Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau attempts to count every person in the United States. In some rural areas, that's a tough task. Households may have P.O. boxes instead of mailing addresses, internet access may be limited or non-existent, and people may move around a lot, among other reasons.

But the U.S. Census is essential to making sure rural South Carolinians, including farmers, get access to government funds and representation in Congress. Census data are used to draw U.S. House and state legislative districts. That’s crucial for rural communities, notes Eddie Wells, South Carolina state statistician for the USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service.

"The rural population needs to be properly represented in Congress, and the only way to get that representation is through the Census," Wells says. "We want to make sure it's a strong representation of what our rural communities look like now versus what they looked like 10 years ago.”

The Census also helps elected officials and government agencies determine funding for various programs.

Take the Farm Bill, for example. USDA conducts its own Census of Agriculture every five years, collecting information about crops, acreage, farms and farmers across the country. Using USDA data along with U.S. Census data, lawmakers decide how to dole out money to various agriculture-related programs. When there’s a disaster and farmers apply for relief, these data help determine how much money is allocated. The current CARES Act, a relief package to help businesses and individuals affected by the COVID-19 response, also relies on such data.

South Carolina Sen. Floyd Nicholson’s district covers parts of Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda counties — some of it rural, including several tracts the U.S. Census Bureau designates as “Hard to Count” because of their previous low response rates. He says the Census is crucial to his district — even though some people aren’t thrilled about participating.

“A lot of times people are hesitant to complete the Census because people don’t trust the government,” Nicholson says. “They think their information’s going to be used for other reasons. It’s not. This is just a count of the number of individuals in the country to ensure that we receive funding.”

Under federal law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement.

Completing the census is easy. From a computer or phone, you can visit my2020census.gov. You can also complete the census by phone by calling 844-330-2020. In mid-April, the Census Bureau began mailing out paper questionnaires to households that had not yet responded online or by phone. Census takers will follow up in person with those who do not respond by other means.

“When we talk about the trillions of taxpayer dollars being spent in this country, certainly we want the rural communities to receive their portion of that,” Wells says.
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Online Event
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BLACKVILLE – Cotton and soybeans are popping up all across South Carolina, and Clemson University Extension Service specialists say these major crops are susceptible to hungry insect pests.

**COTTON INSECT REPORT**

Charles Davis, a Clemson Extension row crops agent in Richland County, said thrips — a tiny, destructive insect — are being reported in fields where cotton is emerging.

“Cotton is just going in the ground around here and we’re seeing something we wished we didn’t see,” Davis said. “I saw a recent video which showed thrips covering a white plastic pesticide container. So, I don’t doubt the danger of thrips is present. I’ve also seen a few grasshoppers along ditch banks looking for a meal now that the fields are crispy. Soon these ‘hoppers will be looking for some cotton to chew up.”

Jeremy Greene, an Extension and research entomologist and professor housed at Clemson’s Edisto Research and Education Center (REC), said the tobacco thrips is a frequent pest of seedling cotton that can reduce lint yield up to 50 percent.

Many at-plant treatments are providing protection, but some don’t look so good, he said. Plots treated with aldicarb look best. Neither pyrethroids nor Lorsban should be used for thrips control in emerged cotton.

“I don’t know if we’ll see the number of thrips get as high as it did last year,” Greene said. “But there are signs of injury in cotton planted in mid-April.”

Planting cotton in mid-April in South Carolina is a little early. Depending on the weather, cotton planting usually begins in late April and continues through the month of May in South Carolina, said Clemson Extension cotton specialist Michael Jones of the Pee Dee REC.

Planting later does seem to have benefits, as research shows injury risk from thrips declines as the planting date is delayed. For early-planted cotton that is at highest risk, growers should consider using more effective at-plant insecticides that go in the furrow as an extra application (granular or liquid spray) with the seed and use seed treatments later in the planting window to reduce thrips risks. Insecticide treatments are important early-season to minimize yield loss and to ensure the crop isn’t delayed.

