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Swink Brothers, Sen. Paul Campbell Honored for Support of SC Agriculture

COLUMBIA – South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture has recognized three men for their longtime support of South Carolina’s agriculture industry.

The 12th annual Advocates of the Year Recognition Reception was held Thursday, August 8, at the Phillips Market Center at the South Carolina State Farmers Market in West Columbia.

Marion Swink and Henry Swink, who own McCall Farms in Effingham, South Carolina, were honored for their commitment to their community and support of South Carolina farmers. Since its founding in 1838, their company has grown from a family farm into one of the premier packing and canning companies in the nation, with more than 1,000 employees and such brands as Glory Foods, Veg-All, Margaret Holmes, Bruce’s Yams, and Peanut Patch Boiled Peanuts.

In the public sector, the Advocates for Agriculture honored Sen. Paul Campbell of Goose Creek, South Carolina, who recently became chair of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. A senator since 2007, Sen. Campbell is committed to supporting agribusiness in South Carolina.

“South Carolina’s agriculture industry needs friends and champions, and these men are some of the best we have,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, who serves as an advisor to the Advocates for Agriculture board. “It’s a privilege to celebrate their commitment and hard work.”

“The Swinks and Senator Campbell have always exhibited strong support for South Carolina agribusiness, and their continued advocacy for our industry is extremely valuable,” said Ronnie Summers, president of Advocates for Agriculture. “This is a well-deserved honor for these industry advocates.”

About South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture: Founded in 2005, this nonprofit organization helps promote the state’s agriculture products and the overall agriculture industry. For more information, visit scadvocates4ag.org.

About the South Carolina Department of Agriculture: Agribusiness is South Carolina’s largest industry, with more than 24,000 farms and a \$41.7 billion economic impact each year. The SC Department of Agriculture promotes and nurtures South Carolina agriculture and its related businesses while assuring the safety and security of the buying public.

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