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GULLAH FARMERS CO-OP OPENS NEW PROCESSING FACILITY

FARMERS WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPLY WHOLESALE BUYERS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY EVA MOORE

In December, the Gullah Farmers Cooperative Association opened a processing facility on St. Helena Island that will allow member farmers to sell more produce to more buyers.

"It's been a long time coming, but we finally made it home," said co-op president Joseph McDomick at a December ribboncutting ceremony.

Equipped with 800 square feet of cold storage space over multiple rooms, as well as a GAP-compliant wash line, the facility will allow the co-op to receive, prep and hold produce before trucking it out early the next morning.

"This facility provides an opportunity to meet all the regulatory requirements that go into selling wholesale - without having to build something like this on their farm," explained Susan Pavlin, a consultant for the co-op.

Greens, broccoli, and cabbage are the co-op's current core products for winter. In the spring,





Sarah Jones prepares to demonstrate the wash line for media and community members.

they plan to add vegetables like squash, zucchini, beans, and okra, all sold under the Gullah Co-op label. Eventually, they plan to chop and bag greens as well, with bigger plans down the line.

"I see a bright future for the Gullah Farmers Co-op," said Jackie Fraser, a farmer and co-op member who owns Barefoot Farms. He urged farmers in the area to get more involved with

the co-op. "We're at the point now where the co-op is ready to take off - not in slow gear but in high gear."

Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers praised the co-op for pushing through obstacles to make the facility a reality.

"I get to work with farmers all across this state, and it requires passion to do what we do," Weathers said. "I've seen passion in

the way the Gullah Farmers Co-op has worked through a lot of trials, delays and requirements. The combination of passion, perseverance, and partnerships really has paid off. It's been a privilege to work with this crowd."

Some 10 years in the making, the project has received assistance and funding from multiple federal, state, local and private partners over the years, including a grant from SCDA's Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship and an additional SCDA community grant.

To learn more about the Gullah Farmers Cooperative Association, visit gullahfarmers.org.



IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR SCATE CARD

or several years now, farmers have been asking the Department to update the way sales tax exemptions for agriculture are handled. That's why I'm so pleased that we're rolling out the new South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption program, or **SCATE**, in 2022.

Under the previous system, farmers had to fill out a paper form, the ST-8F, and keep it on file with each retailer. With SCATE, we're working with the South Carolina Department of Revenue to issue plastic cards to eligible farmers.

If, by chance, you're familiar with Georgia's GATE card, this is similar. You'll show your plastic card or key fob to the retailer at the point of purchase to show that you're qualified. Unlike Georgia, however, there's not a minimum farm income amount to qualify to use the card.

If you claim sales tax exemptions for agricultural production, you need to apply for a SCATE card. After April 1, 2022, the paper form is going away and you'll have to show a SCATE card to get those sales tax exemptions.

Applying is pretty straightforward. You'll need an email address (visit yahoo.com or gmail. com to sign up for a free email account if you don't have one) and your

taxpayer ID number (either a Social Security Number or an FEIN). You'll also need a credit card or bank account number to pay for your card, which costs \$24 and is good for three years. We won't keep your payment information on file; it's just to buy the card.

Visit scatecard.com to apply. If you have any questions or run into any difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at scate@scda.sc.gov or 803-734-2210.

Now that we're on a roll, here's a reminder for produce farmers: If you haven't done so already, check to see if you need to comply with the Produce Safety Rule. If you believe you're exempt, you'll need to apply for an exemption. If you're required to comply with the rule, you'll need to get ready for an on-farm inspection. We offer produce safety trainings throughout the year, both virtually and in-person throughout the state. Visit scproducesafety.com to learn more.

Department staff put in a lot of hours to get the SCATE program ready. As this shows, the Department of Agriculture is always working to stay up to date with technology to make things a little more efficient for our farmers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

USEF/USEA Aiken Opener Horse Trials

January 22 - 23 • 8 am - 5 pm

Dressage starts at 8:30 am; Show Jumping starts at 9:45 am; Cross-Country starts at 10:00 am. Sun: N/BN: Dressage starts at 8:30 am; Show Jumping starts at 9:45 am; Cross Country starts at 10:00 am. FREE for spectators!!

Stable View 151 Stable Drive, Aiken

484-356-3173 • secretary@stableviewfarm.com stableviewfarm.com

Old Smokehouse Day at the L.W. Paul Living History Farm

January 22 • 9 am - 12 pm

Volunteers will demonstrate how foods were preserved and prepared on the farm during the early twentieth century in Horry County. Demonstrations will include smoking and salting meat, cooking on a wood stove, making lye soap, grinding grits, blacksmithing and other traditional farm activities. The L.W. Paul Living History Farm re-creates what life was like on the one-horse family farm in Horry County between the years of 1900 and 1955. This event is free and open to the public.

L. W. Paul Living History Farm 2279 Harris Shortcut Road, Conway

843-365-3596 • hcgmuseum@horrycounty.org

SC Agritourism Association Annual Conference

January 23 – 25

The conference includes two days touring outstanding agritourism farms and features fantastic educational speakers at each stop. You have the option to ride the bus or drive your own car. \$145 for SCAA members/\$190 for non-members.

Anderson, Greenville, & Oconee Counties Contact: Jackie Moore

803-734-2144 • jmoore@scda.sc.gov eventbrite.com/e/sc-agritourism-association-2022-annual-conference-tickets-200030625987

SC Cotton Growers Meeting

January 25 • 9 am - 3:30 pm

Registration opens at 8:15 am. Lunch will be provided. Trade show booths open at 8:30 am. Pesticide and CCA credits will be available to attendees.

Santee Conference Center 1737 Bass Drive/US-15, Santee Contact: Katherine Helms 803-734-5229 • khelms@scda.sc.gov

Columbia Produce Safety Rule Grower Training

January 27 • 8:30 am – 5 pm

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that requires 'At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training'. Registration Fees: \$20 in-state attendees / \$100 out-of-state attendees.

William Buddy Jennings SCDA Training Facility 350 Ballard Court, West Columbia

Contact: Brooke Horton

803-351-1244 • <u>bhorton@scda.sc.gov</u> *bit.ly/Jan27Cola*

SC Peanut Growers Annual Meeting

January 27 • 9 am - 4 pm

Registration and trade show booths open at 8:30 am. A sponsored lunch will be provided.

