people lost their lives that day.

Later, in June, the Alabama Legislature passed the toughest law on immigration of any in the United States. Legislators had heard for years constituents’ complaints about the high cost of social services and the high crime rate that illegal immigrants brought to Alabama.

Constituents were correct in asserting that something had to be done. No one had any intention of creating the problems that resulted from the new immigration law, complications that arose even before September 1, the date it became effective.

Farmers and agribusiness owners across Alabama have contacted this department to express their dismay in losing the bulk of their workers. The immediate result has been devastating to many farms, cotton gins, nurseries, poultry processors and others in the agriculture industry.

Many of these businesses depend on hard-working laborers, many of whom have left the state seeking opportunity elsewhere. As a result, produce has gone

The Alabama National Fair has agreed to operate Garrett Coliseum.

**Garrett Coliseum’s Future Bright**

Garrett Coliseum, for 60 years a venue for major attractions coming to the Montgomery area, will remain open for business, thanks to an agreement reached in mid-August.

“This fine lady has been a good friend to the people of Alabama, hosting the fair, rodeos, concerts and even Elvis Presley, since 1951,” said Alabama Agriculture and Industries Commissioner John McMillan. “We have taken steps to see that she will remain in good working order and may even receive a face lift and other help in the near term.”

While a number of options to revive the coliseum are under discussion, in the interim, the Alabama National Fair has agreed to operate the coliseum. The coliseum has 31,000 square feet of space, with a seating capacity of 13,500. The property includes a livestock barn, the W.O. Crawford covered outdoor arena, the Ed Teague outdoor arena, as well as a swine barn, dairy barn and exhibit building.

McMillan, in his role as state agriculture commissioner, chairs the Agriculture Center Redevelopment Board, created by legislation earlier this year. The new legislation expanded the Agriculture Center Board to include the governor, state finance director, commissioner of agriculture, mayor of Montgomery, president of the Montgomery City Council, Montgomery County Commission chair, plus four others who directly sit on the board.

“The legislation brought together all stakeholders necessary for Garrett Coliseum to be successful. All who have a vested interest in the coliseum are involved and committed to its success,” McMillan said.

At a press conference announcing the board changes, McMillan thanked State Rep. Joe Hubbard and State Sen. Dick Brewbaker, both of Montgomery, for sponsoring the legislation to create the redevelopment corporation, which had the authority to move forward with an action to ensure the viability of Garrett Coliseum.

Every effort is being made to accommodate the schedule of previously scheduled events, including the fair, which will be held in October.

“I want to thank Gov. Robert Bentley and Finance Director David Perry for providing
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All livestock listings must be from bona-fide livestock farmers. Notices from livestock dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted.

Animals sold out-of-state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

7 Reg Angus bulls, several good heterlings $190/ea., tip-top bloodlines, gentle, handmade homegrown, Ken Tyler 3984 Pine Ridge Rd., Union Grove 35756 205/366-3819 or 205/667-7022 (Blount)

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Reg. Angus and Sim-Angus cows, 12-24 mos., $950-$1,200, very nice, delivery available, David G. Savage 3502/405-7954 (Blount)

Black Simmental and Sim-Angus bulls, muscular and great carcass traits 2-2500 lbs. $2,500 ea., Mike 334/375-7292 (Oakdale)

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Reg. Angus, 18 mos., good, $1,100, Mary Hilton 566-7822 (Pike)

Reg. Angus bulls, 18 mos., good, $1,100, useful, delivery available, Sam Dew 256/02-0778 (Morgan)

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Cattle squeeze chute, made by custom Tractors, 20’ build width, $2,500. J.C. Travers 256/689-2004 (Lamar)

Cheese press, stainless steel, 24”, 500 lb. capacity, $250. L. Prime 251/609-6602 (Baldwin)

Choretime poultry house feeder, great cond., $200. M. Nolan, 22364 Tumbleweed Ln., Robertsdale 36567 251/752-6520 (Baldwin)

Chute automatic, 44”, reg. cab, air/AMM, 9,000 lb. Wann mich, raider, raich mar, air, radial tires, no cut, no dent, clean truck, $13,000. S. I. Garrett 334/784-6787 (Pike)

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SHEEP & GOATS
AKGA Kikos, crosses, different ages, bucks, does, colors, even health and structure, disease free, unregistered or registered. September: 200 head (7 min. $10 ea. 205/476-5790 Walker)

Tractor farm, 3 pt. 15,000-2000 range; complete tractor 1500 Cabot tractor; Ed Di Ashaw 848 306 Old Grants Mill Rd. Fort Davis 35242 662-4289 (Jefferson)
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HAY HAULERS
Texas has received only about 6 inches of rain since January, less than half the normal precipitation, resulting in the most severe one-year drought on record. To make matters worse, Texas has experienced weeks of triple digit temperatures, withering crops and pastureland. Alabama farmers interested in shipping hay to drought stricken Texas farmers and ranchers, please call the Texas Hay Hotline at 1-877-429-1998.

