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

Greenville SFM
1354 Rutherford Rd.
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023
apples, dairy products,
gourds, pecans

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2513 W. Lucas St.
Florence, SC 29501
843-665-5154
gourds, pecans,
sweet potatoes

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DNR Opens Office at State Farmers Market

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources has officially opened a regional midlands office at the State Farmers Market in West Columbia.

The new DNR office located in the Corbett Building is designed for fast customer service, allowing outdoor enthusiasts to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, permits and tags, as well as renew watercraft registrations and obtain duplicate decals and registration cards in just a few minutes.

The lack of parking downtown created a significant problem for DNR constituents, and the new State Farmers Market location will provide plentiful parking and shorter transaction times. "We believe this will create a much better experience for the public," said DNR Director Alvin Taylor.

"We are very excited about our partnership with DNR," said SC Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "Our State Farmers Market is the perfect location for hunters, anglers and boaters to renew their licenses with shorter wait times and without the hassle of downtown parking. I hope that customers will also take the opportunity to see what our market has to offer."

DNR patrons will be able to stop by the Certified SC farmer sheds to stock up on local produce and seasonal offerings, or enjoy a farm to table meal at Dupre at the Market. A Fresh on the Menu restaurant, Dupre at the Market features daily specials and Southern favorites like pimento cheese, fried okra and meatloaf.

DNR licensing supervisor Julie Jarrett, who is located at the new office, said her staff is already getting great response from customers. "They are so happy with the parking and the new building," she said. Even though winter is typically a slow time for licensing, word is getting around and customers are already coming in.

In addition to DNR's new office at the State Farmers Market and the downtown office in the Rembert Dennis Building on the State House grounds, DNR has licensing offices in Charleston, Florence, York and Clemson. Only the Charleston office and the office in downtown Columbia can facilitate boat titles and transfers. The department also has about 500 licensed sales vendors across the state who can sell hunting and fishing licenses.

Hunting and fishing are popular activities in South Carolina, with about 212,461 hunters and 575,000 anglers enjoying these sports. "If you hunt anything you need a license," Jarrett explained. In many cases hunters apply for more than one license. For example, deer, bear and turkey licenses are sold separately. Small game licenses apply to animals like rabbits, squirrels, raccoons and even alligators. In 2014 DNR issued more than 434,000 hunting licenses and 681,000 fishing licenses for both fresh and salt water.

For more information about the services offered at the express service DNR office visit www.dnr.sc.gov. For more information about State Farmers Market events, visit www.agriculture.sc.gov.



DNR Staff Photo
SCDNR Director Alvin Taylor spoke at the opening of his agency's new office.



Hugh E. Weathers
Commissioner

National FFA Week

Every year in February, the agricultural family celebrates National FFA Week. During that week, FFA members from all over South Carolina descend on the State House grounds for Legislative Appreciation Day to meet with their elected officials. It's certainly an impressive sight to see all the students in their "national blue" corduroy jackets covering the steps of the State House.

While I wasn't an FFA member in school, I could have earned my membership through real life experiences on the farm. I was, however, active in 4-H and I know from experience that organizations like these afford young people unmatched opportunities to grow as leaders.

While in Columbia, the students discuss important issues with their representatives and senators, and some chapters are recognized in the House chamber. Many of them drop by my office for visits as well. We always take time to give them a tour of the Department and talk about the careers available in the agriculture field. They serve as a great reminder to our legislators of one of the key missions of the Department of Agriculture—to create new opportunities for this industry in the future.

In addition to Legislative Day, members participate in tractor parades, Ag Olympics, and serve breakfast to staff at their schools. This week brings to life the FFA motto: *Doing to learn; Learning to do; Earning to live; Living to serve.*

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Monsanto Makes Donation to *Plant it Forward SC*

Monsanto Company has donated \$25,000 to *Plant it Forward South Carolina*, an initiative by South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture.

Plant it Forward SC will provide relief funds specifically for covering a portion of seed costs for 2016, as well as hay bale losses. Total agricultural losses from last October's flood are expected to exceed \$500 million.

"To say South Carolina farmers are resilient is an understatement," said James Hunt Bookhart, a district sales manager for Monsanto. "From drought to floods, they dealt with some tough challenges in 2015. As a resident of South Carolina, I saw firsthand the devastating impact this storm had on local farms."

Monsanto produces seeds for fruits, vegetables and other important crops including corn, soybeans and cotton – some of the crops that were most heavily affected by the flood. The company finds sustainable solutions for soil health, helps farmers use data to improve farming practices and conserve natural resources, and provides crop

protection products to minimize damage from pests and disease. Through programs and partnerships, Monsanto collaborates with farmers, researchers, nonprofit organizations, universities and others to help tackle some of the world's biggest challenges.

"On behalf of South Carolina farmers, I cannot thank Monsanto enough for their generous donation to *Plant it Forward SC*," said SC Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers. "As an agricultural company, Monsanto understands the difficulties our farmers are facing, and their willingness to help is indicative of their commitment to the industry. This donation will help many farmers continue in 2016."

Nearly 500 applications for assistance have already been received. Additional donations are needed to assist as many of them as possible.

For more information on *Plant it Forward SC*, or to make a donation, visit www.plantitforwardsc.org. Donations are being accepted through Feb. 29.

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Aquaculture

FARM RAISED CHANNEL /BLUE CATFISH, SC grown, 4-8 in, 10¢/in; fryers, \$2.50/lb, quantity disc. Russell Smith; Calhoun; 803-727-7020

STERILE GRASS CARP, 8-10in, \$12ea; 12in+, \$15ea; red breast bream, 40¢ea; mosquito fish, \$20/100; more. Clay Chappell; Richland; 803-776-4923

STERILE GRASS CARP, 12-14in, \$11ea. Perry Price, Lexington, 803-356-3403

BLUEGILL, 35¢+; Sterile Grass Carp, \$10+; Largemouth, \$1.50+; Shad, \$30/lb; Catfish, 50¢+, p-up or del. Derek Long; Newberry; 803-276-2070

CRAPPIE, 50¢-\$2; Shad, 50¢-\$3; Bluegill Bream, 30¢-\$3; Catfish, 50¢-\$3; Bass, \$1.50-\$2. Cannon Taylor; Newberry; 803-276-0853

Cattle

BLK ANG BULL, 2y/o, good dispo, frame & muscling, \$2000. Sam Hall; York; 803-627-5545