Santee Conference Center 1737 Bass Drive/US-15, Santee

Contact: Marianne Catalano

803-734-0338 • mcatalano@scda.sc.gov

SC Certified Beekeepers Class

February 8 – March 15 • 6:30 – 8:30 pm
This class will be hosted by the Chester County
Beekeepers Association on Tuesday evenings
beginning February 8. Price is \$80 per person or
\$125 per couple to cover lesson books, both the
County & State Beekeeper Associations annual
memberships, a hands-on apiary field day, final
exam, and refreshments. To register, please visit
our website or email us.

The Market Building, 116 Columbia Street, Chester Contact: Chester County Beekeepers Association 704-577-5066 • chestercountybeekeepers.org **chestercountybeekeepers.org**

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SALES & AUCTIONS

Claxton's Auction

January 22 & 29 • 11 am - 5 pm

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

18627 Lowcountry Hwy, Ruffin

Contact: William Claxton

843-909-4285 • <u>wlcjr@yahoo.com</u>

Black Crest Farm Bull & Female Sale

February 12

Selling 50 Registered Angus Bulls and 60 registered Angus Females.

1320 Old Manning Road, Sumter

Contact: Melissa Bradshaw

803-481-2011 • melmc6577@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

> 2513 W. Lucas Street Florence, SC 29501 843-665-5154

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NEXT AD DEADLINE
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AQUACULTURE

BLUEGILL

50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Carp, \$12; F1 Tiger Bass, \$3; Lrgmth Bass & Trout, \$2: Minnows. \$20/lb; p-up/del Derek Long Newberry 803-944-3058

8-11" CARP

\$12; Bluegill, \$55/100; RdBrst & Shlckr, \$65/100; 3-5" Chan Cats, \$60/100; Gambusia, \$40/100 Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

BLUEGILL/REDEAR BREAM

50¢-\$3; Shad, \$1-\$5; Crappie, \$1-\$3; Catfish, \$1-\$3 Cannon Taylor Newberry 803-276-0853

6 LOWLINE ANG HEFS

PB, weaned for 60 days, 300 lb avg, \$750/head Tim Jackson Lexington 803-530-8628

2 Y/O PB ANG BULLS

ready for service, \$2000+ Mike Johnson Newberry 864-923-0750

BBU REG BFMSTR BULLS

BSE tested, \$2000+; yng bulls, \$1000+; bred cows, \$1800+ James Dyches York

803-230-4952

PB SIM BULL B-3/13/19, ASA#3695357, blaze face, good EPDs, \$2400 Ed Haniff Aiken

803-645-3642 **ANG HEFRS**

wormed, vac, on feed, \$375 ea Casey McCarty Newberry 803-924-5239

LINE ONE HRFRD BULLS

12-24 m/o, \$1400-2500 Iim Drake Anderson 864-352-3774

12 M/O HEFRS

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

BLK ANG BULLS

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

REG BLK ANG BULLS

24 m/o, exc b'lines, calving ease, gentle, \$1800 Tripp Hungerpiller Orangeburg 803-682-3324

POL HERFRD BULL CALF

11-12 m/o, from reg stock, no papers, \$750 each Scott Hornsby Richland 803-530-8667

4 REG BULLS

Ang/Brahma cross, 18 m/o, ready for light serv, exc b'lines, docile, \$1800 each Steve Sease Anderson

CATTLE

REG ANG BULLS

864-304-6313

12 & 24 m/o, exc pedigrees, sired by Basin Payweight 1682, \$1250 & \$2500 **Bruce Stuart** Aiken 803-645-0378

REG BLK ANG BULLS

16-27 m/o, \$1500-3500; hefrs, cow calf prs, \$1500-2500, gentle, good EPDs **Bobby Baker** Lancaster 803-804-2230

REG ANG BULL

26 m/o, \$1400 James Bullock Lexington 803-429-3234

REG BLK ANG BULLS

\$2000+; open hefrs, reg & comm, \$750+; prs & bred cows, \$1500+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

REG BLK ANG BULLS

proven genetics, 15 m/o, low BW, exc ft & muscle, BSE, comp EPDs, perf info, \$3500+ Dixon Shealy Newberry 803-629-1174

REG ANG

all 1 y/o, 2 bulls, \$1250 each; 3 hefrs, \$1150 each Clyde Smith Saluda 803-480-1093

3 BLK ANG BULLS

16 m/o, \$1850 Ronnie Bozard Calhoun 803-874-3582

LIMO CALVES

reg, red or blk short yrlgs, bull & hefrs, \$700+, depending on age, size, etc James Langston Pickens 864-859-6794

HERD DISPERSAL

reg & comm cows & bulls, \$900+ Bill Harris Chester 865-567-1252

2 GELB/SIMANG HEFRS

18 m/o, exp to Gelb bull, \$1200 each; 12 m/o hefr, \$1000 Jim Wood Pickens 864-979-8145

REG HRFRD BULLS

10-18 m/o, exc b'lines & dispo, sev Al sired, \$1250+ Donnie King Greenville 864-885-2119

FARM EQUIPMENT

ADS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED BY COMMERCIAL DEALERS. A CURRENT FARM TAG ISSUED BY THE SCDMV IS REQUIRED ON ALL FARM VEHICLES.

BUSH HOG DISC MWR

8", \$4000 Steve Rogers Fairfield 803-517-6799

DBL SHOVEL PLOW

\$400; Bush Hog finish mwr, \$900 Jim Hammett Spartanburg 864-357-1859

'04 3H TRL

4 Star w/LQ updated, 11' SW by Outlaw, Werm flr, queen bed, hyd jack, \$35,000 firm Henry Herlong Greenville 864-430-0951

IH 1020 HDR AUGER

15', \$400 Charles Nichols Saluda

864-445-8350 **SUBSOILER**

3ph, \$250; 1r Cole corn plntr, kept dry, GC, \$400 Collie Knox Spartanburg

864-978-9840 5' GILL BOX BLADE

\$500; old JD pull type 6' disc, \$360 Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714

8'W×30'L HAY WAGON

all metal, \$1250 Brice Stephenson York 803-684-3418

84" WOODS CUTTER

needs some work, \$200 Ken Hicks Anderson 864-940-4000

METAL TRL

4'W, 10'L, needs tires, \$200 Dan Coward Dillon 843-472-8122

30' GN STOCK TRL

\$1950 Tim Moore Barnwell 803-300-1112

BEFCO HAY RAKE

3pt 4 whl finger rake, mod 14RS2, \$700 Waitman Dixon Laurens 864-683-6620

JD 335 RND BALER

FR, shed kept, new belts, hoses, photos/video avail, del avail for fee, \$4500 Keith Bowers Aiken

