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HARVEST DINNER PUTS PEANUTS IN THE CULINARY SPOTLIGHT

STORY BY EVA MOORE • PEANUT PHOTOS BY MARIANNE COPELAN

Peanuts are used in thousands of food products, and found in many forms — peanut oil, peanut butter, peanut flour — in kitchens everywhere. But when it comes to high-end dining, peanuts have seldom been a focal point all on their own.

A dinner being hosted in October by the South Carolina Peanut Board along with Columbia's F2T Productions, Management and Catering aims to change that.

the peanut man at the State House grounds, the Cromer's monkeys at Dutch Square Mall."

"Now I love that everyone is taking boiled peanuts to another level with spices and different flavors, and you see peanut hummus on menus and more," she added. "I am looking forward to seeing what our chefs create at this dinner."

Copelan says she'll use the dinner as an opportunity to help the participating chefs learn about peanuts.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS
SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF
AGRICULTURE

PART OF THE TEAM

Hurricane Dorian has passed, but hurricane season continues — and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture has many roles when it comes to disaster response.

First, the department has a seat on South Carolina's emergency operations team, specifically on a unit called Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 that works with schools, food banks, USDA, and other agencies and partners to coordinate food during an emergency. When the governor declares a state of emergency and the state Emergency Management Division activates this unit, SCDA employees take shifts at the SCEMD headquarters in West Columbia to help staff the team. I have been there before and after several storms, and have seen how the center bustles with activity, with big screens and consoles everywhere, phones ringing, and people working around the clock to keep South Carolinians safe.

SCDA's Rapid Response Team also plays a role before, during, and after disasters. We reach out to the food and animal feed manufacturing and distribution facilities we inspect, advising them on how to handle power outages, dispose of ingredients, or deal with the aftermath of a flood.

After the emergency passes, we'll follow up to help them assess any damages and determine next steps.

In addition, our Consumer Protection Division's lab can assist in testing for food and feed safety after a disaster. Even our facilities have a role in disasters: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, sometimes uses the State Farmers Market property for staging equipment, materials, or resources. And we've had employees help with disaster recovery as members of the National Guard and volunteer groups.

Throughout a disaster, of course, SCDA's special concern is farmers and agribusinesses. We stay constantly in touch with those we serve, gathering information on crop losses and other damage. After the danger passes, we work with USDA and other agencies to calculate the impact to agriculture. Armed with that information, we can work with the governor's office and state and federal lawmakers to help target aid.

Our farmers in South Carolina have endured several devastating years in a row. We're thankful that the South Carolina legislature and Congress have recognized the importance of supporting farmers through these disasters, and we'll keep putting in the work to help.

Hugh E. Weathers



Photo courtesy F2T Productions



"I feel like peanuts do not often get the attention they deserve, so on this night our goal is to highlight the peanut crop in a positive manner," said Marianne Copelan, a marketing specialist with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture who serves as director of the South Carolina Peanut Board and Virginia-Carolina Peanut Promotions.

Vanessa Driscoll Bialobreski is managing partner and founder of F2T Productions, which hosts farm-to-table events at the Columbia farm City Roots. She says the NUT'n but Love for S.C. Peanuts Dinner will make peanuts the star of the show.

"We want to showcase how versatile the peanut is in dishes and the history of it," Bialobreski said. "It is such a Southern staple, and I know for me holds fond memories of having peanuts in a glass Coke bottle from the gas station with my dad,



"Everyone can go to their local grocery store and buy a bag of in-shell peanuts, but you can't just run to a peanut farm in most states in the U.S.," Copelan said. "Well, in Columbia, the nearest peanut farm is about 30 miles southeast of the city."

Because the dinner falls during the September-through-November peanut harvest season, Copelan says this is a perfect time to show the chefs how peanuts grow. During harvest, machines first dig the peanut plants out of the ground, then leave them in rows for two to five days to "wind row dry." The peanuts are then harvested with a combine and sent to peanut buying points, where SCDA inspectors grade them before they're sent to processors.

"This dinner is a great opportunity to meet South Carolina peanut growers and agriculture community leaders, and to enjoy some delicious food and drinks," Copelan said. "We hope people will come out and support us."

