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A VISIT TO AN OYSTER FARM

BARRIER ISLAND OYSTER CO. RAISES SEA CLOUDS OFF THE SC COAST

BY SAMANTHA DAY

When you think about South Carolina agriculture, you probably think of the fields you see along highways growing corn, cotton, peanuts, or soybeans. You might not consider the agriculture along the 2,876 miles of South Carolina coastline.

Barrier Island Oyster Co. founders Jared Hulteen and Josh Eboch attended College of Charleston where they found a love for the coast and South Carolina's Lowcountry. With Hulteen's marine biologist experience and Eboch's business management skills, they decided to combine the two and founded their company in 2016. The goal of Barrier Island is to produce the best oysters in Charleston while preserving the Lowcountry waterways they've come to love. Every one of their oysters is grown using a restorative growing method that reduces pressure on wild oyster reefs.

Like the name Barrier Island suggests, these premium single oysters experience the same wind and wave shifts that create barrier islands. The change in wind and wave patterns allows these hand-raised oysters to be tide tumbled, polishing and deepening their shells.

In the waters of Botany Bay, between Edisto and Wadmalaw Islands, float 220 cages, the oysters inside waiting to be served raw and on ice. But before consumers can think about slurping down these salty creatures, the oysters must undergo a fascinating life cycle.

When oysters are first spawned, they are free floating larvae, barely visible to the human eye. These larvae eat and grow until they develop an eye-spot, meaning they are ready to latch on to a substrate which is usually some type of stone or shell. Once settled and firmly attached to the substrate, oysters undergo metamorphosis and are called spat.

Barrier Island Oyster Company receives hatchery-spawned spat when they're around three millimeters in length. They continue to raise them



in their nursery using water from the same river they'll eventually float in, bringing them natural food and allowing them a higher chance of survival. Once the oysters have grown to a certain length, they'll be ready to float along the salty waters of the river.

Like many agriculture products, oysters are also graded by their size and shape which mirror the meat inside. Each time an oyster is graded it creates a ring around the shell, similar to those of a tree. The oysters floating in Barrier Island's cages are graded approximately every three weeks, which strengthens the oysters and creates a better shell-to-meat ratio. During the grading process these oysters are brought to the dock to be rinsed and tumbled before being placed back in the salty water.

From tide to table, it takes approximately 12 to 24 months to grow these oysters, which Hulteen and Eboch call Sea Clouds. Barrier Island nurses and harvests oysters year-round. The oysters even undergo different flavor profiles throughout the year. If harvested in the fall you can expect firmer meat with a sweeter taste, while in the summer they taste exactly like their environment—fresh and salty.

No matter the season, though, the name Sea Cloud foreshadows exactly what you should expect: a cloud-like texture with a salty sea kick.

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AS SC GROWS, SAVE ROOM FOR FARMERS

With the summer coming to a close, I am looking forward to the start of sweet potato, apple, and pecan seasons. It's always exciting around here when peanuts are ready to be dug. And then there's football. South Carolina is blessed with diverse geography and seasonal variations that make a variety of farm products available in our state.

While a growing population means more customers for our numerous farm products, it can also cause conflicts for farmers and their livelihoods.

Some early results of the 2020 Census were just released, and according to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina's population grew by more than 10% in the last decade. That's more than 1.5 million new people, putting us over 5 million total. We were the second-fastest growing state east of the Mississippi, following Florida.

Most of the growth was in metropolitan areas and along our coast, leaving rural counties and farm towns sparsely populated. Mount Pleasant, Greenville, Berkeley County, and Horry County saw the most growth, while rural counties like Allendale, Bamberg, and Lee saw a decrease in population.

Horry County, home to Myrtle Beach, was named the fastest growing county with a 30% population increase in the past decade.

You may have read recently in The Post and Courier about Matthew Brown, a fourth-generation farmer who farms on 2,500 acres in Horry County, growing tobacco, strawberries, soybeans, and sweet potatoes at 62 locations within miles of Highway 701. He and his wife are concerned about a proposed 80-home subdivision on farmland adjacent to their land. It's an issue that many farmers face with the continued rise in population. Some farmers worry that closer neighbors could impact whether they have a say in how their land is used. They also worry that rezoning rural land could create more traffic on roads used to transport farm equipment.

The American Farmland Trust reports that between 2001 and 2016, 280,700 acres of South Carolina's farmland were either paved over, fragmented, or converted to uses that jeopardize agriculture.

Growth can be a good thing, but we need to make sure we grow in ways that protect our farmland and rural way of life.

While farmers are feeling pressure, they're still providing the quality and fresh farm products we've come to love. So, the next time you find yourself behind a farm tractor on a rural road, have a little patience and thank them for all they do.

Hugh E. Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Landowner Resources Workshop

September 7 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join the SC Association for Community Economic Development for their Landowner Resources Workshop where landowners can connect with USDA District Conservationists to learn about the EQIP/CSP application process and its implementation. Attendees will also learn about USDA-NRCS funding programs available to enhance their land, how to increase profitability, start an agricultural business, and conservation planning. Register and attend to receive a \$10 Subway gift card!

Virtual Event

Contact: South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED)
843-579-9855 • bush@scaced.org
scaced.org

South Carolina Apple Festival

September 9 – 11

Baking contests, arts and crafts, live music, pageants and a parade.