803-640-8697 **2 MM AVERY TRACTORS**

shed kept, need tire repair & cranked, \$2200 Vance Clinkscales Anderson 864-225-6084

BARE ROOT TRNSPLNTR

or plug, w/barrel, Mechanical Transplanter Co mod 1000, light use, \$2500 obo John Mahon Cnesternela

843-910-7352

OAK TRL

w/sides, hvy axle, good tires, needs work, \$145 Randy Orr Anderson 864-295-3736

466 JD HAY BALER

twine & net wrap, GC, \$9000 Christopher Derrick Edgefield 803-480-0465

469 NH HAYBINE

& Intl hay rake, both usable, \$1150 obo for both Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628

KMC 4R RIPPER PLNTR

w/JD 71 plntrs, \$5000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

KUHN PB HAY TEDDER

2 basket, GC, used last season, \$900 George McCoy Chesterfield 843-307-8866

5×10 UTIL TRL

24" panel sides & tailgate, more, \$1600 obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

DRAIN DITCHER

Ferguson mod B-11, cutting depth 12", head 18" dia, little use, \$1900 Fletcher Arant Saiuda 803-206-3989

FORD TRACTOR

Golden Jubilee, GRC, \$4000 Gordon Bowers Beaufort 843-521-7064

MORRA HAY RAKE

\$1200; disc mwr, \$3200; aerator, \$400; all in EC & dry stored **Bob Morgan** Dillon 843-845-7914

4400 JD GAS COMBINE

13' rebuilt flex head, new tires, GC, will sell head sep, \$4000 David Green Spartanburg 864-804-8090

HAY SPEAR

bucket mnt, TSC brand, HD, \$100 cash Simon Buzhardt Saluda

803-240-8643

JD 5105 50 hp, 2wd, 1018 hrs, \$11,000 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

CASE THRESHER

\$700; grain binder, \$700; hay press, \$800; more, all antiq Ed Long Laurens 864-505-6765

SET OF 2R CULT for a D14, D15 or D17 AC tractor, \$350 James Pruitt Spartanburg 864-316-0004

JD 375 BALER

4×5 bales w/hyd tie, GWC, \$3200 Ronald Scoggins York

6 CHORE TIME FEED BINS

10 tons, used, GC, \$1500 ea Bert Kennedy Newberry 803-924-0235

ROTARY CUTTER

3ph, Cat 1, GC, \$795 George Wiles Berkeley 843-312-9581

6' FIELD CULT

Taylor Way, 3ph, new, \$325 Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

Westfield mod WR 100-31, Louis Tumbleston Charleston

\$1275; Ford 50 hp tractor parts, \$6250; 16' trl, \$2150 Tom Kirkley Lancaster 803-246-8195

Legree Oswald Lexington 803-240-6047

MT JD TRACTOR

needs I rear tire, \$1200; SC Case tractor, \$1000; both shed kept; MX6 JD rotary cutter, \$1200; more Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

JD 2010 TRACTOR

w/canopy, new rear tires, w/2r cult & plntrs, GC, \$7500; GMC 7000 boom, 37' w/16' dump, \$12,000 Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

JD 2020

dsl, \$7500; 10'6" JD 285, \$6500; JD 335 baler, \$8500; JD 702 8 whl rake, \$4000 Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

JD 6500 HI-BOY

wide frt, hydro w/60' booms, \$15,000 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692

2 GANG DISC PLOW

Massey, 3ph, GC, HD, \$575; trl, homemade from 50's truck, needs tires & work, rusty, \$250 lim Atkinson Pickens 864-506-9050

FARM LABOR

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

BUSH HOGGING

tilling, box blade work, frt end ldr work, brush & tree clearing Jeffery Reeves Edgefield 864-270-7883

MOBILE SAWMILL SERV

statewide, can saw any type of trees, no creosote posts Lowell Fralix Barnwell 803-707-5625

FISH FARM WORKER NEEDED

&/or fish truck del driver, mostly outdoor work, good pay w/misc benefits Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

PASTURE MGMT SERV

spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert & lime; plant pastures, Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda, Kenny Mullis Richland

803-331-6612 **FORESTRY MULCHING**

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

TRACTOR WORK

light bush hogging Glenn Goins Lexington 803-381-8287

TRACTOR WORK

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

ONSITE MOBILE WELDING

& fabrication, farm & hvy equip, fences, gates, etc Garrett Stephens Greenville 828-405-2176

LEXCO TACK CLEANING

leather bridles, saddles, harnesses & accessories, your place or mine Laurie Knapp Lexington 803-317-7613

FENCES INSTALLED

statewide, free est **Bruce Thomas** Dorchester 843-636-1699

TRACTOR REPAIR

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

NEED SOMEONE

Bernadette Brown

Kershaw

to mow hay fields for hay

803-549-9700

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

803-927-7506

Bush Hog brand 286, 6' cut,

UNLOADING AUGER 10" auger on transport, new unloading hopper, EC, \$6500

843-371-0708

WOODS 6' MWR ERC, FR, 90% rebuilt w/extra

BACKHOE & LDR Kubota BX22, EC, \$11,500

FARM LAND

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 SC.

25+A LEASE

Cherokee Co, prev planted in soybeans, \$85/A **Buddy Kirby** Spartanburg

864-621-7142 41+/- A SALLEY

mostly wooded, corner of Jaybird & Weathersby, \$135,000 Barney Williams Lexington 803-543-8715

210A FAIRFIELD CO

17 y/o pines, \$149,920 timber cruise, creek I-77, mm 38, new survey, no leases, fin poss, \$610,000 Terry Mills York 803-322-4560

WANT LAND TO LEASE

for hunting, Darlington, Lee, Kershaw, have equip to help repair & manage property Ray Sealey Darlington 843-409-1717

WANT FARM W/LVG QTR

5+A suitable for livestock, upstate counties, well/septic, cash buyer under \$100,000 Susan Georgion Chester 423-440-4196

26+/-A TIMBER

Old Airport Rd, Winnsboro, deer/hogs/turkeys/homesite/ food plots, \$81,000 Carl Gulledge Fairfield 3 803-530-8885

FRESH PRODUCE

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.

