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## CLOSING THE GAP

### SCDA OFFERS FREE CONSULTATIONS, GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRODUCE FARMERS

BY EVA MOORE • PHOTOS BY KEISHA RAINEY

Good agricultural practices, aka GAP, are more than just a good idea for fruit and vegetable growers. Many buyers require farms to be GAP certified, a process that requires a USDA audit and development of a food safety plan.

Fortunately, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture offers free consultations and grant funding for producers seeking GAP certification.



“GAP audits are voluntary,” explains Keisha Rainey, the agency’s GAP consultant. “But if farmers want to sell to produce wholesalers, grocery stores, schools, food hubs — many of those are requiring a GAP certification.” Some buyers require regular GAP certification, while others require the more stringent Harmonized GAP certification. SCDA can help farmers prepare for both.

Rainey has also worked as a fruit and vegetable inspector, which she says has helped her take on the role of consultant.

“Going to audits really helps you get a grasp on your job because you can see it from the auditor’s point of view,” she says.

A consultation isn’t required prior to a GAP audit. But while some GAP requirements are common sense, others can take farmers by surprise, Rainey says.

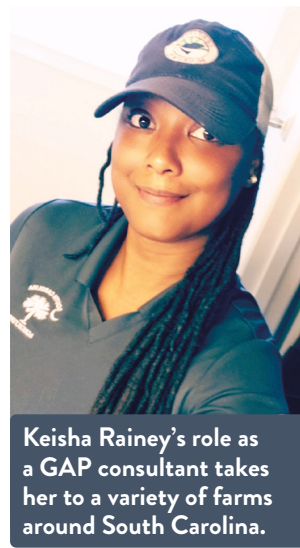
“There’s a lot of little things people miss, like keeping visitor logs or cleaning logs. People don’t realize there’s all these little steps that are involved. Recordkeeping is a huge part of it — people have been farming for years and never thought to keep some of these records.”

The goal of recordkeeping is traceability, Rainey explains. When farmers and others in the food industry keep detailed records, it’s easier to trace the origin and spread

of foodborne illnesses, a big priority for public health authorities and the produce industry.

For Rainey, a big focus is helping farmers find cost-effective ways to be GAP-compliant.

“There are inexpensive ways to have a handwashing station or a breakroom; you can go to CVS and buy a first aid kit. I have an idea for everything,” she laughs.



Keisha Rainey’s role as a GAP consultant takes her to a variety of farms around South Carolina.



There is also funding available to cover the costs of GAP certification. SCDA offers USDA-funded cost share grants to offset the costs of certification — up to \$750 the first year and \$300 in subsequent years.

On March 20, 2020, SCDA is teaming up with the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association to offer a free day-long GAP Workshop. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Phillips Market Center in West Columbia and includes a farm tour at Vertical Roots. To attend, please RSVP by March 16 to Keisha Rainey at 803-727-6556 or [krainey@scda.sc.gov](mailto:krainey@scda.sc.gov).

For more information about GAP consultations, contact Keisha Rainey at 803-727-6556 or [krainey@scda.sc.gov](mailto:krainey@scda.sc.gov). Grant information is available at [agriculture.sc.gov/grants](http://agriculture.sc.gov/grants).

## COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA  
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## LOVE OF THE LAND

Those of us who farm know that agriculture is deeply connected with conservation. I want to share some recent chances I’ve had to talk about that connection.

In mid-February I attended the Southeastern Wildlife Expo, where each year the South Carolina Department of Agriculture promotes Certified South Carolina and Fresh On the Menu in a big tent in Marion Square in downtown Charleston. The 40,000+ visitors who attend SEWE, as it’s known, come to celebrate their love of wildlife and nature, checking out everything from art to fly fishing demos. One of my favorite stops is at Mr. Billy Geddings’ booth. He is from Manning and uses tupelo wood to carve some of the most attractive bowls you’ll ever see. Blanche and I have at least three of them.

SEWE attendees care about the land, which gives them an automatic connection with farmers. We give them the tools to help their communities by teaching them about Certified South Carolina produce and restaurants that use local food.

