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Food Safety Training Workshop Addresses New Law

Growers will learn to prevent food safety problems

The SC Department of Agriculture and Clemson Extension are sponsoring a training workshop on food safety on Jan. 16. It targets produce growers who must meet the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act's Produce Safety Rule. The new mandates

each operation," he said. Most of the home gardeners and smaller growers do not have to comply. Generally the rule is targeted toward large commercial operations, many of which are already in compliance.

"We want growers to contact us to see if they are exempt," Whalen said. "We're happy to explain the rules. They can call to determine if they need to take the course."

The content, led by several instructors, will cover seven areas:

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use



focus on preventing food safety problems rather than reacting to problems after they occur.

The Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course is a way to satisfy the federal requirement that states: "At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully



- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)
- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about best practices, key parts of the Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module.

The course will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Phillips Market Center at the State Farmers Market in West Columbia.

The cost is \$100 per person, with snacks and lunch provided. Space for the workshop is limited.

Call Outreach Coordinator Morgan Whalen at 803-470-6286, or Chad Carter, Clemson Cooperative Extension Food Safety Agent, at 843-730-5211, or register on line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fsma-produce-safety-rule-psa-grower-training-tickets-39736142873>.



completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration."

"SCDA will be the face of the produce safety rule on the farm. We will ensure our growers and farmers are educated and compliant prior to any SCDA inspection or audit," said Assistant Commissioner Derek Underwood, Consumer Protection Division.

According to SCDA outreach coordinator for produce safety, Morgan Whalen, not every grower falls under the rule. "It depends on



**Hugh E. Weathers
Commissioner**

Here's to 2018

I remember old science fiction movies as a kid referencing a time way off in the future—like 2018. Seemed like a century away, but ready or not, the New Year is upon us, and I hope yours is off to a happy and healthy start.

For farmers, the beginning of the year is a time to meet, plan and get ready for a busy spring. These colder and shorter days go hand in hand with our meeting season, and I trust I'll see you at one or more of these January gatherings:

- Watermelon Association Annual Meeting in Columbia
- Southeast Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conference in Savannah
- SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo in Florence
- Pork Board and Soybean Board Annual Meetings in conjunction with the SC Young Farmers and Agribusiness Association Meeting on the Isle of Palms
- Cotton Board Annual Meeting in Santee
- Peanut Board Annual Meeting in Santee

SCDA and Clemson Extension will host another important meeting on January 16 at the Phillips Market Center in Columbia: The Produce Safety Act Grower Training Course. If you're a produce grower who must meet the produce safety requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, this training is for you. Read more in this issue's lead story.

See **Here's to 2018**, continued on page 8

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West Columbia, SC 29172
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apples, gourds, tomatoes

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State Farmers Market**
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Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023
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State Farmers Market**
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Florence, SC 29501
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pecans, vegetables plants

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Due to early deadlines for the holidays, many of our regular ads were not able to be included in this issue.

Those ads will be run in the Jan. 18 issue. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

The next ad deadline is Jan. 9.

Aquaculture

BLUEGILL BREAM SHELLCRACKER, pond stocking, 30¢-\$3ea; Crappie, 50¢-\$3ea; Bass, \$1.50-3ea; catfish, 50¢-\$2. Cannon Taylor; Newberry; 803-276-0853

Cattle

4 REG HEREFORD BULLS, yrngs & weanlings, drk red coat, on grass, EPDs, vac, wormed, gentle, del/fee, \$1500ea. Vic Campbell; Greenville; 864-385-8393

GELB/CHAR HEIFERS, mostly wht, 600lbs, \$900. Starrett Hall; Aiken; 803-609-7856

BLK/BWF OPEN HEIFERS, 12-14m/o, \$1500up; Ang, Hereford & SimAng yrng bulls, \$1250up, AI sired. Wayne Garber; Laurens; 864-923-0581

REG & COM BLK ANG HEIFERS, 9-15m/o, bunk broke w/good temperament & genetics, \$1000up; reg Ang bulls, \$1600up. Kevin Renwick; Abbeville 803-924-0535

2 REG BRED JERSEY HEIFERS, 2+y/o, \$1200ea. Wilbur White; Greenville; 864-373-5914

DEXTER CATTLE, blk/red/dun, cows w/calves, yng bull w/horns, heifers & herd bull, \$600-1500. Brenda Gallman; Newberry; 803-924-2042

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OPEN BLK BALDIE HEIFERS, 15m/o, exc b'line & dispo, \$1100ea. John Gossett; Spartanburg; 803-222-7786

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Farm Equipment

Ads may not be submitted by commercial dealers. Farm truck ads must include a farm vehicle license plate number.