The NUT'n but Love for S.C. Peanuts Dinner will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, at City Roots in Columbia. For more information or to buy tickets, visit f2tproductions.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Euphoria

September 19 – 22

Weekend-long event includes exclusive tasting events, cooking demonstrations and wine seminars, as well as multi-course dinners and live musical performances. Euphoria features domestic and international wines, celebrity chefs, master sommeliers, and national recording artists. Tickets range from \$40 to \$400 depending on the style of the event.

Downtown Greenville and surrounding area

864-233-5663 • info@euphoriagreenville.com
euphoriagreenville.com

Stroll in September

September 20 – 21 • 8:30 am – 3 pm

With fall just around the corner with the Autumnal Equinox on September 23, what could be a better way to mark the shift from summer to fall than a visit to Moore Farms Botanical Garden? Hydrangeas and zinnias are mainstays in September. Viewing of the garden is by self-guided walking tours only, so please dress accordingly. Admission is free.

100 New Zion Road, Lake City

843-210-7592

moorefarmsbg.org/events/garden-open-stroll-in-september-2/



17th Annual Union County Farm Show

September 21 • 9 am – 3:30 pm

Antique tractor parade, quilting display, car show, blacksmithing, chainsaw carving, child's pedal tractor pull, pie eating, steam engines, hit-miss engines, saw mills, soap box derby races, concessions, & more.

Union County SC Fair Grounds

105 Kirby Street, Union

Contact: Don Sawyer

864-608-0283 • angusman914@gmail.com

facebook.com/unioncountyfarmshow

Cooley's Fall Fun on the Farm

Every Saturday (10 am – 9 pm) and

Sunday (11 am – 6 pm) starting September 21

The 2019 Corn Maze design will soon be revealed with ticket prices of \$7 for ages 3-12 and \$8 ages 13 and up. The wagon ride includes a pie-sized pumpkin, a visit with the farm animals and a chance to enjoy the farm playground including our GIANT 30' SLIDE, tire swings, sandbox, and hay maze with ticket prices of \$10.

3097 Hwy 11, W Chesnee

864-461-5353

strawberryhillusa.com/fall-fun



Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair

September 24 – 28

Tuesday – Thursday • 4 pm – 10 pm

Carnival Rides 5 – 11 pm

Friday • 4 pm – 11 pm

Carnival Rides 5 pm – midnight

Saturday • 10 am – 11 pm

Carnival Rides 12 pm – midnight

Concerts, livestock shows, rodeos, dance exhibitions, 4-H youth events, hands-on learning opportunities, farm animal exhibits, and loads of family fun all included with the price of admission. Adults Tue-Thu \$5, Fri-Sat \$7. Students Tue-Thu \$3, Fri-Sat \$5. Preschoolers: no charge. Discounts: military \$3 and Farm Bureau card \$3 per adult (Limit 2).

2063 Sandifer Blvd., Seneca

864-723-0698

melinda@snowcreekmills.com

farmoconee.org



National Alpaca Farm Days

September 28 – 29 • 10 am – 4 pm

Join us the last weekend in September as alpaca farms across North America open their gates to the public. Experience alpacas up-close, feel their fleece, tour the farm, view live demonstrations, learn about raising and breeding alpacas, and shop for alpaca products.

Carolina Pride Pastures

1416 SC Hwy 34, Pomaria

803-480-3750 • alicia@cppastures.com

cppastures.com



Fall Family Farm Day

October 5 • 10 am – 5 pm

"A day in the life" happens every year as the air begins to crisp and the leaves turn here on the farm! Come pick a pumpkin, take a hay or horseback ride, play a game, see the animals and several demonstrations of the past, and much more! Or bring a chair to sit & enjoy the music and concessions! Cost is \$5 per person, under 2 free.

Old McCaskills Farm

377 Cantey Lane, Rembert

803-432-9537 • oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com

oldmccaskillfarm.com

SALES / AUCTIONS

Claxton's Auction

Every Saturday • 11 am – 5 pm

Cows, hogs, equine, goats, sheep, camelots, ratites, poultry, small animals.

18627 Low Country Hwy, Ruffin

Contact: William Claxton

843-909-4285 • wlcjr@yahoo.com

After the Fair Auction and Market

October 5 • 8 am – 2 pm

Livestock auction in the cattle barn and pig parlour. Livestock buyers premium will be donated to the FFA and the 4H Club. Equip. auction will follow on the grounds.