COLLARDS

2 var, Old Time Blue & Georgia, \$10/peck; Broccoli, 2 var, Santee & Jacaranda, \$4/lb **Buddy Kirby** Spartanburg 864-621-7142

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES

\$60/bu; \$35/1/2 bu, p-up only in Holly Hill or Orangeburg Charles Shuler Orangeburg 803-682-0828

DRY VA PEANUTS

for roasting, air dried, hand graded, in bu bags, \$40/bag Richard Rentz Bamberg 803-793-7642

CHICKEN EGGS

farm fresh, \$2/dozen, \$3/11/2 dozen Rose Roof Lexington 803-315-7307

FREE RANGE EGGS

farm fresh, \$3/dozen Debbie Norris Lexington 803-622-0000

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM

GARDEN

COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

3 GAL FIG TREES

\$15; Blueberry & Blkberry plants, 3 for \$20; Pomegranate, Honey Locust, Loquat, \$20 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

PYGMY BILLY GOAT neutered, B-9/25, blk & wht,

friendly, \$100 **Bob Willis** Edgefield 803-634-1467

2 NUBIAN BOAR MIX GOATS 3 y/o, nvr bred, \$150 each

Rema Thomas Newberry 803-467-5579

KIKO BUCKS comm grade, B-10/14-22/21,

\$200-250; more Jonathan Hardy Richland 803-730-8551

% BOER % MILK GOATS B-11/27-28/20, billies, \$150

each; nannies, \$200 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

PURE KATAHDIN RAM reg, \$500

Mike Sheppard Newberry 803-924-9977

2 BOER BILLIES 5 m/o, \$100 each

B Weatherford Lee County 803-469-2056

HAY & GRAIN

32 bales in field, \$15 each Gene Robinson

4×5 MIXED GRASS

803-684-9423

4×4 RND HAY \$20/bale Steve Rogers

Fairfield

803-517-0316

'21 FESCUE & MIXED GRASS 4×5 net wrap, shed stored, 2nd cutting, \$35 Russ Walden Spartanburg

864-590-4031

4×5 FESCUE sprayed & fert, \$35 Don Vergason

Chester

803-581-5075

'21 HQ SQ CB \$6 Eddie McLeod

Newberry

803-924-6500

WHITE CORN non-GMO, open pollinated, Heirloom variety, \$8/bu

Jeb Wilson Chester

803-209-2703 '21 MIXED GRASS

CQ, 4×5 rnd, \$20/bale **Buck Griffin** Greenwood 864-941-7338

'21 4×5 FESCUE

HQ, shed kept, \$40 Wesley Boland Newberry 803-768-2010

'21 4×5 CB shed stored, \$60; outside

stored, \$50; cow hay, \$40; sq bales, \$7.50, del avail Bobby Zimmerman Lexington 803-317-8681 '21 OAT & RYE GRASS

\$40; Fescue, \$35; grass mix, \$30; all 4×5 net wrap Charles Nichols Saluda

864-445-8350 **SQ BALES OF STRAW**

\$4 Jason Nichols Saluda

864-992-2753

'21 FESCUE SQ \$6, shed kept & NR, Pauline area John Graham Spartanburg

864-809-0104 '21 RND CB MIX baled dry, stored under cover, HQ, \$45, min p-up 3 bales

Charlie Hoback Richland 803-414-3646 **4×5 SUDGRASS**

\$40-45/bale; feed oats,

\$63/barrel Melvin Barr Pickens 864-360-5176 54" RND CQ CB

net wrap, stored outside,

del avail, \$40 Wesley Miller Lexington 803-917-1793

SQ CB

\$6; 4×5 mixed Crabgrass, \$35; sq Rye straw, \$4; all shed kept Larry McCartha Lexington 803-606-2499

FALL '21 FESCUE MIX 4×4 rnd, off-ground storage, \$25, del avail Waitman Dixon

Laurens 864-683-6620 '21 4×5 HAY stored outside, \$30 each for 2 or more bales Leonard Williams

Anderson 864-245-0436 '21 SD ALFALFA dairy qual, 3×4×8, 1600 lbs,

\$380 each, cash sales Chris Roux Cherokee

864-906-5471 '21 COASTAL 850 lbs/\$45, 650 lbs/\$35, both barn kept; '20 in field, \$10 Tom Thornton

803-960-4068 **BERMUDA MIX**

Lexington

barn stored, \$40; Millet mix, outside, \$20; both 4'x5' net wrap Ioel Barker Anderson 864-287-5556

'21 HQ BERMUDA

sq, \$6.50 Thomas Thain Lexington 803-920-7023

HQSQCB

\$6 each; net wrap rnd bales, \$50 each; clean crab grass \$40; Rye straw, \$4 each, all shed kept Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

RND MIXED HAY

\$25, field p-up, will del for \$35/bale Michael Estes Laurens 864-923-1110

RND & SQ HQ CB

no litter used, \$50 & \$7 in field, increase at barn, McBee area; CQ rnd, \$40 at field George McCoy Chesterfield 843-307-8866

'21 CB HAY

also Brown Top Millet, & Cowpeas Millet mixed, all 4×5 & shed kept, \$50/bale, del for fee **Edward Chavis** Barnwell 803-671-3108

'21 HQ RND FESCUE

fert, limed, sprayed, \$25-35/ bale, del avail **Donald Counts** Newberry 803-315-1016 '21 BERMUDA/BAHAI MIX

& '21 Coastal/Bahai mix,

all 4×5 net wrap & stored outside, \$45/bale, vol disc Robert Burney Horry 843-995-0830

'21 FESCUE & RYEGRASS

in barn, \$40; outside fescue, '21/\$30, '20/\$20, no weeds Terry Blakely Greenville 864-483-1920 '21 4'×54" RND HQ CB

net wrap, well fert, shed

kept, \$65, no del Rickey Meetze Lexington 803-667-0285 '21 RUSSELL HAY

fert, weed control, HQ, 4×5

rnd, \$60; 10+, 5% disc **Bruce Stuart** Aiken 803-645-0378 '21 SHELLED & COB CORN

50 lb bags, \$8/bag

Brice Isgett Florence 843-206-5024 '21 CB & '21 OAT HAY 4×5, net wrap, shed kept, \$45 each

Lexington 803-892-2630

Sam Rikard

'21 4×5 RND FESCUE net wrap, tight bales, outside, \$30; 20+, \$25 Jeff Hawkins Anderson 864-934-4957

'21 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, limed & well fert, NR, stored outside indiv on pallets, \$50/bale Eddie West Aiken 803-507-8205

HQSQCB

\$6.50/bale Warren E Coker Florence 843-319-1884

'21 MIXED GRASS

4×5 rnd, \$25/bale Barry Hossler Saluda 803-622-3906 **HQ 4×5 RND CB**

net wrap, '21/\$50 each;

