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Watermelons Take Spotlight at Edisto REC

The annual Watermelon Field Day, held at Clemson University's Edisto Research and Education Center in Blackville, was a huge success again this year. It was chock-full of field studies and seminars geared toward helping our farmers develop a broader working knowledge of growing this popular commodity.

Matt Cornwell, executive director of the S.C. Watermelon Association, kicked off the event by updating attendees on this year's

watermelon season. A host of agriculture experts shared the latest research related to growing watermelons and other crops. Extension horticulturist Dr. Gilbert Miller led watermelon trials, testing and sampling more than 80 varieties. He and Clemson plant pathologist Dr. Anthony Keinath presented research on the relationship of fungicide application and watermelon yield per acre.

New technology caught the group's attention as Clemson showed how unmanned aerial vehicles aid in watermelon production by taking infrared pictures of the fields. The UAVs can collect a wide range of field data to help farmers improve crop health and soil quality and eradicate pests and disease.

The tour also included the opportunity to sample more than 80 different varieties of watermelon straight from the field. The program returned to the office complex for cold samples of watermelon and lunch. During lunch, attendees heard from Dr. George Askew, Clemson's Vice President of Public Service and Agriculture, S.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, Clemson President Dr. James P. Clements,

and David Winkles, President of S.C. Farm Bureau.

Given this year's focus on pollinators, Clemson Extension bee specialist Jennifer Tsuruda gave a presentation on honey bee biology. She explained the vital connection between pollinators and the success of crops. She also shared tips to deal with pests that could damage fruits and vegetables, while attracting beneficial pollinators.



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Staff photo



Hugh E. Weathers
Commissioner

Commissioner's School: Another Great Year!

It is rewarding for me to see high school students start preparing for their futures, and the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture provides that opportunity each summer. This year, 41 high school juniors and seniors from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, New York, and Texas attended the academic program held July 18-24 at Clemson University.

Commissioner's School gave these students an inside look at various academic offerings and career options in agriculture and natural resources. Throughout the week, the group took part in academic projects, field tours and laboratory exercises, all while gaining skills in leadership and professional development.

The week started with a stream assessment at Wildcat Creek, where the students collected specimens to determine the water quality of the creek based on the plants and wildlife that have created their habitat there. The students then spent the next two days following a pre-selected academic track that included animal science, forestry and natural resources, and plant science.

The animal science group spent their time touring the horse, dairy, and poultry farms, as well as learning how to properly assist a cow during birth with Clemson's new calving simulator.

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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
cantaloupes, cucumbers,
greens, peaches, squash,
watermelons

Greenville SFM
1354 Rutherford Rd.
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023
cantaloupes, dairy products,
tomatoes, watermelons

Pee Dee SFM
2513 W. Lucas St.
Florence, SC 29501
843-665-5154
butterbeans, peanuts, peaches,
peas, watermelons

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Daily Market News Reports

S.C. Ag Council Presents Humans vs. Bugs & Weeds

The summer quarterly meeting of the S.C. Agricultural Council will "Chase the Red Queen" with Dr. Andy Dyer. A professor of ecology at USC Aiken, Dr. Dyer is the author of "Chasing the Red Queen," the first book to apply the Red Queen hypothesis to agriculture. Dr. Dyer examines one of the world's most pressing problems -- the race to feed the world's seven billion people -- as a biological case study.

He illustrates that when selection pressure increases, species evolve in response. That creates a never-ending, escalating competition

between predator (us) and prey (bugs and weeds). As a result, farmers are caught in a vicious cycle of having to use pesticides to beat back progressively resistant pests.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 13 at the S.C. Farm Bureau office in Cayce. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The program ends at 12:30 p.m.

Deadline for reservations for members and their guests is Aug. 7. Registration at the door is \$15 per person, which includes a catered lunch. Call 803-534-2409 to reserve a seat.