American Legion Fairgrounds, Sumter

Contact: Jim Morris

803-468-3233 • thistledew99@yahoo.com

SCDA State Farmers Markets

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

3483 Charleston Highway
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-4664

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

1354 Rutherford Road
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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Florence, SC 29501
843-665-5154

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HAY & GRAIN, CONTINUED

'19 CB
net wrap, shed kept, \$40;
corn, \$40; '19 oats, \$35, both
in your 55 gal; more
Thomas Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

'19 COASTAL/FESCUE MIX
EQ, 4x5 net wrap, no rain,
\$30, del avail
Phil Lucas
Greenwood
864-377-4337

'19 SHED KEPT CB
fert & lime, del avail for fee,
\$45/bale
Eddie Chavis
Barnwell
803-671-3108

'19 4x5 COASTAL
shed kept hay, \$50; outside
kept, 4x5 Coastal, \$30 & \$40
Marion Rish
Lexington
803-606-3554

HQ HAY
Bermuda grass for horses,
\$40/bale; cow hay, \$30/bale;
all 4x5 rnd bales
Darrell Kellett
Greenville
864-303-1697

'19 4x5 RND COASTAL
HQ, \$50; CQ, \$35; sq, \$6,
del avail
Bobby Zimmerman
Lexington
803-317-8681

HQ RND COASTAL
barn kept, no rain, '18, \$ 30;
'19, \$45
Raymond Hallman
Lexington
803-730-4765

'19 MIXED GRASS HAY
4x5 rnd, in barn, \$35; in
field, \$30; your truck loaded
George Reed
Anderson
864-934-8110

'19 FESCUE & MIXED GRASS
HQ, 4x4 rnd, net wrap,
sprayed, fert, limed, \$26-30
ea, del avail
Donald Counts
Newberry
803-315-1016

'19 FESCUE BERMUDA MIX
HQ, \$50, limed, fert, net
wrap, in barn
Wanda Smith
Union
864-426-5007

'19 FESCUE BERMUDA MIX
HQ, \$50, limed, fert, net
wrap, in barn
Michael Copeland
Union
864-426-7996

4x5 CB
net wrap, \$35/bale
Joe Hayes
Dillon
843-845-4092

TRITICALE
uncleaned in 55 gal drums,
\$40 per drum
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

OATS, WHEAT & CORN
\$40, your 55gal drum
Mary Anderson
Richland
803-446-3326

'19 4x5 HAY
\$30, Pageland area
Stephen Plyler
Chesterfield
704-614-5269

**HQ TIFTON 44
BERMUDA HAY**
sq bales, \$5 each
Thomas Thain
Lexington
803-920-7023

'19 800 LB RND FESCUE
& Bermuda, \$35 or \$40 to
del, located in Honea Path
Suzanne Reed
Greenville
864-293-0363

'19 3RD CUT ALFALFA
lrg 3x3x8 sq's, from SD, 900
lbs, \$180 per bale, cash only
Chris Roux
Cherokee
864-906-5471

RYE GRASS HAY
\$40; Fescue, \$35; Grass hay,
\$25, all '19 & net wrap
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

COMBINE RUN OATS
\$40/55 gal drum or \$4.50/
bulk; '19 wheat straw, \$4
each; both '19
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

'19 5x4 MIXED GRASS HAY
tightly wrapped, clean,
baled w/out rain, \$30/bale
Mike Wright
Pickens
864-270-0560

2ND CUTTING '19 CB
HQ, 45-48 lbs, sq, \$5.50; 4x6
rnd, HQ, \$45; CQ \$35
Wayne Howell
Darlington
843-332-8063

FRESH HQ SQ CB
\$7; rnds from last season, \$30
Theresa Kirchner
Aiken
803-646-0999

'19 MIXED GRASS
4x5 net wrap, \$35
Steve Fleming
Edgefield
864-554-0399

'19 CB/RYE MIX
4x5 rnd, \$30 each
Anthony Carroll
Anderson
864-314-2111

'19 4x5 RND HQ CB
\$45 each; good qual, \$40 each
Carroll Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

4x4 RND FESCUE
in barn, HQ, \$35
Bobby Page
Spartanburg
864-494-2501

OATS
\$10; corn, \$9; both cleaned
& in 50 lb bags
Cecil Parks
Greenville
864-963-1454