BELTED GALLOWAY BULL, FB registerable, nice belt, docile breed, 14m/o, \$800. Carol Ann Burns; Laurens; 864-923-6160

BLK LIMOUSIN BULL, 4y/o, \$2000. Jerry Carpenter; York; 803-627-1225

REG BLK ANG BULLS, 13m/o, BSE, vac, wormed, calving ease, \$2500ea; comm red bull, 12m/o, out of Yon b'line, \$2000; more. S Clark; Laurens; 864-430-7734

SIMM & SIMANG YRLNG BULLS, EPDs, breeding soundness, cutting edge genetics \$2500-4500. Lloyd Baxley; Georgetown; 843-325-8821

REG ANG BULL, 3 y/o, top 5% yw, top 10% marb & \$B. \$3500; reg Ang bred heifers & cows, preg checked, \$2500. Jason Wilkie; Lexington; 803-600-2438

REG CHAR BULLS, 6m/o & up, low BW, \$1700up. Louis Keasler; Anderson; 864-314-5336

10 YNG BLK ANG, Ang Cross, red Ang, bred to blk Ang bull, \$2000ea. Terry Gibert; Greenwood; 864-993-4212

REG BLK ANG BULL, calving ease, Ohlde b'lines, 4y/o, \$2000. Davis Beam; Kershaw; 803-309-1448

4 PB BLK ANG BULLS, 12-15m/o, shots, LBW b'line GAR, \$1500-1700. Bill Mason, Cherokee, 864-490-1430

ABBA BRAHMAN BULLS, 8mo-breeding age, exc b'line All Hands On, gentle, \$1500-2500. James Brannan; Greenville; 864-505-6094

PB BLK ANG BULL, 26m/o, Hoover Dam b'lines, low b/w, calves on ground, \$1800. Eddie Heaton; Dorchester; 843-563-7081

REG ANG BULLS, 16-24m/o, w/low BWs, AI sired by Final Answer, Sitz Upward & Bushwacker, \$3000up. Rick Outen, Chesterfield, 843-337-1355

REG BLK ANG BULLS, sired by SAV Brand Name ,16m/o, good dispo, passed BSE, \$1700up. David Gibbons, Cherokee, 864-839-6705

BB HEIFERS, wormed, vac, on feed, 750lbs, \$1400ea; SimAng bull, 13 mo, AI sired, easy calving, \$2000. Wayne Garber; Laurens; 864-923-0581

REG ANG BULLS, top AI b'lines, 12-17m/o, del avail, \$2000up. Steve Sease; Anderson; 864-304-6313

REG BLK ANG BULLS, 13-23 m/o, good EPDs, safe for heifers, BSE included, \$2000up. Marc Renwick; Newberry; 803-271-8691

REG BLK ANG BULLS & HEIFERS, by Yon Legend & Clemson sires, BSE, shots, docile, \$1500-3500. Bobby Baker; Lancaster; 803-285-7732

40 DEHORN LONGHORN, cross breed to Charolais for spring calving, 6-8y/o, 120 to choose, \$700up. Chris Roux; Cherokee; 864-906-5471

5 ANG COWS, w/calves, \$2500/pr. Cecil Eaddy; Clarendon; 803-473-2154

YRLNG BULLS, SimAng & Simm, blk, blk/wht face & red, all AI breeding, \$2000+. Jim Rathwell; Pickens; 864-868-9851

REG ANG BULLS, 2y/o sired by Density, 5522, Right Time, Juneau f/Donor Dams, exc feet, low BWs, \$4000up. Dixon Shealy; Newberry; 803-629-1174

BLK SIM ANG BULL, 3y/o, \$2500; blk Baldie bull, goggled eyes, \$2000; reg Hereford bull, 3y/o, \$2500, more. Vic Carmichael; Marion; 843-431-8731

RED POLL COW, 4y/o, bred to Blk Ang, sound, good dispo, \$1400. Mike Buck; Saluda; 864-445-7399

AMER BLK HEREFORD CATTLE, reg & com, good EPDs, low BW & CE, shots & wormed, docile, \$1500+. George Crout; Lexington; 803-629-2208

HEREFORD BULLS, 14m/o, red/wht face, \$1200. Billy Gallman; Newberry; 803-276-7171

BLK ANG BULL, FB, no papers, \$1000; Red Ang Bull; both 7m/o, \$1000ea. L Gunter; Lexington; 803-532-7394

BLK ANG BULLS, reg, weaning age, Final Answer, ease calving, 7m/o, \$1300ea. Jack Whitaker; York; 803-925-2129

PB SANTA GERTRUDIS, yrng bulls, 7-9m/o, from show quality stock, \$1200. Steve Hartsell; Anderson; 864-287-2938

REG POLLED HEREFORD BULL, 10m/o, \$1200. Edward McClain; Anderson; 864-261-8276

REG BLK ANG BULL, p/w b'lines, sound breeder, low b/w, 5y/o, \$3000. Tim Vickery; Anderson; 864-940-1285

Dogs

A copy of current Rabies Vaccination Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian must be presented with the ad for dogs 12 weeks or older. Dogs under 12 weeks must include date of birth. Dog kennel/breeder ads are not accepted. Only dogs-for-sale notices will be published. Dog notices are lower priority and will be published as space permits.

GREAT PYR/ANATOLIAN SHEP LGD, B-12/31, \$250ea. Rick Clark; Berkeley; 843-688-5993

GREAT PYRENEES, B-1/18, 3M, 2F, \$300. Joseph Kelly; Darlington; 843-858-0780

CANE CORSOS, B-12/10/15, shots, dewormed, \$1000up. Paul Langston; Pickens; 864-859-6794

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285 MF, 81hp dsl, runs good, good sheet metal & tires, \$8500obo. David Green; Spartanburg; 864-804-8090

JD 730, 2cyl, pony start, both engines EC, almost new rubber, \$13,500. William McClellan; Anderson; 864-847-7900

GRAIN DRILL, JD Model B, 8ft planting width, 14 single disks, GC, \$1000. Jackie Rogers; Spartanburg; 864-576-0736

IH 800 PLANTER, 4R, 38in spacing, row cleaners, fert app, soybean/veg plates, EC, more, \$3250. Walter Arnette; Dillon; 843-774-7043

