \$50



**Test your bulls
before losing a
calf crop!**

**Educational
information
provided.**

**Must register by
November 1st**

**Payment due at
conclusion of
exam**



Northwest District Livestock Show

COMMERCIAL HEIFER PEN SALE & SHOW

Wednesday, January 24th, 2024
Held at Red River Livestock Auction
6066 LA-1 Coushatta, LA

Any 4-H'ers or FFA members in the Northwest Livestock District, (Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Red River, Sabine or Webster parish)

*Validation: September TBD

*Palpation: January

*Record books and summary due:
January 10th, 2024

*Show/Judging: January 23rd, 2024

*Sale: Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

Bona fide 4-H and FFA members have the opportunity to participate in a commercial heifer pen sale and show. Entries consist of a pen of three of commercial heifers. Heifers will be judged by a panel and will be sold. For more information please contact any of the following listed below.

Please contact any of the following for a registration form:

Mr. Lee
Faulk
318-927-2578
Ext. 205

Mr. Josh
Salley
318-872-0533

Mr. John
Terrell
318-226-6805

Ms. Erika
Derma
318-965-2326



The LSU AgCenter will be hosting the annual Grazing School beginning in September. The grazing school is designed to provide information and hands-on experience on a variety of different topics associated with forage production and utilization in livestock operations. Some of the topics that will be covered are:

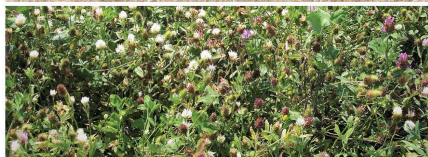
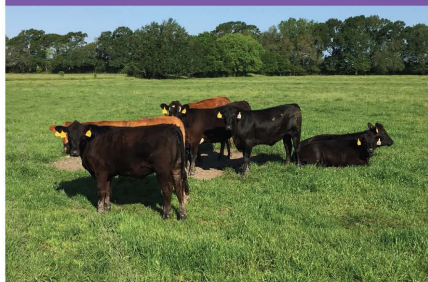
- Soil Fertility and Soil Health
- Hay and Baleage Production
- Weed Management and Forage Production
- Grazing Management and Grazing Systems
- Economics of Grazing Systems
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The school will consist of five (5) full day sessions. All sessions will occur at the Dean Lee Research Station (either at the State Evacuation Center or the Rapides Extension Office) and will be held every other Friday. The scheduled dates are:

- September 15
- September 29
- October 13
- October 27
- November 17



LSU AgCenter 2023 Grazing School



The LSU AgCenter Grazing School takes place over five sessions, providing information and hands-on experience with a variety of different topics associated with forage production for livestock operations.

Grazing School Sessions:

Date	Topic
Sept. 15	Soil Fertility and Health
Sept. 29	Weed Management, Hay and Baleage Production
Oct. 13	Forage Production and Grazing Management
Oct. 27	Grazing Systems for Cattle Operations
Nov. 17	Economics of Grazing Systems and Grazing of Other Species

- Sessions are held at either the Dean Lee Research Station (State Evacuation Center) or the Rapides Parish Extension Office
- Sessions begin at 8:30a.m. and end at 4:00p.m.
- Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Registration Information:

Registration Fee: \$150 per participant

Registration Deadline: Sept. 1, 2023

Participation is limited to **30** participants.

Registration is only available online.

Register Online

Scan the QR code or visit:
LSUAgCenter.com/GrazingSchool



For more information or questions contact Kurt M. Guidry.

Email: kmguidry@agcenter.lsu.edu **Phone:** 225-281-5948



Cattle Pregnancy Determination Clinic

Two dates available this year:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 8:00 A.M.

OR

Thursday, October 5, 2023, 8:00 A.M.

Hill Farm Research Station Homer, LA

Cost: \$200 per person.

A \$50 per person deposit is due September 25th.

You will learn:

Basics of Reproductive Anatomy

Pregnancy Management Strategies

Determining Pregnancy by Blood Testing, Ultrasound, and Rectal Palpation

For more information, please contact:

Lee Faulk

LSU AgCenter

Livestock Extension Agent

318-245-4200

Dr. Ashley Keith Edwards

LSU AgCenter

State Beef Specialist

512-818-5476

If you need special assistance to attend this meeting, please call the Hill Farm Research Station at 318-927-2578. The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in programs and employment. The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in programs and employment.