BUSH HOG 3126, 10ft mower, no leaks, hyd rear wheels, 3ph, blades, 1 season old, GC, \$2600. Russell Ashmore; Spartanburg; 864-978-7778

JD 2020, w/lldr, 2r set of cult, gas, tires & hydraulics in GC, \$9500; antq tractors, JD, AC, Case models, \$500-1500. Ronny Wilson; Anderson; 864-356-6959

INT 475, disc, hyd fold, 20ft, \$3800. Gerald Rogers; Dillon; 843-752-7728

JD 4640, 6575 hrs, 1 owner, dual axles, power shift trans, good tires & batteries, runs good, no issues, \$17,000. Richie Ellis; Allendale; 803-259-0548

JD-A PARTS TRACTOR, 95% complete, \$350. Jimmie Boland; Saluda; 864-992-9651

'99 JD 6310, 2WD, w/cab, 5000 hrs, GC, \$18,000. Jack Altman; Anderson; 864-313-0539

'71 FORD TRACTOR, model 2000, 8spd trans, PS, needs eng, can be used for parts, \$1750. Harold Pennington; Cherokee; 864-490-4282

AC D-15 TRACTOR, 3ph, \$1200. Bill Bright; Greenville; 864-630-1953

JD 8400, \$49,200; 4r ripper stripper, \$9000; 4r JD MaxEmerge, 2 planters, \$4000; list assist, \$7000. Sidney Broadway; Lee; 803-428-6405

'30 CASE CC TRACTOR, all Iron, needs restoration, not running, mechanically sound, \$500obo. Ron Shelton; Lexington; 803-796-1892

7X14 DUAL AXLE TRL, 12in sides, metal floor, tool box, ramps, 15in tires, \$1200 obo. John Horton; Lancaster; 803-475-3194

'06 JD 310SG, 4x4 ldr backhoe, pilot ctl, pwr shift, w/ROPS, \$29,900; '07 Komatsu excavator mini, \$19,900. Ronnie Murphy; Fairfield; 803-337-3697

4.5X8 TRL, w/2ft side & tailgate; scrape blade, \$250; 2 bottom plow, \$350; sub soiler, \$200; fert sprde, \$300. Otis Hembree; Spartanburg; 864-316-1222

1R TP46 COVINGTON PLANTER, w/Gill cultivator, LN, \$650. James Pruitt; Spartanburg; 864-316-0004

FORD 501 SICKLE MOWER, 6ft cutter, 540 pto, VGC, owner manual, \$495; Case IH 15, side delivery rake, 9ft raking width, \$495. W Dixon; Laurens; 864-683-6620

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Metrology Laboratory 803-253-4052

JD 4630 TRACTOR, cab, dual whls, 2 new tires on duals, runs/works good, 1000RPM pto, \$17,000. Starrett Hall; Aiken; 803-609-7856

MOBILE CATTLE CREEP FEEDER, 5 ton, \$2500; lrg rnd bale GN transport trl, 10 bale cap, \$4500. Plato Kneece; Aiken; 803-582-8665

'83 FORD 4610, bush hog 2400 qt loader, always under shed, \$8500. William Martin; Anderson; 864-314-0797

JD BUSH HOG 513, needs work, runs & cuts, \$500 obo. Walter Wallace; Chesterfield; 843-623-7524

'17 JD TRACTOR 5055E, w/512 front end ldr, canopy, 180 hrs, \$23,500. Mike Rolands; Aiken; 803-646-4032

9986 COTTON PCKR, 3040 fan hrs, 75k; 300bsh grain cart, \$3500; 8557 Hobbs magnum 2r pnut combine, \$5500; all shed kept. D Inabinet; Calhoun; 803-539-3631

