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South Carolina Department of Agriculture Hosting Food Safety Training

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) will host food safety training for farmers to prepare for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) Certification on Wednesday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Phillips Market Center located at the State Farmers Market, West Columbia.

The training will include a food safety overview, updates on the Food Safety Modernization Act, information on the Farm to School program, a presentation from Clemson University Food Safety Specialist, detailed visual examples of the dos and don'ts of on-farm food safety practices, a review of the audit checklist for GAP/GHP Certification, and instructions for preparing a standard operating procedures manual.

Registration is recommended by contacting Matthew Wannamaker, Food Safety Coordinator, SCDA, at 803-609-5388 or mwannamaker@scda.sc.gov. The Phillips Market Center is located at 117 Ballard Court, West Columbia.

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