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Governor Haley & Commissioner Weathers Tour Peach Orchard Damaged by Late March Freeze

Anyone who's spent a least one summer in South Carolina knows our peaches are the tastiest. While many of us are counting the days until we can enjoy the sweet summer fruit, a late March freeze means we'll have to wait a little longer than normal.



Commissioner Weathers explains to Governor Haley the impact of freeze damage to early variety peaches at J.W. Yonce & Sons during an orchard tour May 5.

The March 26 freeze greatly impacted peach growers in the Ridge, an area that includes Batesburg, Monetta, Ridge Spring, Johnston and Trenton. After assessing the damage, farmers found that much of the early varieties were killed. Right now it is estimated that the freeze will cost around a \$30 million loss of revenue from early variety

peaches. On May 5 Governor Nikki Haley and Commissioner Hugh Weathers toured the fields at J.W. Yonce & Sons. The Johnston farm is a good representation of damage growers in that region suffered.

During the tour, the Yonce family showed Governor Haley and Commissioner Weathers early variety trees that had no peaches. The tour also included some later variety trees that were in a different bloom stage when the freeze hit. Those trees are progressing normally, and the Yonce's and other growers anticipate that a normal volume of freestone variety peaches will be available late June through August.

"Governor Haley is a strong supporter of agriculture, and we are grateful for her taking time to see what some of our peach growers are facing. The Governor understands the value of this crop. She is encouraging South Carolinians to help farmers by buying local this summer, and that will go a long way in reminding folks that we will have a good crop, even though it will be a little later than normal," said Commissioner Hugh Weathers.

South Carolina is home to 17, 000 acres of peaches; more than 13,000 of those acres are found in the Ridge. The state's other peach growing regions are the Piedmont and the Sandhills. Farms in the Sandhills region do not have significant crop loss and growers there are on schedule to harvest in June. They are reporting that the crop looks good. Upstate growers report some damage, but say overall their crops appear to be normal.



Hugh E. Weathers
Commissioner

High Tech Holsteins

Dairy farming has changed so much in the last few decades; even the cows are computerized now. With June right around the corner and June being Dairy Month, I wanted to share a story about a great South Carolina farm family.

A few weeks ago I visited Satterwhite Dairy near Newberry to see the latest technology in the dairy business. What an impressive operation! More than 1,100 (mostly Holstein) cows, with innovations dairymen a few decades ago never dreamed of.

The trend in today's agriculture is fewer farms, but bigger. Dairies are following this pattern, with just over 80 dairies in operation in South Carolina. Thirty years ago, there were over 300 dairies in the state, with nearly all of our counties having a few.

Our own dairy in Bowman was typical. We milked 750 cows, twice a day. Sometimes we milked three times a day. The whole family was involved. Like all dairy kids, my brothers and I had jobs that didn't end on Friday. Cows don't know a Saturday from Tuesday.

One thing is still pretty typical of the dairy business: you love it because you grew up in it. Kevin Satterwhite is a fourth generation dairy farmer, and he has embraced technology that makes his job easier. It's still labor-intensive, but machines have made many tasks much more labor-efficient.

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State Farmers Markets Availability Listing

Seasonal In-State Featured Products

South Carolina SFM
3483 Charleston Hwy.
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-4664
bedding plants, greens

Greenville SFM
1354 Rutherford Rd.
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023
bedding plants, dairy products,
strawberries

Pee Dee SFM
2513 W. Lucas St.
Florence, SC 29501
843-665-5154

ferns, hanging baskets,
honey, strawberries

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Daily Market News Reports

New Signs Make It Easy to Find Ag-related Tourist Attractions

Cottle Strawberry Farm has the first Tourism Oriented Directional Sign (TODS) in South Carolina, and the owners couldn't be more pleased.

Although Cottle puts up billboards during strawberry season, the new signs are permanent. "This lets people know who you are, that you're not



a fly-by-night operation," said site manager Jennifer Jordan. "Farmers have a short season, and it's hard to get advertising at the right time. These signs will be up year-round."

The shiny new blue signs are located at the intersection of Garners Ferry Road and Trotter Road. There are two of them--one from each direction. The TOD signs direct travelers to rural attractions or working farms in South Carolina. The

program was developed to help tourists find authentic experiences off the beaten path and to drive traffic and business to rural destinations. To be eligible for the signage, attractions must meet certain tourism and agri-tourism criteria.

Before getting signs, the farm or venue must be certified by the SC Department of Agriculture or SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The applications must be reviewed, approved and produced under SC Department of Transportation guidelines. The signs are made by South Carolina Logos, Inc. The whole process can take several months.

