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NEW DOCUMENT HELPS RESIDENTS NAVIGATE S.C. COTTAGE FOOD LAW REVISIONS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Revisions have been made to South Carolina's Cottage Food Law and a new document can help South Carolina residents navigate these changes.

The South Carolina Home-Based Food Production Law, or Cottage Food Law, is the law governing food items produced and sold from homes in the state. The law was amended in May 2022 and personnel from several state agencies collaborated to produce a document to guide residents through these changes. The South Carolina Home-based Food Production Law Guidance Document is free and available at bit.ly/SC_CottageFoodLawGuide.

Kimberly Baker, Clemson Cooperative Extension Service Food Systems and Safety Program director, said this is an important document for anyone who prepares food in their homes to sell to the public.

"This document was prepared because the collaborating agencies wanted to provide an instrument cottage food producers could use to get a thorough understanding of the law – what foods are allowed and what foods are not allowed to be produced, as well as how to label cottage foods," Baker said.

Persons who should read this document include those who produce food for sale under the Cottage Food Law, state farmers market managers and retailers who plan to sell foods produced under the law.

Personnel from several state agencies and outside groups collaborated to write the document, including:

- Clemson Extension
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
- South Carolina Department of Agriculture
- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
- South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department

South Carolina Home-based Food Production Law Guidance

OCTOBER 2022
VERSION 1.1



- South Carolina Small Business Development Center
- The South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association

Questions about the new law can be emailed to scottagefood@clemson.edu.

CONTENTS OF THE GUIDE INCLUDE:

- » Definitions
- » Allowed Foods
- » Foods NOT Allowed
- » Honey
- » Labeling
- » Science-based (Academic) Resources and Processes
- » Other Foods and Types of Food Sales that are Exempt from Retail Food Establishment Permits
- » Regulatory Decision Tree
- » and more!

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UK TRADE

In October, I visited the United Kingdom for a week. The British Embassy invited five Commissioners and Secretaries of Agriculture from across the US to continue our discussions of how our countries can work together to create opportunities for farmers. We were there to talk about how trade can benefit US agriculture, and in particular South Carolina, in the wake of Brexit. Specifically, we were interested in what rule changes we could expect that would be less stringent on agriculture products coming from US farmers.

While there, we met with key officials, including some from the Department for International Trade. Their country has entered into numerous trade agreements with other countries since leaving the EU, but the US is not one of them. So far, it has not been a priority for federal officials in this country, but that may change with the midterm elections. In the meantime, there may be opportunities for individual states like South Carolina to have productive conversations about the UK as a market. We'll be talking to some individual farms that might find opportunities over there.

We also met with officials from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – sort of England's version of the

USDA. We had some very frank discussions about how to facilitate trade, what rule changes might be forthcoming and the impact on farmers of the consumer preferences for the food they purchase.

I enjoyed seeing some agriculture over there, including a journey into Wales to meet with sheep farmers and a beef farm about how they are marketing their products. We've just opened our markets in the US to lamb from the UK. We also visited a 3,000 acre family-owned apple producer that is using drone technology to measure yields and perform other monitoring.

We also enjoyed meeting with the National Farmers Union, the UK's version of the American Farm Bureau. Because of recent inconsistent leadership in the UK, you can really sense the frustration from farmers and those who work on behalf of farmers. In fact, their prime minister resigned right after I returned from the trip. As much as we might think we're a little inconsistent in our government in this country, they've got it tough over there. It was a good reminder that I'm always happy to get home to South Carolina.

I see some potential for South Carolina farmers wanting to export. I reminded them we're one of their closest neighbors.

Hugh E. Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Western Carolina Antique Tractor Pull Show

November 12 • 9 am

Carolina antique tractor pull & tractor show open to 1970 and older tractors. Test and tune Friday at 6 pm. Saturday tractor pull gates open at 9 am. Tractor pull starts at 12 pm. Kiddy tractor pull starts at 1 pm. Admission is \$10 and children under 12 are free. Food and craft vendors on site.

Western Carolina Fairgrounds

561 May Royal Drive, Aiken

Contact: Aiken Antique Tractor Association & Palmetto Tractor Club

803-403-3819 • mrsharden01@gmail.com

[m.facebook.com/10006](https://www.facebook.com/10006)

Ole Patchwork Fall Gathering

November 12 • 10 am – 3 pm

A FREE farm event with local artisans, crafts, and items made from scratch. Bring your cooler to take home fresh produce, meats, eggs, and milk. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Enjoy lunch at the farm, music on the grounds, and demonstrations. Visit the barnyard animals. Please, no pets allowed. This is an outside event. Please dress accordingly for weather conditions. Hand sanitizer, restrooms, and washing stations are available at the farm and vendor tables.