2023 NW Louisiana Hunter's Forum

DATE

September 30, 2023

Registration @ 8:00 AM

LOCATION

Red River Research Station

262 Research Station Drive

Bossier City, La. 71112

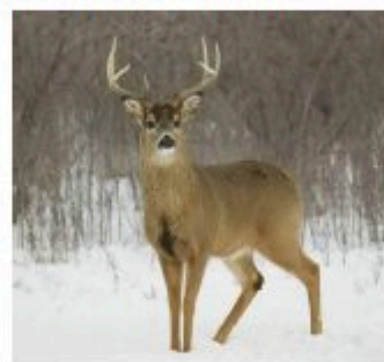


FEATURED TOPICS:

- ⇒ Feral Hog Toxic Bait
- ⇒ NRCS Cost Sharing
- ⇒ Food Plot Management
- ⇒ White Tailed Deer and Chronic Wasting Disease
- ⇒ Feral Hog Trapping
- ⇒ Hunting/Fishing Regulations Update

BENEFITING

- ◇ Private Landowners
- ◇ Avid Outdoorsmen
- ◇ Lease Holders
- ◇ Wildlife Enthusiasts
- ◇ Natural Resource Professionals



VENDORS WELCOME:

**CONTACT DONNA HAYNES TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT @
318-408-0971 OR
DHAYNES@AGCENTER.LSU.EDU**

2023 HOMESTEADER'S CONFERENCE



WHEN

October 7, 2023
Gates Open @ 8:00AM

WHERE

Red River Research Station
262 Research Station Drive

LEARN ABOUT HOMESTEADING/FOOD PRODUCTION
IN BACKYARDS, SMALL ACREAGES AND FOOD
PRESERVATION.

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BACKYARD & SMALL ACREAGE

POULTRY AND EGG
PRODUCTION

BACKYARD RABBITS

RAISING MEAT AND MILK
GOATS

SMALL-SCALE BEEF
PRODUCTION

FOOD PRESERVATION

MEAT PROCESSING

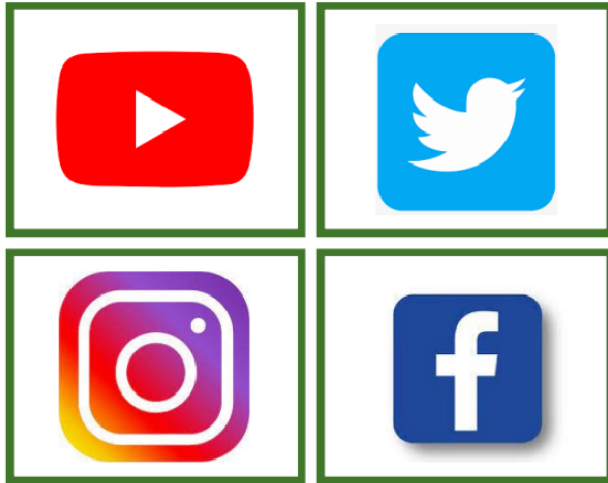
VEGETABLE GARDENING

FRUIT TREES AND SMALL
FRUITS

AND MANY OTHER
TOPICS



Online Resources



■ **Website:** www.lsuagcenter.com/beefcattle

■ **Beef Brunch Educational Series:**

■ www.lsuagcenter.com/beefbrunch

■ **YouTube:** LSU AgCenter – Livestock

■ **Remind App System:**

■ Text @labeef to 81010

■ **Social Media:**

■ Facebook – @LSUAgCenterBeefCattle

■ Instagram – @lsu_agcenter_beef_cattle

■ Twitter – @BeefLsu



LSUAgCenter.com

DeSoto Extension has a Facebook Page!

Please go like our page so you can keep informed on agricultural events!

[www.Facebook.com/
desotoparishextension](https://www.Facebook.com/desotoparishextension)

Membership and participation in activities and events are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, veteran status or disability. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation for your participation in an activity, please contact us at 318-872-0533.

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