JD MDL 8 BACKHOE, 3pt & subfrm, \$2000; Ford Fte ldr, fits 3500-4500, GC, \$1600; TE20 Ferg rns TO20 prts, \$1400. Wayne Hadden; Aiken; 803-642-8324

1RW COLE PLANTER, 3pt, \$650; 6ft Hico Bush Hog, 3pt, GC, \$700; 3pt barrel carrier, \$100. George Schwab; York; 803-493-8021

FA SUPER A, new frt tires, new valves, steering whl & steering support, 3pt lift, runs good, clean, \$2900. Tom Kirkley; Lancaster; 803-286-6527

JD 6700 HYBOY, 60ft boom, \$50,000; JD 9500 combine, 4wd, 20ft header, \$45,000; JD 7800 tractor, C&A duals, more. Mike Shirer; Calhoun; 803-826-6604

JD 310 DISC HARROW, 14ft, EC, \$3000; 13ft JD 210 disc harrow, GC, \$2000. Ken Griffith; Orangeburg; 803-860-1744

Farm Labor

BUSH HOGGING, other misc light tractor work. Eugene Cox; Greenville; 864-918-1691

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

BERMUDA GRASS SPRIGS, planted w/8ft Bermuda King grass planters, w/3000lb roller, Coastal, Tifton 85. Joe Gallagher; Allendale; 803-686-0694

FIELD FENCE, barb wire, wooden board fence; provide farm services & barn repair. Spyke Owens; Greenville; 864-213-7039

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

FENCE CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR, all types. Andru Anders; Greenville; 864-838-8617

FENCES, built to your specifications, any type, state wide, free estimates. Bruce Thomas; Dorchester; 843-563-4373

ALL TYPE FENCES, repairs, 18yrs exp, free estimates. Thomas Fallaw; Saluda; 864-321-9969

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

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

WANT SOMEONE TO BUSHHOG, 40A in Eastover. Martin McKenzie; Richland; 803-627-8002

CUSTOM LIME & FERT SPREAD SERVICE, TN valley lime, crop to wildlife lands, lrg or sm acres. call for est. Joshua Waters; Lexington; 803-429-6114

CATTLE FENCE, wood & vinyl horse fence, barb wire, chain link fence. James Strock; Orangeburg; 803-308-1195

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

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

TRACTOR REPAIR, service, painting & restorations, parts for JD, MF, IH FA, Ford, we install cab interiors. David Moss; Spartanburg; 864-680-4004

STATEWIDE FENCER, specializing in NZ Hi Tensil elec, hog wire, barb, etc, hyd post driver, 25yrs exp. Richard Crow; Abbeville; 864-554-1107

POLE BARN, custom barns, working pens & all types of fences, grading work & hauling stone. Chad Malone; York; 803-230-3827

PASTURE MGMT SERVICES, spray weeds, treat fire ants in livestock pastures, licensed, spread fert & lime. Kenny Mullis; Richland; 803-331-6261

LEXCO TACK CLEANING, leather, bridles, saddles, harnesses, your place or mine, qty disc. Laurie Knapp; Lexington; 803-317-7613

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK, bush hogging, discing, cut up & remove downed trees. John Tanner; Lexington; 803-422-4714

TRACTOR REPAIR, old or new, will come to location. Jack Shelton; Richland; 803-736-9820

FRUIT TREE, small fruit & grapevine pruning, training & planting services, commercial exp. Barry Hossler; Saluda; 803-364-0186

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

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

NEW FENCES, built or fences repaired, all kinds, good prices. Grady Berry; Saluda; 803-480-7894

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

POND CONSTRUCTION, any Bull Dozer job, food plots, roads, clearing, etc. Cannon Taylor; Newberry; 803-276-0853

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.

22.7A, Pond, part trees, partial farm land. 422 Bo Smith Rd, Lamar, \$55,000. Azalee Smith; Darlington; 843-332-7635

WANT TO LEASE LAND, for archery hunting, any size lease, will enhance & protect the land. Eugene Cox; Greenville; 864-918-1691

262A, Abbeville Co, Hwy 28, lva, all pasture, fenced & cross fenced, w/3 ponds, \$3500/A obo. Phil Hiott; Anderson; 864-617-5454

322A SWAMP LAND, 100A cut down, 200A timber, wildlife, Pocotaligo River runs thru, 2½mis of Manning, \$600/A. Harry Strock; Berkeley; 843-825-6367

9A, pasture, Greenwood Co, \$7000/A. Sandy Byrd; Edgefield; 803-480-2560

79A, Fairfield Co, White Oak area, w/20A lake, incl 60A planted pines thinned, hunting, \$3400/A. Mark Schimmoller; Richland; 803-609-0559

560+-A FARM, timber, 20-150A tracts, Barnwell & Aiken Co, \$1,550,000. Tommy Boyleston; Barnwell; 803-671-2296

41.37A, ½ cleared, ½ planted pine, \$155,000. James Bradberry; Abbeville; 864-446-2744

142A, Laurens Co, wooded, PW, streams, food plots, \$2700/A, Cross Hill, 1hr of Greenville. Andy Parnell; Greenville; 864-360-1370

61A, wooded w/creek, 2mis from Ninety Six on Amusement Dr, \$2500/A. Terry Gibert; Greenwood; 864-993-4212

WANT '16 HUNTING LEASE, Lexington, Richland, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Aiken, Saluda, will improve land. Kendall Chavis; Lexington; 407-288-7660

21A, wooded, creek, on Lake Russell, hunting, fishing, possible owner financing, \$130,000. Shirley Huston; Abbeville; 803-917-9665

LAND FOR LEASE, 15A arable, Greenville Co, off Fork Shoals Rd, good for row crops, \$150/A obo. John Rainey; Greenville; 615-424-7127

109A, Bamberg Co, 5 mis of Denmark, mature timber, hunting, 1500sf house, \$398K. L Williamson; Lexington; 803-894-3744

10+A FOR LEASE, plowed for planting, upper Abbeville Co, on Bell Rd, Antreville area, reasonable. Vance Clinkscales; Anderson; 864-225-6084

20A, wooded w/some hdwd, Greenwood, Kirksey Scotts Ferry Rd, \$2600/A. Ken Thomas; Pickens; 864-207-0075

23A, harvestable timber, w/pond, \$105,000. Shawn Yonce; Edgefield; 803-480-0278

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

7.42A, wooded, fruit & nut trees, wildlife, 2474sf house, workshop, \$219,000. Donald Counts; Newberry; 803-315-1016

90.7A, 60A farm land, Orangeburg Co, Bowman-Branchville area, \$3400/A. Twila Holliday; Anderson; 864-338-9842

WANT 5A OR MORE, lower Colleton Co. Donnie Stringfield; Colleton; 843-844-2080

Fresh Produce

RAW JERSEY MILK, w/cream, no antibiotics or hormones, gal, \$7; ½gal, \$4. Sam Stevens; Aiken; 803-645-5111

FRESH DUCK EGGS, \$4/dz. Heather Ford; York; 803-548-0572

FARM FRESH EGGS, brown or green blue from free range chickens. Billy Gallman; Newberry; 803-276-7171

SUGAR CANE, Blue ribbon, 100 stalks for \$50. F Noles; Barnwell; 803-383-4066

Garden Plants

Ads submitted by commercial nurseries are not accepted. (Commercial nurseries are defined as those with sales of \$5,000 or more per year.)