Patchwork Farm

110 Dairy Lane, Saluda

Contact: Melissa Price/Patchwork Farm LLC

864-992-6155 • patchworkfarmllc@gmail.com

Touch A Tractor

November 19 • 10 am – 2 pm

Much like a touch a truck but with a farm twist! It involves farmers & land developers of the community. There will be tractor exhibits, hayride, bluegrass music, ag simulator, games & much more. Enjoy the farm as well as concessions.

Old McCaskills Farm

377 Cantey Lane, Rembert

Contact: Old McCaskills Farm

803-669-9798 • hanmadkat@gmail.com

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

Holiday Market at Middleton Place

November 25 & 26 • 10 am – 4 pm

The market will feature over 30 of your favorite local artisans and vendors. Make plans to attend this popular annual event! Admission to Middleton Place is not required to shop at the Garden Market & Nursery or Museum Shop.

Middleton Place

4300 Ashley River Road, Charleston

843-556-6020 • info@middletonplace.org

[middletonplace.org](https://www.middletonplace.org)

Christmas Market

December 3 – 4

Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Join us for complimentary hot chocolate, local arts & crafts vendors, and a large selection of Christmas trees! Free parking & admission. Open-air and under cover. Complimentary EV charging.

Pee Dee State Farmers Market

2513 West Lucas Street, Florence

Contact: Bob Sager or Diane Guilfoil

843-665-5154

bsager@scda.sc.gov • dguilfoil@scda.sc.gov

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

Christmas Saturdays at the Market

December 3, 10, & 17

The Market will come alive with the sounds and smells of Christmas. Trees, wreaths, greenery, and specialty gifts items will be available along with our regular seasonal products such as pecans, fruits, and holiday vegetables.

Greenville State Farmers Market

1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville

Contact: Lia Sanders

864-244-4023 • lsanders@scda.sc.gov

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

2022 South Carolina Food Safety Task Force Conference

December 5 – 6 • 9 am – 5 pm

Our theme this year is "Produce Safety and Rapid Response." Register online at the link below.

Phillips Market Center

117 Ballard Court, West Columbia

Contact: Nathalie D. Pride

803-737-9691 • npride@scda.sc.gov

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-carolina-food-safety-conference-tickets-432076130337>

SALES & AUCTIONS

Claxton's Auction

November 5 & 12 • 11 am – 5 pm

Special Sale November 20 • 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

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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Trout, \$2
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Shlckr/Rdbrst, \$65/100;
Chan Cats, \$60/100;
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Chester
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hefres, weaned, wormed
& vac UTD, \$800+; older
cows, exposed \$1200+
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Edgefield
803-278-2274

ADCA REG DEXTER HEFR
B-3/1, dun, polled, A2/A2, \$1250
Bob Willis
Edgefield
803-634-1467

2 Y/O ANG BULL
Yon Future Focus son, excel
growth, carcass, & docility,
20021455, \$2300
Al Harman
Lexington
803-210-5529

FB RED POLL YRLG BULLS
open & bred hefres, cow/calf
prs, \$1800-2500
J Wyatt
Marlboro
803-651-3086

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Al sired, easy calving, \$2500
Wayne Garber
Laurens
864-923-0581

REG BLK & RED ANG
open hefres, \$1500+; cow/calf
prs, \$2500+; bulls, \$2200+
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Pickens
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AI & embryo transfer bulls,
top EPD's & leading b'lines,
\$3000+
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top EPD's, docile, 2yr +
\$2000-3000; hefres & cow/
calf prs, \$1200+
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Lancaster
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B-11/12/19, good EPD's &
dollar index's, top 10% WW
& YW, \$5000
Mike Benton
Horry
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JERSEY HEIFER
28 m/o, poss bred, \$1800
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ZEBU BULL
2 y/o, small & spotted, parents
on site, text pls, \$500 obo
Jennifer Smolensky
Colleton
843-599-2987

BLK ANG BULL
FB, n/p, 15 m/o, \$1500; 9 m/o
Blk Ang hefr, \$850; 9 m/o
bull, \$900
Larry Gunter
Lexington
803-767-2604

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24 m/o, docile, exc EPD's,
rdy for hvy serv, calving ease,
proven lines, \$2900-3400
Heath Hoover
Sumter
803-499-4572

