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**The South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture is Inspiring Students  
to Consider a Career in Agriculture**

**CLEMSON** -- Thirty eight high school juniors and seniors are taking a break from their summer vacations to prepare for their futures at the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture (SCCSA). Students from South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee will attend this summer academic program held July 21-27 at Clemson University.

The SCCSA is a premier summer academic program that exposes students to college majors and potential careers in agriculture and natural resources. Students spend time in workshops, discussions, laboratories, and in the field. The program covers broad topics in agriculture as well as emphasis areas for technical and career-specific information.

Hands-on activities (open to the media) include:

- Calving Simulator: July 23 from 9:00 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.
- Soil Sciences: July 23 from 11:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.
- Athletic Turfgrass: July 25 from 10:00 a.m.- 10:50 a.m.
- Stream Assessment Activity @ Wildcat Creek: July 25 from 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
- Precision Agriculture Technology: July 26 from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

The program started in 2004 and has graduated over 500 students. The South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture is a partnership between the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) and Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

For more information or to schedule a visit to one of the above activities, contact SCDA's Laura Lester at 803.331.9504 or [llester@scda.sc.gov](mailto:llester@scda.sc.gov).

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