



Headland Highlights



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Agricultural Newsletter of the LSU AgCenter's Iberia Cooperative Extension Service

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***What is Headland Highlights?**

Headland Highlights is an Agricultural Newsletter that will be sent to members of the agriculture community from the Iberia County Agent's Office of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. Headland Highlights will contain dates of importance, LSU AgCenter recommendations, reminders, as well as other important information relative to the local agriculture industry.

***LSU AgCenter Personnel Updates**

In the Fall of 2007 the LSU AgCenter advertised for a County Agent in Iberia Parish. Upon applying and interviewing I was appointed in mid-November of 2007. This change will allow the residents of Iberia and St. Mary Parishes to each have a full time county agent serving in these parishes. Jimmy Flanagan will primarily serve St.Mary Parish and I will primarily serve Iberia Parish. With many farmers operating in both parishes, Jimmy and I will be working together and conduct Iberia/St. Mary agriculture educational programs. We both think that these changes will be beneficial to everyone in both Iberia and St. Mary.

Before you read any further, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Blair J. Hebert and I have been a 4-H agent with the LSU AgCenter since 1994 working in Iberville Parish and the past 10 years in Iberia Parish. I grew up on a farm (mainly rice, crawfish and soybeans) in Maurice (Vermilion Parish) where my appreciation of farming was quickly learned and is always present. I graduated from U.L. Lafayette with a B.S. in Agri-Business in 1992 and LSU with a Master's in Vocational Education in 2000. My wife, Michelle, and I live near Erath along with our three children. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you over the past few months and I look forward to meeting more of you in the months to come. As your county agent my job will be to serve your needs to the best of my ability, especially as the agriculture community continues to face many challenges now and in the future.

***ANNUAL PESTICIDE AND CHEMICAL HANDLER RECERTIFICATION TRAINING AND MEETING**

The Iberia/St Mary Pesticide Recertification meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 19, 2008**. Please make plans to attend this meeting to get recertified. If you are not sure that your card expires this year, call the Iberia office at 369-4440 and we can let you know if you need to recertify your pesticide card. **Registration begins at 8:30**, with the program starting at 9:00, and ending at 11:30 with lunch at the **Ward 8 Recreation Center in Jeanerette**. **A fee of \$5.00 per person** will be charged to cover expenses.

Farmers who need their private applicator card renewed will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Checks are to be made payable to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. LDAF representative will be on hand to collect fees and other necessary information.

The program will include qualifying your workers for the **Federal Worker Protection Standard Program** as a qualified PESTICIDE HANDLER. (Green Card). This includes those who come in direct contact with any of the chemicals that you have (handling, storing, loading, applying, cleaning), including fertilizer and pesticides.

Please register using the registration form enclosed. **Please print or type the Trainee Name, Address, and Social Security Number of all persons you are planning to qualify.** It must be legible. All those attending must register. Completed registration forms must be turned in at the registration table upon arrival at the Ward 8 Recreation Center.

Those wishing to qualify must be in attendance for the entire presentation, and must be present to sign the register and green card at the end of the presentation.

Farmers who are qualified WPS Trainers will be called upon to assist in the certification of workers attending this training. Please bring your certification card with you!

***Farm Day 2008**

U.S. Congressmen, Charlie Melancon and Charles Boustany, invite you to:

- Farm Day 2008
- February 20, 2008
- West St. Mary Civic Center (1498 Hwy 318 Jeanerette) (4 Corners Civic Center, across from traffic light on Hwy 318)
- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 – presentations from industry experts and elected officials on how actions in Congress including the Farm Bill, Trade Agreements and the Energy Bill will affect the upcoming crop year.
- For more information or to RSVP please call 866-876-3033 or email FARMDAY2008@mail.house.gov

***Iberia/St. Mary Soybean Production & Marketing Meeting**

- February 22, 2008
- Lyn Lanie's (White Star Farms) Farm Shop (Hwy. 90 at the Patoutville Exit)
- 9:00 - Registration
- 9:15 – presentations by LSU AgCenter Specialists and local producers
- Meeting should conclude by 11:30 (no meal will be served)
- For more details the Louisiana Soybean & Feed Grain Review can be obtained at the following website:
www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Iberia/Features/ANR/Soybean

***Fertilizer Recommendations For 2008**

Dr. Ben Legendre, LSU AgCenter Specialists has prepared the 2008 Fertilizer Recommendations which are attached or can be obtained online at:

www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Iberia/Features/ANR

***Plant Disease Management**

This guide for 2008 contains suggestions for management of the most important or more prevalent diseases of Louisiana plants. It includes information on fungicides, bactericides and nematicides, as well as safety precautions for using them. If you are interested in this guide contact the Iberia County Agent's office at 369-4440 for ordering instructions. The price is \$10.00 per guide. It is also available online at:

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Plant Pathology Crop Physiology/Plant Disease Clinic/Plant Disease Control Guide/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Plant_Pathology_Crop_Physiology/Plant_Disease_Clinic/Plant_Disease_Control_Guide/)

***Weed Control**

Dr. Jim Griffin, LSU AgCenter Specialists, has developed the table below to control winter weeds. Pay particular attention to the information on weed size and how it affects the rate needed for control.