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3 y/o, docile, calving ease,
calves on site, \$2000 firm
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Chesterfield
843-680-2090

REG ANG & WAGYU CATTLE
selling whole herd, qual
animals w/high marbling,
ribeye, & CE, \$75,000
Jason Wilkie
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803-600-2438

BLK ANG BULLS
PB, 2+ y/o, \$2300+
Mike Johnson
Newberry
864-923-0750

BLK ANG BULL
& Blk Baldy bull, \$900 ea;
Bk Baldy hefr, \$850
James Lawrence
Anderson
864-202-1538

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M & F, \$750, 1 yr or less;
\$1500/adults, most females
are bred, del avail
Ottis Wagner
York
704-609-4912

REG BLK ANG BRED COWS
hefres & weaned hefres, low
input, \$2500+
Walter Shealy
Newberry
803-924-1000

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wormed, vac, on feed, \$300+
Casey McCarty
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ADS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED BY COMMERCIAL DEALERS. A CURRENT FARM TAG ISSUED BY THE SCDMV IS REQUIRED ON ALL FARM VEHICLES.

HD8 SHANK CHISEL PLOW
\$1000; 3ph hay rake, \$325,
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Union
864-251-4046

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lbs, 60" forks, \$950
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KUBOTA L2800 TRACTOR
2wd, 29 hp, w/317 hrs & 60"
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teeth w/rock guard, barn
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\$4000; 918 flex hdr, finger
p-up, \$3500; 4r corn hdr, \$1500
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\$32,000; Cat D7F, \$35,000;
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track skid steer, 3345 hrs,
108 hp, 12,800 lbs, encl cab,
a/c & heat, no leaks, \$35,000
Dakota Hollman
Lexington
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'80 FORD 550 BACKHOE
GRC, 5 of 7 cyl rebuilt, frt
ldr bucket WG, trans is
sluggish, \$6000
Jimmy Broome
Union
864-441-8842

'06 FARMTRAC 435
GC, rebuilt inj, new fuel
tank, \$7200
Arlene Orange
Berkeley
843-729-4403

JD 2020
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\$6500; JD 335 baler, \$8500;
JD 702 8 whl rake, \$4000
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Dorchester
843-701-6394

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rebuilt, \$12,500
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Chester
803-374-0448

INTL 140 TRACTOR
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15', \$400; NH 849 rnd baler,
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Saluda
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JD 4710 SPRAYER
w/90' booms, hyd tread
adjust, EC, \$52,000
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Chesterfield
843-517-0315

JD 350 HAY RAKE
\$700; 2r cult, \$650; hay
elevator, \$200
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

'44 2N FORD TRACTOR
w/Sherman trans, & extra
lever giving it 6 fow gears,
\$700; 2pt turn plow, \$150
Butch Into
Jasper
843-784-6840

'52 FORD 8N
GC, \$3000; 8'x16' all steel
trl w/2 ldr pads, 2 axles w/4
tires, \$4000, no text
Jimmy Wilson
Anderson
864-923-2348

FORD 50 HP TRACTOR
gas, new lift cyl, pto shaft,
starter, alt, tires, carb, frt end,
& new spare parts, \$5975
Tom Kirkley
Lancaster
803-246-8195

JD TRACTOR W/RAKE
\$9500; Kubota tractor w/
mwr, \$7500; MF tractor,
\$11,750
Mary Stroble
Charleston
843-766-4876

FA SUPER A W/CULT
turn plow, EC, \$3500
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

WALLACE 1 BTM PLOW
comp w/hitch, \$400 obro
George Bower
Lexington
803-767-0568

JD 915 FLEX HDR
in GC, \$3500
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

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LIME SPREADING
specialize in TN, call for prices
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

FENCE INSTALLATION
farm fencing, barbed, split
rail, woven, statewide
Julius Pegues
Chesterfield
843-337-8860

FENCES INSTALLED
per your specs, statewide
Bruce Thomas
Dorchester
843-636-1699

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

RECLAIM PASTURES
pond builds, demo &
removal of old bldgs, land
clearing, insured, free
quotes, veteran owned
Paul Irby
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& fabrication, farm & hvy
equip, fences, gates, etc
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Greenville
828-405-2176

PASTURE MGMT SERV
spray weeds, treat fire ants,
fert & lime, plant pastures,
Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda,
Bahia
Kenny Mullis
Richland
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LIGHT TRACTOR WORK
incl bush hogging, discing,
cut up & removal of downed
trees, light landscaping
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Lexington
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frt end ldr, dirt blade, bush
hog, chain saw trees, back
hoe work w/in 20 mi
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

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

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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 SC.