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JD 9965, cotton picker, been through shop, ready to go, \$18,000; JD 9960, GC, \$12,000. Henry Herndon; Bamberg; 803-793-6860

FORD 8N 47-48, working tractor, 12v, \$2500 firm. Lonnie Griffin; Lexington; 803-960-9290

HESSTON 1100, conditioner, \$2200. David Wilkerson; York; 803-925-2633

'96 FORD NH 1715, tractor w/Bush Hog, \$6000, EC, 140hrs. Elena Lamberson; Charleston; 843-559-3938

3300 JD COMBINE, w/2r corn header, \$3500; Intl 550, HD, 12ft disk, \$1500. Frank Rizer; Bamberg; 803-664-0847

TRL 16FT DUAL AXLE, 18in wooden side planks, slide in ramps, lights, GC, \$1700 obo. James Langston; Pickens; 864-859-6794

CASE 7130, 2wd w/duals, 6000hrs, GC, \$35,000, 25ft. Stephen Kirton; Horry; 843-458-7438

NH 158 HAY TEDDER, 12ft, \$1200; Fransguard tedder, rake, 12ft, \$800. Jackson Cauthen; Lancaster; 803-323-7797

MF, 11 shank chisel plow, converts to 7 shanks, shed kept, LN, \$2000. Richard Branham; Richland; 803-730-1466

4400 JD COMBINE, 13'ft head, new tires, ac, \$2600. Clint Boyd; York; 803-487-4209

JD 4955, 4x4 8700hrs, \$34,000; Intl 806 w/2350 ldr, \$9000; Lewis Bro house keeper, \$4500. Hank Hughes; Orangeburg; 803-682-2667

MF TRACTOR/LDR, combo model 30, more, \$7250; sm animal trl, 4x8, more, \$350; hvy duty root rake, more, \$3500. John Trbble; Anderson; 864-369-1645

'39 FA-A, w/cult, exhaust lift, \$950; 1ph scoop pan, \$200. Robert Yonce; Aiken; 803-685-7240

500GAL LMC SPRAYER, pull type, 60ft booms, new pump, tee jet controls, \$7300; automatic head gate, \$400. Curt Gwinn; Richland; 803-414-0045

ALUM 4H TRL, SL, GN, paneled, AC, carpeted dressing area, elec jack, new tires, VGC, \$18,000. Lynn Smith; Colleton; 843-835-2899

'52 JD A, runs good, \$2500; '53 FA Super C & '49 C, both for \$2500. Tim Howard; Sumter; 864-630-2778

13 NH WORKMASTER 55, frt end ldr & bucket, 16hrs, 4wd, new, \$28,000; 84in Bush Hog rear discharge groom mower, \$2250. J Petty; Spartanburg; 864-978-3437

Farm Labor

RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURAL FENCE, barb wire, field fence, wood & vinyl horse fence, chain link & privacy. James Strock; Orangeburg; 803-308-1195

FENCE CONSTRUCTION, in upstate, barbed wire & woven wire are specialty, board fence & PVC. Mike Gingerich; Abbeville; 864-328-7025

POND WORK, lime, fert, pond mgmt. David Burnside; Richland; 803-776-4923

CUSTOM SPREAD SERVICES, lime & fert, TN Valley lime del & spread, lrg/sm acreage, call for est. Joshua Waters; Lexington; 803-429-6114

GRADING, land clearing, ponds, grinding, mulching, food plots, bush hogging, Bulldozer & track hoe work, free est. Andrew Smith; Kershaw; 803-513-5168

HORSES/CATTLE TRANSPORT, in/out of state; horse boarding, 62A trls, barn, fed daily, \$300ea/mo; fence built/reprd, more. Ed Lowther; Jasper; 843-726-8373

PECANS, cracked & shelled, on thirds. Wade ten Bense; Lancaster; 803-283-4631

TRACTOR & EQUIP REPAIR, reasonable rates, guaranteed work, clutches, hyd problems, engine overhauls. Randy Stachewicz; Colleton; 843-538-7411

CHICKEN LITTER HAULING, Orangeburg, Dorchester & Colleton Co, call for info. Rafael Ruiz; Orangeburg; 803-682-2374

POND CONSTRUCTION, 20% disc on fish w/new pond, bulldozer work, wildlife mgmt, build rds, lots, food plots, etc. Cannon Taylor; Newberry; 803-276-0853

CATTLE SERVICES, penning, vaccinating, catching & hauling, portable corral avail. Ashley Rankin; Saluda; 864-993-6770

BUSH HOGGING, plowing, food plots, light tractor work, local travel only, priced by job, call for prices. L Painter; Spartanburg; 864-504-9088

BARNs, hay or custom, built to your needs, equip sheds, animal shelters, working pens, all pasture type fences, more. Chad Malone; York; 803-230-3827

PARTS & REPAIR, for older tractors. Jonathan White; Florence; 843-373-3712

CUT, rake, bale & net wrap hay, \$14/bale, w/in 40 mis of Barnwell. Tom Smothers; Barnwell; 803-300-7599