STRAWBERRY PLANTS, bare root, \$20/100 plants, can ship for additional, \$12/100 plants. Lynn Brantley; Orangeburg; 803-531-9228

POMEGRANATES, turkey fig, lemon fig, Muscadine grapevines, \$10up. Cornelius Clark; Berkeley; 843-761-2343

BLUEBERRY PLANTS, Tame thornless blackberry, purple Muscadines, Cherry Hedge, plum trees, all in pots, \$5-10. Hazel Bridges; Greenville; 864-879-3384

1GAL BLUEBERRY PLANTS, Legacy, Premier, Powderblue, \$6ea. Barry Hossler; Saluda; 803-364-0186

RABBITEYE BLUEBERRY PLANTS, \$2ea; 15 min ship + \$9 postage; grape vines, \$3ea. Billy Eddins; Chesterfield; 843-623-2427

LRG BLUEBERRY, 3y/o, 2 varieties, sweet thornless blackberries, \$5ea; pomegranate & fig trees, \$10ea; more. F Noles; Barnwell; 803-383-4066

Goats, Llamas & Sheep

NIGERIAN DWARF BABY BUCKS, AGS reg, B-12/2, disbudded, blue eyed, \$200. Patty Jackson; Cherokee; 863-316-0741

GOAT STUDS, Briar w/Nubian, Kiko, 11m/o, \$200; proven, Briar, \$250; Briar w/Nubian, \$300; Kiko, \$250. S Howard; Aiken; 803-266-4714

100% BOER BUCK, 1y/o, can be USBGA reg, proven breeder, \$125. Bill Walker; Greenwood; 864-993-4359

ALPACAS, 2 adult F, \$1200obo, can be caught & haltered, off-white, ARI reg, good mothers. Cathy Huffman; Pickens; 864-313-3895

PB NIGERIAN BUCK, unreg, B-10/8, \$100obo. Steve Gajdosik; Spartanburg; 864-764-4520

3 NIGERIAN DWARF PIGMY GOATS, tame, withered, 6m/o, \$175ea; 3 for \$150ea. Walt Teachman; Anderson; 864-356-1933

LAMBS, St Croix Hair Sheep, M rams only, pure, may be reg, B-11/15, \$100up. J Sequoia; Edgefield; 858-692-2374

BOER BILLIES, \$150-1000, Tarzan b'line. Johnny Hickey; Chesterfield; 843-537-7535

KING SERIES SADDLE & BRIDLE, 15in blk, used 2x, tooled leather w/Texas Star conchos, \$475 cash. Pamela Prather; Aiken; 803-260-5361

FARM FUEL TANKS, above ground, 3.5ft x 7ft9in; \$400; 3.5ft x 7ft11in; \$300; 42½in x 7ft, \$400. Alex Stone; Greenville; 864-836-0690

12IN SADDLE, blanket, bridle, all new, \$160; natural gas hanging heater, 45000btu, LN, \$300. Rickie Evans; Chester; 803-209-2714

MARTIN GOURDS, large, \$3; medium, \$2; small, \$1. Donald Clamp; Lexington; 803-359-6809

RR CROSSTIRES, 6 & 8ft, \$6-8obo. Ed Lowther; Jasper; 843-726-8373

PECAN FIREWOOD, seasoned, cut 18in long, in shed, \$50/sm p-up load; \$200/cord. Tom Harmon; Lexington; 803-530-3348

CAST IRON KETTLE, 1gal, \$15. Billy Eddins; Chesterfield; 843-623-2427

CEDAR LUMBER, \$1.10/bf; rnd cedar post, \$3&4ea; holly & red oak, \$2/bf; walnut, \$3/bf. Andy Morris; Newberry; 803-276-2670

OAK FIREWOOD, \$50 truck load, del/fee. Raymond Raymond; Lexington; 803-317-56253

FRONT TRACTOR TIRES, tub, 10x16.3 rib, \$175. Melvin Barr; Pickens; 864-360-5176

HOBART WELDER, 230V, 25 wire feed, 180amp, EC; 32in argon bottle, \$700. James Wilson; York; 803-547-3255

CHOICE RED WORMS, \$6/100; \$25/500, \$11/100 post pd, cash. James Chavis; Florence; 843-659-2792

20 & 30GAL WASH POTS, \$200 & \$300; #4 CS bell, \$300; #20 CS bell w/wheel, \$500; #24 CS bell w/wheel, \$800. Perry Masters; Greenville; 864-561-4792

METAL COW CHUTE, head gate w/2 side gates, \$1000. Vic Carmichael; Marion; 843-431-8731

OAK FIREWOOD, del, stacked, full size p/up, Columbia, Irmo, Chapin area, \$125. Ronald Wright; Richland; 803-606-1666

GOURDS, hang ready, \$1-3.50ea; uncut, 25¢-\$3ea; 12 gourd rack, \$60; large old milk can Solar, \$125. Robert Yonce; Aiken; 803-685-7240

POULTRY CARRYING CASE, \$100; cockers scale, \$125; more. Doug Carter; Chester; 803-444-0097

CYCLONE RAKE LAWN LEAF VACUUM, VGC, \$700 obo; Troy-Bilt chipper/shredder, 8hp, EC, 3 operating hrs, \$600obo, Joe Harrell; Richland; 803-786-4841

2-R TRACTOR TIRES, 20.8x38. 90% tread 14pl on Case Int rims, \$800ea. William Gunnells; Anderson; 864-353-3082

'09 JD LA145 RIDING MOWER, 48in deck, 22hp, GC, \$650. David Nettles; Orangeburg; 803-516-1375

TIRES, 15 & 16in, \$10ea; gas heater, \$35; kerosene heater, \$20. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

PLOW POINTS, antique, \$1ea; Cole planter plates, small type, \$30ea; 2 PTO shafts, new, \$90ea. George Schwab; York; 803-493-8021

2 70GAL FERT TANKS, w/brackets, \$1100both; 4 tires, 18.4 38, tubes, 30% wear left, \$900all. James Linder; Colleton; 843-908-3193

LRG METAL FLAT BELT PULLEY, 5ftT, \$250; 2 metal belt pullies, \$150ea; farm platform scales, on whls, \$200. C Woodfin; Spartanburg; 864-316-4717

Plants & Flowers

Ads submitted by commercial nurseries are not accepted. (Commercial nurseries are defined as those with sales of \$5,000 or more per year.)