185A GREENWOOD CO
60A of 1 1/2 y/o planted
pines, sev yrs old volunteer,
Hwy 178 5 mi of S
Greenwood, \$3500/A
George Jordan
Out of State
605-484-5208

WANT HUNTING LAND
for lease, will help manage
land, have equip, Newberry
or surrounding Cos
Nathan Smith
Newberry
803-944-3263

WANT 20+A TO FARM
in Hartsville/McBee area,
prefer pasture but will
consider all
Todd Thompson
Darlington
478-278-7310

WANT 5+A
suitable for livestock,
Fairfield, Kershaw Co
Mason Motley
Richland
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HOGS / PIGS

FEEDER PIGS
Yorkshire mix, \$80 ea
Marion Banks
Newberry
803-768-7608

PIGS
Yorkshire, Hampshire, price
depends on size, \$85-175
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

KUNEKUNE
10 w/o, unreg, 1 gilt, 3
barrows, \$125
Nan Caputo
Colleton
937-760-6152

RED WATTLE PIGLETS
8-12 w/o, \$100-125
Ottis Wagner
York
704-609-4912

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.

FREE RANGE EGGS

brn, grn, blue, del to Marion, Dillon, Horry, Florence & Darlington Co, \$4/dz
Nick Mosher
Marion
912-289-5575

PECANS

\$12/qt; \$35/3lb; cracked, shelled & blown, 65¢/lb; bulk quant avail; del, ship, or p-up
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York
803-371-4595

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farm fresh, \$3/dz, \$4/18
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803-315-7307

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\$65/100 stalks
FC Noles
Barnwell
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PECANS

shelled & in bags, \$10/lb
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ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

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3 gal, \$15; grapevines, \$10; Blkberry plants, 3/\$25; Pomegranate & Mulberry trees, \$20
FC Noles
Barnwell
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GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

2 Y/O BILLY GOAT

Low Country Spanish, \$350
Jennifer Helms
York
803-372-8331

FB KIKOS

3 doelings/2 bucklings, healthy, CD&T Copper Bolused, \$200-300
Burton Jaillette
Lancaster
803-320-0632

KATAHDIN RAM

5 m/o, \$225
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

1½ Y/O REG BOAR BUCK

\$400; (2) 7 m/o & (1) 5 m/o Boar bucks, out of reg buck, \$225
Stanley Traylor
York
803-417-4834

PURE NZ KIKO BUCKS

100% reg & DNA, 10 m/o, \$400
George Phillips
Williamsburg
843-992-1964

BOAR/KIKO GOATS

billy & nanny, \$125-500
Tyler Fleming
Greenville
864-349-9890

KATAHDIN RAMS

8 m/o, \$200 ea; ewes, \$175
Barney Gause
Williamsburg
843-356-1671

SAVANNA/BOAR

& Savanna/PB Kiko mix bucks, \$165-190, cash only
James Briggs
Abbeville
864-446-3235

2 DWARF GOAT WETHERS

6 m/o, friendly, \$200 for both
Bob Willis
Edgefield
803-634-1467

DORPER/KATAHDIN RAM

2 y/o, proven breeder, lrg, blk/wht, \$275 or trade
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
803-983-5041

MALE LAMBS

<1 y/o, 100 lbs, \$150
Ottis Wagner
York
704-609-4912

6 M/O KIKO NANNIES

\$200 ea
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

13 NANNIES

8 m/o-4 y/o & 2 billies, 1-4 y/o, Boar & Boar/Kiko mix, \$100-350 ea
Charlie Jackson
Lexington
803-568-3717

¾ BOER ¼ MILK GOATS

6 m/o billies, \$200 ea; 4 m/o billies, \$150 ea; nannies, \$150-200 ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

KIKO GOATS

a few yng bucks, up to \$200
Jonathan Hardy
Richland
803-730-8551

NGN DWARF BUCKLING

parents reg w/ADGA, polled, blue eyes, 8 w/o, nice markings, \$150
Katie Wilson
Spartanburg
864-430-4547