DOZIER & TRACKHOE WORK, build & repair ponds, demolition, tree removal, grade & clear land, repair rds, free est. J Hughes; Greenwood; 864-227-8257

TRACTOR REPAIR, restoration, all types, 50yr exp. George Bush; Lexington; 803-640-1949

CATTLE SERVICES, catch, pen, freeze branding & hauling, find & catch wild cattle, mobile hvy catch pens, more. Brian Gibert; Greenwood; 864-980-6408

FENCES BUILT TO YOUR SPECS, call for free est. Bruce Thomas; Dorchester; 843-563-4373

BUSH HOGGING, light tractor work, debris removal, cut up & remove downed trees, Midlands area. John Tanner; Lexington; 803-422-4714

TRACKHOE WORK, w/hvy brush cutter, trim back brush on field edges, cut ditches, ponds built, more, statewide. Stephen McMasters; Saluda; 864-923-1230

PASTURE MGMT SERVICES, spray weeds, treat fire ants in livestock pastures, licensed, spread fert & lime. Kenny Mullis; Richland; 803-331-6612

CUSTOM SAWING, w/Wood Mizer portable sawmill, your location or mine. Art Limehouse; Anderson; 706-599-3980

CUSTOM PLANT, Bermuda Sprigs on your land, w/Bermuda King row planter, statewide, Tifton 44 & 85 avail. Johnnie Burkett; Aiken; 803-924-5736

CUSTOM CATTLE WORK, catching, penning, hauling, more. Josh Brown; Saluda; 864-910-5378

FENCING, all types of agriculture & residential, 24yrs exp, in upstate. Danny Hershberger; Greenville; 706-201-5745

TRACTOR REPAIR, service, restoration, paint, parts for JD, MF, Ford, IH FA, eng rebuilds, install cab Interiors. David Moss; Spartanburg; 864-680-4004

EXTREME BUSH HOGGING, w/skid steer on tracks. hvy brush & trees up to 6in shooting lanes, slopes, etc, more. Pat Blue; York; 803-242-0095

TRACTOR WORK, all models, sale parts. Jack Shelton; Richland; 803-736-9820

TRACTOR WORK, all types, food plots, plowing, scraping, bush hogging, backhoe & frt end ldr. Steve Jones; Spartanburg; 864-583-7027

AGRICULTURAL FENCE, grading install & repair barb wire, Hi tensile, wire, privacy, board fence, trenching, free est. James Lang; Laurens; 864-444-3038

BUSH HOGGING, mulching, spreading-gravel, dirt, etc, various other light tractor work, free est. Cary Cox; Greenville; 864-918-1691

TRACTOR RESTORATION, paint, pressure wash, mechanic & radiator work on any tractor or hvy equip; welding, more. Billy Gallman; Newberry; 803-276-7171

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR NEEDED, Bulldozer, track hoe, etc, \$15/hr & up, experience & references required. John Hilton; Richland; 803-983-5546

SKID LDR WORK, 40yrs fence exper, all types of farm, ranch fencing, feed lots & catch pens. Charles Mullinax; Anderson; 864-958-0721

CUSTOM HAY BALING, grading, clearing, bush hogging, ponds, free est, Belton, Anderson area. Chris Minton; Anderson; 864-617-4936

HAULING SERVICE, chicken & turkey litter, mulch, grain; poultry & turkey house clean outs, call for pricing. Michael Wise; Newberry; 803-271-4215

LIME SPREADING, specialize in bulk Tennessee lime, call for est. Drake Kinley; Anderson; 864-353-9628

LEXCO TACK CLEANING, leather bridles, saddles, harness, cleaning only, no repairs, quantity disc, your place or mine. Laurie Knapp; Lexington; 803-317-7613

FARM MANAGER NEEDED, small Johns Island farm, care for horses, chickens. Elena Lamberson; Charleston; 843-559-3938

Farm Land

Ads for each tract must be 5 acres or more, stating that it is under cultivation, timber or pasture, including a written statement stating "This Acreage/Land is my personal property." Ads from real estate agents are not accepted, unless property is personally owned.