'19 HQ FESCUE
4x5 rnd, fert, baled w/o rain,
net wrap, shed stored, \$45; '18
4x5 Fescue, under shed, \$35
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

HQ COASTAL
net wrap, \$45/1; \$40/2;
more, can del for added cost
Lee Ellisor
Lexington
803-960-6080

'19 SQ FESCUE
no rain, in barn, \$5 each
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

COW HAY
\$35; horse, \$40; rnd bales, 1
load, U haul, '18 hay @ disc
Scott Derrick
Edgefield
803-275-3238

'19 HQ SQ CB
\$6/bale; not HQ, \$5/bale, all
shed kept, del avail for fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

CB TIFTON 44
4x5 net wrap, in Leesville,
\$40/bale; sq's, \$6 each
Randy Taylor
Lexington
803-270-7959

'19 4x6 RND COASTAL
\$45, \$50, & \$60, based on qual
Gene Plaskett
Calhoun
803-535-5968

'19 HQ SQ CB
\$5 each, Sawyerdale Comm
Wayne Axson
Orangeburg
803-682-1778

'19 OATS COMBINE RUN
no rain, \$4/bu bulk
Jeffery Spires
Bamberg
803-515-4946

'19 HQ 4x5 CB
net wrap, \$50; '18 HQ, \$45;
CQ, \$40; free del w/in 40
mls of Pelion; \$30 ea on min
50 of CQ hay
Terry King
Lexington
803-381-6177

'19 HQ 4x5 CB
net wrap, \$50
Vernon Bonner
Sumter
803-481-4225

GQ OATS
combine run, \$4/bu bulk
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

'19 OAT STRAW
\$4/bale
Brent Williams
Colleton
843-631-0914

'19 4x5 RND HQ CB
net wrap, shed stored on pallets,
del avail for fee, \$50/bale
David Fulmer
Orangeburg
803-917-0467

HQ SQ CB
\$5.50 each; rye straw, \$3.50
each, rnd bale, \$45, shed kept
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

'19 4x5 RND CB
\$40; sq, \$4, in field; del avail
in 20 rnds or 100 sq's
George Roberts
Lee
803-229-2679

'18 OATS
3000 bu, \$4/bu; 55 gal, \$35;
clean oat, 50 lb bag, \$9
Tommy Coggins
Laurens
864-682-0490

EXC QUAL HAY
4x5 net, \$40
Justin Howe
Newberry
803-944-1065

'19 4x5 RND RYE GRASS
twine wrap, fert, shed
stored, \$38, qty disc
Steve Kinard
Newberry
803-924-0439

'19 FESCUE MIX
4x5 rnd, \$30, in barn; \$25, in
field; sq \$4, w/o rain
Wayne Crandell
Greenville
864-420-2589

'18 OATS
48 lb bag, \$5
Danny McAlhane
Bamberg
803-793-7095

'19 TIFTON 44 COASTAL
4x5 rnd, outside, \$35
Jerry Harmon
Lexington
803-356-8541

'19 HQ SQ CB
\$6; rnd, net wrap, \$45; good
CQ, \$35; all shed kept
Clayton Leaphart
Lexington
803-892-2642

'19 4x5 RND HQ COASTAL
net wrap, \$50/bale; sq, \$6/
bale; '18 HQ coastal, 4x5 rnd,
net wrap, \$40/bale; all shed
Larry DeHart
Newberry
803-924-7206

MIXED GRASS
sq, \$3 each
Gene Robinson
York
803-684-9423

EXC HQ SQ '19 CB
\$6.50 p-up, vol disc avail
Kevin Yon
Saluda
803-622-4140

SQ CB PRIME CUT
\$5/bale; rnd 4' CB, \$40/bale,
lrg order by appt
Craig Henry
Beaufort
843-521-3826

BARN KEPT HORSE HAY
rnd bale, \$50; sq, \$4.50
Bill Davidson
York
704-641-5267

4x5 RND FESCUE
\$30/bale, all for less
Harold Fulmer
Newberry
803-940-6555

'19 4x5 RND HQ HAY
net wrap, shed kept, \$45 each
Carlisle Kinard
Bamberg
803-267-5762

COW QUALITY HAY
4x5 bales, \$35
Tony Williams
Edgefield
803-391-5713

HOGS

MIXED BREED PIGLETS
m/o, \$50 until 9/27; after \$50
+ \$10 per lb, non-gmo fed
Maggie Mobley
Chester
803-899-1929