PEACE LILIES, \$3; \$5; \$10; spider plants, \$1ea; more. Clarissa Allaire; York; 803-579-1795

LEYLANDS, Green Giant, \$2.85ea; 100/\$2.50ea, can ship. Janice Myers; Spartanburg; 864-494-2001

JAP MAPLES, over 100 varieties, laceleaves & uprights, 5-40gal, \$39up. Mike Britton; Edgefield; 803-278-1468

CONFEDERATE ROSES, wht dogwoods, forsythia, gardenias, camellias, angel trumpets, azaleas, more, \$10up. Cornelius Clark; Berkeley; 843-761-2343

LEYLAND CYPRESS, 3gal, \$4.50; Jap Maples, \$8-20; Magnolias, China Fir, Kwanson Cherry, \$5-15; more. Hazel Bridges; Greenville; 864-879-3384

SEEDLING PECAN TREES, 12-24in T, \$4ea. Barry Hossler; Saluda; 803-364-0186

MONKEY GRASS, Liriope & Hosta, 4in pot, \$2.50ea; iris, 4in pot, \$3.50ea; gardenia, 1gal, \$6. Woody Ellenburg; Pickens; 864-855-2565

SAWTOOTH OAKS, swamp chestnut oaks, wht oaks, scarlet oaks, \$2ea, 10 min. Victor Bailey; Darlington; 843-326-5748

LARGE AZALEAS, 3y/o, \$1.75; hydrangeas, boxwoods, tea olives, Gardenias, \$5ea; crepe myrtles, camellias, 3gal pots, \$12ea. F Noles; Barnwell; 803-383-4066

CREPE MYRTLES, red, purple, 3-10ft T, bare root, we dig, \$2ea. Lester Newton; Calhoun; 803-727-6616

CANNA BULBS, President red, pink, Bengal Tiger, no ship, \$10/dz. Robert Yonce; Aiken; 803-685-7240

Poultry

CALL DUCKS, Grey & Snowy, \$40/pr; Golden Sebright chickens, \$35/trio. Kent Jewell; Lancaster; 803-283-9129

SILKIE CHICKS, \$10 up, depending on age, Champion stock. Linda Sinclair; Lexington; 803-360-5597

RIR HENS, laying, 1y/o, \$14ea. Ronnie Rogers; York; 803-448-1225

GUINEAS, \$10ea; Wyandotte chickens, \$35/trio; bantams, \$6ea. Elgava Jones; Greenville; 864-836-3581

BARRIED ROCK PULLETS, 11w/o, \$6ea. Trey Watts; Clarendon; 843-598-8582

PEAFOWL, 2-3y/o, Indian Blue peafowls, ready for spring laying season, \$100ea. Ernest Phillips; Richland; 803-394-3983

4 BUFF ORPH ROOSTERS, 3 bantam wht cochin roosters, 2 M khaki Campbell ducks, \$5 & up, all 8/2015 hatch. Cindi Love; Lexington; 803-755-1483

GAME COCKS, Kelso Claret Cross, 2y/o, \$100; 1y/o, \$75; pullet, 2 way cross, \$75, Wishbones breed. Steve Mobley; Chester; 704-622-2425

11 DOVES, \$100. Mary Beck; Newberry; 803-768-9295

PEAFOWL, blue, green & wht, 50¢-90ea; guineas, \$9ea; pheasants, Ringneck, Red Golden, \$10-20ea, more. Joe Culbertson; Greenwood; 864-229-5254

40 GOLDEN SEX LINKS HENS, hatched 11/4, lays brown eggs, \$11ea. Bill Shoemaker; Richland; 803-348-2326

RIR PULLETS, various hatch dates, \$3.50+ ea. Curtis Peagler; Berkeley; 843-412-2999

BOBWHITE QUAIL, flight cond, \$3.85, disc for bulk purchases avail. Kasey Lentz; Chesterfield; 803-295-2785

PIGEONS, mixed colors, \$5ea. Nathanael Stevens; Aiken; 803-642-7166

CHICKENS, silkies, cochins & others, roosters & hen, \$5up. Connie Henderson; Chesterfield; 843-634-3361

BOBWHITE QUAIL, flight & weather cond, \$3.75ea. Wayne Green; Clarendon; 843-373-2150

LIGHT BRAHMA, 6 hens, rooster, 8m/o, \$100; 2 Dominique 2 Barred Rock hens, Dominique rooster, \$75. Diane Gosnell; Laurens; 864-861-9621

10 MALLARD DUCK DRAKES, \$10ea, no hens. Lowell Hamilton; Chester; 803-581-0937

ADULT PEACOCKS, hens & cocks, India blues, \$150; Blk shoulders, \$175; wht hen, \$200. Nancy Cannon; Richland; 803-528-4639

2 WHT LEGHORN HENS, 2 RIR roosters, 1 mixed rooster, \$5ea. Steve Martin; Newberry; 803-924-5581

2 BLK ROOSTERS, \$5ea; Pekin duck drake, \$10. Heather Ford; York; 803-548-0572

GAMECOCKS, stags, sweaters, S Kelso, oak grove, wht hackle, wht jumpers, blue mugs, Canadian mugs, more, \$35ea. Roy Carnes; Lancaster; 803-289-8475

PEACOCK'S, yng, M/F, \$35ea; 1M/2F blk should, \$150/all 3; 3 pure indigo roosters, \$85ea; RIR chicks, \$3ea. Harvey Ammons; Chester; 803-899-0268