RAINWATER HARVESTING
October 1 is the cutoff for a partnership initiative with the Alabama, Mountains, Rivers and Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Council on capturing rainwater runoff from poultry houses under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EIP).
Applying for EIP is continuous; however, selecting applications for funding is completed periodically through a competitive process with specific cutoff dates.
Poultry producers in the Cullman and Franklin counties are encouraged to participate. For more information about NRCS conservation programs, visit www.al.nrcs.usda.gov or visit the nearest USDA Service Center to determine eligibility. Contact your local NRCS or Farm Service Agency Office to begin this process.

ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY
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UPCOMING AG EVENTS

- **September 3**—Heart of Dixie Llama & Alpaca Show, Agribition Center, 4925 Moores Mill Rd., Huntsville, 8 a.m. Free admission. Come see top halter and performance llamas and alpacas from throughout the Southeast. For more information 256-538-2672 or email alallama@aol.com.
- **September 3, 10, 17 & 24**—Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction, begins at noon. Poultry sale every Friday at 7 p.m. Auction held at 748 County Road 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard or Joan Askew at 256-839-6824.
- **September 4 & 5**—The annual Sweet Tater Festival takes place in Dowling Memorial Park in Crane Hill. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission charged. For more information, 256-531-7916.
- **September 5**—Ider Mule Days has been celebrated for more than 100 years. Main event is a parade. Begins at 9:30 a.m. Free admission. For more information, 256-657-4184.
- **September 10 & 24**—Central Alabama Goat and Poultry Auction, begins at noon. 1403 Kincheon Road, Clanton. Additional livestock and poultry are welcome. For more information, call Joe Holley at 205-280-8959 or day of sale at 205-280-4628.
- **September 17**—The River Region Horse Clinic will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at R.H. Kirkpatrick Arena in Autaugaville. Demonstrations will be held. Free admission. For more information, call 334-850-0335 or email riverrregionhorsescouncil@hotmail.com.
- **September 24**—The Fourth Annual Small Ruminants Conference and Field Day will be held at the Tennessee State University Meat Goat Research Facility in Nashville, Tenn. A free event, the conference is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and will focus on hair sheep and meat production systems. To pre-register visit www.aaces.edu/urban or call Dr. Maria Leite-Browning at 256-372-4954 or Dr. Richard Browning Jr. at 615-963-5837.
- **September 30-October 1**—Alabama Treasure Forest Association Conference and Tour will be held at the Hotel Capstone, 320 Paul Bryant Dr. in Tuscaloosa. Topics to be covered include land, forest and fish pond management. Register online at www.atfa.net or call 1-888-240-4694.
- **October 1**—Alabama Outdoor Heritage Day at Wehle Land Conservation Center in Midway from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission. Exhibits and demonstrations. For more information, call Otis LeCompte at 334-775-7448.
- **October 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14**—Harvest Heydays Seasonal Session at Landmark Park in Dothan. Children will experience fall harvest activities. To pre-register, call 334-794-3452 or visit landmarkpark.com.
- **October 11 & 13**—The Alabama Poultry and Egg Association is hosting Grower Educational Seminars. The theme of the seminar is “What We Learned From the April 27th Tornadoes and the Aftermath.” Each grower can receive two hours of Continuing Education credits for their CAFO poultry operation. On Oct. 11, the seminars will be held at the Cullman Civic Center in Cullman at 11:30 a.m. and at Sneed State Cafeteria in Boaz at 6 p.m. On Oct. 13, the seminars will be held at Tom Harbin Ag Center in Luverne at 11:30 a.m. and at New Brockton Farm Center in New Brockton at 6 p.m.
- **October 15-16**—The Alabama Gourd Festival will be held at the Cullman Civic Center in Cullman. Admission is $3 for adults. Children 12 and under get in free with an adult. For more information, visit the website www.alabamagourdsociety.org or call Pam Montgomery at 256-355-4634 or email gourdzilla@aol.com.
- **October 28 & 29**—The Alabama Statewide Organic Farming Workshop will be held at The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. Pre-registration required by Oct. 1 at the Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network’s website, at www.waxanonline.org. For more information, call Kokoasee at 334-724-4521, Jan at 334-844-2124 or Regine at 256-372-4689.