The heart of our SEWE programming is a cooking demonstration stage where we pair up top chefs with South Carolina farmers. The conversation is always fascinating. This year I was on stage with Jamie Hough, who competed on the cooking show *MasterChef* and runs

a fishing guide company called Redfish Mafia Charters. He cooked a Carolina Gold Rice risotto with squid ink and South Carolina shrimp, and it was tasty. May have been my first time eating squid ink knowingly. It was an opportunity for me to talk about our state’s aquaculture industry and its commitment to sustainability. Several of our South Carolina Chef Ambassadors also participated and they really delivered the message.

Also in February and also in Charleston, I was honored to attend the Partnership Conference for the SC Association of Conservation Districts. Currently, our agency is partnering with SCDNR and the Aiken Soil and Water Conservation District on a pilot program to help farmers improve the efficiency of their center pivot irrigation systems — just one of many programs that help the state’s 46 conservation districts protect land and water across our state. A lot of folks from around the state have given of their time over the years to support soil and water conservation efforts.

Farmers are natural conservationists. We love our land. Most of us raise or have raised our children on it. We want to see it well used and preserved for the future. We would do well to remember we have a lot in common with those who hunt, fish and work to protect our natural resources.

*Hugh Weathers*

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Misc. farm items, small animals, and livestock sale.  
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Contact: Hallman Sease  
803-824-9784 • [kristish@yahoo.com](mailto:kristish@yahoo.com)

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March 14 • 9 am  
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**10912 Newberry Road, Winnsboro**  
Contact: Donald Dukes  
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[dukesauctiongroup.com](http://dukesauctiongroup.com)

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Contact: William Claxton  
843-909-4285 • [wlcjr@yahoo.com](mailto:wlcjr@yahoo.com)

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Contact: Judy Cathcart  
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803-629-1174 • [dixon@blackgrove.com](mailto:dixon@blackgrove.com)  
[scan Angus.org](http://scan Angus.org)

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March 28 • 10 am  
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864-992-2753 • [jasonnichols@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonnichols@yahoo.com)

### SCDA State Farmers Markets

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### Certified SC Grower Buyer Meet Up

March 11 • 2 – 5 pm

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA), in conjunction with the SC Specialty Crop Growers Association and SC Farm to School, will host a networking event for producers and buyers throughout the state and SE region. SC growers and producers will exhibit while buyers from retail, foodservice, and wholesale markets visit with potential vendors.

#### Phillips Market Center

117 Ballard Court, West Columbia, SC

Contact: Katie Pfeiffer

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### Plum Branch Saddle Club Spring Trail Ride

March 12 – 15

181 Saddle Club Drive, Plum Branch

Contact: Dagmar Langley • 803-429-5295

Angie White • 864-910-5077

### All Breed Horse Show

March 14 • 9 am

PPRPFFA sponsored show. Registration at 8 am.

#### Red Bank Arena

1159 Nazareth Road, Lexington

Contact: Patti Smith • 803-422-1817

Gail Brown • 803-532-8805

### Baby Goat Yoga

March 14 • 9:30 – 11 am

Doing yoga with goats is only part yoga and part enjoying being around the baby goats in a peaceful farm setting. After the hour-long yoga class led by our Yogi, Carlie Flowers, we will take a guided tour around the farm and meet all of the other critters up close and personal while enjoying a mimosa! Yoga will be done outside with the baby goats unless we have inclement weather and move inside of our farm store. Come out and enjoy some baby goat therapy, it's the best medicine there is! Be sure to bring a mat or beach towel.

#### Goat Daddy's Farm

144 Tomahawk Trail, Elgin

803-605-3286

[facebook.com/goatdaddys](https://www.facebook.com/goatdaddys)



### Let's Be Green Farm Day

March 14 • 10 am – 2 pm

Come in your favorite green color. Spring will be official on the 19<sup>th</sup> but let's get a jump start on it. The lambs will be ready for visitors. Pigs will want to say "Howdy", and who knows what else will be happening! Abundance of Vendors! Pick up some fantastic farm products and just hang out awhile!

#### Thames Farm

3510 Catawba River Road, Fort Lawn

803-323-7789

[thamesfarm.com](https://www.thamesfarm.com)



### Winemaker's Behind the Scenes Tour

March 14 • 1 – 2:30 pm

We will have a special behind the scenes tour of our vineyards and production area with winemaker/co-owner Josh Jones. The tour will last roughly one hour and includes a free glass of wine (just to make it more fun!) Please sign up, as space is limited. \$15.