12A, timber or permaculture, w/creek, Foxhunter off 903, Lancaster Co, \$28,000. Wade ten Bense; Lancaster; 803-283-4631

WANT TO LEASE, hunting land, in Saluda or Newberry Co, will maintain land, rds & fences, respect livestock. Bruce Brown; Saluda; 803-351-0781

15.79A, near McEntire ANG base, wooded, paved road, poss financing, \$5000/A. George Daniels; Orangeburg; 803-534-8217

17.26A, fenced, some Bermuda, \$55K; possible owner finance, Tanglewood Rd, Trenton. Cody Fields; Edgefield; 903-422-1492

15.53A, pine & hwd timber, deer & turkey hunting, W Wateree, \$30,000. James Reynolds; Kershaw; 803-438-9630

17A, on US 178 between Bowman & I-95, wooded, stream, power line, \$2750/A. John Brailsford; Orangeburg; 803-707-9083

77A, 27A of field, cutover, off US 178 b'tween Bowman & I95, 3 home sites, \$2000/A. Sarah Coggins; Orangeburg; 803-707-9083

32A WOODED, 18.5A planted pine, 9y/o, city water, 300 block N Sansbury Rd off Hwy 401, \$4.5K/A obo. Gerald Pusser; Florence; 843-662-9213

45A, Hwy 79, creek frtage, farm, fields, pasture, w/1880's restorable farm house, paved rd though, \$107,000. Michelle Hromyak; Marlboro; 803-507-4112

8.3A, Union Co, pasture, timber, fenced, w/ nice older DW, unrestricted, for livestock, hunting, etc \$48,000. Susan Georgion; Anderson; 423-440-4196

21A, wooded, exc hunting & fishing, on Lake Russell, rural quiet area, \$130,000. Shirley Huston; Abbeville; 803-917-9665

WANT LAND TO LEASE, for hunting, Laurens Co, for deer & turkey, 100-250A. Roger Furr; Pickens; 864-419-3882

WANT LAND, for hunting lease, Lexington, Calhoun, Aiken, Richland or Orangeburg Co, will improve land. Kendall Chavis; Lexington; 407-288-7660

164A, w/20A hay field, equestrian cut, bldg sites, out buildings, home avail on adjoining property, \$3000/A. Charlie Jackson; Aiken; 678-910-0561

134A, pasture, timber, Abbeville Co, 3 streams, Turkey Creek, frontage on 3 streets, S&W avail, \$2475/A. Susan Cork; Abbeville; 803-216-4458

74A, pond, pasture w/horse shed, well, septic, storage sheds, cleared, woods, \$8000/A. Pat Abrahamson; Dorchester; 843-209-0306

21.88A, 32x140+ barn, fenced, cross fenced, for livestock, poultry or dairy, 4bd/2bt home, \$189,000. Stacy Atkinson; Darlington; 843-319-8734

WANT TO LEASE LAND, in upstate for hunting, sm or lrg acreage, will improve & manage for wildlife, more. Eugene Cox; Greenville; 864-918-1691

59A, Edgefield Co, paved road frontage; timberland & hunting on Turkey Creek, \$1800/A. Jerry Waters, Aiken, 803-648-0310

WANT HUNTING LAND, to lease, 300-500A, Calhoun, Lexington, Richland Co. Robert Rice; Lexington; 803-960-1661

280A, Laurens Co, wooded, PW, streams, food plots, \$3000/A; 143A Cross Hill, wooded w/stream, \$2500/A. Andy Parnell; Greenville; 864-360-1370

158.46A FARM, w/home, 1035 Hopewell Ch Rd, Clinton, 2 3A ponds, 40A pines, rest pasture, crop land, \$595,000. David Brown; Greenwood; 864-942-1804

101A, fenced pasture, barn, corral, 3100sf brick house, mixed timber, shoals & creek, Pendleton 4mi, \$750K. Carl Lund; Anderson; 864-940-4299

47A, Bishopville, 10yr natural regrowth, hunting, owner fin, \$2500/A. Howard Boyd; Richland; 803-360-8985

30A, 70% open, 30% woods, 3- 40x420ft poultry breeder houses, \$600k neg, in Canaan. Bruce Proctor; Orangeburg; 803-682-1494

20-50/A, near Honea Path, fenced pastures, woods, stream, \$7500/A. Philip Wigger; Abbeville; 864-369-7375

81.2A, Laurens, wooded, water, sewer, exc deer hunting, \$4K/A obo, more. John Morgan; Edgefield; 803-279-6744

