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She cites Eudora Farms, which introduced a drive-through animal viewing tour during the pandemic. The tour became a runaway success.

She mentions Carolina Pride Pastures, an alpaca farm that began doing virtual field trips for schoolchildren during COVID, in part with the help of funding and business mentoring from SCDA's Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship. Farm owners and producers interested in getting into agritourism or growing their agritourism business are encouraged to join the South Carolina Agritourism Association. Resources include regular membership meetings, the Agritourism 101 Manual, and an annual conference.

Visitors who want to find an agritourism farm near them can search for farms and activities online: Visit scfarmfun.org and click "Agritourism Farms."

SUMMER SPOTLIGHT AGRITOURISM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The South Carolina Agritourism Association is hosting two member events in August to highlight fresh tourism ideas and hot topics and to give attendees an opportunity to network.

The Aug. 2 event will be held at Clinton Sease Farm in Lexington, a seasonal farm offering strawberries, sunflower weekends, educational tours and classes, pumpkin patch, hayrides, playgrounds and an 8-acre corn maze full of twists, turns, clues and so much more.

The Aug. 16 event is in Lowcountry South Carolina at Deep Water Vineyard. Nestled among the majestic live oaks on Charleston's back porch of Wadmalaw Island, this 48-acre winery and vineyard has something for everyone. They are the only domestic winery in Charleston.

Each session is free to SCAA members (maximum of 2 per membership) and costs $20 per person for non-members and guests. Register with farm name and names of each person attending to jmoore@scda.sc.gov.

CLINTON SEASE FARM
August 2
10 am - 2 pm
382 Olde Farm Road, Lexington
803-730-2863
facebook.com/ClintonSeaseMaizeQuest
Pre-registration required by Monday, July 25, 2022

DEEP WATER VINEYARD
August 16
10 am - 2 pm
6775 Bears Bluff Road, Wadmalaw Island
843-559-6867
facebook.com/deepwatervine
Pre-registration required by Monday, August 8, 2022

With the end of the school year approaching, South Carolina’s agritourism farms are gearing up for a big summer.

Agritourism boomed during the pandemic, says Jackie Moore, agritourism marketing specialist for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and director of the South Carolina Agritourism Association.

"And it's still booming," she says. "People have learned they can get out on farms."

In many cases, experiences and technologies that farmers put in places during COVID are continuing to be successful, she says.

"The thing about the trends that increased during COVID is the farm owners found they’re working—showing drive-in movies, overnight farm stays, outdoor farm-to-table dinners, roadside markets, farm stands."

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It's a lot of work, but it matters to farmers and pet owners alike. With our sons grown and gone, Blanche and I understand how pets become part of the family. It’s especially nice to get an enthusiastic greeting from our dogs after some long days at work.

While we’re on the subject of celebratory months, let’s look ahead to June, which is Beef and Dairy Month in South Carolina. Beef is one of our most important ag products, totaling about $140 million in annual production value. And dairy is one of our historically important industries – in fact, milk is the official State Beverage of South Carolina.

I hope you’re enjoying these warm spring days and enjoying some of the specialties of South Carolina in the month of May. And I understand how pets become family. It’s especially nice to get an enthusiastic greeting from our dogs after some long days at work.
Tips to Get You Started with Small Ruminants
May 21 • 10 am – 3 pm
Perfect for new owners and experienced owners! Attend: 9:30–10 am: Check In, 10–11 am: Notes from the Farm by Debbie Webster, Whispering Pine Farm. 11 am–12 pm: Forage Information that you need to know, It by Dr. Liliane Silva, Clemson Forages Specialist Lunch and Networking. 1–2 pm: Small Ruminant Basics from a Veterinary Perspective by Dr. Patty Scharfs. 2–3 pm: Soil sampling demonstration in pasture, and any last minute questions. Clemson University Edisto Research 64 Research Street, Blackville Contact: Clemson University 803-997-9026 • noreen@sc.edu eventbrite.com/basics-before-buying-tips-to-get-you-started-with-small-ruminants-tickets-28983187867

Forrevermore Farm Summer Concert Series
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Join us for our Summer Concert Series featuring local country music artists Manson Horne and The Grayson Downs Band, sponsored by Jumping Jukebox. Purchase your $15 tickets at the link below, through Jumping Jukebox. Bring a lounge chair or blanket. Beverages, and live music for the whole family!
http://www.jumpingjukebox.com/events

How to Start a Cut Flower Garden
May 23 • 10 am – 3 pm
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Every Friday – Sunday until July 4 • 9 am – 2 pm
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Annual Black Cowboy Festival & Rodeo
May 27 – 29
Rodeo, horse shows, food and artisan vendors, live entertainment and much more.
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Market Bulletin sales are usually “farmer-to-farmer,” but advertising products for sale does open you up to potential scams.

