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Winning Plant Nearly 32 Pounds

Oh, My, Cabbage is Huge

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

Farmers Cooperative and Bonnie Plant teamed up again for their Tenth Annual Cabbage Plant Growing Contest. The Cooperative Cabbage Program included all third grade classes at Suwannee Elementary School, Westwood Christian School, Branford Elementary School, Madison County Central School, Madison Creative Arts Academy, Corinth Christian Academy, Lee Elementary School, New Testament Christian School, and Pinetta Elementary School.

Growing With Farmers Cooperative is the theme used again for this year's Cabbage Plant Growing Contest. When you see a third grader

wearing one of our Cooperative T Shirts with the logo, "Growing With Farmers Cooperative" you'll know they spent a lot of time caring for their cabbage for the weigh in on Saturday May 19th in Live Oak, and on May 26th at our Madison Co-op store.

General Manager, Todd Lawrence, Barry Long, Karen Fraley, Denise Watts and Brittany Wilkes delivered approximately 900 plants to the various elementary schools in their area. Live Oak store managers provided pizza parties for the winners and our Madison location class winner's class were also treated to a pizza party.

In order for third graders to be eligible for the Bonnie Plant Farms Cabbage Contest, they simply had to plant the free Bonnie cabbage plant, provide the nutrients and attention the cabbage needed, and just watch it grow. Farmers Cooperative provided a small bag of fertilizer and a garden trowel free. Farmers Cooperative's website provided complete instructions on how to grow their Bonnie Plant cabbage.

We had a total of 16 class winners in

the Cabbage Plant Growing Contest this year. Additionally, class winners will be entered into the State Bonnie Plant Farms drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship from Bonnie Plant Farms.

Our third grade gardeners learned responsibility along with a real sense of accomplishment to see how they can grow their own food. Children were encouraged to bring their cabbage to the weigh in regardless of the size or weight. In fact, they ranged from 31.96 pounds on down to 0.44 pounds.

ALL THE WINNERS and their cabbages can be seen on our Facebook site at [Facebook.com/FarmersCooperativeInc](https://www.facebook.com/FarmersCooperativeInc). Also, when you visit the Live Oak Cooperative Store, you will be able to see the cabbage plant winners on our store monitors.

We would like to recognize all the winners. First Place Winner at Suwannee Elementary School, Lindsleigh Carte's cabbage weighed in at 31.96 lbs. Lindsleigh is in Ms. Arnold's class. Second Place Winner Aubrey Driggers' cabbage weighed 17.63 lbs, and Aubrey

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Suwannee Elementary Student Lindsleigh Carte won first place with cabbage weighing 31.96 pounds.

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is in Ms. Mowry class. Third Place Winner Chloe Garrison's cabbage weighed 14.04 lbs, and she is also in Ms. Mowry's class. Suwannee Elementary School's pizza party winner Kelly Perez is a student in Ms. Huston's class.

Suwannee Elementary School had several students participating. They are as follows: Maddie Carter, class winner in Ms. McIntosh's class; Kelly Perez, class winner in Ms. Huston's class; Erika Yates, class winner in Ms. Hines class; Rachel Sullivan, Ms. Hurst's class; River Sansouci, a student in Ms. Hurst's class; Collyn Davis, class winner in Ms. Hitt's class; Ryland Lawson, class winner in Ms. Ahrens' class;

Emily Baker, class winner in Ms. Collins' class; Carter Kirby, student in Ms. Huston's class, Callie Bashaw, Ms. Hurst's class; Madison Smith, class winner in Ms. Shearer's class; Braiden Garrett, Ms. Huston's class; Kira Sapp, a student in Ms. McIntosh's class, Phillip Petty, class winner in Ms. Metz's class, Cooper Hackney in Ms. Furry's class; Ms. Mowry's student, Aubrey Driggers, Second Place Winner as well as class winner. Branford Elementary School's First Place winner, is Gage Brown with his cabbage weighing in at 25.42 lbs., Second Place winner Carly Robinson in Ms. Hefner's class with her cabbage weighing in at 18.53 lbs., and Third Place winner Sally Uhles, her cabbage weighed 13.22 lbs., and she is a student in Ms. Conger's class. Also included in Ms. Knighton's class is Braylee Moseley. Ms. Hefner's participants included: Madeline Prins. Ayden Humphries is also a class winner in Ms. Garrett's class.

WESTWOOD Christian School had five participants this year in our cabbage program. Ms. Hogan's students included: Seth Dykes, Rebecca Gu, Tristin Cantella, Sarah Hughes and Bryson Troyer. Their cabbages weighed in at 9.93 lbs down to 1.31 lbs..