'60 JD 730 DSL ES, Roll-0-matic, new paint, elec system, eng rebuilt, fenders, 3ph, \$15,000obo. Douglass Britt; McCormick; 864-391-3334

NH SKID STEER L555, w/3 attachments, \$11,000. Wilenna Koon; Saluda; 864-980-6225

MAULDIN 3000, vibratory smooth drum roller, water fed, \$6000obro; MF dsl tractor, 3ph, \$3000. Kimberly Smith; Fairfield; 803-337-2580

'78 CAT BULLDOZER, w/backhoe attachment, engine rebuilt, good tracks, \$18,000. Jerry Kelley; Pickens; 864-313-3462

'01 GORE LIVESTOCK TRL, EC, padded dividers for 5 minis, alum, rubber lined, 16x6x6, \$7000. Dawn Norfleet; Lexington; 803-629-9773

JD 5500, w/frt end ldr, 4wd, 1618 hrs, 75hp on PTO, barn kept, GC, \$28,500. Steve Gedosch; Greenville; 864-982-4490

HUTSON TRL, 30ft, lights, brakes, tandem axles, \$3000; '00 Ford tractor, 2 new rear tires, \$2500; more, \$2500. Lewis Birt; Barnwell; 803-508-4297

'48 IH CUB, not running, runner planter & fert unit, tool bars, draw bar, misc equip & engine parts, \$1800. David Blocker; Colleton; 843-835-2173

INT COMBINE 1440, GC, \$10,000. Charles Nichols; Saluda; 864-445-8350

INT 153, 4r cultivator, 3ph on 36in rows, GC, shed kept, \$500. Jason Nichols; Saluda; 864-992-2753

Farm Labor

Notices are accepted for agricultural work only and not for housework, nursing or companion.

AGRICULTURE FENCE GRADING EXCAVATING, hauling, land, fence line clearing, site prep, fence installation free est. James Lang; Laurens; 864-444-3038

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

LIVESTOCK BOARDING, on 2½A pasture, w/small barn & water, short/long-term rental. Cheryl Ann Tuttle; Anderson; 505-980-8669

BEEF COW ARTIFICIAL BREEDING, synchronized artificial breeding, semen sales; also will help w/working cows. Jason Nichols; Saluda; 864-992-2753

Farm Land

Farm land listed must be sold by the actual owner. Tracts must be at least 5 acres under cultivation, timber or pasture. Ads from real estate agents are not accepted.

WANT LAND TO LEASE, prefer Lexington Co, must have small farm pond or deep water creek access. David Broome; Lexington; 803-429-4373

35.5A, \$50,000, Salley Rd, Orangeburg Co, forested, clean title, boundaries surveyed, home site/hunting. Scott West; Richland; 843-830-1456

20+/-A, pumpkin crop, woods, Ware Place, commercial lots on Hwy 25, \$10,000/A, deer & turkey. Steve Gedosch; Greenville; 864-982-4490

WANT LAND TO LEASE, in upstate for archery hunting, will manage & protect land. Cary Cox; Greenville; 864-918-1691

Fresh Produce

Ads are accepted for raw milk, eggs, butter and cheese products permitted by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, that are not licensed for commercial sale.

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

FRESH SHELLED PECANS, '17 crop, \$6.50/lb, plus ship. A Horne; Horry; 843-756-0104

Garden Plants

Ads are not accepted from commercial nurseries, which are defined as having annual sales of \$5,000.

LRG BLUEBERRY, 3y/o, 2var; sweet blackberry, \$5ea; pomegranate, fig trees, 3gal, \$10ea; muscadine, scuppernong, 2/\$15. F Noles; Barnwell; 803-383-4066

MULTIPLYING ONIONS, \$2ea, must pick up. Jack Nation; Anderson; 864-261-6177

Goats, Llamas & Sheep

KIKO BOER BILLY, 2y/o, \$200; 2 Kiko boer wethers, \$175ea. Spencer Pegues; Chesterfield; 843-337-8860

BOER DOES, bucks, wethers, 4m/o-1y/o, \$100-500, high % & 100% ABGA. Bud Weakland; Union; 803-924-7252

Hay & Grain

'17 COASTAL FESCUE MIX, 4x5 rnd, fert, limed, net wrap, \$45. Ronny Wilson; Anderson; 864-356-6959