Buyers, too, should be cautious. While our staff takes steps to ensure sellers are local and legitimate, and to investigate complaints, some bad-faith sellers may occasionally slip through. Here are some ways to protect yourself.

BUY AND SELL IN PERSON. Most scams rely on distance. Whether you’re buying or selling hay, honey or a harvester, you can avoid being duped by exchanging items and money in person.

VERIFY THE PAYMENT. Avoid wire transfers, cashier’s checks and money orders, which can be fake. If accepting a personal check, ask your bank to verify it before handing anything over.

DON’T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION. Never give out your bank account numbers, Social Security number or other private information.

TRUST YOUR GUT. If a transaction is moving too fast or something doesn’t feel right, slow down. And don’t hesitate to ask a trusted friend or family member for their opinion.

Don’t be ashamed if you do fall victim to a scam; scammers have developed methods that work on the wisest of us. Contact the police to file a report.

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BY EVA MOORE

USDA ACCEPTING NEW OR MODIFIED PROPOSALS FOR ITS STATE ACRES FOR WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

By USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is welcoming new and modified proposals from conservation partners for the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative, a part of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) focused on effectively managing wildlife habitat. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) has expanded available practices under this initiative in response to feedback from partners.

“We are committed to offering a strong suite of voluntary conservation options through the Conservation Reserve Program,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “In 2021, we made several updates to CRP to improve program participation and strengthen its climate benefits. As we work to build on those efforts, we’re now encouraging producers to help us strengthen the wildlife benefits of CRP through our SAFE initiative. We encourage government entities, nonprofits, and other groups to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help us manage wildlife habitat, and we are committed to supporting and working with our partners to meet high-priority state conservation goals.”

Through SAFE, producers and landowners restore vital habitat in alignment with high-priority state wildlife conservation goals. Specifically, landowners establish wetlands, grasses, and trees. These practices are designed to enhance important wildlife populations by creating critical habitat and food sources. They also protect soil and water health by working as a barrier to sediment and nutrient run-off before they reach waterways.

EXPANDED PRACTICES

To help improve the planning and implementation of the SAFE initiative, FSA is adding two new practices with the assistance of USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), FSA’s sister agency. In partnership with FSA, NRCS employees across the country provide CRP participants with critical conservation planning assistance, which will now include managing for early successional habitat cover establishment or management, and wildlife habitat planting. These additional eligible practices will enable SAFE partners to better target a wide variety of wildlife species, such as the Northern bobwhite, lesser prairie-chicken, and the New England cottontail.

As part of this year’s SAFE signup, FSA will also authorize cost-share assistance for producers who would like to re-enroll acres in CRP but need assistance updating their vegetative cover to align with NRCS practice standards for early successional habitat or wildlife planting.

SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

Eligible entities for SAFE include government entities, non-profits, and private organizations.

Additionally, partners with SAFE projects with both General and Continuous CRP practices must submit modified proposals to continue in the program.

New and modified proposals for SAFE projects must be submitted to FSA State Offices in June. More information on developing proposals is available at fsa.usda.gov/crp.
If a deer fawn is found alone in the woods, leave it there, according to the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). Its mother has not abandoned it; she is probably nearby. Removing a fawn from the forest is also illegal because the animal is being taken outside the legal season for taking deer, which is the hunting season.

Many people who come upon a solitary spotted fawn in the woods or along a roadway mistakenly assume the animal has been deserted by its mother and want to take the apparently helpless creature home to care for it. Young fawns like this have not been abandoned and are still in the care of a doe.

The apparently “helpless” deer fawns born during April, May and June in South Carolina will begin daily movements with their mothers in about three weeks. Human handling and disturbance of daily movements with their mothers in about three weeks. Human handling and disturbance of fawns can cause a doe to shy away or even desert her offspring. Also, a bleating response by the fawn can summon nearby predators.

It’s part of nature’s plan for a doe deer to leave her fawn or fawns alone for their first few weeks of life. The reason for this unusual maternal action is that the fawn at this age is better protected away from the doe. The presence of the doe nearby would attract predators because the doe lacks the protective coloration of the fawn, and the older and larger doe has a much stronger odor. A fawn that appears abandoned is merely awaiting a visit from its mother. A doe, after brief periods of feeding and grooming her fawn, will spend much of her day feeding and resting somewhat removed from her young. The fawn ordinarily stays bedded down as if sleeping, but will occasionally move short distances to new bedding sites.

Each spring and summer, SCDNR gets many calls from people who have discovered these “lost” deer. Young fawns are without a doubt cute and cuddly, but if taken into captivity they grow into semi-tame adult deer that can become quite dangerous. Adult buck deer, no matter how they were raised, are especially dangerous during the breeding season. Even does raised by humans are unpredictable. Occasionally, “tame” deer seriously injure people and, in cases where the deer are a threat to humans, the deer sometimes have to be killed.

