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My Fellow Americans:

And the 2013 Land Report Legacy Landowners are ... Rose Lane and Chuck Leavell. **The Magazine of the American Landowner** is proud to honor these distinguished stewards for their exemplary commitment. Since 1981, the couple has shepherded and expanded their Charlane Plantation just east of Macon, Georgia. Keep in mind that Rose Lane's family has owned land in Middle Georgia since the 1790s. Read about the Leavells, their devotion to the land, and their breathtaking property in the current issue of **The Land Report** now available on newsstands and at Land Report.com.



Also featured in this issue are Land Report 100er Stefan Soloviev, the great debate over the Renewable Fuel Standard, and three of the nation's leading equestrian operations: Bob Funk's award-winning Express Clydesdales, Jim Guercio's renowned Quarter Horse remuda at the historic OW Ranch, and Virginia Kraft Payson's Florida Thoroughbred training facility, Payson Park.

All the Best,

Eric O'Keefe, Editor & Broker

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LAND REPORT TOP TEN AMERICA'S LEADING INVESTMENT QUALITY RURAL LAND LISTINGS

1. **Homer's Pond**
\$118 million
2. **Y.O. Ranch**
\$85 million
3. **Broken O Ranch**
\$81 million
4. **Crazy French Ranch**
\$79 million
4. **Rancho Dos Pueblos**
\$79 million
6. **Four Peaks Ranch**
\$75 million
7. **Walton Ranch**
\$68.7 million
8. **IX Ranch — NEW**
\$64.5 million
9. **Rana Creek Ranch**
\$59.95 million
10. **Big Creek Ranch**
\$59.9 million

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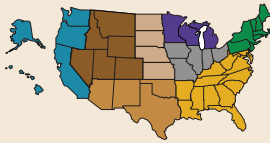
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FOREST SERVICE UNVEILS DIGITAL MAPS FOR SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS.

The USFS is offering access to a trove of visitor maps for Android and iOS users on their mobile devices. The PDF Maps Mobile App, which was developed by Avenza Systems, is available as a free download from the Android Play Store and from iTunes. The app provides access to Forest Service maps, including motor-vehicle-use maps, which are free to users. Pages from national forest atlases are 99 cents apiece, and forest visitor maps are \$4.99. All maps are geo-referenced and feature the user's location as a blue dot. The PDF Maps Mobile App works with Android 4 or newer operating systems and on iPhones (3GS or newer) and iPads with WiFi+3G. The USFS is also working on Phase 1 of a website redesign in early 2014. Learn more [HERE](#).



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SALE

New Mexico Recreational Area

LOUIS BACON TO ACQUIRE TAOS SKI VALLEY FROM BLAKE FAMILY.

The sale of the Northern New Mexico ski area to the Land Report 100er was announced in early December. No price was revealed. Bacon has owned property in Taos Ski Valley since 1996, and his team collaborated with the Blake family on the Village Master Plan, which was unanimously approved last spring by the Village of Taos Ski Valley. Bacon is the owner of Trinchera Blanca Ranch in Costilla County and Tercio Ranch in Las Animas County, Colorado. Learn more about the sale of the ski area [HERE](#).



SOUTH

UNDER CONTRACT

Virginia Landmark

NATURAL BRIDGE AUCTION SHELVED IN FAVOR OF SALE.

One of this year's most anticipated auctions was canceled after an anonymous conservation buyer emerged seeking to transform the landmark Virginia property north of Roanoke into a park. Virginia's 1,600-acre Natural Bridge was once owned by Thomas Jefferson and surveyed by George Washington. Its 20-story limestone arch, caverns, and adjacent hotel complex were put on the market in May, and an auction was scheduled for mid-December. Those plans changed when Auctioneer Jim Woltz announced a commitment by a nonprofit conservation group to acquire the tract. Read more [HERE](#).



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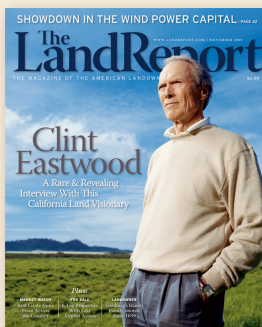
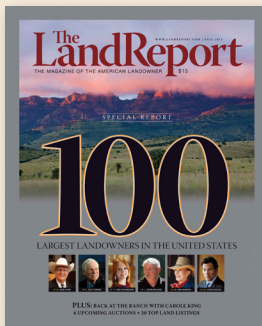
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Values

FARMLAND VALUES PLATEAU IN Q4.

The most recent quarterly farmland survey released by the Chicago Fed shows the steady rise in farmland values may be about to level off. Prices have been steadily rising, buoyed by increased investor interest as economic distress eased. The latest Fed survey says, "Only 4 percent of the respondents anticipated higher farmland values in the October through December period of 2013, while 21 percent forecasted lower farmland values. Still, the vast majority (75 percent) expected no change in farmland value," due to back-to-back droughts and declines in crop prices. Read more [HERE](#).



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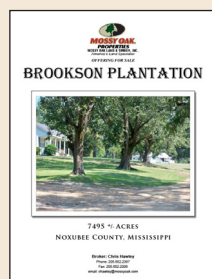
CONFERENCE

Trends

EXPO TO FOCUS ON TRENDS IN LAND & AGRICULTURE.

Gather in the heart of farm country for education and networking at the seventh Annual Land Investment Expo. The one-day event is Jan. 24 at the West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel. Hosted by Peoples Company, the expo will bring together farmers, investors and other professionals to discuss trends in agriculture and the land business. This year's keynote speaker is legendary energy entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens. Register [HERE](#).

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