

# New business coming to Bastrop

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**The former site of Scott Truck & Tractor will be the new Tractor Supply Co. by this spring.**

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Construction is underway on the new Tractor Supply Company store on the former site of Scott Truck & Tractor on East Madison Avenue.

“We anticipate opening the second quarter of this year,” said David Long with Bastrop Development Group LLC.

Tractor Supply Co. is the largest retail farm and ranch store chain in the U.S., according to the company Web site. The company is headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn. and currently operates more than 800 stores in 40 states.

TSC stores are located in rural communities and in the outlying areas of large cities where agriculture is a significant factor in the local economy.

The targeted customer base includes farmers, ranchers, horse owners, part-time and hobby farmers and ranchers, suburban and rural homeowners, contractors and tradesmen.

TSC stores offer a wide range of products including workwear, equine and pet supplies, livestock feed, lawn and garden supplies, power tools, fencing, welding and pump supplies, riding mowers and more.

Long said the Bastrop store has been in planning for about a year, and the agricultural base in Morehouse Parish was an important factor in the company's decision to open a store here.

"It's a great market, and it's where they wanted to be," said Long. "They're very excited about entering the market in Morehouse Parish."