HAY & GRAIN

SHELLED CORN

50 lb bag, \$10; 55 gal drum, \$60
Plato Kneece
Aiken
803-582-8665

'22 FESCUE RND BALES

net wrap, \$60/bale
Roger Snyder
Spartanburg
864-580-9311

ORCHARD GRASS

4x5 net wrap, \$40/bale
Russell Caughman
Saluda
803-917-6068

4x5 TIFTON HAY

net wrap, 2nd & 3rd cutting, located near McColl, \$40/bale, \$35/6+
Wade Dunbar
Out of State
910-277-6465

'22 HQ RND CB

\$70; CQ rnd, \$55; HQ sq, \$8, all shed kept
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

'22 SQ FESCUE

NR, in barn, \$6 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

4x5 MIXED GRASS

Fescue/Johnson grass/
Bermuda & Orchard grass, 79 left, \$60 ea
Jody Self
Laurens
864-351-9558

4x5 RND BALES

some straw, lot of mixed grass, good for cattle, \$45/bale
Mike Wright
Pickens
864-270-0560

'22 4x54" RND CB CQ

net wrap, well fert, shed kept, \$65, no del
Rickey Meetze
Lexington
803-892-3573

RYE GRAIN/CRABGRASS MIX

125 rolls, 4x5 net wrap, \$40/roll
Gregg Charles
Cherokee
864-490-1171

5x4 RND HQ COASTAL

no litter used, well fert, \$65/ in field, increase at barn; sq HQ, in barn, \$8.50
George McCoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

'22 RND HQ CB

net wrap, 4x54 in shed, \$70/bale; in field, \$60/bale, del avail for fee
David Fulmer
Orangeburg
803-917-0467

'22 4x5 HAY

Brown top millet, crab grass mix, \$45 ea; CB mix, in barn, \$60 ea
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

'21 SD ALFALFA

dairy qual, 3x4x8, 1600 lbs, \$380 ea, cash sales
Chris Roux
Cherokee
864-906-5471

SQ WHEAT STRAW

\$5/bale
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

'22 OAT HAY

\$50; '22 4x5 wheat & rye grass, net wrap, \$45; grass hay, \$40
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

'22 RYE STRAW

precut, bright yellow, \$6/bale
Edward Berger
Dorchester
843-832-9233

SQ RYE STRAW

\$4/bale
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

'22 HQ SQ CB

shed kept, \$7.50 ea, del avail for fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

'22 4x5 RND CB

HQ, \$60 ea; CQ, \$45 ea; both NR
Carroll Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

WHEAT STRAW

4x5 net wrap, \$40 ea
Richard Knight
Kershaw
803-427-6440

MIXED GRASS HAY

\$45/roll
Russell Sharpe
Lexington
803-908-3207

'22 NET WRAP 4x5 HQ CB

comm fert, \$70/roll
Chris Collins
Florence
843-307-5917

'22 4x5 CB/MIX GRASS

\$40, \$35/6+; ear corn, 50 lb bag, \$8; no del
Ralph Fairington
Lexington
803-622-0961

'22 CB HAY

& oat hay, all 4x5 net wrap & shed kept, \$63/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

SQ CB

\$8/bale; sq rye straw, \$6/bale; 4x5 CB, \$65; 4x5 Crabgrass, \$48; shed kept
Larry McCartha
Lexington
803-606-2499

'22 4x5 RND CB

net wrap, NR, well fert, stored outside indiv on pallets, \$70/bale
Eddie West
Aiken
803-507-8205

'22 4x5 OAT HAY

barn kept, \$60/bale
Rodney Lowe
Abbeville
864-844-3878

CQ MIXED GRASS

Fescue, Bermuda, & Bahai, 4x5 net wrap, del extra, \$45
Tony Williams
Edgefield
803-391-5713

4x5 CB

cut 9/12, \$65 ea; Crabgrass, cut 9/14, \$50 ea, min 10 bales purchase, both NR
Craig Caughman
Lexington
803-924-2252

'22 HQ 4x5 RND CB

2nd & 3rd cut, net wrap, no litter used, fert, stored under cover, \$70
Keith Bowers
Aiken
803-640-8697

RND HAY BALES

CQ Mixed Grass, \$40; Coastal, \$45
Scott Derrick
Edgefield
803-430-0390

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

ARBORVITAE CUTTINGS

emerald green, 2½ y/o, in 2½ gal pots, photos avail, \$20 ea
Jimmy Broome
Union
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WHT MULTIPLYING ONION BULBS

\$15/lb + ship
Steve Swaney
Abbeville
864-376-3556

MONKEY GRASS

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Woody Ellenburg
Pickens
864-855-2565

