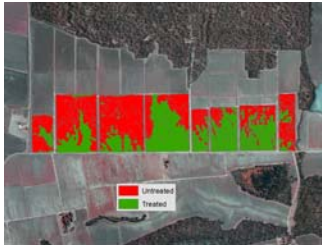


## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tensas Parish has 22,500 acres of wheat and will have around 75,000 acres of cotton this year. Corn and soybean acres will be greater than last year along with some acres in rice and grain sorghum. There will be significant doublecropped acres with soybeans and this year cotton will be doublecropped also.



Two cotton variety demonstration plots have been planted with cooperating farmers. Several demonstrations with applications of Telone II, a soil

fumigant, have been applied in the parish. The application methods were varied according to the equipment the farmer had and what they wanted to do. One farmer treated the entire field, two other farmers treated certain areas of fields, based on their knowledge, turning the applicator on and off manually. Another farmer used Precision Ag techniques and equipment to apply the fumigant to selected areas determined by site specific sampling and automatically applied by using a prescription application.

An advisory meeting was held and it was recommended that more education of producers about the precision ag equipment and the data that farmers have generated is needed.

### MASTER FARMER PROGRAM



Demonstrations are being conducted 4 locations to monitor water quality from runoff in various soil

and crop management systems being implemented by farmers in the northeast region of the state. Major water quality parameters being collected include phosphorus, nitrates, biological oxygen demand and solids. Phosphorus is the limiting nutrient responsible for algal blooms and a concern with oxygen depletion in freshwater bodies of water.



Model farm field days offer producers the opportunities to see the benefits of implementing various best management practices for soil

management and crop production that benefit the environment, especially water quality. Upcoming field days include

- May 9<sup>th</sup> Robert Thevis Farm, Simmesport  
Registration at 8:30 am
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Edgar Raymond, Oak Grove  
Registration at 9:00 am
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Durand, St. Martinville  
Registration at 9:00am
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Kent Lounsberry, Lake Arthur  
Registration at 2:30pm  
(Vermilion Parish Rice School)
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Kenneth LaHaye, Ville Platte  
Registration at 9:00am  
(Conjunction with RiceTec variety tour)
- July 18 Jay Hardwick, Newellton  
Registration at 9:00am
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Ronald Hebert, Jeanerette  
Registration time TBA  
(Iberia/St. Mary Sugarcane Field Day)

### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Three Tensas 4-H'ers attended the sixth annual 4-H Day with the New Orleans' Hornets. One was chosen to sign the National

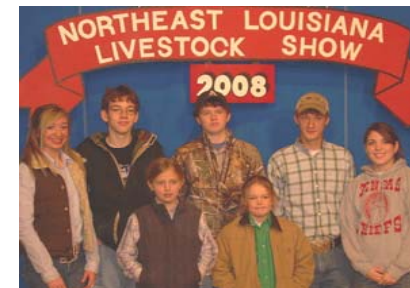


Anthem. Others participated in halftime activities, holding 4-H Centennial signs while the announcer gave a commentary on 100 years of 4-H.

Tensas Parish 4-H'ers attended 4-H Junior Leadership Conference in March. They learned skills in communication and were trained as camp counselors.



Two local 4-H'ers received the 4-H Key Club award. This award gives recognition to 4-H club members who have shown outstanding leadership ability in their club and community.



Seven Tensas Parish 4-H'ers competed in the Annual Northeast Louisiana District Livestock Show. All

exhibitors qualified to compete on the state level in Baton Rouge where the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and LA Bred division were won by two Tensas 4-H'ers.

Approximately 60 fourth and fifth graders attended Ag Adventures held at the Northeast LA District Livestock Show. They viewed educational hands-on exhibits to learn more about horse, livestock, poultry and rice production.

Eight Tensas Parish Commodity Cookery winners competed in the Area Cookery Contest. The contest was held in conjunction with Ag Adventures in Delhi.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

54 participants attended a series of eight lessons provided at the two locations of the Tensas Parish Council on Aging. They became aware of certain diseases and how they can be prevented through nutrition and physical activity.

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