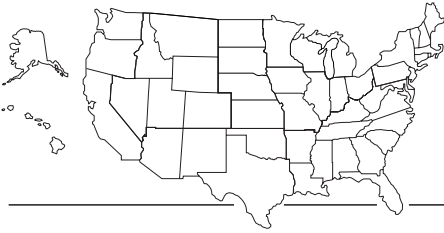


# The LandReport

A Monthly Report for the  
American Landowner



# Newsletter

MARCH 2017 • LANDREPORT.COM



## THE 13-MILLION-ACRE MAN

**Go behind the scenes with Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush in our Texas issue.**

The Magazine of the Texas Landowner brings you an **exclusive interview** with George Prescott Bush, the 28th Commissioner of Texas's General Land Office. The Commissioner sat down with *Land Report* Editor Eric O'Keefe and discussed his wide-ranging responsibilities, including maximizing revenues from more than 13 million acres of surface and subsurface rights owned by the State of Texas as well as overseeing the Alamo and more than 360 miles of Texas coast. The native Houstonian attended Rice University (Class of '98), where his grandfather was an adjunct professor at the Jones School of Business prior to serving as the 43rd vice president of the United States and our country's 41st president. In 2003, he earned a JD from the University of Texas. In 2014, he won more votes than any other candidate running for office on Texas ballots and took office on Jan. 2, 2015. Read more [HERE](#).

EXCLUSIVE EXCERPT: *Horses to Ride, Cattle to Cut* PAGE 48



The Texas Land Commissioner Explains  
How Texas's Lands Work for Our Schoolkids and Our Veterans PAGE 66

A Monthly Report for the American Landowner • LandReport.com

For advertising inquiries contact [publisher@landreport.com](mailto:publisher@landreport.com).  
Email editorial inquiries to [editor@landreport.com](mailto:editor@landreport.com).

The Land Report Newsletter is produced by the editors of  
The Land Report and is available in online and digital formats.

THE LAND REPORT | PO BOX 941187 | PLANO | TEXAS | 75094



## COURT



## WEST

**UTAH LANDOWNERS LOSE ESA CHALLENGE ON APPEAL.** The 10th US Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a 2014 ruling that limited the ability of federal officials to use the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to protect a species located in a single state. Utah landowners had challenged a US Fish and Wildlife Service regulation that prohibits trapping or shooting Utah prairie dogs as an unjustified burden, saying that the creatures were a nuisance. A three-judge panel disagreed, citing data that indicates 68 percent of the species the ESA protects live in only one state. In affirming the federal government's broad power to protect threatened species, Judge Jerome Holmes wrote that "excising purely intrastate species would leave a gaping hole" in the Endangered Species Act.



## PACIFIC

## SOLD

## CALIFORNIA RANCHLAND

**BLUE APRON ACQUIRES SUSTAINABLE MEAT PRODUCER BN RANCH.** Niman Ranch founder Bill Niman has sold his BN Ranch brand to California-based meal delivery service Blue Apron. BN Ranch has been a

supplier of grass-fed beef to Blue Apron for two years. Terms were not disclosed. Niman will remain as president and founder of BN Ranch. In addition to supplying Blue Apron, BN Ranch will support and expand its current base of retail, institutional, and restaurant customers with responsibly raised beef, lamb, and poultry. Launched in 2012, Blue Apron ships millions of pre-portioned meals to subscribers each month. Read more [HERE](#).



# 795± Acres

## Majestic Highlands of Asheville™

Asheville's Premier, High-Elevation, Mountain-Top Property

- Minutes from Asheville, NC
- Incredible Panoramic Views
- Excellent Buildable Topography
- Outstanding Development Potential
- Unique 663-Acre Mountain-Top Bowl
- Unusual, High-Elevation, 8-Acre Lake Tsuga

Buncombe County  
Western North Carolina

## SEALED BID AUCTION

Sealed bids are due June 12th  
Qualified bidders will be invited to a Live Auction, June 21st




800.829.8747  
**HallandHall.com**

For Advertising Inquiries, email [newsletter@landreport.com](mailto:newsletter@landreport.com) or call (205) 908-9872.

For advertising inquiries contact [publisher@landreport.com](mailto:publisher@landreport.com).  
Email editorial inquiries to [editor@landreport.com](mailto:editor@landreport.com).


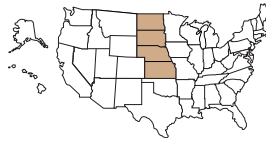
The Land Report Newsletter is produced by the editors of  
The Land Report and is available in online and digital formats.