8 GROWN SOWS & BOARS
w/20+ piglets, \$1500
Debbie Norris
Lexington
803-622-0000

HOGS
BBQ/sausage, \$150+
John Johnson
Newberry
803-944-9709

BABY POTBELLY PIGS
some w/blue eyes, \$65/M,
\$75/F
Kaylee Varela
Richland
803-800-3520

KUNEKUNE PIGLET
6 m/o gilt, ginger & blk, \$300
Grace Sprecher
Dorchester
843-696-5856

SEED

ALL SEED ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

OATS
cleaned, bagged & treated, 40lb
bag, \$9/bag, P-99.22, G-93%, D/
HS&G-93%, IM-0.78%
Jack Richardson
Barnwell
803-259-4721

'19 OAT SEED
1½ bu bags, \$9, P-98.42%
G-96%, D/HSD+G-96%,
OCS-0.08%, IM-1.50%
Jeffrey Spires
Bamberg
803-515-4946

'19 TRITICALE SEEDS
cleaned, in 50 lb bags, \$13/
bag, G-77%, D/HS&G-77%
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

STHRN HARV WHEAT
G-97%, D/HSD&G-97%, 60
lbs, \$8/bu
Wyatt Eargle
Aiken
803-604-7535

CLEANED OATS
50 lb bags, \$10, P-99.95%,
G-98%, D/HSD&G-98%,
OSC-0.01%, IM-0.04%,
other-ryegrass
Cecil Parks
Greenville
864-963-1454

PLANTS & FLOWERS

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH ARE DEFINED AS HAVING ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

SAWTOOTH ACORN TREES
\$5
Steve Martin
Newberry
803-924-5581

SAWTOOTH ACORNS
1½ gal bag, \$10 each
John Irick
Orangeburg
803-934-6346

LEYLAND CYPRESS
\$8 each
John Senn
Lexington
803-356-5903

3 Y/O LRG AZALEAS
\$2; Tea olives, \$5; Crepe
Myrtles; \$10; Banana shrub,
\$12; Butterfly bush, \$15
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

CANNAS
Pres Red, pink dk leaf, pink
lt leaf, bengal tiger, yellow,
\$12/dozen
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

APPLE
fig, pear, persimmon, &
pecan trees, \$15-25 each
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

APPLE & PEACH TREES
sev varieties & chestnut trees,
\$12-20, depending on size
Johnathan Broach
Florence
843-617-6300

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

HEREFORD BULL CALF
5-8 m/o, in or reasonably
close to York Co
Don Gardner
York
803-370-1977

DAIRY CALF BULL
new born, reasonably
priced
James Roach
Richland
803-542-8275

ANY POULTRY & PIGEONS
all types
Lynn Claxton
Colleton
843-909-4285
BEEF COWS
or calves, & dairy heifers
Kenneth Satterfield
Laurens
864-304-3172

RABBITS

MO COTTONTAILS
wild type, \$9+
James Wise
Lexington
803-359-4857

MINI REX RABBITS
Broken Lilac doe, \$25;
Chocolate Otter doe, \$20
Billie Jean Brown
Lexington
803-622-5245

COTTON TAILS
& meat rabbits, \$10 each
Lynn Claxton
Colleton
843-909-4285

REX
\$15 each & up; grown bucks,
\$20 each
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

WANT - HAY

MOLDY/UNSUITABLE HAY
or straw, free in midlands,
for fertilizer for micro-farm
soil rejuvenation
Glenn Murphey
Aiken
864-490-0746

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

20' TWIN CYL DUMP
can be on a truck that doesn't run; folding row markers, for 6-8r planter
Christopher Derrick
Edgefield
803-480-0465

CORN PLATES
for JD 71 flex planters
Marty Blanton
Berkeley
843-729-8261

MOUNTING BRACKET/ DRIVE
for Cole fertilizer hopper
Justin Howe
Newberry
803-944-1065

10W OFFSET DISC HARROW
must be on whls & in GC, w/blade scrapers
Felix McKie
Aiken
803-279-2021

5' BUSH HOG
pull type, for C FA
Harold Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

HARDEE DITCH BANK CUTTER
for deck & hydraulic motor
Nicky Kellahan
Williamsburg
843-372-1345