8 WK GUINEA KEETS, \$8ea; 5 sex link roosters, 16w/o, \$10. Mike McKinney; Greenville; 864-630-6137
BLK & BUFF ORPINGTONS, y/o, show line, \$10ea; off spr, 15w/o & yngr, \$5, other colors. Darlene Hobbs; Lancaster; 803-285-4463
5 OE BB RED BANTAM ROOSTERS, H-5/10, show quality, \$5ea or \$20 for all. Tom Linowski; Newberry; 803-924-8084
BRONZE TURKEY CHICKS, 6wks, \$15; 4m/o, \$30. L Gunter; Lexington; 803-532-7394
HAMPSHIRE REDS, hens, 5m/o, \$15, starting to lay. Billy Gallman; Newberry; 803-276-7171
SNOWY CALL DUCKS, \$30/pr; RIR chicks, \$2-5ea; Quail OE bantams, grown prs, \$10; Ring Neck pheasants, \$6. Barney Gause; Williamsburg; 843-356-1671
RIR PULLETS, ready to lay, \$15ea. Steve Ard; Aiken; 803-603-0642
50 MIXED CHICKENS, 2 Peking Duck prs, 2 M Mallards, \$7ea or \$350 all. Glenwood Williams; Aiken; 803-663-3909
SILKY CHICKS, all colors, \$10up, depending on age, Champion stock. Linda Sinclair; Lexington; 803-360-5597
125 GSL & PRODRED PULLETS, start to lay 9/15, \$7.50ea. Mac McClendon; Colleton; 843-835-5050
RIR ROOSTER, 1y/o, \$10. Sandi Wade; Chester; 803-581-0519
45 WHT LEGHORN HENS, 1 rooster, 8m/o, laying, \$15ea. Bill Shoemaker; Richland; 803-348-2326
GAME ROOSTERS, \$30ea. Francis Shiver; Kershaw; 803-432-5206
ROLLING ROLLER PIGEONS, \$15ea/pick-up; \$17ea or 10/\$160, will ship. Les Everette; Charleston; 704-577-3905
SEABRIGHTS BANTAMS, golden & silver, \$30/trio. Wade Brewington; Laurens; 864-833-4114
4 PRODUCTION RED HENS, \$6ea; guinea keets, \$4-6ea, according to age. Mary Robertson; Laurens; 864-861-3168
BABY PEACHICKS, diff colors, \$25ea. Stacy Smith; Laurens; 864-876-3647
WELSUMMERS, brn speckled eggs layers, 5m/o, \$30/pr. Ashlee Burkett; Lexington; 803-269-1044
BABY MUSCOVY DUCKS, roller pigeons, \$8ea; giant runt pigeons, \$75/pr. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285
GAMECOCKS, rnd head, wht jumpers, grays, oak grove, wht hackles, sweaters, \$35ea; yng stags, \$20up; pullets & hens, \$10up. J Carnes; Lancaster; 803-285-0081
KING PIGEONS, \$10ea, 6 or more reduce price. Mike Knight; Georgetown; 843-543-1337

Upcoming Events

August

8/21-22 SANDY OAKS PRO IPRA RODEO, performances 8pm, gates open 6pm. Sandy Quarles; Edgefield; 803-637-5369
8/28 FENCING SCHOOL, 11am-5:30pm, 1100 W Floyd Baker Blvd, Ste C, Gaffney, \$15, rotational grazing, more. Amy Mallette; Cherokee; 864-489-3141

September

9/11-12 NEWBERRY CO AG EXPO, Saluting Our Heroes, 7556 Hwy 219, ag exhibits, High School Rodeo, 8pm ea night, more. Lisa Sligh; Newberry; 803-940-0318
9/12 ALL BREED HORSE SHOW, 8am, Red Bank Arena. Joyce Dickinson; Lexington; 803-718-3347

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.

Tips on Entering Ads in the Market Bulletin

Please include a complete address in each ad submitted.

Please follow the instructions under each category that has requirements.

Please make sure your ad is placed in the correct category for the item you are advertising.

If you have any questions, call the *Market Bulletin* Office, 803-734-2536.