Main Street, Westminster

scapplefestival.com



10th Annual Boiled Peanut Festival

September 11 • 12 – 6 pm

All you can eat boiled peanuts, live music by the Horan Brothers Band, a boiled peanut cook-off, a boiled peanut eating contest, Little Ms. Peanut and Little Mr. Goober Competition as well as The World's Largest Boiled Peanut on display for all to see! Proceeds benefit the Historic Bluffton Foundation. Admission is \$15.00 per adult, which includes all you can eat peanuts, and children 10 and under are free.

Common Ground at Heyward House, Bluffton

heritagepeanuts.com/festival

Pick your Own Muscadines

Borders Farm is a small family farm offering u-pick produce to the Rock Hill/York area in South Carolina. We have a wide variety of highly-productive established muscadine vines that are open to the public during muscadine season, August through October.

Borders Farm

1970 Gordon Road, Rock Hill

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South Carolina Green Industry Fall Field Day

September 22 • 8 am – 3 pm

Join us for SC Green's 18th annual Fall Field Day event. South Carolina pesticide credits can be earned in addition to hands-on courses in chainsaw safety, hardscapes, and transporting equipment. Over 20 exhibitors will showcase their products and services. Lunch is included. Register online today.

Modern Turf

2895 Edens Road, Dalzell

Contact: SC Green Industry Association

803-939-6884 • info@scgreen.org

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SEPTEMBER 7 • 12:00 PM

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Claxton's Auction

September 4 & 11 • 11 am

Special Sale September 19 • 1 pm

Every Saturday. Equine, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, camelots, ratites, poultry, and small animals.

18627 Lowcountry Hwy, Ruffin

Contact: William Claxton

843-909-4285 • wlcjr@yahoo.com

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September 11 • 10 am

Replacement heifers, yearling crossbred heifers, reds & blacks sired by red SimAngus, Red Angus, & Angus bulls-some AI sired.

215 Whit Chamblee Road, Starr

Contact: Ned or Willyne McGill

864-352-6214 • gillstarr@wctel.net

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023

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50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Sterile Grass Carp, \$12; Ft Tiger Bass, \$3; Lrgmth, \$2; Minnows, \$20/lb; p-up/del Derek Long Newberry 803-944-3058

CARP

\$12; Tilapia \$95 or \$195/100; BG/SC/RB, \$55/100; LM Bass, \$75/50; Chan Cat, \$60/100; Mosq-fish, \$40/100 Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

SHAD

for ponds, \$1-\$5; Bream, 35¢-\$3; Bass, \$1-\$10; Catfish, \$1-\$3; Crappie, \$1-\$3 Cannon Taylor Newberry 803-276-0853

3-6" KOI FISH

\$3-5, baby Koi, \$1 each Tommy Sherman Laurens 864-546-2778

CATTLE

F1 WAGYU CATTLE

all natural, no growth hormones or antibiotics, 600-800 lbs, \$1.50/lb Wade Hipp Saluda 864-993-2421

BLK ANG BULL

3 y/o, tame, \$2000 Ellis Martin Lexington 803-446-0547

REG BLK HRFRD BULL

4 y/o, gentle, low BW, proven genetics, exc feet & muscling, good EPDs, \$2500 Brad Harmon Aiken 803-645-6756

RED POLL YRLG BULLS

open & bred hefrs, FB, sired by '17 NAILE Reserve Grand Champion, \$1800-2500 J Wyatt Marlboro 803-651-3086

4 BULLS

Gelb Blk Hrfrd cross, 15-17 m/o, BSE, 1000-1200lbs, gentle, \$1600-2000 Michael Bailey Lancaster 803-288-3108

FB LIMO BULL

PB Limo cows & yrlg bulls, \$1200+, can del for fee James Langston Pickens 864-859-6794

BLK ANG BULLS

yrlgs & 2 y/o, exc b'lines, good calving ease, \$1500+ Wesley Miller Lexington 803-917-1793

3 Y/O REG ANG BULL

proven calving ease, Fescue resistant, mother w/ longevity, gentle, \$2100 Eddie Martin Anderson 864-296-0454

3 BLK ANG HEFRS

(2) 18+ m/o, \$1000 each; 13 m/o, \$750; 9 m/o Char/Blk Ang bull, \$850 Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363

BLK ANG BULLS

17 m/o, \$1400; 9 m/o Blk Ang bull, \$850, FB, tame, no papers L Gunter Lexington 803-532-7394

4-5 M/O ANG HEFRS

wormed, vac, \$375 each Casey McCarty Newberry 803-924-5239

BLK ANG HERD

cows & calves, 38 total, \$25,000 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

BLK ANG BULLS & HEFRS

6-7 m/o, 450-500 lbs, \$650 Eddie Chavis Barnwell 803-671-3108

PB BLK GELB BULL

yrlg, calving ease, \$1000 Caleb Hallman Lexington 803-730-4673

REG ANG BULLS

20 m/o, \$1500 Scott Rogers Spartanburg 864-809-6130

PB ANG BULLS

coming 2 y/o, ready for service or processing, \$1800+ Mike Johnson Newberry 864-923-0750

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32 m/o, low BW, sound, gentle, \$2200; Blk Ang cow, bred, \$1000 Marty Littlefield Greenville 864-580-0378

CALF/COW PRS

can sep, var dairy breeds avail, \$1100/pr Carl Simon Aiken 803-645-3894

REG BLK ANG BULLS

18 m/o, exc b'lines, calving ease, gentle, \$2000 Tripp Hungerpiller Orangeburg 803-682-3324

REG BLK ANG BULLS

15-21 m/o, \$1500-2300; hefrs, cow calf prs, \$1500-2500, gentle, good EPDs Bobby Baker Lancaster 803-804-2230

