



1 with the Southern Ag Center and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, to  
2 study and develop strategies or best practices, including those from other states, to expand  
3 production on farms under two hundred fifty acres, increase entry into agriculture among  
4 young adults, and strengthen direct-to-consumer and value-added agricultural markets.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include but not be limited to the  
6 following areas:

7 (1) Sales and marketing training for direct-to-consumer producers.

8 (2) Access to processing facilities, particularly for poultry and small livestock.

9 (3) Cold storage infrastructure, including refrigerator and freezer capacity.

10 (4) Evaluation and improvement of the state's "Certified Louisiana" branding  
11 program.

12 (5) Development of a statewide peer-to-peer training conference for producers.

13 (6) Expanded technical assistance through the LSU AgCenter focused on small-scale  
14 agricultural production and value-added "clean food" production.

15 (7) Support for farmer mental health and wellness resources.

16 (8) Opportunities to expand agritourism, including farm-based events, on-site sales,  
17 and other revenue-generating activities that connect consumers to local agriculture.

18 (9) Best practices and mentorship programs to support, expand, and encourage  
19 participation among young and beginning farmers.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU AgCenter shall identify potential policy  
21 recommendations, including incentives, partnerships, and workforce development strategies  
22 to support these efforts.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU AgCenter shall submit a written report  
24 of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,  
25 Aquaculture, and Rural Development no later than February 1, 2027.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 vice president for agriculture for the Louisiana State University, the chancellor of the  
28 Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and the commissioner of  
29 agriculture and forestry.

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**DIGEST**

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Urges and requests the LSU AgCenter, in coordination with the Southern Ag Center and the La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, to study and develop strategies to strengthen small and mid-scale agricultural production and increase opportunities for young adults to participate in and pursue careers in agriculture. Requires the LSU AgCenter submit a written report to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development on or before Feb. 1, 2027.