WHT SILKIE ROOSTERS, \$3. Kay Clair; Spartanburg; 864-463-3886
PB BANTAMS, guineas, y/o, \$12up, chicks, \$4ea; baby turkeys, \$10ea up; 3 hens, 1 Tom, y/o, \$170 for all. Philip Poole; Union; 864-427-1589
GUINEA KEETS, 3d/o, \$3; older keets, \$3.50up, diff colors. John McMillan; Hampton; 803-943-3902
PEACOCK CHICKS, India Blue, \$15; wht, \$20. Edward Graham; Edgefield; 803-279-5365

Rabbits

SMUT NOSE, lion head, Dutch, crème d'argent, mini lop, 3-4 m/o, colors, \$10ea. Debbie Martin; Laurens; 864-876-8607
MISSOURI COTTONTAILS, Dutch, \$7up. Ernie Redmond; Orangeburg; 803-568-4043
TN REDBACK RABBITS, wild type, full grown, \$10ea; weaned, \$8ea. Rufus Whelchel; Cherokee; 864-208-5355
RABBITS, B-6/15, blk, brn & cream, \$5. Heather Ford; York; 803-548-0572
CA DOES, bucks, \$10up. Andrew Cleer; Laurens; 864-684-7378
NZ CA CROSS, meat & pet, \$7ea; 5/\$25. Blake Senn; Newberry; 803-597-8220
CA/NZ CROSS, 6-8w/o, \$7ea. Geraldine Ricard; Lexington; 803-409-9670
MO COTTONTAILS, wild type, \$8ea. James Wise; Lexington; 803-359-4857
COTTONTAILS, woolies, and Rex rabbits, \$10ea & up. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285
LOUISIANA COTTONTAILS, \$8ea. Danny Cook; Newberry; 803-924-6953

Sales

8/8 8:30AM DUKES AUCTION GROUP, North, huge farm equipment, tractors, combines, pickers, all types of implements. Donald Dukes; Orangeburg; 803-533-9333
CATHCART AUCTION, sm animal sale, 2nd /4th Sat ea mon, 10am, poultry, animal related & farm equip. Carol Cathcart; Union; 864-427-9202
LIVESTOCK AUCTION, 1st & 3rd Fri of mon, sm animals, farm/animal items, 6pm; animals, 7pm, www.dixiestockyard.com. Phil Grant; Chester; 803-329-3684
AUCTION, poultry & sm animal, ea Sat 11am, 1591 Bishopville Hwy, Camden. Glenn Hinson; Kershaw; 803-600-4202
SM ANIMAL AUCTION, ea Sat, 12pm, 1st & 3rd Sat of ea mo, farm supplies auction followed by livestock. Kenny Droze; Dorchester; 843-709-1733
CLAXTON'S AUCTION, ea Sat, 11am, poultry, equine, sheep, goats, cows, hogs, sm animals. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

Seed

Seed Ads must be accompanied by a copy of a current Seed Lab Test.

CERTIFIED GREGORY PEANUT SEED, P-97%, G-85%, IM-3%, exc for wildlife food plots, \$20/50lb bag. Richard Rentz; Bamberg; 803-245-5991
TROPHY BUCK SEED OATS, P-99.98%, G-98%, D/HS-98%, IM-0.02%, cleaned, 50lb bags, \$15/bag. Jeffrey Gilmore; Chesterfield; 843-517-0315

Wanted - Farm Equipment

MF 224 SQ BALER, complete machine for parts. Michael Ketchie; Anderson; 864-296-4905
3PT HITCH, for FA 560, Champion Pecan Cracker, Thomson Sheller, 6ft culverts. Wade ten Bensel; Lancaster; 803-283-4631
CATTLE TRL, 16 or 14ft factory built, BP, dual axle, lights, elec brakes, swing out gates, center gate. John Gossett; York; 803-222-7786
CULTIPACKER, any length. John McInnis; Marlboro; 843-586-8989
FUEL INJECTION PUMP, for early 80's Int 484, 3cyl dsl, Bosch pump. Terry Anthony; Anderson; 864-414-9678
GARDEN BEDDER, 3ph. Nathan Shirey; Lexington; 803-315-6109
PASTURE SPRAYER, 100gal or less. William Clack; Fairfield; 803-581-1484

Wanted - Hay

PEANUT HAY, for winter. Davis Beam; Kershaw; 803-309-1448
FREE FESCUE, rye, wheat, oat straw or mixed hay, mold free, feed & wood shavings, to help rescued horses, will p-up. Trecia Brown; York; 803-230-6778

Wanted - Livestock

FREE LIVESTOCK, goats, cattle, pigs, mules, no horses, chickens or jacks, can p-up. William Knopf; Chester; 803-482-3891
BEEF CATTLE, cows, calves, bulls, whole herds. Brian Gibert; Greenwood; 864-980-6408