'20/\$40 each, free del on 10+ bales w/in 25 mi of Pelion Terry King Lexington 803-381-6177

'21 HQ BERMUDA \$6/sq, \$50/rnd; cow hay,

\$45, all shed kept David Sease Newberry 803-622-2957 **OATS**

combine run, \$6/bu bulk

Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692 '21 SQ FESCUE

NR, in barn, \$5 each Jerry Butler

Laurens 864-697-6343 '21 MIXED GRASS 4×5 rnd, twine wrap, \$25 each

Chris Cathcart Fairfield 803-603-8237

EQUINE

THE SELLER MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF A CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST WITH THE AD. SCANNED COPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

some dressage & jumping,

12 Y/O TB GELD 16 hds, grey, good ride,

\$2500 obo Leslie Scott Spartanburg 864-266-4240 HOGS

WHT BUTCHER HOGS 500-600 lbs, \$1/lb Dustin Derrick

Kunekune Duroc mix gilts, &

barrows \$200 ea; boars, \$150

Lexington 803-622-4782 **7 W/O PIGLETS**

Paige Hicks Aiken 803-645-3933

4 m/o, M/\$100; feeder males, \$75 each Brad Jones

KUNEKUNE PIGLETS

Florence 843-319-6428 **BEWARE OF AD SALES SCAMS**

Often suspicious buyers are located in another state or country and refuse to meet in person, and may offer to pay with an easily falsifiable payment method like a money order.

• Buy and sell in person

Here are some ways to protect yourself:

• Don't give out personal information

• Trust your gut

Verify the payment

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

1 GAL LOROPETALUM Azaleas, Tea Olives, Boxwoods,

Gardenias, \$5; Camellias, Butterfly bushes, \$20 FC Noles Barnwell

MONKEY GRASS aka Liriope, hosta, \$4 each; Iris,

803-383-4066

Daylily, \$5 each; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$8.50 each Woody Ellenburg Pickens 864-855-2565

CHESTNUT TREES

Persimmon trees, Emerald Green & Green Giant Arborvitae, \$10+; Windmill palms, \$35+ Johnathan Broach Darlington 843-617-6300

CANNAS

Pres red, Bengal tiger & yellow, min 2 dozen/color, \$8/dozen Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

MIXED BREED RABBITS lrg, \$10 each

Gina Wilber Lexington 803-653-1967 **REX & LION HEAD**

Allendale

yng, \$15 each William Higgenbottom

LA COTTONTAILS \$10 each Danny Cook Newberry 803-924-6953

803-671-0719

FLEMISH GIANT BUCK grown, \$100; lop buck, \$25;

RABBITS

2 mixed does, \$20 each Lynn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285

REX

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

LA COTTONTAILS \$10 Duman Wicker

SILVER FOX & REX yng, \$15 & \$20 each; Grown breeders, \$25 Larry Baxley Georgetown 843-325-0900

Newberry

803-537-7222

SEED ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A

CURRENT SEED LAB TEST. GLYPHOSATE TOLERANT

SOYBEAN G-97%, D/H SD&G-97%, cleaned in 50 lb bags, \$20/bag

Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

MISCELLANEOUS

2 UTIL GRAIN AUGERS

16'×4", need motors; aeration fan, for grain bin, \$250 each Ronald Townsend Anderson

WHT OAK BOARD

864-958-0317

rough cut, 11/4" thick, 6-8"W, 12' avg length, \$1.80/bdft Joel Grubb Calhoun 803-351-0144

CABINET INCUBATOR

homemade, \$40; 3 chick brooders, thermostat control, \$20 each or \$85 for all, cash only; more Tom Anderson Spartanburg 910-284-5289

EXPANDED METAL

(3) 4×6 sheets, \$75 each Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

4 WHL HAY WAGONS

\$500; 4 steel rims, for mule wagon, \$400 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

MARTIN GOURDS

\$2/med, \$4/lrg, \$6/xl Donald Clamp Lexington 803-359-6809

SPRYR TANK

JD 6500-6700, \$1000; JD 6500 spryr pump & clutch, new, \$1100 Jeff Millen Chester 803-209-0893

2 WHL WOODEN CART

horse size, 68" shaft, 3' seat, 45" whl, 33¾" b'tween rear shafts, \$500 Lari Hoback Richland 803-730-3674

6'-40'L CEDAR LUMBER

posts, & util poles, \$1-3/ft James Burns Laurens 864-918-6308

HORSE MANURE

will load in your truck, \$1/load Aaron Shirey Lexington 803-413-2974

GEN-PRO DSL GEN

6000 watt, 112 hrs, battery start, whole house, \$2900 Boyd Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455

COLLAPSIBLE CRATES

good for produce/sm animals, 17×12, 12T, will hold chicks, 4 for \$5 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309

SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL

5 ton load, \$55/sand clay; \$80/topsoil, del w/in 20 mi; rock or sand, \$1.50/mile del David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

HAND CRANK GAS PUMP

\$20; skid tank, \$145; more Randy Orr Anderson 864-295-3736

RND CEDAR POSTS

cut to var sizes, 4-10"dia, 6-12'L, \$6-12 each, depend on size; cut 4×4's, \$2/bdft Douglass Britt McCormick 864-391-3334

100 COLLAPSIBLE CRATES

for market, harvest & storage, mod 6425, open, 24"L×16"W×11"H, \$5 each obo John Mahon Chesterfield 843-910-7352

DSL WELDER/GEN

AC-DC, Miller Bobcat 250D, low hrs, 50' of leads, \$6500 Stanley Taylor Chester 803-789-5236

BLK SADDLE

2 RIR ROOS

vintage western parade, \$300 James Frye Charleston 843-408-5851

20" PUSH MWR

w/B&S, \$150 obo; Campbell Hausfeld 20 gal air comp, whls, 120v, EC, \$250 obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

5 FRAME ITAL HONEYBEE NUCS

w/yng laying queen, \$165 cash Dale Starnes Lancaster 803-577-7871

(11) 35"×75" SOLAR PANELS

chicken house solar heater, \$1500 for all Jim Hammett Spartanburg 864-357-1859

GOURDS

var of sizes, \$1-3 each Richard King Lexington 803-447-2175

BEE BOXES & ETC

4 brood 4 super chambers w/frames, EC, painted, other bee equip, \$200 David Drennan York 803-222-2587