If you would like further details on weed control, the 2008 LSU AgCenter Suggested Chemical Weed Control Guide is available online at:

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/crops_livestock/crops/nursery_crops/Louisianas+Suggested+Chemical+Weed+Control+Guide.htm

or you may contact the Iberia County Agent's office at 369-4440 for ordering instructions. The price is \$10.00 per guide.

Herbicide	Broadcast Rate/A	Comments
Gramoxone Inteon 2L	1.9 – 3.75 pt	Controls grasses and small winter broadleaf weeds but is not effective on clover, medics, and vetch. Burndown can be improved when applied with Aatrex/Atrazine or Direx/Karmex. Apply when weeds are 1 to 6 inches tall and use a higher rate for larger weeds. Apply in at least 10 gallons water per acre and include nonionic surfactant at 1 to 2 qt/100 gal or crop oil concentrate at 2 to 4 qt/100. Can be safely applied to sugarcane with no more than 4 leaves.
Weedmaster, others 3.87L	1.0 – 2.0 pt	Controls only broadleaf weeds and is very effective on clovers, medics, and vetch. If weeds are 4 inches or less use 1 pt, if weeds are 4 to 8 inches use 1.5 pt, and if flowering use 2 pt. For weeds other than clovers or vetches 1.5 pt should be sufficient. Addition of surfactants may increase effectiveness. Apply when air temperature is above 65° F.
2,4-D 3.8L (amine salt formulation)	1.0 – 3.0 pt	Controls only broadleaf weeds and is not effective on clovers, medics, and vetch. If weeds are 2 to 3 inches use 1 to 2 pt. A higher rate should be used when weeds are large. Addition of surfactants may increase effectiveness. Apply when air temperature is above 65° F.
Clarity/Vision 4L	0.5 – 1.0 pt	Controls only broadleaf weeds. The higher rate should be used when weeds are large and clover or vetch is present. Nonionic surfactant or crop oil concentrate <i>should be</i> added. Apply when air temperature is above 65° F.

***Summary of Presentations given at Iberia/St Mary Growers/Production Meeting in January**

Dr. Ben Legendre, LSU AgCenter Specialist has condensed this information in his Sugarcane Newsletter which can be found online at:

www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Iberia/Features/ANR

or a hard copy can be obtained at the Iberia County Agent's office by calling 369-4440.

***Sugarcane Economics**

Two excellent publications are available from the LSU AgCenter regarding sugarcane economics which were prepared by Dr. Mike Salassi and reviewed by Dr. Ben Legendre. They are:

1. Prorated Allocated Planting Cost at:
http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/St.+James/Features/Agriculture/Sugarcane_Updates/Allocation+of+Sugarcane+Planting+Costs+for+2007.htm
or by calling the Iberia County Agent's office at 369-4440.
2. Projected Louisiana Sugarcane Production Costs at:
http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/crops_livestock/crops/sugarcane/publications/2008+Projected+Louisiana+Sugarcane+Production+Costs.htm
or by call the Iberia County Agent's office at 369-4440

***Other**

- The 85th annual meeting of the American Sugarcane League is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2008 in Thibodaux. Call 985-448-3707 for further details.
- As you may have noticed in this newsletter, email is very important, it allows you to receive up-to-date and recent information in a timely and cost efficient manner. At the upcoming February meetings I will be asking for your email address. If you would like you can forward your email address to me at bhebert@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Since December I have attended as many agriculture related functions as my scheduled allowed. I appreciate the invitations and if I receive them I can also help spread the word to other producers

In closing I hope you find this newsletter to be informative and timely. I think everyone is approaching 2008 with caution, concern and some optimism. I am currently reading a book and am reminded of one of the author's points which states that today's business people must perform daily task to their maximum potential and anticipate future ups and downs in order to plan accordingly. If you have any questions or need further information please feel free to give me a call at the Iberia Cooperative Extension office of the LSU AgCenter at 369-4440 or email me at bhebert@agcenter.lsu.edu

Hope to see you at the upcoming events and I wish each of you continued success.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

IBERIA - ST. MARY PARISH RECERTIFICATION MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

FARM OR COMPANY _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ AMOUNT (\$5.00 EACH) _____

List names of all who will attending. List addresses, and social security numbers of those who will need new Green Cards. Bring this completed form and your check, made payable to IBERIA FARM SAFETY, with you to the meeting on the 19th.

	<u>TRAINEE NAME</u> <u>SECURITY #</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>
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