The thrips infestation predictor tool for cotton (TIP) advised cotton farmers not to plant early in the southern part of the state this year.

Grasshoppers are an issue right now and are best controlled when in the nymph stage, the entomologist said. Use Dimilin at a rate of 2 fluid ounces/acre to control nymphs. Pyrethroids and chlorpyrifos are good materials to use for adult grasshoppers, but controlling at the nymph stage is better as grasshoppers are difficult to control as adults, especially the big ones.

**SOYBEAN SITUATION**

About 6 percent of the state’s soybean crop had been planted as of May 8. In his test plot, Greene said, some soybean plants that have emerged. No insects have found the plants — yet.

“Dimilin is a good choice to use proactively in fields where grasshoppers are expected to be a problem,” Greene said. “For farmers who are spraying emerged cotton and reacting to an insect problem, I would consider using a heavy rate of Orthene,” 97 for grasshopper adults and control of thrips.”

Other major pests of cotton are stink bugs, bollworm and tarnished plant bugs, but will be an issue later in the season.

“Don’t forget to scout your crops early for insect problems,” Greene said.

Several online tools are available on clemson.edu/extension to provide farmers with pest control information. The Clemson Pest Management Handbook – 2020 has information to help control insect and weed pests. Free mobile apps, Calibrate My Sprayer and Mix My Sprayer, help with equipment calibrations and mixing pesticides.

Deer is another pest of soybeans. White-tailed deer cause millions of dollars in damage to South Carolina’s soybean fields each year. Greene has installed a fence on his test plot to help keep deer away.

To help South Carolina farmers stay ahead of pest threats, Greene is working with Syngenta to provide timely Pest Patrol Alerts. For information, go to bit.ly/SC_PestAlerts.

**ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

Cotton and soybeans are important to the South Carolina economy. Information from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture shows cotton and soybeans are two of the top 10 commodities in South Carolina. Others are broilers, turkeys, greenhouse nurseries, corn, cattle, peanuts, eggs and wheat.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, 310,000 acres of soybeans and 237,000 acres of cotton were harvested last year. Together, these crops brought in more than $427 million to South Carolina in 2019.

**FARMERS TO FOOD BANKS**

Certified SC Grown, in partnership with SC Advocates for Agriculture, introduces the Farmers to Food Banks Program. South Carolina farmers will be able to deliver their products to those in need during this crisis.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Using these funds, food distributors across the state will purchase products from South Carolina farmers and donate that food to food banks and pantries to help bridge the gap of food insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
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**MARKET BULLETIN**
**SWEET AND TANGY KALE SALAD**

* Courtesy of WP Rawl

**INGREDIENTS**
- 4 cups Nature's Greens® Kale®
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, diced
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup pistachios, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- ~3 Tbsp 1 medium lemon
- Goat cheese, to taste
- Sea salt and pepper, to taste

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Finely chop kale.
2. In a large salad bowl, combine kale with strawberries, blueberries, and pistachios.
3. Add dressing and mix throughout.
4. Let all ingredients sit for 20 minutes so that all flavors are absorbed and kale is tenderized.

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**SPICY SRIRACHA SHRIMP TACOS WITH CILANTRO LIME SLAW**

* Courtesy of SC Chef Ambassador Jamie Daskalis, Myrtle Beach

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 lbs shrimp, 50-60 ct, peeled & deveined
- 2 cups cabbage, peeled & deveined
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded & finely chopped
- Fresh cilantro, chopped, as desired
- 2 limes, zest & juice
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 2 tsp sriracha sauce
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 Tbsp Tajin/cilantro, blended
- 1 Tbsp avocado oil
- 6-8 flour or corn tortillas

**DIRECTIONS**
2. Cilantro Lime Slaw: Combine jalapeño, lime juice, zest, apple cider vinegar, honey, salt, pepper, and cilantro. Set aside.
3. Dry shrimp with paper towel, dust and coat well with Tajin/cilantro, blended.
4. Grill tortillas in a non-stick pan over medium-high heat, about 1 minute each side. Place on a plate and cover with a slightly damp paper towel.
5. Heat oil in a large skilled over medium-high heat, add 1/2 of the shrimp. Cook and toss frequently (about 1 minute) until the shrimp curl slightly. Remove from heat, set aside, and cook remaining shrimp.
6. Assemble: Top tortillas with dressed slaw, shrimp, sriracha ranch, and top with additional cilantro if desired.