15 M/O PB BULLS

blk Brangus & Ultra blk, calving ease, \$1850+ Daniel Chassereau Bamberg 803-267-4880

1½ Y/O MINI ZEBU BULL

\$500 obo Johnathan Richardson Dorchester 843-513-3198

BFMSTR BULLS

18 m/o reg blk, \$1700; 15 m/o PB red bull, \$1500; 2 yrlg bulls, \$1200 John Steele Lancaster 803-283-7720

HOLSTEIN STEERS

350 lbs; \$300 each Michael Alveshire Saluda 803-767-2732

REG ANG BULLS

\$1750+; reg & comm open hefrs, \$800+; cows, \$2000; more Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

REG BLK ANG BULLS

proven genetics, 16-27 m/o, low BW, exc ft & muscle, BSE, comp EPDs, perf info, \$3000+ Dixon Shealy Newberry 803-629-1174

9 M/O HEFRS

from AI sires, \$1200 Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753

525 LB ANG HEFRS

\$725; 3 y/o Ang bull, Circle E, \$1850; (5) 3 y/o cows, bred w/1st calf @ side, \$10,000 David Wilkerson York 803-925-2633

20 BRED COWS

Blk & B/W Baldy, prime age 3-6 y/o, all due in 60 day window, Nov-Jan, \$2100 each, vol disc John Barnes Chester 252-230-0650

REG ANG BULL

Famoda C3 Journey, B-9/20/15, BW + 1.9, selling to prevent inbreeding, gentle, \$2250 Jim Blackwell Greenville 864-617-3344

FARM LABOR

NOTICES ARE ACCEPTED FOR AGRICULTURAL WORK ONLY AND NOT FOR HOUSEWORK, NURSING, OR COMPANIONSHIP NEEDS.

RECLAIM PASTURE

overgrown fields, extreme bush hogging, grading, driveways, insured, dependable, veteran Gary Morton Chester 803-374-3142

NEED SOMEONE

to harvest stand of rare Polonia trees, 10 y/o, in Gilbert Cecil Fulmer Lexington 803-238-1465

LIME SPREADING

specialize in bulk TN lime, call for est Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628

TRACTOR REPAIR

restoration, all types, 50 yr exp George Bush Lexington 803-640-1949

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

build & repair ponds, demo, tree removal, land clearing, roads, free est James Hughes Greenwood 864-227-8257

FORESTRY MULCHING SERVICES

underbrush mulching from timber land to pastures, backyards, lots, etc, insured Dakota Hollman Lexington 803-687-6382

NEED SOMEONE

to rewire dashboard of a MF165D, new fuel sending unit & voltage regulator Boyd Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455

FENCE INSTALLED

to your specifications, statewide, free est Bruce Thomas Dorchester 843-636-1699

TRACTOR WORK

firt end ldr, dirt blade, bush hog, chain saw trees, also backhoe work w/in 20 mi David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

PASTURE MGMT SERV

spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert & lime; plant Bermuda & Bahia Kenny Mullis Richland 803-331-6612

FARM LABOR

tractor work, Bush hog, fence work, tree removal, hauling w/dump trl Jason Straub York 803-417-5200

TRACTOR WORK

light bush hogging Glenn Goins Lexington 803-381-8287

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to incl bush hogging, discing, cut up & removal of downed trees, light landscaping John Tanner Lexington 803-422-4714

NEED SOMEONE

on fish farm, general labor/fish truck driver, to del fish & misc, farm jobs, outdoor work mostly Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

LEXCO TACK CLEANING

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FARM LAND MUST BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE OWNER, NOT AN AGENT. TRACTS MUST BE AT LEAST 5 ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION, TIMBER, OR PASTURE. OUT-OF-STATE OWNERS - NOT REAL ESTATE AGENTS - MAY NOW SUBMIT ADS FOR LAND IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

921A DILLON CO

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20+A WARE PLACE

Hwy 25, corn this year, '22 solar lease will dbl purchase price, \$200,000 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

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good deer hunting, above Winnsboro, \$86,000 Carl Gullede Fairfield 803-530-8885

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mostly wooded, w/wet branch, poss sm pond site, fronts 2 rds, \$130,000 Barney Williams Lexington 803-543-8715

WANT 5+A FARM LAND

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PRODUCE MUST BE RAW AND NON-PROCESSED. RAW MILK, BUTTER, AND CHEESE PRODUCTS MUST BE PERMITTED BY THE SC DEPT. OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. AN EGG LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ON-FARM POINTS OF SALE.

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farm fresh, \$2/dozen, \$3/1½ dozen Rose Roof Lexington 803-315-7307

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\$60/100 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

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\$3/dozen William Jones Greenville 864-360-5773

ORGANIC FARM FRESH EGGS

free range, multi-color, p-up only, \$5/dozen Lindsey Dopson Aiken 803-634-8524

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12 Y/O QH BAY GELD

gentle, needs exp rider, \$700 obo Donald Henson Spartanburg 864-463-4091

HOGS

FB BERKSHIRE PIGS

\$150 each J Painter Spartanburg 864-641-9855

HOGS & PIGS

\$50+; 5 bred sows, bred to Hampshire boar, \$250 each for all or \$300 each Earl Watts Lexington 803-794-9049

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ELDERBERRY & FIG TREES

\$15; Grape vines, \$10; Mulberry, Pomegranate, Camellias, & Loquat, \$20 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