GOLDEN PHEASANTS, \$50pr; extra males, \$15ea; Muscovys, \$8; polish bantams, \$20pr; guineas, \$8ea; doves \$20pr. Lloyd Gerhart; Kershaw; 803-425-8796

TRIMMED STAGS, \$55; laying pullets, \$45, OIG OG Kelso hatch, claret, LRH & crosses ava. Doug Carter; Chester; 803-444-0097

BOBWHITE QUAIL, flight cond, \$3.75ea. Joey Gunter; Lexington; 803-920-1605

ROLLER PIGEONS, \$8ea; mixed game chickens, \$10ea. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

CHICKENS, RR Red Leghorn, \$4-14; Pekin ducks, \$5-15. M Komar; Lexington; 803-582-8132

PEACOCKS, wht Cameo, purple BS, more, \$125ea. Carrie Odom; Chesterfield; 843-378-3456

Rabbits

ANGORA, Belgian hare, Himalayan Wht, NZ Wht, Chinchilla \$8-20ea. Joe Culbertson; Greenwood; 864-229-5254

NZ/LIONHEAD BUNNIES, \$10ea. Matthew Stevens; Aiken; 803-642-7166

5 SILVERFOX RABBITS, \$15ea. Steve Platte; Aiken; 803-507-4331

Ratites

ADULT MALE EMU, proven breeder, \$300. Nancy Cannon; Richland; 803-528-4639

Sales

DOUBLE H LIVESTOCK AUCTION, Hwy 29, Pelzer, small animal sale ea Tues, 7pm. Phil Hiott; Anderson; 864-617-5454

3/26 ANNUAL FARM MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT AUCTION, sponsored by Hollywood Ruritan Club at Hollywood School. Charles Nichols; Saluda; 864-445-8350

2/27 24TH ANNUAL SALUDA CO CATTLEMEN'S REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE, 12:30pm, selling over 200 heifers. Travis Mitchell; Saluda; 864-445-8117

LIVESTOCK SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION, 1st & 3rd Fri of mon, check in 3pm, sale 7pm, www.Dixiestockyard.com. Phil Grant; Chester; 803-329-3684

SPRINGFIELD STOCKYARD, 1pm, horses, donkeys, cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, & sm animals. Nathan Croft; Orangeburg; 803-258-3512

CLAXTON'S AUCTION, ea Sat 11am, goats, sheep, cows, pigs, poultry & small animals, Special Sale 3/20, 1pm. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

Seed

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

DIXIE LEE PEA, cleaned, P-98.22%, G-96%, D/HS-0%, D/HSD & G-96%, OCS-0.03%, IM-1.74%, \$35/50lb bag. Jeffrey Gilmore; Chesterfield; 843-517-0315

WRENS ABRUZZI RYE, G-92%, P-99.42%, IM-0.57%, OC-0.01%, \$15/bag. Robert McLeod; McBee 803-730-2352

ABRUZZI RYE, G-88%, \$20/bag. David Chassereau; Bamberg; 803-267-4880

Wanted - Farm Equipment

ORIG HYD CYLINDERS, quick attach adaptor for Intl 2250 frt end loader. J Hughes; Cherokee; 864-219-0287

755 JD TRACTOR, for parts. Bill Lesley; Anderson; 864-609-7370

4X4 LOADER TRACTOR, low hrs, 30-60hp. Bobby Lummus; York; 803-417-1661

6FT HD DISC HARROW, 3ph. Wade Bales; Beaufort; 843-812-6844

7500-18,000LB EXCAVATOR, D5 size dozer. Brian Rikard; Oconee; 706-491-1111

Hobcaw Barony Offers Select Events Workshops in Upstate Explain Conservation Easements

"Cemeteries on Hobcaw Barony" will begin at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Visitors can explore black and white cemeteries and learn of burial customs, grave decorating traditions, tombstone art, and survival and tragedy in the Lowcountry. The fee is \$30/person.

The Bellefield Plantation tour on Feb. 25 will cover the grounds of Belle Baruch's 1937 plantation home as well as her beloved stables. The cost for this expanded tour is \$20/person. The tour runs from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Hobcaw Barony will allow riders to bring their own horses and ride designated trails on Feb. 27 and March 12. They can explore the 16,000 acres with maps to highlight points of interest. Check-in time is from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and all horses, trailers and their owners must depart by 5 p.m. Registration and waiver forms must be received by Hobcaw Barony at least three days before the event. The fee is \$30/rider.

The Plantation Sportsmen is a two-day event on Feb. 25 and 26 that provides dinner and drinks at Hobcaw House on Thursday evening and a field trip to plantations along the Pee Dee River on Friday. Dr. Suzanne Hurley, the author of *A River in Time*, will give a talk at dinner. The fee is \$150/person. Reservations are required for all events. Download forms at www.hobcawbarony.org.

Annie's Project to be May 4 in Georgetown

Annie's Project, a national program that teaches women about farm management skills, will be held this year in Georgetown from May 4 –7.

Annie's Project is based on the personal experiences of a farm wife. It provides women with important information for living and working in a farm business. Many hands-on sessions are included.

The fee is \$125 for double occupancy and \$250 for single, which includes all materials, meals and lodging.

For more information, contact Jennifer Boyles @ 843-616-0786 or jbyls@clermson.edu.

According to the National Young Farmers Coalition, more than two-thirds of all farmland in the U.S. will change hands in the next two decades. As farmers retire and pass away, their land is likely to move out of family ownership forever.

Land trusts can help preserve farmland so that it is not sold for development. Some land trusts specialize in agricultural land. A conservation easement can protect the land while the farmer continues to own and manage it for traditional uses.

A conservation easement is a contract between a landowner and a land trust which allows the owner to permanently restrict certain uses on his property. The easement is binding on all future owners and is a useful tool to landowners who plan to give away or sell their land. Significant tax benefits may apply.

To learn more about whether a conservation easement is right for you and your land, Upstate Forever is holding workshops for interested land owners. A complete meal is included at each site.

Each workshop covers the following:

Conservation easements, The Voluntary Protection of Land; The Economic Benefits of Conservation Easements; a panel of land owners explaining "Why We Did It," and a keynote speech on why conservation matters for you, your family and the region. Dates and places follow.

- March 1, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at Wade's Restaurant, Pinewood Shopping Center, 1000 N. Pine St, Spartanburg.