'17 TIFTON 85 BERMUDA, HQ, sq, no rain, \$5ea. Jeff Hood; Berkeley; 843-749-4406

'17 SHELLED DEER CORN, \$6.50/50lb bag; \$40/drum, drum not incl. Raymond Campbell; Richland; 803-429-0677

OAT HAY, rnd, 4x5, net wrap, \$40; Fescue, rnd, \$35; oat & wheat straw, sq, \$3.50. Charles Nichols; Saluda; 864-445-8350

RYE STRAW, sq, \$3.50ea; CB, \$5.50ea. Larry McCartha; Lexington; 803-606-2499

'17 FESCUE MIX, sq, no rain, in barn, fresh cut, limed, fert, \$6ea, del/fee. Vic Campbell; Greenville; 864-385-8393

'17 CB, rnd, HQ, in shed, CQ, stored outside, del avail, \$35-50. Kirk Sharpe; Lexington; 803-260-3944

FESCUE, HQ, 4x5, net wrap, shed stored on pallets, \$50; stored outside, \$45, can del/fee & volume disc. Otis Hembree; Spartanburg; 864-316-1222

'17 HAY, HQ, 4x5 net wrap, \$40 stored outside; \$50 shed stored, del avail. David Fulmer; Orangeburg; 803-917-0467

HAY GOAT/LANDSCAPE, sq, \$3ea. Margaret Stewart; Spartanburg; 864-441-2277

MIXED GRASS, rnd, in barn, \$30; in field, \$25. Dan Kale; Chester; 803-581-8306

'17 RYE GRASS, fescue mixed grass, HQ, 4x4 rnd, net wrap, sprayed, fert, limed, \$20-30ea, del avail. Donald Counts; Newberry; 803-315-1016

PREMIUM ALFALFA HAY, perennial peanut hay, \$8; Alfalfa grass mix, \$6, small sq, 55lbs, del avail. David Froehlich; Bamberg; 803-368-0097

SHELLED CORN, \$35/barrel; oats, \$40/barrel; 50lb bag shelled corn, \$6; 50lb bag oats, \$8. Plato Kneece; Aiken; 803-582-8665

'16 CB, HQ 4x5 rnd, \$50; CQ, \$40, del avail. Bobby Zimmerman; Lexington; 803-317-8681

BERMUDA-FESCUE MIX, net wrap, 4x5 rnd, clean, good quality, \$40ea. Mitch Snead; Greenwood; 864-538-8689

CB, HQ, sq, \$5, barn, can del/fee. Jerry Padgett; Berkeley; 843-312-0030

'17 TIFTON 9, 5x4, shed kept, \$35ea. Chad Hancock; Florence; 843-939-1595

'17 FESCUE, lrg sq, lime & fert, HQ, barn stored, \$4.75, weed controlled. Tom Coggins; Spartanburg; 864-877-6742

'17 CB, for cow & horse, 4x5 rnd, stored outside, net wrap, \$40/\$50. David Milam; Clarendon; 803-225-0202

'17 CB, HQ net wrap, 4x54, shed kept, \$50. Rickey Meetze; Lexington; 803-892-3573

BERMUDA, sq, fert, no rain, exc qual, \$6ea; cow hay, 4x5 net wrap mixed grass in barn, \$30 Lee Clinton; York; 704-913-6127

OATS SEED, combine run, 55gal drum, \$40; net wrap rnd bales, straw, \$25; net wrap grass hay, \$30. Jason Nichols; Saluda; 864-992-2753

Hogs & Pigs

TAMWORTH/HAMPSHIRE PIGLETS, 12w/o on 12/18, docile, \$40ea. Preston Bowers; Newberry; 803-276-5158

POT BELLY HOGS, 2m/o M&F, \$30ea. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

BERKSHIRE HOGS, Kurobuta pork, 200+ lb, \$300, antibiotic & vac free, pasture raised, 50 & 100+ lb also avail. Tony Strong; Calhoun; 803-614-5542

Horses, Mules & Donkeys

Each listing must be accompanied by a copy of a current negative Coggins test.