HAY & GRAIN

'21 HQ SQ FESCUE fert, NR, \$4.50 at barn Don Hall Greenville 864-303-8472	'20 HQ FESCUE 4x5 rnd, shed kept, NR, Pauline area, \$45 each John Graham Spartanburg 864-809-0104	RND MIXED HAY \$25, field p-up, will del for \$35/bale Michael Estes Laurens 864-923-1110	4x5 RND FESCUE net wrap, shed stored on pallets, \$50, del avail for fee Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222	'21 HQ 4x5 COASTAL net wrap, \$50/bale Carlisle Kinard Bamberg 803-267-5762	SQ '21 MIXED GRASS good for cows & goats, \$5 ea; 4x5 rnd Oat Ryegrass, \$40 Michael Privette Greenville 864-414-3834
'21 HQ OR CQ CB lrg rnd bales, rained on once before baled, \$35 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490	'21 HQ 4x5 COASTAL net wrap, \$50/bale David Fulmer Orangeburg 803-917-0467	FESCUE/BERMUDA MIX 800 lb rnd bales, net wrap, \$35 each Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363	'21 SD ALFALFA dairy qual, 3x4x8, 1600 lbs, \$380 each, cash sales Chris Roux Cherokee 864-906-5471	'21 4x54" RND CB CQ, net wrap, well fert, stored outside on pallets, \$40; shed kept, \$45, no del Rickey Meetze Lexington 803-667-0285	4x5 RND BALES for cattle, twine tied, cut this yr, \$25/bale Chanse Rayfield Chester 803-374-6194
30 FESCUE BALES 4x5 net wrap, no weeds, baled 8/1, NR, \$25/bale Richard Martin Greenville 864-243-4974	4x5 HQ RND CB limed/fert, sprayed for weeds, 1st & 2nd cuts, NR, \$50 each Dale Blackmon Lancaster 803-577-9008	'21 4x5 RND CB cow & horse, EQ, \$40-60/ bale; lrg sq bales, \$6/field, \$8/barn Bruce Stuart Aiken 803-645-0378	SQ ORCHARD FESCUE MIX HQ, sold in cubes of 21 bales, at barn, \$136/cube, del extra Joseph Henson York 803-448-5287	4x5 FESCUE net wrap, \$25-50/bale Bobby Baker Lancaster 803-804-2230	'21 OATS \$45, in your 55 gal drum Mary Anderson Richland 803-446-3326
TIGHT 4x5 CB BALES baled 8/11, min purchase 10 bales, \$50 each Craig Caughman Lexington 803-924-2252	WHEAT STRAW \$4.50/bale, p-up, del avail Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628	ALFALFA sq, \$8-9; rnd, \$55; grass rnd bales, \$40 Jackie Rogers Spartanburg 864-381-5971	HQ SQ CB \$6 each; net wrap rnd bales, \$50 each; clean Orchid grass \$40; Rye straw, \$4 each, all shed kept Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316	'21 4x5 RND HQ CB barn stored, \$45; '21 rnd Bahia grass, \$35 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887	'20 OAT & RYE GRASS \$30; Fescue, \$25; grass mix, \$25; all 4x5 net wrap Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350
350 CB BALES sq, clean, weed free, baled 8/14, stacked, ready for p-up, \$4/bale Johnny Roscoe Kershaw 803-287-5999	4x5 HAY BALES just cut Mixed Grass, no weeds, can load, 1-10/\$30; 10-50/\$25; 50+/\$20 David Gardner Saluda 803-730-3485	SQ RYE STRAW \$4/bale; Oats, your 55 gal drum, \$40 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315	COMBINE RUN OATS \$45 for 55 gal drum; Combine run wheat, \$65 for 55 gal drum Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753	'21 RYEGRASS 4x5 rnd, dry storage, \$38 Steve Kinard Newberry 803-924-0439	'21 4x5 CB net wrap, \$50; '21 4x5 oat hay, net wrap, \$45; all shed kept Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630
4x5 RND MIXED GRASS '20, \$20/bale; '21, \$25/bale, disc for qty Barry Hossler Saluda 803-622-3906	'21 SQ FESCUE NR, in barn, \$5 each Jerry Butler Laurens 864-697-6343	'21 4x5 RND CB net wrap, well fert, NR, stored outside indiv on pallets, \$50/bale Eddie West Aiken 803-507-8205	'21 FESCUE & RYE GRASS HQ rnd, fert, limed, sprayed, \$25-\$35/bale, del avail Donald Counts Newberry 803-315-1016	4x5 FESCUE net wrap, \$30 John Ashley Anderson 864-296-3788	COMBINE RUN OATS \$5/bu bulk Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692
4x5 RND FESCUE wrapped, \$20/bale Pete Hawkins Anderson 864-934-3258	'21 FESCUE & RYEGRASS in barn, \$40; outside fescue, '21/\$30, '20/\$20, no weeds Terry Blakely Greenville 864-483-1920	'21 CB Brown Top Millet, Cowpeas Millet mixed, 4x5, shed kept, \$50, del for fee Eddie Chavis Barnwell 803-671-3108	'21 FESCUE & RYE GRASS HQ rnd, fert, limed, sprayed, \$25-\$35/bale, del avail Donald Counts Newberry 803-315-1016	'21 SQ COASTAL mature field w/HQ yield, \$7/bale William Chandler Anderson 864-934-4790	'21 4x5 RND FESCUE lime, fert, sprayed for weeds, GQ, wrapped, barn stored, \$40/bale Tom Coggins Spartanburg 864-877-6742
'21 4x5 FESCUE HQ, shed kept, \$40 Wesley Boland Newberry 803-768-2010	4x5 CB fert & limed, \$50/HQ, \$45/ CQ, 400 bales avail Duncan Oliver Edgefield 803-624-2625	'21 SQ ALFALFA barn stored, 40 lbs each, \$8/bale Rick Shealy Laurens 803-260-6502	BAHIA TIFTON 9 shed kept, high moisture, \$15; '21 Bahia, \$30; Coastal, \$35 Danny McAlhaney Bamberg 803-793-7095	FESCUE/ORCHARD GRASS HQP, sq, min 25 bales, shed kept, \$5/bale Will Kraft Greenville 864-979-7910	'21 HQ FESCUE 4x4 rnd, barn stored, \$40 Bobby Page Spartanburg 864-494-2501
'21 TIFTON 44 CB 4x5 rnd, shed kept, fert, no weeds, \$40 Jerry Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956	'21 SQ HQ CB \$6 each, shed kept, del avail Nathan Oswald Lexington 803-317-3090	'21 4x5 HQ FESCUE net, shed kept on pallets, NR, del for fee w/min, \$50, disc for qty George Bryant Pickens 864-630-4934	'21 FESCUE MIXED GRASS 4x5 rnd, lime/fert, GQ, \$25/ bale; CQ, \$20/bale Wayne Crandell Greenville 864-420-2589	OATS \$40/55 gal barrel, your barrel; '21 4x5 rnd fescue, \$30; '20 4x5 rnd Mixed Grass, \$15 Mike Armstrong Greenville 864-630-6174	SQ COW HAY Eastover area, \$6 each Mark Kays Richland 803-353-2741
'29 SQ BERMUDA \$6; '21 sq, \$7; twine rnd bales, \$30-55, del avail for fee Allen Murray Aiken 803-518-9169			HQ FESCUE/ORCHARD/ BERMUDA GRASS EQ, tight bales, well estab hay field, barn stored, \$45 Carol Ann Burns Laurens 864-923-6160	4x5 CQ MIXED GRASS net wrap, \$35/bale Tony Williams McCormick 803-391-5713	4x5 CB \$50; sq CB, \$6; 4x5 Crabgrass-Millet, \$40; sq Rye straw, \$4; all shed kept Larry McCartha Lexington 803-606-2499

