

## The South Carolina Midlands



# Farm to School

## Field Trip Guide



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### Fruit and Vegetable Farms

Chappell Farms, "Pat's Pride"- Located in Barnwell County, Chappell Farms has been picking and packing peaches since 1927. The Chappell family is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation peach grower and has helped grow the farm into an operation that handles hundreds of acres of peaches and ships them throughout the United States and Canada. Pat's Pride is a great school field trip option for kids to learn about different peach varieties and professional farming. For more information, call (803) 584-2565 or visit [www.chappellfarms.com](http://www.chappellfarms.com)

J. Mac Farms II- Located in Clarendon County, J. Mac Farms grows a variety of fresh produce specializing in peas and beans. They also grow additional produce such as squash, okra, tomatoes blueberries, and corn. For information about the farm or school tours, call (803) 473-9373



McLeod Farms-Mac's Pride- Located in Chesterfield County, McLeod Farms is a large, peach farm that has been family owned and operated since 1916. McLeod Farms offers schools in the surrounding area a chance to Come and See the Farm. This program is designed to educate children, ages four through eight, about farm life and lets them experience farming hands-on. Although primarily a peach farm, McLeod farms grows a number of other fruit and vegetables which makes them the perfect Spring or Fall field trip destination. For more information, call (843) 335-8335 or visit [www.macspride.com](http://www.macspride.com)

Earthwise Farms- Located in Barnwell County, Earthwise Farms is a Community Supported Agriculture(CSA) farm that delivers more than 40 kinds of locally grown, organic, and naturally grown fruits and vegetables along with pasture-raised eggs. Earthwise Farms is a great destination for kids to learn about how the local community can become a part of a family farm. For more information, call 803-221-3664 or visit [www.earthwizefarms.com](http://www.earthwizefarms.com)

Cottle Strawberry Farm- Located in Richland County, Cottle Strawberry Farm has been selling strawberries to the community since 1967. Cottle Strawberry Farm offers interactive school field trips in which each child is given a bucket to pick strawberries in. Find out more by calling (843) 669-5488 or visiting [www.cottlestrawberryfarm.com](http://www.cottlestrawberryfarm.com)

Willard Farms- Located in Clarendon County, Willard Farms is an idyllic old farm that is still vibrantly alive and productive. Willard Farms is a diverse operation that grows fruits and veggies, sells homemade specialty items, and features a corn maze and pumpkin patch during October. Fruits and vegetables are harvested from April to October. For information regarding the produce of the month and farm tours, visit [www.willardfarms.net](http://www.willardfarms.net) or call (803) 938-3188

Johnson's Produce- Located in Marlboro County, Johnson's Produce grows tomatoes, collards, sweet potatoes, cabbage, squash, okra, and other vegetables. They are open year-round and welcome farm tours. For more information, call (843) 479-4529

Whittle's Farm- Located in Lee County, Whittle's Farm is grows butterbeans, peas, okra, tomatoes, corn, peanuts, watermelons, and other seasonal fruits and vegetables. For more information, call (803) 532-3668

Walter P. Rawl & Sons- Located in Lexington County, Walter P. Rawl & Sons has been growing and selling produce since the early 1920's. Today, the farm provides food for people all of South Carolina and the United States. Visit Walter P. Rawl & Sons to learn more about farming, processing, and the ways farms give back to the community. For more information, call (803) 894-1900 or visit [www.rawl.net](http://www.rawl.net)

Clayton Rawl Farms, Inc.- Located in Lexington County, Clayton Rawl Farms has been growing a variety of produce since 1948, but focused mainly on leafy greens and green onions. Today, Clayton Rawl Farms is one of the largest leafy green growers in the Southeast. The business employs 175 people, operates its own trucking line, and farms over 2200 acres of produce. To schedule a tour of the farm and facilities, call (803) 359-4415 or visit [www.rawlfarms.com](http://www.rawlfarms.com)

## Agri-Tourism

### Andrew Jackson State Park:

During Andrew Jackson's childhood, Carolina Backcountry families subsisted on small game, deer, fish, or what they could grow with their own hands. [Andrew Jackson State Park's](#) Historic Orchard and Herb Garden feature fruit trees, herbs and vegetables that were known to be important sources of food, flavorings and medicines for settlers and Native Americans.

### SC State Farmers Market:

Unique to the Southeast, the multi-functional market is a central location for agricultural products to move from the farm to all parts of the world. A blend of wholesalers, retailers, and farmers from all across the state and region, the State Farmers Market provides a place for consumers to buy fresh, wholesome produce and products and serves as a showcase for Certified SC Grown. Tours are available for children of all ages. For more information, call Brad Boozer at (803) 737-4664 or visit [www.scstatefarmersmarket.com](http://www.scstatefarmersmarket.com)

Carolina Children's Garden- located in Richland County, the Carolina Children's garden connects children to nature, each other, and eco challenges. Your class is welcome to visit the Children's Garden and Conservation Station on your own for picnics, play dates, and self-guided field trips at no cost. Education programs are available to classes and school groups upon request. To plan your trip, call (803) 459-3212 or visit [www.carolinachildrengarden.org](http://www.carolinachildrengarden.org)