THURSDAY,

## **USDA to survey Catfish** and Cattle operations

**Catfish Operations** 

In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey catfish operations nationwide to provide an up-todate measure of U.S. catfish inventories and water acreage used for production.

"NASS surveys catfish producers in July to create an accurate estimate of catfish inventories in Mississippi and the Nation," said Esmerelda Dickson, State Statistician, Mississippi State Office, Delta Region. In Mississippi, NASS will survey approximately 150 catfish farmers in July asking them to provide the total water area and inventorybreakdown of its usage into subcategories (broodfish, foodsize, and fingerlings).

To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS of-

fers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS represen-

The Catfish Production report will be released on July 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm ET. This and all NASS reports are available online at www. nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

## **Cattle Operations**

In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey over 175 cattle operations statewide to provide an upto-date measure of the United States cattle inventory.

"This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export," said Mississippi State Statistician, Esmerelda Dickson. "Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agriculture industry." During the first two weeks

of July, Mississippi producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feedinformation. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

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By Dave Ramse

**Artistic endeavors** Dear Dave,

I'm retired, and in the past few years I've taken up painting. This hobby has begun bringing in more money than I expected. I was wondering at what point I should start thinking about separating my art money from my personal finances, and look at official-

ly starting a little business.

Dear Pat,

I'd do it now. A hobby that makes money is called a business. Hearing this is scary to some people, but starting a small business doesn't have to be complicated. You can go to your bank, and using your Social Security number, open a sole proprietor checking account. Title the account with your full name, then DBA doing business as — and the name of your business.

All your art income goes into that account, and any

expenses paid where your painting is concerned comes out of that account. After the have a record of contact, or income goes in, and the expenses come out, what's left is profit. That's what you'll - through the postal sysend up paying taxes on. tem. That way, you'll have Also, you'll be required to do a record they received the quarterly estimates and send letter and signed for it. It them to the IRS if you make more than \$640 in a quarter. Always remember to always hold back 25 percent for taxes, too, in a separate savings account just for this purpose. This is really cool, Pat. I think ing you years down the road, you're on the verge of being and no way to prove you're very successful! —Dave

Follow up for peace of mind

Dear Dave,

Do you think it would be a good idea to request a formal statement saying my student stations and multiple digital loan debt has been completely paid off?

Dear Andrea,

free and clear. \*Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com Andrea and on Twitter at @Dav-

Following up on paid-off

debts is always a good idea.

It wouldn't hurt to write,

and request formal, written

confirmation that everything

is paid in full. You can do

this through email, so you'll

you can send a certified letter

- return receipt requested

sounds like you spent a lot of

time paying off your student

loans. After an experience

like that, you don't want to

have to deal with greedy or

dishonest collectors hound-

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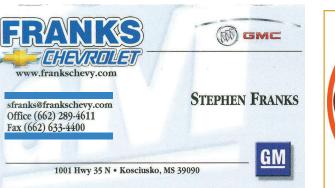


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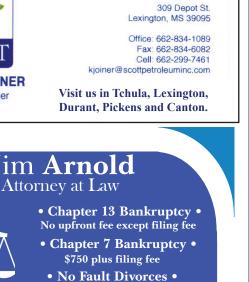








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