POULTRY

GUINEAS all ages, \$4-15 each; Button quail, \$10 each Keith Gibbons Clarendon 843-372-2472	25 LAVENDER ORPINGTONS 5 m/o, \$8 each Roger Todd Anderson 864-617-4345	BANTAMS Araucana, BB Red, Golden & Silver Sebright, Wht Jap, Mille Fleur, Serama, \$5-9 ea Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254	BRONZE TOM TURKEY Rio Grande breed, 1 1/2 y/o, \$100 L Gunter Lexington 803-532-7394	BOBWHITE & BUTTON QUAIL \$5 ea; Ringneck pheasant, \$10 Michael Melillo Kershaw 860-681-6516	INDIAN RUNNER DUCKLINGS \$8/each Ellen Chassereau Lexington 864-386-7461
ORPINGTONS Buff & Lavender, \$8 each Isaac Capps Anderson 864-314-3714	2 TURKEY PRS blk Artisan Gold, 5 m/o, \$200/pr Cristan Smoak Orangeburg 803-682-0254	WHT & SILVER KING PIGEONS homers, \$15 each; rollers, \$12 each William Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285	BLK COPER MARAN 3 roos, \$15 each Barbara Long Lexington 803-604-7377	YNG LAYING HENS RIR & Barred Rocks, will be laying soon, \$10 each Shane Sease Bamberg 803-824-9124	PURE ORPINGTON ROO 1 1/2 y/o, good breeder, healthy, \$10 obo George Bower Lexington 803-767-0568
COTURNIX QUAIL 1 d/o-3 wks, colors vary, \$2-5 Summer Edwards Calhoun 803-308-4529	GREY GUINEA TRIO 5 m/o, \$45 Gladys Trower Richland 803-834-4235	PEACOCKS 2 breeding prs, Blk Shoulder pr & M Pied/Blue hen pr, \$500/pr James Malphrus Dorchester 843-821-8172	SILKIE CHICKS 16 w/o, diff colors, \$5 each Bob Wentzky Anderson 864-760-3626	1ST YR LAYERS Americana, Production Blue, Wht Plymouth Rock, \$15 William Jones Greenville 864-360-5773	RED STAR HENS 7 m/o, lays brown eggs, \$10 each obo Joe Harrell Richland 803-786-4841
ASST BANTAMS 2-3 w/o, \$5-10 each Kimberly Stork Lexington 803-397-4082	19 M/O GAME ROO Sweater x Kelso, \$50 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309		GUINEA KEETS July hatch, \$19 each Dennis Hoover Lee 803-428-4426		

RABBITS

MO COTTONTAILS \$12 each Steve Ard Aiken 803-603-0642	REX yng, \$15 & \$20 each; grown bucks, \$20 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589	LA COTTONTAILS \$10 each Danny Cook Newberry 803-924-6953	CAROLINA COTTONTAILS yng, \$15 each Lynn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285	2 FRENCH SILVER 5 m/o, \$25 each Roger Todd Anderson 864-617-4345
STANDARD REX solid/otter/tri, \$25, partial pedes avail, show qual; Dutch/Lionhead bucks, \$15 Emily Simon Lancaster 803-627-7850	HYBRID MEAT 12+ wks, M/F, \$15 William Jones Greenville 864-360-5773	5 BROKEN NZ 2 does, 1 buck, all 1 y/o; 1 yng doe, B-3/27, 1 yng buck, B-4/1, \$15 each Brian Jenkins Saluda 803-553-5774	COTTONTAILS & blk/wht does & bucks, \$10 & \$15 each Mel Dalas Richland 803-463-7947	FLEMISH GIANTS Cottontails, Red Back, French Silver, \$10-20 each Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254