#### City Scape Winery

589 Dunklin Bridge Road, Pelzer

864-329-0615

[cityscapewinery.com](https://www.cityscapewinery.com)



### Garden Tea Party

March 14 • 1 – 3 pm

Join us for a delightfully refined, full-service Garden Tea Party! You'll spend the afternoon in our beautifully landscaped garden, sipping gourmet tea and savoring assorted, delicious finger foods. This will be a wonderful experience for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and little ladies. Dress to impress! Cost: \$20 (covers 1 adult, 1 child); \$5 per additional child.

#### Moore Farms Botanical Garden

100 New Zion Road, Lake City

[moorefarmsbg.org/events/garden-tea-party](https://www.moorefarmsbg.org/events/garden-tea-party)



### Forest Health and Invasive Species Workshop & Field Tour

March 19 • 8 am – 3:30 pm

A new invasive insect known as emerald ash borer may soon cause the mortality of all ash trees.

This workshop will provide you knowledge about threats to forest health, strategies to minimize the impacts, and resources available to help you implement needed practices. 5.5hrs Category 1 CFE's. \$20 General Public, additional \$55 for Foresters Needing CFE's.

#### Sandhill REC, Lakehouse

900 Clemson Road, Columbia

Contact: Ryan Bean

803-840-6124 • [rbean@clemson.edu](mailto:rbean@clemson.edu)

### GAP Workshop

March 20 • 8 am – 4 pm

Information about GAP, how to complete/pass a GAP audit, and what benefits GAP provides. We will hear from SCDA, FSMA, Carolina Stewardship, SBDC, and more. All attendees need to RSVP by Monday, March 16, 2020.

#### Phillips Market Center

117 Ballard Court, West Columbia

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### Walterboro Produce Safety Rule Grower Training

March 25 • 8:30 am – 5 pm

Topics include Introduction to Produce Safety, Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training, Soil Amendments, Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use, Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water), Postharvest Handling and Sanitation, How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan. Snacks and lunch provided. Please note any food allergies or preferences.

#### Clemson Extension, Colleton County

611 Black Street, Suite 210, Walterboro

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803-351-1244 • [bhorton@scda.sc.gov](mailto:bhorton@scda.sc.gov)

843-730-5211 • [ctcarte@clemson.edu](mailto:ctcarte@clemson.edu)

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### Plantasia

March 28 • 9 am – 3 pm

Plantasia offers a vast array of unusual and cutting edge plants as well as tried and true favorites for sale. Featuring unique garden vendors, local farmers with fresh produce, the eclectic Real Yard Sale, kid friendly events, food trucks, and more!

#### Old Towne Creek County Park

1400 Old Towne Road, Charleston

Contact: Debbie Davis

843-579-9922 • [office@chashortsoc.org](mailto:office@chashortsoc.org)

[chashortsoc.org/plantasia2020](https://www.chashortsoc.org/plantasia2020)

### Market Kick Off

April 2 • 3 – 6 pm

Join us as we kick off the 2020 Market Season! Shop with local farmers, growers, artisans, crafters, bakers, and food trucks while experiencing live music in the Lowcountry's Hometown.

#### Market Pavilion, 418 East Main St, Moncks Corner

Contact: Moncks Corner Farmers Market

843-719-7926

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# SPRING 2020 PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVALS

## MIDLANDS PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVAL

APRIL 16 – 19

Thursday – Saturday 8 am – 6 pm

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

SC State Farmers Market

3483 Charleston Hwy • West Columbia

## PEE DEE PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVAL

APRIL 23 – 26

Thursday – Saturday 8 am – 6 pm

Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

Pee Dee State Farmers Market

2513 W. Lucas Street • Florence

## PIEDMONT PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVAL

APRIL 30 – MAY 3

Thursday – Saturday 8 am – 6 pm

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Greenville State Farmers Market

1354 Rutherford Road • Greenville









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or asil chickens, or any type  
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Colleton  
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or gray, your place or mine  
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Newberry  
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old lighting rod w/balls &  
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grinder, more  
Perry Masters  
Greenville  
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for rnd bales, to feed sheep,  
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Lexington  
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### PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

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H Yonce  
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in the Midlands area  
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Calhoun  
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# PRICE SWINGS AND NEW DISEASE PUT STRAIN ON S.C. COTTON GROWERS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

**SANTEE** – One thing many farmers know for certain is that nothing is certain right now.

During the South Carolina Cotton Growers Meeting held here recently, Clemson Extension economist Nathan Smith told growers that despite stable demand for cotton worldwide, fluctuations in yields, prices and international trade have the potential to create stress for both producers and users.