BUCKSKIN GELD, 17y/o, trail ridden, around cattle, \$600. Janet Rushton; Saluda; 803-480-5423

Miscellaneous

FAIRBANKS & MORRIS, 8-9hp hit & miss motor, w/corn meal grinder, both in EC, \$3000, will sep. Bobby Blanton; Spartanburg; 864-764-0505

CRAFTSMAN LAWN-MOWER, 42in, 17.5hp Kohler eng, EC, \$750; 4ft farm jack, 7000lb, \$50; 36in exhaust fan, \$200. Otis Hembree; Spartanburg; 864-316-1222

FIREWOOD, \$75/load; cast iron pots, \$30up; mule drawn cultivator, \$40. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

1 TRACTOR TIRE, 16.9in x 28in, over ½ tread, \$175; 2 tubeless 13inx28in rims & hubs, \$200. Walter Wright; Laurens; 864-833-6324

GREENHOUSE, Jaderloon, 28x45, complete w/all parts, heater & fans, cover reqd, disassembled, \$4200, you haul. Shirley Gaines; Richland; 803-786-6807

BEE EQUIPMENT, 30 d/ supers, 45 s/ supers, 15 complete hives, much more, \$800. Les Spangler; Spartanburg; 864-457-2870

TARTER CATTLE SQUEEZE CHUTE, w/pal-pation cage, used 6x, shed kept, \$2400. Ken Currie; Sumter; 803-484-6994

REDWORMS, \$30/1000; bed run, \$25/lb; LS swamp worms, \$35/1000; bed run, \$30/lb; call for ship chrgs, more. Terry Unger; Greenville; 864-299-1932

RND CEDAR POSTS, cut to various sizes, 3-14 in dia, 6-20 ft, \$3-20ea; cedar lumber, \$2bdft. Douglass Britt; McCormick; 864-391-3334

2 FUEL TANKS, GC, 3500 gal, \$1500ea; 10,000 gal, \$3000. Wayne Hancock; Florence; 843-598-9660

HD WHEEL RAMPS, 12ftL, \$250. Steve Gedosch; Greenville; 864-982-4490

Plants & Flowers

LRG AZALEAS, 3y/o, \$1.75ea; Hydrangeas, Boxwoods, Tea Olives, Gardenias, \$5ea; Crepe Myrtles, Camellias, 3gal, \$12ea. F Noles; Barnwell; 803-383-4066

JAPANESE MAPLES, 5 y/o grafts, 1 gal lace leafs, \$297/dz; 5-20 gal dissectums & uprights, \$39up. Mike Britton; Edgefield; 803-278-1468

Poultry

PB TURKEYS, Eastern wild type, 10m/o Tom, \$85ea; hen, \$75. Brad Brewington; Laurens; 864-833-1001

Here's to 2018

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I'm excited about several new initiatives in 2018 and will share more information with you in coming Market Bulletin issues. Stay tuned for details about:

- The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE)
- The grand opening of SCDA's new, state-of-the-art metrology lab
- The SC Industrial Hemp Pilot Program
- A spring crop of Roots farmers featured in our continued publicity campaign.

We'll also focus on the 2018 Farm Bill in Congress and give special attention to the crop insurance provisions covered in the legislation. I told one member of the SC delegation recently that, historically, the Farm Bill was a bipartisan effort and it would be great for the American public to see both sides of the aisle working better together again. No better opportunity to do that than the Farm Bill legislation.

I don't know if you're much on making resolutions. I think of it more as re-committing to pledges that I made previously over the years. One is to not let opportunities slip by that I can do something good for somebody. Another is usually to do a little more exercise other than the weight-lifting needed for second helpings.

I can tell you that the Department of Agriculture has re-committed to its pledge to serve our state as the best agency it can be. With all that we have on the agenda for 2018, it is absolutely necessary to do that.

Here's to 2018 being the best year ever for the farmers of South Carolina.

CHICKEN LITTER, must pick up by the truck load, \$1/load. Daniel Beckham; Kershaw; 843-334-6233

Expert Panelists to Share Information at AgriBiz & Farm Expo

Let's Talk about the Future of Agriculture

Farmers won't want to miss the 2018 SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo on January 17 and 18 at the newly remodeled Florence Civic Center. Free admission provides each visitor the opportunity to choose a track of relevant information and interact with hundreds of vendors.