Several signs have been installed so far, with plans for 18 others across the state. Already in place are signs for:

Cottle Farm Strawberries – U.S. 378 at Trotter Road in Columbia;

Fire Fly Distillery and Irvin House Vineyard – S.C. 700 at Liberia Road, and Liberia Road at Bear Bluff Road on Wadmalaw Island in Charleston County; Bee City Zoo – S.C. 61 at Bittersweet Lane in Cottageville in Colleton County.

"This is especially important to us, since we used to be on Bluff Road," Jennifer continued. "This will do wonders for small farmers. People will see the signs every day."

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FLAIL MOWER, 7.5ft wide w/offset to right, prefer Ford 917, will consider other brands, must be GC. Ned McGill; Anderson; 864-352-6214

FRT END LDR, for JD 2840, can use JD 148, 158 or 265 ldr; sm skid steer, prefer Ford/NH, will consider other makes. Terry Staggs; Greenville; 864-468-4381

10FT ROTARY CUTTER, pull type, in GC. Cecil Hooks; Marion; 843-430-4906

SPRAYER TANK, for liquid nitrogen. Gary Wright; York; 803-684-3834

CATTLE TRL, 16ft, factory built, BP, dual axles, lights, elec brakes, swing out gates, center gate. John Gossett; York; 803-222-7786

Wanted - Hay

OATS & BARLEY, in bulk, del on dump bed trucks w/grain chute. Carl Watner; Spartanburg; 864-472-2876

FREE HAY, good, no mold, Fescue, rye, wheat, oat straw, or mixed hay, feed & wood shavings, to help rescued horses. TreCIA Brown; York; 803-230-6778

Wanted - Livestock

DIAMOND DOVES, or any other doves except Ringneck doves. Wayne Hahn; Charleston; 843-693-2006

FREE LIVESTOCK, guineas, hens or jacks, Cochin hens. George Bower; Lexington; 803-359-9880

M EGYPTIAN GOOSE, or pr. Lloyd Gerhart; Kershaw; 803-425-8796

BLK SWAN PRS, Egyptian geese prs, hatching eggs. Shane Sease; Bamberg; 803-824-9124

WHOLE HERDS, cows, calves or bulls. Josh Brown; Saluda; 864-910-5378

The *Market Bulletin* reserves the right **TO EDIT** and/or verify any and all ads or notices submitted for publication.

Upcoming Events

May

5/15, 22 & 29 GRASS MASTERS, FORAGE MANAGEMENT, 6:30-9pm, Clemson Ext, \$65/person or \$100/farm, deadline 5/2. Cassie Wycoff; Laurens; 864-984-2514, Ext 117

5/10 SMART DEWORMING, for sheep & goats, 3-5pm, \$30adv, Whispering Pines Stable, 206 Adams Mill Rd, Mauldin. Patty Scharko; Greenville; 803-422-6998

5/16-18 OAKLAND HILLS TRAIL RIDE, 113 Robins Walk Rd, Saluda, lunch on trail, DJ, wooded trails. Lesa Bledsoe; Saluda; 864-993-3072

5/17 & 5/30 SHA HORSE SHOW, Croft State Park, 9am, English, Western & timed events, www.shahorseshows.com. Heather Grow; Spartanburg; 864-384-0012

5/17 FARM SHOW, tractors, farm antiques, big trucks, antique trucks, kid zone, food & more, 3723 Hwy 101 N, Greer. Earline Pittman; Greenville; 864-895-2142

5/17 ASHLAND ARENA FUN SHOW, 6pm, speed events, daily high pt, for each age group. Juanita Ardis; Darlington; 843-332-7394

5/24 ALL BREED OPEN HORSE SHOW, sponsored by Puerto Rican Paso Finos, Redbank Arena, 8am reg, show 9am, classes, \$7 & \$5 for all breeds & disciplines. Patti Smith; Lexington; 803-782-9583

5/24 POWER FROM THE PAST TRACTOR & ENGINE SHOW & SWAP MEET, 8am-4pm, Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds, Spartanburg, parade, food & drink, http://foothillsantiquepowersc.com. John Hunter; Spartanburg; 864-879-3079

June

6/6-7 BROAD RIVER ANTIQUE POWER ASSOC SHOW, 8:30am-10pm, garden & tractor pull ea day, www.broadriverapa.org, exit 87 off I-85, Gaffney. Ed Patterson; Cherokee; 864-304-7558