FREE LRG PONY, or sm horse, for light riding, must be calm, no buck, kick, rear, will p-up. Trecia Brown; York; 803-230-6778
BEEF CATTLE, cow/calf prs, springers, calves & bulls. Josh Brown; Saluda; 864-910-5378
FREE LIVESTOCK, horses, ponies, sheep, goats, pigs, cows, ducks, geese, turkeys, emus, etc, will p-up, more. Dennis Crosby; Orangeburg; 803-542-0638
FREE UNWANTED FARM ANIMALS, sheep, goats, cows, chickens, etc, no equine. William Johnson; Greenwood; 864-543-3435
FREE UNWANTED CHICKENS, goats, hogs, pigs, etc, will p-up. Mozelle Jones; Richland; 803-403-4292
FREE LIVESTOCK, goats, cows, pigs, sheep, donkeys, chickens, turkeys, peacocks, emus, ostrich, etc, will p-up. Joe Calwise; Laurens; 864-998-3405
WILL PICK UP FREE, or unwanted livestock, poultry, and sm animals. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

Wanted - Miscellaneous

CATTLE PANELS, goat panels, etc, must be 40in wide or more. Mary Brooks; Orangeburg; 803-263-4620
PUPLWOOD SAW TIMBER, hdwd, pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, pay top prices, upstate counties. Tim Morgan; Greenville; 864-420-0251
700LB HANGING COTTON SCALES, w/16lb weight; blksmith anvil, wash pots, farm/brass bells. R Long; Newberry; 803-924-9039
CORN DETASSELER, if any are still around. John McInnis; Marlboro; 843-586-8989
FREE RND PEN PANELS, stall mats, gates, concrete mix, 2x4, 2x6 wood, posts, more, to help rescued horses, will p-up. Trecia Brown; York; 803-230-6778
LONG LEAF PINE STRAW, clean, to bale, lrg tracts of land, cash paid. David Shull; Lexington; 803-318-4263
SS HONEY EXTRACTOR, reasonably priced. Renae Ausburn; Anderson; 864-444-4763
EGG CARTONS, clean, free. Andrea Williams; Lexington; 803-917-9565
BLACKSMITH ANVIL, 100lbs or larger, cast iron dinner bell, hand crank corn sheller. L Gunter; Lexington; 803-532-7394
SM TRACTOR, slightly used, for use in grading driveways. Wendy Knapp; Lexington; 803-622-8579
PINE SAWTIMBER, pine pulpwood & hdwd, we cut sm or lrg tracts, 8A or more. H Yonce; Edgefield; 803-275-2091

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The forestry and natural resources group enjoyed sessions in Clemson's experimental forest, through wildlife tracking and trapping and learning more about tree care. They also toured the aquaculture and aquaponics facilities and attended a session with S.C. Department of Natural Resources. The plant science group learned about plant irrigation, participated in a two-part soils activity, toured Clemson's organic farm and learned more about peaches at Musser Research Farm.

The group was back together at the end of the week for an exciting whitewater rafting trip down the wild and scenic Chattooga River and finished the week with a turf grass session in Death Valley.

The evenings were just as busy, too. On Monday night the group participated in a discussion meet. The students were given three current issues in agriculture to research before coming to Commissioner's School. They competed in two rounds where they were judged based on their ability to work together to create and communicate a solution to the issue provided. They may have better ideas than some I hear coming from grownups.

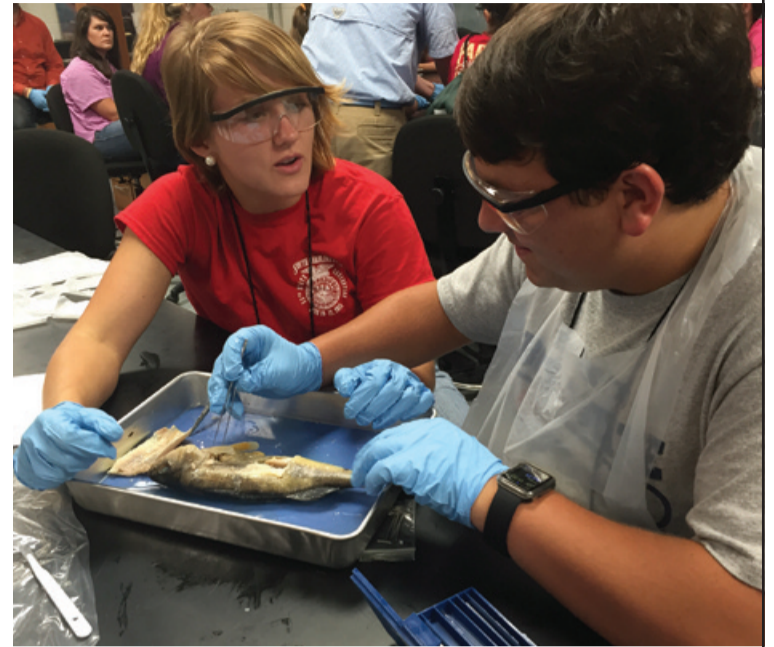
The group spent Tuesday evening creating smoothie recipes with Certified SC produce and developing a marketing strategy to help sell their smoothie.