The Farmer Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by AgFirst Farm Credit Bank will kick off the Expo at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

American Farm Bureau lobbyist is guest speaker

Mary Kay Thatcher has worked as a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation for 30 years. She currently serves as Senior Director of Congressional Relations, where she lobbies primarily on issues covering farm programs, crop insurance, conservation, credit and Big Data.

Mary Kay is a fifth generation Iowa farmer, having grown up on a 500-acre beef, hay and corn farm. A graduate of Iowa State University with degrees in animal science and agricultural economics, she previously worked for the Farm Credit Administration.



Mary Kay Thatcher

In addition to her duties with Farm Bureau, she also manages a farm in Iowa producing corn and soybeans, as well as a cow/calf operation.

This free breakfast features a panel discussion led by SC Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. Boone Peeler, newly appointed FSA Director, will speak briefly prior to the presentation.

Panelists include Ronnie Summers of Palmetto Agribusiness Council; Harry Ott, president of SC Farm Bureau; Cam Crawford of the S.C. Forestry Association; and

Jack Shuler, head of Agribusiness Development for the SC Department of Agriculture. Discussion will cover water issues, immigration, the farm bill, and pending legislative which could affect farmers. Register on line at <http://scagribizexpo.com/farmer-appr-breakfast/>. Door prizes and gifts will be provided by AgFirst.

Many educational opportunities will be available during the rest of the expo. In the Field Crops track, Dr. Nathan Smith and his team from Clemson will present the Ag Outlook and Marketing session. Farm Bureau's Young Farmers will discuss how the next generation of farmers embrace technology in their day-to-day operations. Worker Protection Standards training will be presented by Katie Moore of Clemson Extension.

The Fruit and Vegetable track also covers two days, with the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's Mark Dempsey talking about organic certification; USC's Buz Kloot covering soil health; Tower Gardeners Tim Blank and Kellie Altman explaining vertical aeroponics; and CFSA's Gena Moore and Trish Tripp talking about high tunnel and produce safety. A team of experts led by Tony Melton will cover vegetable production.

At the general session following the commissioner's breakfast on Thursday, Mary Kay Thatcher, director of public policy for the American Farm Bureau, will update farmers on the 2018 Farm Bill. Thatcher has worked for Farm Bureau for 30 years. The title of her talk is "Are we really going to finish a farm bill on time???"

The field crop track will continue on Thursday with Dr. Ron Heiniger of NC State and Kevin Matthews, an acclaimed high yield producer of corn and soybeans. Certified Manure management and Women in Ag are the other two tracks offered.

Hundreds of vendors will offer the latest advances in their respective areas of expertise. Not only will the civic center be filled with ag experts from all over the South, but the outdoor displays will showcase ways to enhance operational output through the latest in farming technology.

Tickets are available for the ever-popular Taste of SC on Wednesday evening and the Commissioner's Breakfast on Thursday, which benefits the Commissioner's School for Agriculture. To buy tickets or for more information, visit the website, scagribizexpo.com.

PEKING MALLARD CROSS DUCKS, \$5ea. Dot Miles; Barnwell; 803-259-7820

ROLLER PIGEONS, \$8ea; Muscovy ducks, \$10ea, game stags & cocks, 1\$15-25ea, crosses shorty, gray, brown, more. William Claxton; Colleton; 843-909-4285

DOMINIQUE COCK-ERELS, Hyman line, \$50. Eddie Martin; Anderson; 864-296-0454

QUAIL BOBWHITE, flight & weather conditioned, \$4ea. Bud Weakland; Union; 803-924-7252

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Sale

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FA CUB, pto, belt gearbox, flat belt pulley. Don Garrison; Anderson; 864-245-0230

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Pine Cone Zinnias

Jan. 13
9:30 am - Noon

Transform pine cones into beautiful floral creations. Learn how to make these unique "flowers" with a few simple steps, plus different ways to utilize them including a wreath, arrangement and spring basket.

Rebecca Turk will show you different tricks to make them seasonal all year long.

Each attendee will make pine cone zinnia flowers to take home. All materials will be supplied, but wear clothes you are willing to paint in. Registration: \$20 per person. Limit: 25 people.

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