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Chesterfield
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Kershaw
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Spartanburg
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Lancaster
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F Rowe
Newberry
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Newberry
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Aiken
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York
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posts, & utility poles, 6'-40'L, \$1-3/ft
James Burns
Laurens
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18.4x30 & LN rims, fits 6000 series JD tires, 20% tread, \$1200 for both
Mike Armstrong
Greenville
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GRASS CATCHER

for a Kubota BX tractor, <10 hrs, \$2000
Julian Mears
McCormick
864-550-0052

GY 19.5-24" TIRES

10 ply, new, \$850; 14.9-28 w/rims, \$650; 18.4x42" all terrain Firestones, \$1800 ea
Ronnie Judy
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WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

JD B GRAIN DRILLS

no junk
Mackie Tyler
Orangeburg
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JD 3020

4020, 4240, 4055; 10-12' BWA harrow
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CASE IH 685 OR 695

low hrs, GC, w/roll bar or cab & 24' do-all
Jeff Millen
Chester
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running or for parts
David Manley
Pickens
864-654-1125

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3ph, post hole digger
Brice Stephenson
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SM-MED SIZED TRACTOR

w/bush hog, in VGC
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Spartanburg
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SQ BALE ELEV/CONVEYOR

prefer whl mntd type w/elec motor
Brent Smith
Greenville
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Richland
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old mod w/hyd tilt blade
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pure wht Hubble prs
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or dairy cows, any age or size
Kenneth Satterfield
Laurens
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will consider confirmation over breed
Cal Norris
Edgefield
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Aiken
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GAITED SADDLE HORSE

gentle & safe for pleasure riding
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Spartanburg
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WANT PIGEONS

poultry, & sm animals, reasonably priced
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Colleton
843-909-4285

RABBITS

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Greenwood
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L Gunter
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Orangeburg
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syrup kettle, anvils, old lighting rod w/balls & weathervane, lrg coffee grinder, more
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Greenville
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FIELDS OF LONG LEAF PINE STRAW

top prices paid, 15 yrs exp
Trey Shull
Lexington
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BLKSMITH ANVILS

& any size farm bells
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

KUBOTA 18.4x34 RIMS

8 lug, Case, Intl, JD or A
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

HIGH-TECH INDOOR FARM TO OPEN IN UPSTATE

Shenandoah Growers, Inc., a national leader in commercially advanced indoor agriculture, broke ground in August on its next indoor 'Biofarm,' located in Anderson County. The project will create 50 local, well-paying jobs.

With leading unit economics, capital efficiency, market reach and product offerings, Shenandoah Growers, Inc. is poised to break a long-standing market compromise by delivering 100% USDA certified organic produce that is both affordable and widely accessible. Shenandoah Growers, Inc. has long-term strategic partnerships with the nation's largest food retailers, including relationships of more than 20 years, and products available in approximately 20,000 stores.

Located at 2665 Highway 29 South in Anderson, the 100,000-square-foot Biofarm will grow USDA certified organic herbs and leafy greens.

The new facility is anticipated to be operational by the second quarter of 2022.

"Our newest Biofarm will further enable Shenandoah Growers to deliver what consumers in South Carolina and across the Southeast want: delicious organic produce, grown nearby in an environmentally responsible way, without the usual premium price. This farm is part of our broader vision for a transparent, diverse and responsive food system more resilient against climate change and supply chain disruptions. Looking ahead, there is tremendous opportunity to

apply innovation to develop produce aligned with emerging consumer trends, from better flavor and texture to enhanced nutrient content, responsive to the burgeoning 'food as health' concept. We thank the state of South Carolina and Anderson County for their partnership and look forward to joining this thriving community." -Shenandoah Growers, Inc. CEO Matt Ryan

"I'm pleased to welcome Shenandoah Growers, Inc. to the Upstate, where they'll deploy innovative indoor farming techniques to meet consumer demand for fresh locally grown food. South Carolina's strong agricultural tradition and support for agribusiness make this a great place for Shenandoah Growers, Inc. to expand." —Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

CLEMSON RESEARCHER LEADS EFFORT AGAINST NEW XAP STRAINS THAT THREATEN PEACHES AND OTHER STONE FRUITS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

With a combined production value of more than \$140 million, peaches are a major contributor to agriculture in South Carolina and Georgia. But new strains of a bacterium that causes bacterial spot disease are threatening to choke the life out of peach orchards in these two states.

Sustainability is at the heart of Clemson research studying viable options for controlling new Xap strains that are resistant to antibiotics and tolerant to copper sprays, and threaten peach orchards in both South Carolina and Georgia.

The bacterium is *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Xap) and new strains that are resistant to antibiotics and tolerant to copper sprays used to manage bacterial spot have emerged in South Carolina orchards.

A team led by Clemson University researcher Hehe Wang, housed at the Edisto Research and Education Center (REC) in Blackville, has received a \$454,996 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA) to determine how to improve management of this disease and work toward building a disease forecasting system for future growers.