Garrett Coliseum

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funds when we needed them. Thank you, Mayor Todd Strange, City Council President Charles Jinwright, and County Commission Chairman Elton Dean for being a driving force in reaching this agreement. Also, I want to express my appreciation to the Alabama National Fair Board and Kiwanis Club of Montgomery for stepping up and taking on a major responsibility at this important time,” McMillan said. Earlier this year, Bentley appointed McMillan and four others to the Agriculture Center Board. The other board members are: Baldwin County farmer Becky Visko, Limestone County Probate Judge Stan McDonald, Birmingham attorney Julian Smith and Dr. Billy Powell of the Alabama Cattlemen’s Association.

McMillan’s Message

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unpicked in the fields and production in gins and poultry processing plants, among others, has dropped. There is a way to satisfy both problems. We are searching for the solution, working with legislators to find a better way of dealing with immigration.

You can be certain of one thing: we will do everything we can to avert the financial ruin of Alabama’s agriculture industry. For, when Alabama agriculture suffers, other businesses will be affected, and this can drag down a larger portion of our state’s economy. That will create an even worse situation than what we’re dealing with now when Alabama has 10 percent unemployment and growing.
Great taste and outstanding nutritional values make BlueMoon products rare as a blue moon! Whole anti-oxidant rich berries, handpicked at peak flavor are the key ingredient in all BlueMoon products. Herbs, spices and vegetables are chosen for their health benefits and taste. Artificial preservatives are never used. BlueMoon’s goal is to deliver the highest possible quality products for your family’s nutrition and enjoyment.

BlueMoon Blueberries was established last year to provide the emerging Alabama blueberry industry with an outlet for those berries not suitable for the fresh market.

Blueberry Chipotle Sauce has been its best seller at farmer’s markets and festivals. Designed as a grilling sauce, it is being used as a topping for salads, cream cheese, meats, and ice cream (yep—that’s true—try it at The River Nile in Dothan). It gives a little kick to your meal; a unique flavor you will come back for.

BlueMoon’s Blueberry Bar-B-Que Sauce has received rave reviews from those barbecue aficionados looking for something a little different on anything from chicken to steak. All natural ingredients make it a healthy selection.

The Blueberry Dessert Topping isn’t just limited to ice cream and cheesecakes. It is also great poured on pancakes and waffles. It also turns a plain smoothie into an exciting blueberry treat.

Actually BlueMoon’s first product was Blueberry Juice. Unlike most blueberry juices on the market today, its juice contains real blueberry juice as the first ingredient with a hint of agave nectar for sweetening and water. BlueMoon has heard it makes a good bluemosa and is a great ingredient when added to champagne.

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Alabama landowners have an opportunity to receive financial and technical assistance through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to trap and properly dispose of feral/wild swine. For more information, contact your local NRCS office listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture or online at http://offices.scegov.usda.gov. General program information is available on the Alabama NRCS website at www.al.nrcs.usda.gov/programs.

McMillan Honored by Grocers

The Alabama Grocers Association presented Alabama Agriculture and Industries Commissioner John McMillan with its Spirit of Alabama award at its annual convention in late July.

The award, which was presented by Alabama Grocers Association President Ellie Smotherman Taylor, is given in honor of McMillan’s support of food safety, the food industry and for his support of products grown, manufactured and processed in Alabama.

McMillan is a six-generation Alabama native with roots in Baldwin County. His life’s work has centered on agri-business, forest products, wildlife protection, natural resource management and the protection of personal property rights. From 1974-1982, he served in the Alabama House of Representatives and chaired the Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Committee before serving as executive vice president of the Alabama Forestry Association for over 20 years. In November, he was elected to the post he now holds.

The Spirit of Alabama award was established in 2006 to honor those who support the Alabama Grocers Association and have commitment to the State of Alabama food industry. The association is a state trade group representing the grocery retail industry.

Assistance With Wild Hogs

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