SADDLES

1 English, 3 Western, GC, \$100-500 Genevieve Satterfield Laurens 864-876-0893

55 GAL FG DRUMS

metal & plastic, open tops, lids & rings, \$15, \$20, \$25 each; 275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

REAR WHL WTS

for FA Cub, FA-A-140, \$100/ set; cotton scales w/lrg & sm peas, 600 lbs, \$150 Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

ORGANIC WORM **CASTINGS FERT**

35 lb bags, \$15, bulk sales avail Maryann Little Lexington 803-530-9219

MEAT CUBERS

Hobart 403, \$950-1500 Lamar Snipes Lexington 803-465-6094

GOURDS

Martin/Snake/Apple, sm/ med/lrg, \$3-5, qty disc Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

PORTABLE FEED BIN

PB, \$4000 Mike Sheppard Newberry 803-924-9977

GY 19.5-24" TIRES

10 ply, new, \$850; 14.9-28 w/rims, \$650; 18.4×42" all terrain Firestones, \$1800 ea Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

TOBACCO PLNTR

& Blackhawk corn sheller, \$75 each; 100 fiberglass beans sticks, 6'L, \$100 R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

CEDAR MULCH

\$50/p-up load; rnd 7' cedar fence posts, \$3 each Andy Morris Newberry 803-276-2670

OLD COMP FARM BELL

old, #3/\$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 each; #15, \$150; more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792

(2) 18 TON FEED BINS

4-5 y/o, GC, no leaks, you take down/move/clean area, \$3500; cool cell pumps, \$250 each; more Phillip Clary Saluda 864-993-9935

POULTRY

ASST CHICKS

\$1.25+; Mallard ducks & Pekin ducks, \$5+ Shane Sease Bamberg 803-824-9124

5 RIR ROOS

3-4 m/o, \$15 each Barbara Long Lexington 803-604-7377

BLK COPPER MARAN ROOS

w/7 pullets, \$200; Blk Cemani pr, \$50; Americauna hens, \$15 each; Blk Polish pr, \$40 Janet Floyd Williamsburg 843-389-9320

TURKEYS

\$50 each **Bobby Glasgow** Horry 843-241-5626

RIR PULLETS

starting to lay, \$16 each Ray Decker Lexington 803-317-4881

4 LRG MIXED BRAHMA ROOS

\$10 each or all 4 for \$30 Victor Farmet 803-428-3187

8 YNG GUINEAS

\$10 each, neg if all taken; 2 pea hens, \$75 each Joyce Ligon 803-684-3518

4 Y/O LRG ROOS

RR production, red & buff Orpingtons, \$10-15 each Mike Komar Lexington 803-582-8132

\$5 each; BB Red roos, \$2 each Charles Kirkland Greenwood 864-978-0537

DUCKS

Blk Swedish, Indian Runner, & Crested, \$15/hen, \$9/drake Leland Bowen Abbeville 864-391-1001

EASTER EGGER PULLETS

laying well, blue, green, tan eggs, NPIP/AI, Ameraucana/ Maran cross, \$25 each Patricia Dukes Lexington 803-606-1140

CUCKOO MARAN ROO

'21 spring hatch, \$8 Heather Ford York 803-548-0572

LAVENDER AMERICAN **ROOS**

6 m/o, \$20 each Tim Boozer Newberry 803-924-3922

BRONZE TOM TURKEY

Rio Grande breed, 11/2 y/o, \$100; Game roos, 7 m/o, \$10 & \$15 each L Gunter Lexington 803-532-7394

CHUKKA QUAIL

\$8 each Wayne Green Clarendon 843-373-2150

BOBWHITE QUAIL

flight cond, 16 w/o, \$4.50 ea Joey Gunter Lexington 803-920-1605

WHT & SILVER KING **PIGEONS**

homers, \$15 each; rollers, \$12 each William Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285

GUINEAS

1/4 grown, \$7 each; 1/2 grown, \$10 each; Game, Warhorse, Flarry eye greys, Hatch, \$30+ Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

BOB WHT QUAIL

14 w/o, \$4.50 each; 16 w/o, \$5 each; both flight & weather cond John Reed Sumter 803-464-5757

GUINEA TRIO

& Broad-breastfed turkeys, \$50 each; Molted coaching bantam, \$15 each **Thomas Waters** Colleton 843-696-6627

175 PULLETS

all brown egg layers, starting to lay 2/22, \$8.25 each Mac McClendon Colleton 843-835-5050

OE BANTAMS

brown reds, Spangles, etc, RIR bantams, all birds grown & laying, \$40/pr Wayne Howell Spartanburg 864-529-7093

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

3PH DRAG HARROW

8' or 10' W Brice Stephenson York 803-684-3418

CASE IH 685 OR 695

low hrs, GC, w/roll bar or cab & 24' Do-All Jeff Millen Chester 803-209-0893

3PH CULTIPACKER

4'-6' Jimmie Holliday Berkeley 321-446-0319

1R FAST HITCH PLNTR for FA 140, interested in any other equip for 140 Tom Smith Horry 843-287-8524

FARM EQUIP

old, rust, not working, w/ in 20 mi David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

FARM TRACTOR

40-55 hp, PS, 3ph, GC, under \$7500 Barney Williams Lexington 803-543-8715

JD 3020

4020, 4240, 4055; 10-12' BWA harrow Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

NI 323 CORN SNAPPER

for parts Joe Meetze Lexington 803-917-5302

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

BILLY GOAT Nubian or Alpine, for servicing nannie, should be 150-200 lbs Jane Barrett Berkeley

843-753-7999 **3 WHT MALE DOVES**

for breeding purposes Jack F Smith Anderson 864-309-1710

YNG JENNY Tomas Gimenez Anderson 864-884-4707

SAVANNA DOES

under 2 y/o Cal Norris Edgefield 864-378-2693 WILD BARN/SILO PIGEONS

Sue Myers Chester

Spartanburg

864-542-2245

you trap, we will pay

262-203-6672 **GAITED SADDLE HORSE** gentle & safe for pleasure riding Thurman Anderson

BEEF COWS

or dairy cows Kenneth Satterfield Laurens 864-876-0893

GERMAN MODENA PIGEONS

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

FIG CUTTINGS

unrooted, any type, 100 cuttings or more Paul Mims Newberry 843-751-3085

FIELDS OF LONG LEAF **PINE STRAW**

top prices paid, 15 yrs exp Trey Shull Lexington 803-318-4263

LADY BANKSIA/LADY BANKS yellow climbing rose plants

or cuttings Elizabeth Snuggs Marlboro 843-523-9323

CALF TABLE

in GWC, prefer an auto head gate, but not necessary Donald Hanley Lancaster 704-201-8872

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

BLKSMITH ANVIL

any size old farm bell, hand crank corn sheller L Gunter Lexington 803-532-7394

TRANSMISSION

for '64 Ford 4000 tractor, single spd Robert Eleazer Richland 803-553-3666

BLKSMITH ANVILS any sized farm bells, wash

pots, #2 cradle for bell R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

ANY SIZE WASH POTS syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee

grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls & weathervane, more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792

RND BALE FEEDER

mfg by Hay Hut, plastic, in GC Joel Turner Lexington 803-315-6692

MARKET BULLETIN

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CLEMSON NAMES FORAGES RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SPECIALIST

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

It's a new year and Liliane Silva is ready to get busy as the new Clemson University forages research and Cooperative Extension Service specialist.