- March 1, 3–6 p.m. at Tommy's Ham House, 214 Rutherford St, Greenville.

- March 3, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at Lighthouse Restaurant, 1290 Doug Hollow Rd, Seneca.

- March 3, 3-6 p.m. at Lee's Barbecue Catering Services, 16994 SC-72, Waterloo.

The cost for each workshop is \$20 for landowners; \$75 for professionals seeking continuing education credits. Advance registration is required. Register at www.upstateforever.org/your-land-your-legacy/. Contact Erin Knight or Patricia Carson at 864-250-0500 or landtrust@upstateforever.org for more information. Other land trusts throughout the state work with local landowners: sccbank.sc.gov/entitlandtrust.html.

Rural Energy for America Program Offers Help

Farmers and small rural business owners can apply for grants from USDA, Rural Development to reduce their energy consumption through the Rural Energy for America Program. The grants, which can pay for up to 25 percent for energy efficiency improvements on a farm, range from \$1,500 to \$250,000. Renewable energy grants range from \$2,500 to \$500,000. A few topics include:

- Are your utility bills more than you can handle?

- Are your grain dryers old and inefficient?
- Are you interested in installing solar panels?
- Are your diesel motors getting too expensive to operate?
- Do you want to create a renewable energy source?

Rural Development will hold a workshop from 10 a.m. until noon on March 7 at York Technical College, Chester Extension, to discuss the program and to provide application assistance. Email Angela.Mooresanders@sc.usda.gov or call 803-581-1906 Ext. 116 to reserve a seat.

Special Events

2/23 WILD HOG CONTROL PROGRAM, Anderson Co Forestry Asso, 5:30-8pm. Carolyn Dawson; Anderson; 864-638-5889

2/24 CLEMSON EXT PEANUT PRODUCTION MTG, 2pm, Dorchester Library, 506 N Parler Ave, 1 CCH. Rebecca Hellmuth; Dorchester; 843-563-5777

2/29 SPARTANBURG OPEN HORSE SHOW, 9am, at Croft State Park Arena, www.shahorseshows.com. Heather Grow; Spartanburg; 864-384-0012

3/5 SC CATTLEMEN'S ASSOC ANNUAL MTG, 7am-3:45pm, Phillips Market Ctr, exhibits, speakers, meetings, more, \$35 reg fee. Roy Copelan; Lexington; 803-734-9806

3/12 BARREL RACE SHOW, NBHA SC02 & NC03, Clack-A-Drome Arena, 1288 Lowrys Hwy, exh 11am, show 2pm, PeeWee, Youth, more. Ralph Clark; Chester; 803-581-6210

3/17-20 MANCHESTER TRAIL RIDERS SPRING RIDE, Sat ride @10, Live Band, more, pre-registration. Marsha Boykin; Sumter; 803-773-1308

4/9 AIKEN ANTIQUE POWER TRACTOR SHOW, 9am-4pm, 1652 Wire Rd Across from Central Bapt Ch. Wayne Smith; Aiken; 803-645-6574

FORRESTRY HEAD CUTTER, head high flow for Bobcat. Steve Lanford; Greenville; 864-706-6752

PISTON TYPE HYD PUMP, w/lines, for '54 Jubilee tractor. Harold Wright; Cherokee; 864-838-4763

NH 630 HAY BALER, for parts, or the power take off assembly for the front & rear. Merritt Porter; Horry; 843-421-1510

DITCH CLEAN-OUT BUCKET, or 18-24in W std bucket, to fit 555 Ford backhoe. Charles King; Georgetown; 843-546-5758

806 IH TRACTOR, SN#32697 thru 32800. Buck Riley; Saluda; 864-942-2653

SEAT & FENDERS, for WC AC tractor. Robert Yonce; Aiken; 803-685-7240

Wanted - Hay

FREE HAY, Fescue, rye, wheat, oat straw or mixed hay, mold free, feed & wood shavings, to help rescued horses, will p-up. Trecia Brown; York; 803-230-677

Wanted - Livestock

BUTTON QUAIL. Ernie Sexton; Greenville; 864-399-3914

JERSEY GIANT CHICKENS, blk or wht. Hoyte Hinton; Greenville; 864-420-6425

FREE LIVESTOCK, poultry, no horses. Dennis Crosby; Orangeburg; 803-707-9682

FREE UNWANTED GUINEA, chickens, goats, ducks, turkeys, etc, will p-up. Mozelle Jones; Richland; 803-463-0475

FREE UNWANTED FARM ANIMALS, goats, sheep, cows, chickens, roosters, etc, no equine. William Johnson; Greenwood; 864-543-3435

FREE LARGE PONY, or small horse, for light riding, must be calm, no buck, kick, rear, will p-up. Trecia Brown; York; 803-230-6778

UNWANTED LIVESTOCK, goats, cattle, chickens, emus, peacock, turkeys, pigs, sheep, donkeys, more, will p-up. Joe Calwise; Laurens; 864-998-3405

FREE OR UNWANTED LIVESTOCK, goats, sheep, cattle, mules, will p-up. William Knopf; Chester; 803-482-3891

GAME CHICKENS, free or reasonably priced. Jerry Knight; Greenville; 864-423-0301

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

LLAMA, also Jacobs 4 horned ewe. Lloyd Gerhart; Kershaw; 803-425-8796

WILL PICK UP, unwanted poultry, pigs, sheep, goats & small animals. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

TRAIL HORSE, for senior citizen & beginner granddaughter. must be dead broke, healthy & experienced. Mary Lindsey; Lexington; 803-331-1425

Wanted - Miscellaneous

BEE HIVE, w/bees. Robert Wilson; Greenville; 864-233-2769

AUTOMATIC HEADGATE, for cattle, reasonably priced. Harry Cameron; Williamsburg; 843-221-7614

POND EQUIPMENT, pond liner or billboard tarp, pump, etc, will pay reasonable prices. David Gainey; Darlington; 843-861-2745

FOLDING TYPE TOP, for Dr buggy; also 1h wagon. Harry Isbell; Anderson; 864-617-2627

PINE OR HDWD LOGS, pulpwood, fuel chips, chip n saw in low country, 8+A tracts, sm logger, pay top dollar. Brett Wiggins; Colleton; 843-303-8626

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

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

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

HD BUSH MOWER, self-powered, tow behind, 48in deck minimum, wider preferred. Richard Barnett; Greenville; 864-477-8225

BELLS, farm, brass, church, bell parts; anvils; wash pots; 700lb hanging cotton scales w/16lb wt; Hobart meat grinder. R Long; Newberry; 803-924-9039

BLACKSMITH ANVIL, 100lb or larger, cast iron dinner bell, hand crank corn sheller. L Gunter; Lexington; 803-532-7394

National FFA Week

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Throughout the year the FFA mission is embodied in classrooms across the state and nation, where students have the chance to learn by doing and are encouraged to look for new solutions to old problems. Agricultural education instructors do an outstanding job of blending hands-on learning with life skills that can be applied to any situation – not just on the farm.