“United States’ exports are projected to increase,” Smith said. “Even with more exports, however, we could see an increase in U.S. stocks due to higher production in 2019.”

Higher production and ending stocks going into 2020 for the United States led economists to forecast a season-average price of 63 cents per pound, Smith said.

While U.S. exports to China have decreased, markets in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Pakistan and Turkey have grown. But Brazil’s market share also has increased, further depressing cotton prices in the U.S. Reports show cotton prices will be volatile depending on acreage reports, crop conditions and weather.

“Right now, we don’t know where prices are going to go,” Smith said. “As they stand right now, we need good yields or help in the markets to cover costs. Our expectations for 2020 in S.C. are that cotton acreage will remain the same or be down a little.”

Almost 14 million acres of cotton were planted in the United States in 2019. This was down about 2.7 percent from 2018. Some economists predict cotton acreage may drop several million acres in 2020. Reduced acreage could raise prices.

Clemson University cotton specialist Michael Jones said South Carolina cotton growers grew a good quality crop in 2019. To continue this trend in 2020, Jones said growers need to do their homework when it comes to variety selection.

“We had a good quality crop last year,” Jones said. “Lint yield was above average and fiber quality was excellent. To continue to have good crops, growers will need to study and determine which variety or varieties will work best for them.”

Variety selection criteria include: yield potential, yield stability, fiber quality, value-added traits, plant maturity, nematode resistance, stormproof ability, lint percentage and leaf hairiness. DP1646B2XF is one variety that has been popular with farmers in the Cotton Belt North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, eastern Texas and Southern Oklahoma.

While cotton quality may be high, cotton acreage is forecast to drop 25% in South Carolina in 2020. The

Mueller said there are no fungicides or antibiotics to control the virus.

As for controlling cotton aphids that transmit the disease, Clemson entomologist Jeremy Greene said the use of insecticides will not prevent the virus from establishing in fields.

“We think, and evidence so far has shown, that we cannot keep infected aphids from infecting plants in a given field. We are conducting more research to see if spread of the virus can be slowed some in a given

area, but that might not be possible,” Green said. “We can greatly reduce numbers of aphids in cotton with insecticides, but we cannot eliminate aphids from cotton and probably will not prevent transmission of the cotton leafroll dwarf virus.”

Greene said insecticides can reduce plant stress associated with aphid feeding. Control of cotton aphids with insecticides varies by location.

Low, but detectable levels of aphids were found in South Carolina

in 2019. Research on control of cotton aphid and the virus is ongoing in South Carolina.

In addition to South Carolina, cotton leafroll dwarf virus also has been detected in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

About 80% of the South Carolina cotton crop is planted the first week in May. Cotton harvest begins in late September.

Tripp Plummer is an Orangeburg County farmer who attends the South Carolina Cotton Growers’ Meeting every year. In addition to cotton, he grows corn, soybeans and wheat.

“This meeting is convenient for us,” Plummer said. “We get valuable information by attending the meeting and, then, we are able to do the dicamba training that is required for our license. We can do it all in one day.”

Dicamba is a common herbicide used to kill broadleaf weeds. Federal label changes require farmers and pesticide applicators who use dicamba-based products to receive training as required by the Environmental Protection Agency.



Cotton acreage is projected to drop in 2020 in South Carolina.

latest USDA figures show 300,000 acres were planted in cotton in South Carolina in 2019. Projected cotton acres for 2020 in the state are 224,167.

In addition to prices and variety selection, cotton growers also were made aware of a new cotton disease. According to John Mueller, Clemson cotton pathologist, cotton growers need to be on the lookout for cotton blue disease. This disease is caused by the cotton leafroll dwarf virus, transmitted by cotton aphids. It first appeared in the United States in 2017 and was detected in 10 counties in South Carolina in 2019.

Symptoms include:

- Drooping leaves that vary from red to dark green.
- Crinkled or rugose leaves
- Stunted plants that suffer fruit deformation and fruit shed, or are all together barren.
- Late season symptoms include stacking of the internodes with copious fruiting, but consequent rapid fruit abortion.
- Elongated main stems.