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**Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship to Host Free Seminar for Agribusinesses**

**WEST COLUMBIA** – The South Carolina Department of Agriculture’s (SCDA) Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) will host a free seminar on August 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Phillips Market Center, 117 Ballard Court in West Columbia. Lunch will be provided.

The seminar is co-hosted by SCORE and is intended for agribusiness entrepreneurs and rural small business owners throughout the state.

Seminar topics include:

*Agribusiness Advocates*

*Planning a Successful Business*

*Sell It or Small It – Venues for Your Products*

*SC Agribusiness Success Stories*

*Understanding Websites, Social Media, and Online Searches*

*Financing Agribusiness in SC – Loan Sources, Grants and Other Financing*

Advanced registration for this free seminar is required; visit [www.greateraiken.score.org](http://www.greateraiken.score.org) to register. For more information, contact Kyle Player at ACRE, [kplayer@scda.sc.gov](mailto:kplayer@scda.sc.gov) or John Carman of Greater Aiken SCORE, [johh.carman@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:johh.carman@scorevolunteer.org).

SCORE is an affiliate of the Small Business Administration that provides no-cost business mentors to small business owners and entrepreneurs. There are six SCORE Chapters in South Carolina with more than 250 volunteer business mentors.

ACRE, an initiative of SCDA, is an umbrella organization that capitalizes on opportunities in the fields of agriculture, agricultural research and entrepreneurship, with the goal of growing economic prosperity in South Carolina.

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