When students enroll in an ag class, one of the first things they learn is the FFA Creed. At just five sentences long, the creed highlights important traits of a successful leader including perseverance, honesty and dedication to community. It also serves as a blueprint for FFA members in their quest to become agricultural leaders. Written by Erwin Milton Tiffany in 1930, the words of the FFA Creed still serve as a guide for aspiring agriculturalists some 85 years later.

Mr. Tiffany certainly had a vision when he drafted those verses, beginning each with "I believe." In these challenging times for South Carolina farmers, those words have never rung more true. I believe in the future of agriculture, and I believe that agriculture will continue to thrive in our state. Thanks to leadership development programs like FFA and 4H, our agricultural future is in good hands.

Vertical Farming Offers Alternative

Vertical Farming is an innovative idea that suggests that the sky's the limit for growing crops.

Andrew Carter, North America Regional Manager for the Vertical Farming Association, explained that vertical farming is not meant to replace traditional farming.

Vertical farming is an extension of greenhouses and hydroponics, two methods farmers have already embraced. The new method has many advantages, from eliminating runoff to year-round production.

In that respect, it's ideal for heavily populated areas and is a viable solution for vacant urban spaces. While the system uses less land, the costs can be high. Farmers in some states are using vertical farming to grow greens and specialty vegetables.

For more information on vertical farming, visit: <http://vertical-farming.net/>.

FFA Cultivates Tomorrow's Leaders

By Stephanie Sox
SC Department of Agriculture

Agricultural educators in South Carolina prepare students every day to fill jobs in agriculture. More than 10,000 middle and high school students gain ag-related skills in 110 agriculture programs around the state. They explore areas such as forestry and natural resources, agriculture mechanics, horticulture, animal science, biosystems technology and aquaculture, to name a few.

Students put classroom skills to work in their Supervised Agriculture Experience, which allows them to apply their knowledge while learning the importance of good record keeping.

FFA completes the integrated agricultural education model and encourages students to be leaders. "FFA gives students the opportunity to practice what we learn in the classroom through competitive events," explained Tommy Harmon, agricultural education instructor at Pelion High School. "They develop leadership skills and think on their feet, by speaking at meetings, career fairs and even in civic organizations. It is important for both career and leadership skills."

Harmon, who has taught agriculture in South Carolina for more than 30 years, recognizes the importance of cultivating new leaders. "There are diverse career opportunities in agriculture – not just farming. One third of the jobs in our workforce are related to agriculture."

Ag education is attracting non-traditional students who may not have agricultural backgrounds. "In the last 10 to 15 years, ag education has been growing. The science of agriculture is attracting students who aren't necessarily interested in farming," said Kevin Sox, past chair of the South Carolina FFA Board of Directors.

"Students have the opportunity to explore careers in biotechnology and alternative energies and learn more about the challenges of providing food, fuel and fiber for a growing world population," he explained.

Many of these students pursue ag-related degrees in college. Clemson University offers 16 different majors in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. The University of South Carolina has added a Master's program in biotechnology. Several of these majors boast 100 percent job placement.

FFA in high school deserves credit for getting kids interested in the agricultural sector. Students who are exposed to these paths can take advantage of numerous possibilities in diverse careers.

Applications Available for BBQ Cook-off

Barbecue grill masters and backyard enthusiasts are invited to compete for the state championship title at the 2016 Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival on March 18-19 at the State Farmers Market in West Columbia.

The event is sanctioned by the Southern BBQ Network. The non-refundable entry fee of \$150 includes all categories. The categories are Boston Butts and Pork Ribs.

Trophies and cash awards of \$1,900 will be given in each division. First place wins \$1,000; second place, \$600; and third place, \$300.

Cookers competing in both categories are eligible to be awarded as Grand Champion, with prize money of \$600. Reserve champion will receive \$300. The People's Choice will receive a trophy.

Applications and entry fees are due March 4. For more information or to register as a cook team, visit agriculture.sc.gov or contact Elizabeth Shuler at eshuler@scda.sc.gov.

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National FFA Week is Feb. 20-27

Each year, FFA chapters celebrate National FFA Week. The tradition began in 1947 when the national board of directors designated the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week, in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. Today, FFA Week runs Saturday to Saturday, encompassing Washington's birthday on Feb. 22.

National FFA Week started as National FFA Day. The 1933 National FFA Convention Proceedings records the beginning in this way: "Stewart of Montana suggested the idea of having a special Future Farmer Day some time during 1934. It was pointed out that the various state associations could perhaps plan special state broadcasts also on that day and that chapters might plan their father and son banquets on the date specified. The idea seemed to meet with general delegate approval and after some discussion it was moved by Stewart that the Board of Trustees arrange for such a day; motion passed."

Keep up with the SC State FFA Officer Team on Facebook at: SC FFA Officers and Instagram: #amplifyscfa.



Agritourism Venues

La Belle Amie Vineyard

1120 Saint Joseph Road, Little River
843-399-9463
<http://LaBelleAmie.com>

Open year round Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 4:30 pm

Home and originator of "Twisted Sister" wines, La Belle Amie Vineyard is located on 40 acres near North Myrtle Beach. The vineyard is part of a former tobacco plantation, and the entrance winds past an old tobacco barn. Dry to sweet wines are made from grapes native to the area and from other areas of the country. The gift shop has a wide selection of wine accessories, ceramics, gift ideas, finishing and dipping sauces. Musical events are held every week year round, weather permitting. Families, buses, and tour groups are welcome.

Special Event

Winter Parrot Head Fest
Saturday, Feb. 20, 12 – 5 p.m.

Bring a blanket and chair and enjoy live music, food and excellent wine! Admission is \$8. individuals under 18 and over 80 are admitted free. Donate at least two canned or dry food items and receive a \$3 discount.

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

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