I joined the group on Thursday evening for an Etiquette Dinner at the Madren Center. My wife, Blanche, spoke to the group about the importance of practicing good manners and how to apply them in work and social settings. The week ended with a closing reception in the Life Sciences building on Clemson's campus. I enjoyed meeting the students' families and getting to speak to the group about the importance of educating the next generation of agribusiness leaders. It was a great way to wrap up another successful week.

Commissioner's School started in 2004 and has graduated more than 425 students. The program is a great partnership between the S.C. Department of Agriculture and Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. It is supported financially by many fine South Carolina organizations and companies that realize the importance of this endeavor.

Applications for next year's program will be released in January of 2016.

Students Involved in Hands-on Learning



Staff photo
Activities at the Commissioner's School ranged from studying trees to dissecting fish. Caroline Sharpe, left, and others in the forestry section learned about urban tree care on the Clemson campus. Martina Leake and Bryce Compton, right, discuss their fish in the anatomy lab. Students traveled from as far away as Texas to take part in the annual academic program for high school seniors.



Agritourism Venues

LowCountry/Pee Dee

Middle Sparrow Ranch
400 West Ralph Lane Road
Timmonsville, 29161
843-992-1468, 843-319-4373
middlesparrowranch.com

We provide a local source of naturally healthy, grass-fed beef, milk and farmstead cheese, in a sustainable manner, to the Pee Dee, Grand Strand, and Low Country. Raw milk, cheese, butter, beef, pork.

Open year-round
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Midlands

South Forty Farm
641 Highway 274
Lake Wylie, 29710
704-575-3550

Tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers, hand dipped ice cream.

April - Oct.
Mon. - Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Upstate

Beechwood Farm
204 Bates Bridge Road
Travelers Rest, 29690
864-836-6075, 864-836-7465
mybeechwoodfarms.com

Fine quality "vine ripened" fresh fruits and vegetables. Roadside market. Snap and pole beans, sweet corn, eggplant, yellow squash, tomatoes.

April - Mid-Sept.
8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Mon. - Sat.

For more information, contact SCDA Agritourism Director Jackie Moore at jmoore@scda.sc.gov.

Truck and ATV Offered as Prizes to Farm Bureau Winners

Applications for S.C. Farm Bureau's Young Farmer & Rancher 2016-17 Achievement Award are due Sept. 1. Among the prizes are a new GMC truck and a trip to Phoenix for American Farm Bureau's annual meeting. The competition is for individuals or married couples actively engaged in farming.

The award acknowledges success in agricultural production and leadership. The top three applications will be named state finalists. Each finalist receives a \$1,000 cash prize and a one-night stay at the state conference in Clemson on Feb. 5.

Applications for Excellence in Agriculture are due Oct. 1. Finalists each receive \$500 and a one-night stay at the conference in Clemson. The winner will receive a new Polaris Sportsman 570 ATV and free conference trips.

Download applications at www.SCFB.org. Pay particular attention to deadlines and rules.

Farm to Gallery Features Food, Art at Museum

On July 30, the S.C. State Museum hosted its first-ever Farm to Gallery dinner in conjunction with the Carolina Makers art exhibition, sponsored by Time Warner Cable. Everything was locally sourced, from the food to the art itself. The exhibition highlighted 28 South Carolina artisans and their work, which consists of many interesting objects.

The dinner featured live music performed by the Ruby Brunettes, hand-crafted beer from River Rat Brewery, and seasonal local food prepared by Bourbon and Rosso Trattoria, both of which are Fresh on the Menu restaurants. The hors d'oeuvres were prepared by Chef Ambassador Brandon Velie, owner of Juniper in Ridge Spring.



Artisan Leigh Magar, owner of Magar Hatworks in Spartanburg, creates handmade garments, accessories, and art by using indigo and natural dyes for her garments.



Look for Certified SC Grown peaches and watermelons this summer!