Madison's First Place Winner, Kylee Hutto, a student at Madison Creative Arts in Ms. Parks class was very proud of her 25.5 lb cabbage. Second Place Winner, Kloie Page's cabbage weighed in at 21.5 lbs and she is a student in Ms. Copeland's class at Madison Creative Arts Academy. Third Place Winner Brett Harper's cabbage weighed 21.25 lbs, and is a student in Ms. Parks class at Madison Creative Arts Academy. Other participants include: Abigail Reigsecker, a student at New Testament Christian School and her teacher is Ms. Hueghy. Anna Bell is a student at Madison Creative Arts Academy and is in Ms Parks class. Jason Hackle a student in Madison Creative Arts Academy and is also in Ms. Parks class. Lee Elementary student Landon Odom is in Ms. Salls

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**Aubrey Driggers, 17.63 lbs
SES, Second Place**



**Chloe Garrison, 14.04 lbs
SES, Third Place**



**Gage Brown, 25.42 lbs
BES, First Place**



**Carly Robinson, 18.53 lbs
BES, Second Place**



**Sally Uhles, 13.22 lbs
BES, Third Place**



**Kylee Hutto, 25.51 lbs
MCAA, First Place**



**Kloie Page, 21.5 lbs
MCAA, Second Place**



**Brett Harper, 21.25 lbs
MCAA, Third Place**

For the Past Quarter

NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

LIVE OAK STORE

Susan Martin, Mayo
Michael J. Clark, Live Oak
James Summerall, McAlpin
Diane Stossel, Branford
Bonnie L. Brown, McAlpin
Gary Pulido, Plant City
Ella Mae Bembry, Live Oak
Sarah McIntosh, Live Oak
Nickii Moore, Live Oak
Kellie Deas, Live Oak
Gwendolyn Castro, Live Oak
Patricia Buonvino, Jasper
Sandra L. Welden, White Springs
Michael Page, Live Oak
Michael Hillman, Lake Park, GA
Benjamin H. Bennett, Live Oak
Robin F. Lewis, Live Oak
Janet Kincaid, Live Oak
Steve Denney, Live Oak
Clara Olivares, Live Oak
Rafter KV Ranch, LLC, Bonita Springs
Tiffany Fields, McAlpin
John Nicely, Lake City
Allison Wells, Jennings
David Culpepper, Jasper
Crystal Nur, Live Oak
Patricia Bass, Madison
Tommy Roberts, Jennings
Charles Boelter, Wellborn
Robert Dempsey, White Springs
Dara Cannon, Branford
Holly Electric, Inc., Lake City
Laura DeRuvo, Wellborn
Lucia Permane, Lee
Kerry Johnson, Spring Hill
John A. Yoder, Live Oak

Kemp Whitney, Live Oak
Ann Warner, Live Oak
Michael Duwane Koon, Lake City
Jeannette . & Cordelle Lee, Live Oak
John J. Phillips, Lee
Elizabeth Fuentes, Live Oak
Steven Schneitman, Live Oak
Keith Kersey, Punta Gorda
Joshua Edwards, McAlpin
Ronald A. Masters, Lake City
Brown Ranch, LLC, Vero Beach
Julie Garland, Live Oak
Harold E. Powell, Sr., Lake City
Earlene Green, Jasper
Creative Vision, O'Brien
Joseph M. Lee, Lake City
Kathleen A Norton-Beckman, Live Oak
Randy Grimes, Live Oak
Ginger Raynor, Live Oak
Enoch Swinson, Live Oak
Carley Cash, Live Oak
T. Buck Bird, Monticello
John Kuisiad, Wellborn
Charles E. Rowe, Live Oak
Jeffrey M. Monds, Jasper
Hunter Stratton, Live Oak
Bruce & Laura London, White Springs
Yovani Guzman, Wellborn
Laura Boggess, Live Oak
George A. Aylor, Ft. White
Jennifer Lemire, Gainesville
John Lee Dalton, III, Live Oak
Carlos Sierra, O'Brien
Bryan Jones, Lake City
Donald E. Edwards, Live Oak
Robert D. Peddicord, Osteen
Richard Tink Johns, Jasper

Ashley Ambrose Hall, Live Oak
Michael Hewlett, Lake City
Tim Fetzer, Lake City
Chesley J. Cobb, Jasper
Donna & Peter Cann, Wellborn
Ella G. Cooper, Live Oak
Peter J. Cody, Wellborn
S. Stoddard, Live Oak
Estrella Garcia, North Miami
Kyle J. Huntz, O'Brien
Richard Jacks, Live Oak
Felicia Ward, Live Oak
Catherine Messink, Wellborn
Jami Yarbrough - NASA Fert., Lake City
Margaret Reaves, McAlpin
Ethan Sullivan, Live Oak
Scott Moser, Live Oak
Patricia Batchelor, McAlpin
Virginia Sotirakis, O'Brien
Joshua P. Schneider, Live Oak
Peter Adamo, Live Oak
Double H Dairy, LLC, Lake City
Jan Cole, Lake City
Jackson Keith Koon, O'Brien
Richard Gaylord, Live Oak
David H. Matier, Live Oak
Terrie A. Thornton, Live Oak
Venus Desselle, Wellborn
Jimmy Lee Smith, Live Oak
Ren Worlock, Branford
David Schwab, Lake City
Agape Green Acres Min, Inc., Jasper
Sandra Davis, Live Oak
Gregory S. Betz, Wellborn
William & Nancy Casey, Live Oak
Walter M. Lowe, McAlpin
Susan Bowman, Live Oak
Marcella M. Cruse, Jasper
Jane McLeod, Live Oak
Sarah Leigh McGraw, Live Oak