“Annual losses of more than \$20 million are estimated during years when the disease is heavy in South Carolina and Georgia,” Wang said. “This disease is difficult to control and once it makes its way to an orchard, it’s there for the life of that orchard. It’s a constant battle.”

The disease has been around for as long as anyone can remember and is more apt to occur during warm, wet spring weather. Information from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) North Carolina Institute for Climate Studies shows the average temperature for South Carolina has increased about 0.5 degrees since the early 20th century.

Historically unprecedented warming, including extreme heat events, is projected by the end of the 21st century. Figures from the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information show South Carolina spring temperatures and rainfall amounts have been above average for the past several years.

Bacterial spot symptoms on peaches start as water-soaked lesions and develop into light speckles to deep crater lesions at harvest. Bacterial spots on leaves lead to yellowing tips and early defoliation. Severe defoliation could weaken the trees, impact

winter hardiness, reduce fruit size, as well as increase sunburn and fruit cracking.

Current disease management mainly relies on weekly spray of copper and an antibiotic (oxytetracycline) throughout the growing season. But new strains resistant to antibiotics and tolerant to copper have emerged. During the study, researchers will determine how current spray programs affect antibiotic resistance and copper-tolerance in Xap and how these new bacteria strains impact efficacy of current spray programs. Copper dosage in sprays decrease as the season progresses.

“We want to learn at what point copper sprays are no longer effective against the copper-tolerant Xap,” Wang said. “We also will study to determine if the copper-tolerant and antibiotic-resistant Xap overwinter on trees to contribute to disease development in the next season and how environmental factors affect their survival.”

Other objectives of the study include identifying genes that make the bacteria resistant to antibiotics and tolerant to copper. The researchers also will evaluate novel chemicals to improve disease management. A fourth objective is to develop a model based on environmental factors during the dormant season to predict inoculum levels for the next growing season. This model will be used in addition to prediction models recently developed for bacterial spot disease development. The researchers believe these models likely could be combined to form a disease forecasting system for the growers in the future.

Peach is a stone fruit. These fruits feature a layer of fleshy, edible pulp surrounding a relatively large, hard pit, or “stone,” that shields and protects a seed. In addition to peaches, other stone fruits include nectarines, plums and cherries. The researchers say this project will benefit peach and other stone fruit growers in the 22 states that contend with bacterial spot, and especially in the seven states where this disease is identified as an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) stakeholder priority.

“Our long-term goal is to increase the sustainability of production of peach and other stone fruits through the development and integration of model-driven disease management strategies,” Wang said. “This project will contribute to potential long-range improvement in sustainability of U.S. agriculture and food systems by sustaining the economic viability of peach and other stone



fruit production, satisfying human food needs and enhancing the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole.”

Researchers conducting this study with Wang include Guido Schnabel and Jose Payero from Clemson, Phillip Brannen from the University of Georgia, J.E. Jones and M.A. Paret from University of Florida, S.W. Santra from University of Central Florida, and W.I. Turechek from USDA-Agricultural Research Service.

This grant is one of 15 awarded by USDA-NIFA for studies to determine how to better manage pests and beneficial species that affect agricultural crops. USDA-NIFA officials said this research is needed to help develop better strategies to foster beneficial insects and microbes that have potential to combat pests.

These grants support research to promote beneficial organisms associated with pests, as well as to better understand the fundamental mechanisms that inform interactions between plants, pests, or beneficial species. The officials added this research will lead to innovative, environmentally sound strategies to manage agricultural pests and beneficial species.

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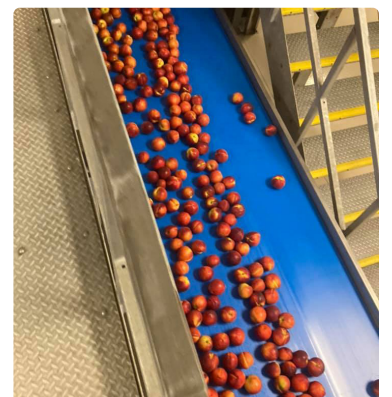
This disease is difficult to control and once it makes its way to an orchard, it’s there for the life of that orchard. –Hehe Wang, Clemson plant bacteriologist/pathologist

PEACHES, CATTLE HIGHLIGHTS OF RIDGE SPRING VISIT

SCDA’s summer interns got the chance to visit Ridge Spring producers Yon Family Farms and Titan Farms.

At Yon, Kevin Yon explained how his family raises certified Angus seedstock.

The interns loaded into a bus at Titan to visit an orchard, then visited the facility where the fruit are cooled, cleaned, graded, and packaged.



USDA TO GATHER DATA ON FERAL SWINE DAMAGE TO LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH USDA APHIS

BY USDA

ATHENS, GA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting a Feral Swine Livestock Damage survey to measure the costs of feral swine damage to livestock operations. The survey is conducted in cooperation with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) - Wildlife Services.

“Completing your survey will help us understand the impact that feral swine or wild hogs have on livestock operations across the country,” said NASS Southern Regional Director Anthony Prillaman. “The data that farm operators provide through this survey help provide a foundation for feral swine research.” Over 4,000 farms and ranches are being surveyed in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

To protect the health of producers, partners, and employees, NASS has suspended in person interviews. Survey respondents are asked to complete their questionnaire online at agcounts.usda.gov or return it by mail. Alternatively, trained enumerators will follow-up with producers to collect the data by phone.