Silva, an assistant professor in the Clemson Animal and Veterinary Sciences Department, is located at the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, South Carolina. She is trained as a forage agronomist and plans to provide research-based

"I have been working with agents and producers

needs, including providing recommendations for

understand the main challenges producers face in

 Using new technologies to optimize production, management practices and persistence of main

forages (such as tall fescue and bermudagrass) under

grazing, hay production or as conserved forages.

throughout the state to create a priority list of

recommendations for improving forage production, soil fertility, and profitability of livestock-forage systems.

Her research interests include forage physiology, establishment and management, nutrient cycling, multispecies forage-based systems, and ecosystems services provided by grasslands.

specific regions of the state."

Silva's goals include:



• Addressing improved management strategies for use of legumes, cover crops and annual summer forages to extend the grazing season and improve forage quality, and nutrient cycling (carbon sequestration and soil fertility).

• Integrating crop-livestock systems and the use of byproducts in animal diets in order to decrease feed costs.

to identify improved management strategies to optimize production, quality and profitability of perennial grassland systems while aiming to improve animal performance."

In addition to developing educational content for and participating in local, statewide, regional and national field days and meetings, Silva also plans to provide educational content for the Clemson

> Extension 4-H program and the Land Grant Press.

"4-H'ers are our future agricultural leaders," Silva said. "I look forward to helping provide information and other materials for the 4-H program."

Silva joined Clemson in October 2021 and said she looks forward to interacting with producers around the

state and getting involved with local and statewide organizations. She has a doctorate in crop sciences from the University of Florida. She also has a master's degree in pasture and animal sciences and a bachelor's degree in agronomy, both from the University of Sao Paulo. For more information about Silva, go to clemson.edu/cafls/faculty_staff/ profiles/lseveri.





- Developing Extension publications on main forage topics. stakeholders," Silva said. "I will be working to better
 - Promoting an open communication channel with our stakeholders and their associations and developing collaborative programming activities to help meet the needs of South Carolina residents.

Liliane Silva, Clemson forages research and Extension specialist, collects forage measurements for alfalfa-bermudagrass.

"I also will be providing training for agents and producers and presenting information during field days and workshops that will be held during the spring," she said. "My research will focus on addressing forage variety performance and working



NEW NRCS COVER CROP INITIATIVE SIGN UP IS OPEN

BY USDA NRCS

The NRCS has established a Cover Crop Initiative designed to benefit cropland, and pastureland/hay land while benefiting soils health. South Carolina is one of II states to pilot the \$38 million program.

Cover crops benefit the lands by reducing erosion and improving the overall health and productivity of the soil. Last year, NRCS provided technical and financial assistance to help producers plant 18 million acres of cover crops through Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The result is more carbon sequestration, increased water infiltration, improved wildlife and pollinator habitat, and better yields that often result in better profits.

South Carolina producers may apply for assistance through their local field offices. The NRCS will provide \$3.2 million to the program and will streamline the contract approval process. Applications are due by January 24, 2022. Contracts will be obligated by March 11.

Contact your local service center to apply. A list is available at farmers.gov.







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The giraffes at Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia got a taste of some Certified South Carolina greens one recent morning. A giraffe may eat up to 75 pounds of food each day! Photos by SCDA.

USDA OFFERS EXPANDED CONSERVATION PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE IN 2022

BY USDA NRCS

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing several new and expanded opportunities for climate-smart agriculture in 2022. These include nationwide availability of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Incentive Contracts option, a new and streamlined EQIP Cover Crop Initiative, and added flexibilities for producers to easily re-enroll in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). These improvements to NRCS' working lands conservation programs, combined with continued program opportunities in South Carolina, are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's broader effort to support climate-smart agriculture.

"These initiatives are aimed at improving soil health through a targeted, rapid, and streamlined application and contract approval process," said Ann English, South Carolina State Conservationist. "NRCS will continue to build on this framework to support farmers and ranchers across the country."

EQIP CONSERVATION INCENTIVE CONTRACTS

Conservation Incentive Contracts address priority resource concerns, including sequestering carbon and improving soil health in high-priority areas. NRCS works with producers through these contracts to strengthen the quality and condition of natural resources on their operations using management practices including irrigation water management, drainage water management, feed management and residue and tillage management that target resource concerns, including degraded soil and water quality, available water and soil erosion.

Conservation Incentive Contracts offer producers annual incentive payments to implement management practices as well as conservation evaluation and monitoring activities to help manage, maintain and improve priority natural resource concerns within state high-priority areas and build on existing conservation efforts.

Conservation Incentive Contracts last five years. The 2018 Farm Bill created the new Conservation Incentive Contract this option.

EQIP COVER CROP INITIATIVE

NRCS is investing \$38 million through the new targeted Cover Crop Initiative in 11 states to help agricultural producers mitigate climate change through the widespread adoption of cover crops. South Carolina is one of them. The application deadline is January 24.

Sign-up dates will be determined at the state-level, and applications will be selected for funding by February II, 2022.

NEW PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCED

To complement the Cover Crop Initiative, NRCS is also announcing a new partnership with Farmers for Soil Health, an initiative of the United Soybean Board, National Corn Growers Association and National Pork Board. Farmers for Soil Health works to advance use of soil health practices – especially cover crops – on corn and soybean farms. The initiative has a goal of doubling the number of corn and soybean acres using cover crops to 30 million acres by 2030.

"We are pleased to see NRCS announce this new incentive program for cover crops," said John Johnson, coordinator of Farmers for Soil Health. "Cover crops have great potential to improve soil health, improve water quality, sequester carbon and make our farms more resilient to severe climate events. We look forward to our partnership with NRCS, working to expand adoption of cover crop practices to help our farmers meet our sustainability goals."