Charlotte Kennedy, Jasper
Wayne Born, Live Oak
Heather Adkinson, Live Oak

MADISON STORE

Connie Gibson, Perry
Taylor Pleasant, Madison
Royce Haddad, Jr., Clearwater
Paul Mangone, Jasper
Louise Smith, Madison
Tommy Young, Jr Madison
Brigitte Gudz, Madison
Fla Dept. of Corrections, Tallahassee
James & Julie McManus, Lee
Kenneth Hart, Perry
Gary Sheffield, Greenville
Martin L. Sapp, Madison
Jessica Crowell, Madison
Rick Caccese, Madison
Diana Mazzella, Lee
Patrick O'Donnell, Madison
Lonsome Dove Horse & Cattle Co, Madison
John E. Reid, Madison
William Barkett, Jennings
Tycor Farms LLC, Lake Park
Carolyn Jones, Lee
Julian Givens, Madison
Caroline Gabbard, Madison
Michael Rykard, Tallahassee
Carolyn Weed, Bushnell
Juan D. Vargas, Lee
Harry J Lykinds, Jasper
River Bend Plantation, Quitman
Ronald Pricher, Greenville
Evergreen Erosion Control, LLC, Opelika
Cultiva Farms USA LLC, Jennings
Tyler Putnal, Mayo
David Adams, Perry
Clarke Bronk, Pinetta

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class. Piper Freeman is a student in Ms. Willaby's class at Madison Creative Arts Academy. Lucky Pizza Winner is Jackson Cox in Ms. Register's class at Corinth Christian Academy, and Mallory Collinsworth is a student in Ms. Autumn's class at Pinetta Elementary School.

First place winners won a \$30.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Second place winners won a \$20.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, a Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

THIRD PLACE WINNERS won a \$10.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Each class winner's name was put into a random drawing to win the pizza party along with a \$10.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Congratulations third graders for your great participation in the Farmers Cooperative/Bonnie Plant Cabbage Growing Contest. And a special thank you to the teachers that made this another very successful Bonnie Plant Cabbage Growing Event.

Cylinder Special



Wally Thigpen is customer at cylinder dock with Gregg Freeman, Madison employee. Mr. Thigpen is taking advantage of the Saturday only 20 LB. LP Gas Cylinder at a great price of \$9.95, beginning Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

Co-op Has Canning Supplies

This is the time of the year you will find good cooks canning vegetables, sweet pickle relish, salsas, jams jellies and all the other favorite delights their families will enjoy later on in the fall. For some cooks it is such an easy job and for others

just learning it's a little more effort. Obviously when you see the smile of appreciation from those you share your canned goods with, you will feel your work was very rewarding. Many seasoned cooks will even can potatoes and meat. Many homemakers know their food is healthier and saving money is also a bonus.

Farmers Cooperative has Mrs. Wages Jelly Kit, Alum, Bread and Butter Pickles, Pickling Lime, Ball ½ pint canning jars for that special apple butter or blueberry jelly your friends enjoy as a gift from you. Farmers Cooperative has many canning supplies, and if we do not have it, we can order your special supplies that you need.



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Where Are They?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U. S. Postal Service as "undeliverable."

J M Bell, Branford

J W Cason, Madison

Fair Oaks Ranch, Live Oak

Wilborn Reaves, Pinetta

Buford Bryant, White Springs

Essie Wright, Live Oak

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Alert: Smell Gas? Do you know what to do?

Propane gas is a safe, efficient, and clean source of energy that is easily transportable to your location. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has determined that over 1/3 of all propane-related accidents in Florida involve consumers attempting to repair or service their own appliances themselves or by unlicensed, untrained technicians.

These accidents are occurring when gas appliances are removed from the premises and gas lines connecting these appliances are being left open. When the gas is turned on fires and explosions have resulted.

Florida law requires consumers and property owners to notify the gas dealer who next fills or services their propane equipment of any changes made to the propane system, especially when an appliance is removed. Failure to do so may result in serious injury, death or property damage.

Safety is your responsibility.

If you smell gas you should follow these steps

1. NO FLAMES OR SPARKS! This includes: do not operate lights, appliances telephones, or cell phones. Sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.

2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY! Get out of the building or area that you suspect gas is leaking.

3. SHUT OFF THE GAS. Turn off the main gas supply on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it off to the right (clockwise)

4. REPORT THE LEAK. From an area away from the leak, contact Farmers Cooperative by calling the local store number 24 hours a day. Make sure that you leave a number that you can be reached at other than where the leak is suspected.

5. DO NOT RETURN TO THE AREA. Make sure that Farmers Cooperative or your local fire department has determined that it is safe to re-enter the area.

6. GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED. Do not use any propane appliances until Farmers Cooperative has done an entire system check to ensure that it is leak-free. Since there is a possibility of odor fade or problems with your sense of smell, you should respond immediately to even a faint odor of gas. If you have any further questions about the safety of propane, Farmers Co-op will be glad to answer them and provide safety brochures that you can review.