People often ask SCDNR if it needs deer fawns for its research projects. Although SCDNR is actively engaged in deer research, current studies do not involve captive animals.
Much like people, peaches also enjoy the mild climate of the southeastern United States. Sadly, so do pests and diseases, namely bacterial diseases.

A Clemson University team, with the help of a grant from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, is conducting research to fight back by developing holistic strategies to improve disease management and peach tree health.

The goal of the project is to improve sustainability of the Southeast’s peach production, focusing on bacterial canker and bacterial spot diseases.

Bacterial spot and bacterial canker cause an estimated $22 million in annual losses in South Carolina and Georgia. Bacterial spot can lead to severe defoliation of leaves and spots on fruit significantly reduce marketable yields. Bacterial canker on woody tissues leads to shoot death and tree death. Managing these diseases is very challenging.

The research team consists of Clemson experts on the university’s main campus and research stations across the state: Hehe Wang, a plant bacteriologist and pathologist housed at the Edisto Research and Education Center (REC) near Blackville, South Carolina; Ronghong Ye, a soil scientist housed at the Pee Dee REC near Florence, South Carolina; and on the main campus in Clemson, South Carolina, plant pathologist Guido Schnabel and pomologist Juan Carlos Melgar in the Plant and Environmental Sciences Department, and Michael Vassalos, an associate professor of agribusiness in the Agricultural Sciences Department.

"Currently, no chemical control options are available for management of bacterial canker and bacterial spot management mainly relies on weekly sprays of copper and antibiotics during the growing season," Wang said. "These chemicals could negatively impact the environment and have led to emergence of copper-tolerant and antibiotic-resistant pathogens, indicating an even greater need for new management options." There are no cultivars with absolute resistance to either of the two diseases. Just a few cultivars are tolerant to bacterial spot and no cultivar has tolerance to bacterial canker.

During the study, researchers will work with peach producers and a team of plant pathologists, horticulturists, soil biogeochemists, economists, and entomologists to manage bacterial diseases, improve tree health and performance, enhance soil, and boost profits for peach growers in the Southeast.

"We will conduct outreach activities to assist peach producers with adoption of new spray programs and soil practices," Wang said. "We will also share our results with the scientific community, as well as increase equity of underserved producers in the southeastern United States."

Of the 270 commercial peach farms in South Carolina, few are owned or operated by underserved producers. Historically farmers considered underserved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) include: American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics. During this project, Clemson researchers will work with the Sierra Club, South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer program (SCNBFP), and the South Carolina Women’s Ag Network (SCWAgN) to develop relationships with these producers.

"The goal is to inquire the possibility of getting them into peach production and to conduct a needs assessment to find out what technical information they need to start growing peaches," Wang said. "During this project, we will help underserved peach producers by providing trainings on our new organic practices to improve the sustainability of their farms. We also will work towards bringing more underserved producers back into the peach industry."

Robert Jackson owns Jackson Farms II in Lyman, South Carolina. Peaches and other fruits, as well as vegetables and fresh cut flowers, have been grown on the farm for more than 20 years. Jackson serves on the project’s advisory committee.

"Bacterial spot and bacterial canker are two of the most serious problems we have with our peaches," Jackson said. "We need new and better control solutions. Research from this project will be used to develop new sustainable practices to control these two diseases, as well as improve soil health and food safety.”

In addition to developing new controls for bacterial canker and bacterial spot, Jackson also said he is pleased the project involves attracting more minority producers back into peach production.

Training conducted during the project includes annual field days and workshops led by Melgar and Schnabel at Clemson’s Musser Fruit Research Center, one of the Piedmont REC research farms. Additional training will include teaching producers about environmentally sustainable growing options developed by the researchers. Information from the workshops and training will be available in both English and Spanish and posted on YouTube.

Worker safety also will be addressed during the project. The southeastern United States peach industry supports more than 10,000 underserved workers, especially Hispanic workers. Pesticide applications with tractors pulling air blast sprayers are conducted almost exclusively by underserved farm workers.

Although protection equipment is required by law, many times workers face risks associated with exposure to the chemicals. At larger peach farms, sprayers are used every day throughout the production season, from March to August, to combat pests and diseases, putting applicators at risk of exposure to pesticides including copper and antibiotics.

Orchards are hand-thinned between April and May, summer-pruned between May and June, and hand-harvested between May and August by many crews of mostly underserved workers, who are exposed to the pesticides that were applied with air blast sprayers to the trees. During this project, researchers seek to find safer alternatives to using copper and antibiotic sprays that will result in their reduced use and lower risk of pesticide exposure for workers.

“We expect our findings to benefit the entire production system of peach as well as other stone fruits affected by the same diseases, and to contribute to the long-range improvement of agriculture in the United States,” Wang said. “In addition, our research is expected to sustain the Southeast peach industry by increasing tree resilience and reducing the significant economic losses to bacterial diseases, thus sustaining existing jobs and perhaps even increasing the number of jobs in this business for underserved workers.”