Other partners include the National Association of Conservation Districts, Soil Health Institute and The Sustainability Consortium.

CSP RE-ENROLLMENT OPTION

NRCS updated CSP to allow an agricultural producer to immediately re-enroll in the program following an unfunded application to renew an existing contract. Previously, if a CSP participant did not re-enroll the year their contract expired, they were ineligible for the program for two years.

This ineligibility was imposed on CSP participants even if their failure to sign a renewal contract was due to the unavailability of funds, which is beyond their control. USDA is now waiving this two-year ineligibility restriction for all CSP applications.

This year, producers renewed 2,600 CSP contracts covering 3.4 million acres. Applicants with unfunded fiscal 2022 CSP renewals will receive letters this month, notifying them they are automatically eligible to apply for future CSP funding opportunities, rather than needing to wait two years to reapply.

HOW TO APPLY

NRCS accepts applications for conservation programs – including EQIP and CSP – year-round, however producers and landowners should apply

by state-specific signup dates to be considered for each year's funding. That includes Feb. II for Conservation Incentive Contracts, Jan. 24 for the Cover Crop Initiative and Feb. II for CSP. To apply, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

MORE INFORMATION

Through conservation programs, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help producers and landowners make conservation improvements on their land that benefit natural resources, build resiliency and contribute to the nation's broader effort to combat the impacts of climate change. More broadly, these efforts build on others across USDA to encourage use of conservation practices. For example, USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently provided \$59.5 million in premium support for producers who planted cover crops on 12.2 million acres through the new Pandemic Cover Crop Program. Last week, RMA announced a new option for insurance coverage, the Post Application Coverage Endorsement, for producers who "split apply" fertilizer on corn.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity and natural resources including our soil, air, and water. Through conservation practices and partnerships, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new streams of income for farmers, ranchers, and private foresters. Successfully meeting these challenges will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including state, local and Tribal governments.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

CLEMSON EXTENSION OFFERING MASTER TREE FARMER COURSE

The Master Tree Farmer (MTF) course is a "hybrid" course combining online and face-to-face learning, it will incorporate self-paced lectures, discussion, quizzes, and other web-based methods of participant-instructor interaction, along with hands-on participation activities in the field.

The course will span over 9 weeks and each Monday morning a new section will be released. The participant will have that week to watch the content for that section.

After completing Master Tree Farmer, participants will learn scientific and practical knowledge to



manage forested land to best suit ecological, economical, and recreational forest resources. Master Tree Farmer is intended to build upon a participant's base knowledge of forestry.

Target Audience: Landowners and land managers. Anyone interested in advancing their knowledge in reference to forested land management.

Cost: \$125

Registration for Winter 2022 is now open at clemson.edu/extension/forestry/master-tree-farmer/index.html.





Tourism Public Relations Manager Brie Burnett, and SCDA Event Planner Kate Daly.

INTRODUCING THE 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA CHEF AMBASSADORS

BY SCDA AND SCPRT

South Carolina has a new class of Chef Ambassadors for 2022.

On Jan. 5, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers and South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Duane Parrish appointed three chefs to serve as South Carolina Chef Ambassadors for the new year.

"South Carolina Chef Ambassadors do South Carolina a great service by shining a light on our state's destinations, signature dishes and locally grown foods, and their own incredible talents," Gov. McMaster said. "We're proud to have these three great chefs represent our state."

South Carolina Chef Ambassadors prepare dishes using Certified South Carolina produce, meats and seafood, supporting local farmers and highlighting our state's food traditions.

"These three talented Chef Ambassadors honor South Carolina's diverse culinary heritage and local ingredients," said Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "Chefs connect with and promote our state's farmers and help teach us all how to eat fresh, local food in season."

Chef Ambassadors represent South Carolina at food festivals, media events and other forums. This is the eighth year of the program, which was enacted in 2014 to highlight South Carolina as a top culinary destination. The program unites agribusiness and tourism, two of the state's largest industries, which together contribute tens of billions of dollars to the state's economy each year and account for hundreds of thousands of jobs statewide.

"Our hospitality industry has been on a rollercoaster ride since March 2020," said Duane Parrish, Director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. "From shifting to a to-go model almost overnight, to navigating

workforce challenges, to welcoming an influx of visitors as tourism began to rebound - they've really seen it all in a very short timeframe. The Chef Ambassador program highlights and celebrates some of the very best of what this resilient and tenacious industry has to offer, and helps showcase just how significant and extraordinary our culinary scene is in the Palmetto State."

The 2022 South Carolina Chef Ambassadors are:



CHEF JOHN ONDO

The Atlantic Room at Kiawah Island Golf Resort Kiawah Island, SC

Executive Chef John Ondo of The Atlantic Room grew up playing in the tidal creeks of the

Lowcountry, which left an indelible mark on him, as he has spent his 20-plus-year culinary career in Charleston drawing inspiration from the region's fields and waterways. Chef Ondo has developed enduring relationships with local farmers and fishermen, and often stops by to visit and discuss how crops are coming in and to pick up produce that will appear on diners' plates that night at The Atlantic Room. With his wry sense of humor and affable nature, Chef Ondo is a recognizable spokesperson for Lowcountry foodways.



CHRIS WILLIAMS

Roy's Grille Lexington, SC

As owner of catering company William Christopher's and of Roy's Grille, a beloved local

restaurant inside an Exxon station, Chef Chris Williams stays busy. He grew up in Olar in

Bamberg County, where his family grew their own vegetables and raised their own pigs and chickens. On the Roy's Grille menu you will find housesmoked and cured bacon, house made pimento cheese, barbecue and signature barbecue sauces.



HAYDN SHAAK

Restaurant 17 at Hotel Domestique Travelers Rest, SC

A graduate of the culinary program at Greenville Technical College, Chef

Haydn Shaak has spent most of his life working in kitchens. His father was also a chef, so cooking became a significant part of his life from an early age; and at 16, he began an apprenticeship under his father at the Greenville restaurant City Range Steakhouse Grill. Over the next five years, he worked his way through the kitchen ranks at several establishments, eventually heading up prominent restaurants in Greenville and Travelers Rest before taking over Restaurant 17 in 2018. Haydn's focus on local and seasonal ingredients, along with his dedication to classical techniques has elevated the culinary program at Restaurant 17.

To learn more about the program and past Chef Ambassadors, visit discoversouthcarolina.com/ chef-ambassadors.





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