BUSH HOG ROTARY MWR
6', pull type, in GC
Charles Addison
Lancaster
803-289-7301

JD 4240
up to 4450 cab or 4 post, quad range, 540 PTO
Masters Campbell
Anderson
864-617-8669

WANT WIDE FRT END
for JD 3020
Frank Brown
Charleston
843-860-5845

ISO ALL TYPES OF PARTS
for IH 800 series corn header, in SC
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
843-567-7774

AC D-10 SERIES III
Ronnie Alcorn
Richland
803-667-1059

EAR CORN CONVEYOR
12-20'
James Wilson
Georgetown
843-833-9235



FALL 2019 PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVALS

MIDLANDS PLANT AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday, September 20 • 8 am – 6 pm
Saturday, September 21 • 8 am – 6 pm
Sunday, September 22 • 10 am – 4 pm

SC STATE FARMERS MARKET
3483 Charleston Highway, West Columbia

Fall is in the air, and the Midlands Plant & Flower Festival is returning to the South Carolina State Farmers Market. Visitors can shop for plants, garden essentials, Certified SC produce, fall décor and much more from a variety of vendors. The Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer free gardening advice, and the Market Restaurant will be open for business. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact Brad Boozer at bboozer@scda.sc.gov, 803-737-4531, or Sonia Brazell, sbrazell@scda.sc.gov, 803-737-4614.

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET'S AUTUMNFEST AT THE MARKET

Friday, September 27 • 8 am – 6 pm
Saturday, September 28 • 8 am – 6 pm

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET
1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville

Get your yard and kitchen ready for the fall season as AutumnFest, the Greenville State Farmers Market's fall plant and flower festival, returns for 2019. Visitors can shop for plants, garden essentials, Certified SC produce, fall décor and much more from a variety of vendors. The Master Gardeners will be also be on hand to answer questions and offer free gardening advice. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact Ardonia Summerall at asummerall@scda.sc.gov or 864-244-4023.

PEE DEE PLANT AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday, October 4 • 8 am – 6 pm
Saturday, October 5 • 8 am – 6 pm
Sunday, October 6 • 10 am – 4 pm

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET
2513 W. Lucas Street, Florence

The Pee Dee State Farmers Market holds its annual Fall Plant & Flower Festival in October. Visitors can shop for plants, garden essentials, Certified SC produce, fall décor and much more from a variety of vendors. The Florence County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer free gardening advice, and Julia Belle's Restaurant will be open for business. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact Ashley Hyatt at ahyatt@scda.sc.gov or 843-665-5154.

CLEMSON LAUNCHES HEIFER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT EDISTO REC

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BLACKVILLE – A new Forage Heifer Development Program is being initiated this year at the Edisto Research and Education Center that researchers say will add to the success of the South Carolina cattle industry.

Scott Sell, Clemson research associate at the Edisto REC, said this new program follows the spirit of the Edisto Forage Bull Test.

“Our goals are to provide an outlet for producers to consign females to the program and have them evaluated, bred, and sold in a university-led program,” Sell said. “This program also provides an opportunity for producers to buy heifers with the confidence that university tests provide.”

This program focuses on new and emerging tools available to commercial cattlemen such as genomic testing and rankings, as well other reproductive management tools. Sell said the program will give more producers an opportunity to conduct these tests on their cattle.

“Some producers would conduct these tests, but many won't unless their cattle are enrolled in a university research setting such as this,” Sell said. “Lack of dependable labor and the fact many of our producers are part-time producers contribute a lot to them not doing this on their own.”

A total of 80 heifers will be accepted into the program this first year. Heifers must be nominated for the program. The nomination deadline is Nov. 1. Eligible heifers must be homegrown, born between Sept. 1, 2018, and Jan. 31, 2019, and weigh a minimum of 700 pounds. A nomination fee of \$75 is due when each heifer is delivered to the test facility. This nomination fee will be applied toward the cost of the evaluation. The delivery date is December 10.

The program will be steered by a committee consisting of Clemson researchers and South Carolina cattle producers. Sell said this is the first program of this kind in the state and “is a work in progress.” The sale date for heifers in the program is May 16, 2020.

Other rules for the program, as well as an online entry form, can be found at clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/ehdp/.



Clemson researchers are initiating a new program they believe will add to the success of the South Carolina cattle industry.
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