6/14 CHARITY ALL BREED FUN HORSE SHOW, 8:30, walking horses, more, Red Bank Arena, Lex, sponsored by "Ladies that Lead". Elizabeth Baerreis; Lexington; 803-622-7575

6/16-20 6/23-27 & 8/4-8 CAMP GERONIMO, 5-day horse camp exper tailored to the students age & interests, GastonFarmEquestrianCenter.com. Beth Gaston; Chester; 803-374-6255

6/25-26 CLEMSON EXT FOOD2MARKET FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOP, food entrepreneurs will learn about safely producing & selling food products, \$150. Adair Hoover; Pickens; 864-656-9986

6/27 POULTRY WORKSHOP, 10am-4pm, Pee Dee Research & Ed Center, Clemson Ext, pest management, improving egg & meat production, predator control & demons, deadline 6/23, \$65 fee, rii@clemson.edu. Lee Van Vlakte; Florence; 843-661-4800, Ext 0

All equine must be accompanied by written proof of an approved negative test within the last 12 months for EIA when entering any public assembly of horses. These public assemblies include, but are not limited to shows, fairs, organized trail rides, rodeos, and other exhibitions as well as organized sales. Section 47-13-1315 and 1350 and 1370, SC Code of Laws.

Note: Clemson University's Livestock-Poultry Health Division requires the following: All public equine auction/sales must be permitted by Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health and be in compliance with SC Law Section 47-11-20 and SC Regulation 27-1016-C. Contact CULPH at 803-788-2260 Ext. 231 for information.

**Important: Please include a mailing address and phone number with each event notice you wish to include in the Market Bulletin. All ads submitted will only be run twice. If you wish for your ad to appear in more than 2 issues, it must be resubmitted.*

BEEF CATTLE, cows, calves, bulls, whole herds. Brian Gibert; Greenwood; 864-980-6408

BRITISH WHT CATTLE. Tom Horsley; Laurens; 864-876-2601

FREE LIVESTOCK, goats, chickens, ducks, cows, sheep, etc, will p/up. Mozelle Jones; Richland; 803-403-4292

YNG ANG PRS, or bred heifers. Hack Bartley; Greenwood; 864-229-1032

FREE UNWANTED LIVESTOCK, goats, cattle, horses, pigs, mules, donkeys, will p/up. William Knopf; Chester; 803-482-3891

SAIPAN GAME FOWL. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

Wanted - Miscellaneous

PINE TIMBER, hdwd, Donalds & Honea Path area. Milton Whitt; Aiken; 803-663-3418

PINE SAW TIMBER, pine pulpwood, hdwd, cut sm or lrg tracts, 8A or more. H Yonce; Edgefield; 803-275-2091

BUGGY WHEELS, in GC w/rubber or wheelwright. Don Milling; Fairfield; 803-530-0678

TUBE GATES, hog wire, cow/hog panels, reasonably priced, will take down if need be. Donald Jeffcoat; Aiken; 803-646-6313

STARTER, for JD dsl Model 1010. James Purcell; Aiken; 803-279-7701

30IN JD RIMS & WHLS, to fit JD 5510. Kenneth Cordray; Dorchester; 843-509-7720

PUPLWOOD SAW TIMBER, hdwd, pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, pay top prices, upstate counties. Tim Morgan; Greenville; 864-420-0251

TIMBER/PULPWOOD, timber procurement, forestry services for upstate co, top \$ paid for your forest products, more. Steven Smith; Greenville; 864-517-3620

FREE RND PEN PANELS, stall mats, gates, concrete mix, 2x4, 2x6 wood, posts, split rail fence, plywood, to help rescued horses. TreCIA Brown; York; 803-230-6778

WOODEN PRODUCE CRATES, w/Gibson or Johnston SC, printed on end. Bill Gibson; Edgefield; 803-480-1104

EGG INCUBATOR. Steve Ard; Aiken; 803-603-0642

ONAN 18-20HP ENGINE, running or for parts. C Anthony; Pickens; 864-859-3101

BLKSMITH ANVILS, farm bells, brass bells, wash pots, bell parts, 700lb hanging cotton scales w/16lb wght. R Long; Newberry; 803-924-9039

100LB ANVIL, or larger, old farm bell, hand crank corn sheller. L Gunter; Lexington; 803-532-7394

EGG CARTONS, free & clean. Andrea Williams; Lexington; 803-917-9565

FRICK 0 SAWMILL PARTS, 2 grooved 8in track wheels complete P/N 1572-C, 5 hub caps, more. John Hunter; Greenville; 864-979-5401

2013-2014 Legal Notice

Nominating Meetings for Candidates to Fill Vacancies on the South Carolina Soybean Board

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" of 1968, and as amended, and "Marketing Order No. 1a for South Carolina Soybeans" issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of the following members of the South Carolina Soybean Board expire as follows:

Term is retroactive from December 31, 2013 to 2016

District 4 Cullen Bryant, Dillon, SC

The term of office of the members elected and/or appointed to fill said vacancies shall be (3) years.