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**OKRA TOMATO FRITTERS**

* Courtesy of SC Chef Ambassador Kevin Mitchell, Charleston

**INGREDIENTS**
- 4 cups okra, chopped fine
- 1 cup yellow onion, minced
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup tomato, freshly chopped
- 1 tsp Ho-Latta Spice Rub from Lillie's of Charleston
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup self rising flour
- 1 Tbsp+ vegetable oil, 1/2 capacity of your pan
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- Cajun seasoning, optional

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Fill a Dutch Oven to half capacity with vegetable oil and preheat to 325 degrees.
2. In a large skillet, heat the 1 tsp of oil over medium heat. When oil is hot, add chopped onion and okra and cooked until onion is translucent and okra has color, approximately 8-10 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.
3. In a stainless steel bowl mix egg, Ho-Latta Spice Rub, buttermilk, salt, and pepper. Add the okra/onion mixture (when cool) and tomatoes. Mix until thoroughly incorporated. Slowly fold in flour a little at a time until it is all mixed in.
4. Frying: Drop a heaping spoonful in the hot oil and fry until golden brown, approximately 5 minutes. Place on paper towel to remove excess oil. Continue until the fritter batter is gone. You can sprinkle with additional salt or Cajun seasoning as desired.

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**DIXIE BELLE PEACH COBBLER**

* Courtesy of Dixie Belle Peaches, Inc.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cup self rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 4 cups Dixie Belle peaches

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
3. Pour over melted butter. Do not stir.
4. Combine peaches and 1/2 cup sugar in a saucepan. Bring to a boil.
5. Pour peaches over batter. Do not stir.
6. Bake for 30 minutes or until browned. This is the perfect kid-friendly dessert! Add cinnamon if you like or ice cream to top it off. This is a dessert that the kids can put their own twist on and is simple for the adults to make.

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**CHICKEN SALAD LETTUCE WRAPS**

* Courtesy of Vertical Roots

**INGREDIENTS**
- 5-6 large bibb lettuce leaves
- 2 cups pulled rotisserie chicken
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp fresh dill
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Chopped salted nuts, optional

**DIRECTIONS**
1. In a large mixing bowl, add chicken, onion, mayonnaise, yogurt, celery, lemon juice, dill, salt, pepper, and nuts (if desired). Whisk until evenly blended.
2. Spoon mixture into large bibb lettuce leaves, wrap, and enjoy!

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**OKRA TOMATO FRITTERS WITH STRAWBERRY GINGER SYRUP**

* Courtesy of SC Chef Ambassador Jason Tufis, Aiken

**INGREDIENTS**
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 6 slices stale bread
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp canola oil

**DIRECTIONS**
1. In a medium/large sauce pot, melt butter over medium-high heat.
2. In a non-stick sauté pan, coat completely with canola oil and heat on medium-high.
3. Dredge bread in the batter on both sides ensuring the bread is saturated. Cook until toast is golden brown with a custard like consistency (approximately 3-5 minutes on each side).
4. In a medium-sized saucepan, add water and cook until syrup-like consistency (approximately 1-2 minutes).
5. Add remaining strawberries.
6. Pour over melted butter. Do not stir.
7. Bake for 30 minutes or until browned.

**OKRA TOMATO FRITTERS SYRUP**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp kosher salt

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Frying: Drop a heaping spoonful in the hot oil and fry until golden brown, approximately 5 minutes. Place on paper towel to remove excess oil. Continue until the fritter batter is gone. You can sprinkle with additional salt or Cajun seasoning as desired.