**COLDWELL BANKER COMMERCIAL**  
**Saunders**  
REAL ESTATE  
SREland.com

*Half Circle L Ranch* 9,800 acres  
Immokalee Florida

## GREAT PLAINS

### ENERGY

## WIND FARM

### XCEL ANNOUNCES 600MW WIND

### FARM IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

The nation's largest producer of wind power will add 1,550 megawatts of new wind generation in the upper Midwest, including 600 megawatts at a wind

farm located in South Dakota's Codington, Deuel, and Grant Counties. According to Xcel Energy, the proposed Crown Ridge Wind Project will utilize more than 100 wind turbines and be capable of producing enough energy to power more than 300,000 homes. In addition, the project is anticipated to generate \$75 million in property taxes and create approximately 600 jobs. Pending approvals, the project will be in service by 2020. Crown Ridge marks Xcel's second farm in the state. The MinnDakota Wind Farm in Brookings County, which began operating in 2008, produces 54 megawatts of electricity.



**BUY LAND. LIVE WELL.**



**The Premier Farm, Ranch & Rural Commercial Brokerage in Texas.**  
(830) 569-3500

**WWW.RUPLEPROPERTIES.COM**

For Advertising Inquiries, email [newsletter@landreport.com](mailto:newsletter@landreport.com) or call (205) 908-9872.

For advertising inquires contact [publisher@landreport.com](mailto:publisher@landreport.com).  
Email editorial inquiries to [editor@landreport.com](mailto:editor@landreport.com).

The Land Report Newsletter is produced by the editors of  
The Land Report and is available in online and digital formats.



## NORTHEAST

### SALE

## CONSERVATION PROPERTY

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE SELLS SCENIC FARM FOR \$1.84 MILLION.** The Ivy League institution sold New Hampshire's Hudson Farm to The Trust for Public Land, which immediately deeded the 175-acre tract to the



National Park Service as an addition to the Appalachian Trail. A mixture of forest, fields, and wetlands, the estate is located just three miles from Hanover's Main Street and was seen as a prime development opportunity. Several generations of the Owens family farmed the property in the 1800s. According to a Dartmouth spokesman, the college bought the property in 1963, rented the house, and worked the land.



## Justice Farms of North Carolina

Pasquotank County

**5,900** acres farmland,  
**1,700** acres timberland

**\$57,950,000.00**

[www.justicefarmsnc.com](http://www.justicefarmsnc.com)  
Adam Long – 304-661-1972  
[adam.long@bluestoneindustries.com](mailto:adam.long@bluestoneindustries.com)



For Advertising Inquiries, email [newsletter@landreport.com](mailto:newsletter@landreport.com) or call (205) 908-9872.

For advertising inquiries contact [publisher@landreport.com](mailto:publisher@landreport.com).  
Email editorial inquiries to [editor@landreport.com](mailto:editor@landreport.com).

The Land Report Newsletter is produced by the editors of  
The Land Report and is available in online and digital formats.






SOUTH

HONORED

**FLORIDA BROKER****HITCHCOCK SELECTED  
AS FLORIDA LAND  
REALTOR OF THE YEAR.**David Hitchcock of Coldwell  
Banker Commercial Saunders

Real Estate in Lakeland was honored as the REALTORS Land Institute "Florida Land Realtor of the Year" by the Florida Chapter of the REALTORS Land Institute. "The Florida Land Realtor of the year award is given annually to a member of the Florida Chapter of the REALTORS Land Institute who best exemplifies professionalism and service in the land industry and is an active and contributing member of the chapter," said Caleb McDow, president of the Florida chapter of REALTORS Land Institute. McDow went on to add that Hitchcock was selected because of his strong record in land sales as well as years of service as president of the Florida chapter from January 2015 to December 2016. A 40-year veteran of agribusiness in the Sunshine State, Hitchcock specializes in Central and South Florida agricultural properties, agricultural transitional properties, and residential development properties.

**ONLINE ONLY**  
**AUCTION**  
**198± Acres**  
Offered Divided  
**Pasture & Woodlands**



**Athens, Jackson County, GA**  
**ONLINE ONLY Bidding Ends**  
**Thurs., April 27th at 4 PM**  
Subject to "Dynamic Close" Extended Bidding

- Beautiful Homesites
- Excellent Horse or Cattle Farm
- 6,500 ± Feet Chandler Bridge Rd Frontage
- Prime Location from I-85, US 441, Athens, Commerce & Jefferson
- Convenient to UGA Campus & Sanford Stadium



**800.323.8388**  
**RowellAuctions.com**  
A MarkNet Alliance Member • 10% BP • GAL AU-C002594

**WE'RE LOOKIN' HARD**

Eminently Qualified Client

Solid 1,500 to 3,000 Animal Units Year 'Round

Commercial Operation with Some Aesthetics

Must Break Even at Minimum

Strong Water Rights &amp; Good Grasses

Good Buildings &amp; Fences

CALL PATRICK BATES at 801-560-4259

**BATES LAND  
CONSORTIUM, INC.**

FOUNDED 1970

~BLC~

SALT LAKE CITY

For Advertising Inquiries, email [newsletter@landreport.com](mailto:newsletter@landreport.com) or call (205) 908-9872.For advertising inquires contact [publisher@landreport.com](mailto:publisher@landreport.com).  
Email editorial inquiries to [editor@landreport.com](mailto:editor@landreport.com).The Land Report Newsletter is produced by the editors of  
The Land Report and is available in online and digital formats.