The USDA APHIS National Wildlife Research Center states that feral swine exist in at least 35 states, and the nationwide population is estimated at approximately 5 million animals.

Feral swine damage pastures, agricultural crops, lawns, landscaping, and natural areas, due to feeding, rooting, wallowing, grazing, and trampling activities. Feral swine are reservoirs of many diseases and act as a host to parasites that can negatively impact agricultural animals, especially domesticated swine.

APHIS will analyze these data as a baseline for future studies and any published information will be made available to the public through the APHIS Feral Swine Resources website: aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/feral-swine/feral-swine-resources.

The information provided by producers will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, survey responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

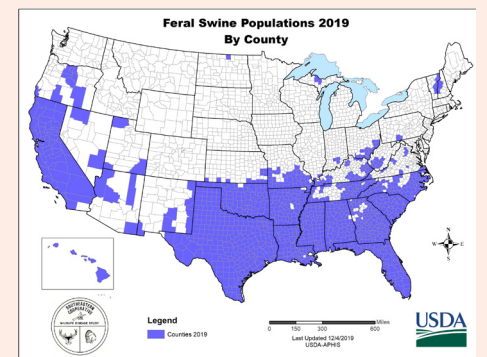
For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Southern Regional Field Office at (800) 253-4419.

HISTORY OF FERAL SWINE IN THE AMERICAS

BY USDA APHIS

Feral swine are not native to the Americas. They were first brought to the United States in the 1500s by early explorers and settlers as a source of food. Free-range livestock management practices and escapes from enclosures led to the first establishment of feral swine populations within the United States. In the 1900s, the Eurasian or Russian wild boar was introduced into parts of the United States for the purpose of sport hunting. Today, feral swine are a combination of escaped domestic pigs, Eurasian wild boars, and hybrids of the two.

Feral swine have been reported in at least 35 states. Their population is estimated at over 6 million and is rapidly expanding. Range expansion over the last few decades is due to a variety of factors including their adaptability to a variety of climates and conditions, translocation by humans, and a lack of natural predators.



LONGLEAF PINE TREES ARE SHEDDING NEEDLES

STORY AND PHOTO BY JOHNNY STOWE, SCDNR

Longleaf pine trees are beginning to shed needles across the Sandhills and Coastal Plain. This is an annual, natural occurrence that mainly takes place in the fall, but dry weather in certain areas combined with high temperatures are causing this to take place early again this year.

Many folks become alarmed when they see brown needles on longleaf pines, since the trees are, after all, classified as evergreen. But the term evergreen can be misleading. Although longleaf pines do retain some needles year-round, in years with normal rainfall individual bundles of needles generally remain on the tree for two growing seasons and are shed in the fall.

In several years with low rainfall over the last fifteen years here in South Carolina many longleaf pines dropped their needles in late July. Since I began writing this news release in the mid-2000s, I have seen healthy longleaf pines drop needles before the summer solstice only once. In 2019 I noticed significant numbers of needles on scattered trees in the Sandhills browning up the last week in May. Severe stress in such years may cause some trees to die if other stress factors are in place or come along before the trees can recover from this episodic drought stress.

The two-year-old needles on longleaf pines are closer to the base of the branches than the younger needles, and so one easy way to tell if browning needles are a cause for concern or not is to note where they are found on the branch. If needles are browning at the base of branches but the needles toward the end of the branches are green, then the “brown-up” is either a result of annual fall

shedding, or if it happens before fall, it is likely a natural response to drought. If the needles are browning at the extreme ends of numerous branches, especially if they are toward the top of the tree, then the problem might be something other than normal, annual needle cast or drought stress.

By dropping needles early, the tree reduces its need for water. Wilting of leaves in many other plants is a similar response to drought but differs in that the wilted leaves usually remain on the plant. By wilting, leaves expose less surface to the sun and wind and so the plant requires less water. If the stress is not too severe or of not too long a duration, wilted leaves can recover when the plant receives additional water. Corn, which is a member of the grass family, curls its blades (leaves) to reduce water loss. This is often called “twisting,” and is easy to see. The blades of native warm season bunchgrasses, including Eastern gammagrass, also twist to reduce water loss, but they are much more resilient to drought stress because they have extensive root systems. If rainfall comes in time, grass blades will unfurl, otherwise they will die.

But browned needles are dead and do not reverse to green. The browned needles will adhere to the branches at first but eventually fall from the tree, usually dropping during rain or high winds.

Trees are efficient at taking up, conserving and recycling nutrients. Before pine needles are shed in the fall, a high percentage of the nitrogen and phosphorus in the needles moves back into the tree before the needles turn brown and fall off. Nutrients such as calcium and magnesium do not translocate when needles shed. So these nutrients may be lost from the site in substantial quantities when straw is raked on a regular basis. In those situations, it may be beneficial to fertilize

occasionally to offset the loss of nutrients, especially on poor land where longleaf pine often grows. Soil tests or foliar analysis can reveal any nutrient loss.

Trees responding to sudden, unseasonal drought stress may not have time to extract nutrients before the needles brown up.

Individual trees may drop needles a few weeks apart. Trees on dry sites tend to drop needles earlier than trees on wetter sites. Sometimes, trees

growing on the same site next to each other drop needles at different times.

Other species of Southern pines, such as loblolly pine, tend to react similarly to drought, although longleaf tolerates dry weather best of all. Besides being more drought-resistant as compared to other Southern pines, longleaf is also less susceptible to damage from wind, fire, insects and diseases.



Longleaf pine needle cast in a drought season in 2019.