The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina shall call for nominations for said vacancy in the following district at the time, place, and date hereafter set forth:

DISTRICT 4 Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Marion County Clemson Ext. Office, Benson Bldg.-backside, 206 Airport Court, Suite C, Mullins, SC

To qualify, a candidate for Board membership must be a resident of South Carolina and of the district wherein nominated and having been engaged in producing soybeans within the State of South Carolina for a period of one year and during that period, having derived a substantial portion of his/her income therefrom.

Under said Marketing Order, oral nominations, seconded by not less than (5) qualified producers, for qualified candidates shall be accepted by the Commission. Nominations may also be made within five (5) days after each said district meeting by written petition filed with the Commission and signed by not less than five (5) affected producers entitled to participate in such meeting.

Any producer within the district wherein nominated who produced soybeans during the past year is entitled to participate in the meeting.

District 1 includes the Counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, and York.

District 2 includes the Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Hampton, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland.

District 3 includes the Counties of Clarendon, Darlington, Florence, Lee, Marlboro, and Sumter.

District 4 includes the Counties of Dillon, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, and Williamsburg.

District 5 includes the Counties of Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, and Jasper.

Frances Price, Chair
The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
P. O. Box 11280, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211
Ph. # 803-734-2217

When submitting ads online, **DO NOT** type in upper case, type in lower case. **DO NOT** run words together.

High Tech Holsteins

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The most exciting innovation at Satterwhite's is the new rotary milking parlor. It's a carousel for cows, like a merry-go-round at the fair. The cows step onto a huge turntable and go for a pleasant ride while they're being milked.

The rotary parlor has spaces for 60 cows. As each cow steps onto the turntable, a computer sensor recognizes her by the tag in her ear. Workers quickly prep each cow and attach the milking machine. All her information is in the computer, and by the time she steps off the turntable—a mere nine minutes later—her milk production has been entered, weighed and stored on the computer.

Another change in the industry is that milking three times a day has become standard. This method is easier on the cows, and they actually give more milk. Satterwhite's herd of Holsteins each produces an average of 75 pounds of milk per day, for a total of 83,000 pounds daily. That's a lot of milk!

On the day I visited, Purina nutritionist Barry Dye was on site. Based in Georgia, he visits Satterwhite every three weeks to assess and adjust feed rations. He was a wealth of information, which he readily shared while Kevin was tending to a multitude of details all over the farm.

Barry explained that the new technology goes beyond milking itself. Satterwhite's is the first dairy in the state where the milk flows directly into a huge tanker truck parked just outside the building. On the way it passes over a chilling plate, which cools the milk to 33 degrees. That means the milk no longer goes into a holding vat—it flows directly from cow to refrigerator tanker. With milk, the quicker it is cooled down, the longer the shelf life.

Kevin's milk doesn't have far to go. "The milk going into the tanker now will be at the milk plant in Spartanburg tonight, and it will be in the grocery stores tomorrow," Barry said. Now that's fresh milk!

The cows did go through an adjustment period, Kevin said. At first they didn't like the rotary parlor, simply because it's different. Cows are creatures of habit, and they didn't much care to step onto a moving platform. "The first few days, they were afraid of it. Now they seem to enjoy the ride," he said.

In the old milk parlor, Satterwhite was milking 120 cows an hour. With the new rotary parlor, he's already up to 300 cows. As the herd gets fully acclimated, he'll be able to milk 360 to 400 cows per hour. That is getting the job done efficiently.

Yes, things have sure changed. But I am proud of South Carolina farmers who produce top quality products, and for making the investments to continue doing so for consumers across the state.

Collection Date Set for Unwanted Pesticides

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is partnering with Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling Department to accept unwanted or unused pesticides from farmers and homeowners at no charge.

Richland County is holding its annual "Richland Recycles Day" at the SC State Fairgrounds. Although most of the recycling event is only open to residents of Richland County, waste pesticides will be accepted from residents of any SC county. Pesticides will not be accepted from any type of commercial business or commercial applicator. Other collections events are planned for later this year that will be open to commercial applicators in the state.

- Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 16.
- Location: SC State Fairgrounds, 1200 Rosewood Dr., Columbia, SC, 29201
- SCDA will have personnel on site to monitor pesticide collection.

Quantities accepted will be limited to 2500 pounds of solid and 300 gallons of liquid at no charge.

No fertilizer (unless it is combined with a pesticide such as weed and feed), compressed gas cylinders (metal cylinder with a valve) or empty containers will be collected in the pesticide location of the event.

SCDA has final authority and will make the decision on whether or not to take waste from participants once vendor decides whether or not staff can properly dispose of product.

Pesticide products include herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, fungicides and other similar products used in agricultural production or around the home.

For more information regarding pesticide collection, contact SCDA's John Stokes at 803-737-9696. For more information on "Richland Recycles Day" event, contact Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling at 803-576-2446.

Ag Tour to Visit Rosebank & Lowcountry Dirt Farm

Two Lowcountry farms will be featured in a tour sponsored by the SC Agricultural Council on June 13.

First stop is a tour of Dirt Works Incubator Farm on Walnut Hill Plantation on Johns Island, where Nikki Seibert of Lowcountry Local First will give the history of farming in the area. Lowcountry Local First programs have provided monthly training for 200 farmers every year, graduated more than 95 participants, and created consumer awareness.

Culinary delights from the Tomato Shed Café under the live oaks will be featured, and participating farmers and apprentices will answer questions. Dirt Works farm is adjacent to Rosebank Farms, a 70-acre farm producing vegetables, fruits, flowers, and free-range laying hens,

where the tour continues.

The tour is open to the public, but seating is limited and preregistration is required by June 6. Priority is given to council members. The \$45 fee includes lunch, beverages, and snacks.

Send your name, phone number, and a check to SC Agriculture Council, P.O. Box 2683, Columbia, S.C. 29202-2683. The tour bus will leave the SC Farm Bureau in Cayce at 8 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m.

For information contact Hannah Watts Mikell at 803-553-7244, hbw11111@gmail.com or Steve Slice at 803-806-3820, ext. 116, Steve.Slice@sc.usda.gov. Visit the Lowcountry Local First website and the Dirt Works Facebook Page to learn more.

Hurricane Tips for Livestock Owners

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1, and experts urge farmers and livestock owners to check their premises now so they will be prepared. When hurricanes threaten, have a plan in place that takes these steps into consideration:

- Have back-up plans for water and electricity. Check generators to make sure they are working properly.
- Have a properly installed transfer switch for the generator.
- Inspect and repair fences, posts, and roofs. Repair loose wiring.
- Plan to secure items that might blow away.
- Identify places to relocate animals away from low-lying areas.

Turn off propane supply at tanks. Secure tanks if they are in a low area.

Move equipment away from trees or buildings that might collapse.

Mark animals with ear tags, livestock paint, or clipped initials in hair so they can be returned if lost.

Move feed to higher ground or more accessible place.

Move pesticides and chemicals away from low-lying areas that might flood.

Be sure tanks and farm vehicles are fully fueled.

Coordinate with neighbors to see where you might be able to help each other.

Keep a list of important phone numbers in a safe place.

New Signs

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Other signs will be installed this year at the following locations: Jim Harrison Gallery, Denmark; Audubon Center at Beidler Forest, Harleyville; Hunter's Store Regional Visitor Center, Pendleton; Pig-N-Vittles, Chesterfield; Olde English District Tourism Commission, Richburg; Old McCaskill's Farms B&B, Rembert; Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw; Lighthouse Lake Keowee Restaurant and Event Center, Seneca; Nantahala Outdoor Center, Mountain Rest; Charleston Tea Plantation, Wadmalaw Island; Split Creek Farm, Anderson; Bush-N-Vine Farm, York; Walker Century Farms, Anderson; Simple Times Farm, Enoree; The Happy Berry Inc., Six Mile; Six and Twenty Distiller, Piedmont; Windy Hill Orchard and Cidery, York; and La Belle Amie Vineyard, Little River.

Hot Seafood Dip

3 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese
6 tablespoons milk

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
3/4 cup crab meat

Soften cream cheese to room temperature. Mix all ingredients. Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve with chips or crackers.

Shrimp Dip

1 can cream of shrimp soup
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Dash garlic powder
Dash paprika
1 cup small shrimp

Mix cream cheese and can of shrimp soup; add remaining ingredients and chill. Serve with large Fritos.

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