CAMELIAS

Sycamore, Mimosa, Carolina Sapphire, \$20; 1gal Azaleas, Tea Olives, Boxwood, \$5; 3 gal Azaleas, \$10
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

OAK TREES

5" T, \$10 ea
Brian Gray
Greenville
864-908-9777

CANNAS

Pres red, Bengal tiger & yellow, \$1 ea, no ship
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

RABBITS

MARBLE MIN REX

5-6 w/o, friendly, \$40 ea
Kezia Fellows
Aiken
803-443-8572

HOLLAND LOPS

\$50; non ped & ped, \$75+
Amy Ridgeway
Lexington
803-629-6131

LA COTTONTAILS

\$10
Duman Wicker
Newberry
803-537-7222

MO COTTONTAILS

\$14 ea
Steve Ard
Aiken
803-603-0642

REX

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

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

'22 OATS

cleaned, 2 bu bags, G-93%, D/HS-0%, D/H SD&G-93%, \$15/bag
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runs on tractor hyd, \$600
Darnell Miller
Aiken
803-507-1926

6CF WHL BARROW

needs frt whl, VGC, \$35;
lawn mwr, push, red type,
EC, \$15; 2 antiq oil cans, rail
road type, \$10
Joe Young
Pickens
864-269-4594

RAIN BIRD IRRIG

water gun on stands w/
flange, 100Bx7, \$225 ea
Robert Bruce
Greenville
864-360-3036

65 USED T POSTS

5-8', \$225; 2 1/2 rolls of lrg
barbed wire, & rolled up
gaucho wire, \$100
Marshall Oshields
Union
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\$200; 5 gal buckets w/lids,
\$1.85; Budd alum whls,
11x24.5, \$95
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\$2/yd
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Darlington
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\$6-12 ea, depend on size;
cut 4x4's, \$2/bdft
Douglass Britt
McCormick
864-391-3334

6'-25'L 1x6" CEDAR LUMBER

cedar posts & utility poles,
\$1-2.50/ft
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ORGANIC WORM CASTINGS FERT

\$20/30 lb bags; (40) 30 lb
bags, \$300
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Lexington
803-530-9219

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ECHO SRM-410U, VGC,
\$550, lv msg
Franklin Babb
Chesterfield
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67' JD LAWN TRACTOR

mod 110-112, deck w/metal
rnd fenders & seat, \$675
Greg Alewine
Lee
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\$100/set
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compact truck; \$75/lrg bed;
you load
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40¢; 5 gal, 65¢; 7 gal, 90¢
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GARDEN SEEDER ROW PLNTR

EarthWay 1001-B Precision,
w/interchangeable 6 seed
plates & row mrkr, \$125
Randy Jones
Orangeburg
803-206-5006

3 ROLLER CANE MILL

SS syrup cooking pan &
skimming tools, \$1500 for all
Eldred Clardy
Kershaw
803-432-6714

19 KUBOTA DSL ZERO TURN

LN, 50 hrs, mod ZD 1011,
\$11,950
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76"x42"x1/4", 21 sheets, \$190 ea
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RADIATOR

for IH 715 combine, \$300;
new 5 hp elec motor,
bought for grain unloading
auger, \$800
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DSL WELDER/GEN

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

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made of Brazilian Sisal
Fiber, \$25/spool, disc on 4+
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to catch & dispose of them,
sold in lots of 5, \$85
William Timmerman
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OAK TRLR FLOORING

1 1/2" thick x 12'L, 6 & 8"W, \$4/
bdft; (3) 24" exhaust fans,
120 volt, \$750 ea obo
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

OLD BARN BOARDS

& timbers, priced according
to dimensions & cond, \$1+
Barry Hossler
Saluda
803-622-3906

SENTINEL TUBE HEATERS

by LB White, mod AT125,
40'L, photos avail, \$200/unit
Jeffrey Davis
Lexington
803-727-2440

OLD COMP FARM BELL

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

RND BALE HAY FEEDER

nvr used, \$100; used
Houghton 2 whl horse cart
on rubber, \$200
Jerry Rowe
Aiken
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KRAUT CUTTER

EC, \$135; foot adze, \$60; 2
gal sausage stuffer, \$300
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

GY 19.5-24" TIRES

10 ply, new, \$850; 14.9-28
w/rims, \$650; 18.4x42" all
terrain Firestones, \$1800 ea
Ronnie Judy
Dorchester
843-701-6394

RADIATOR

for JD 6620 combine, \$300
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL

5 ton load, \$60/sand clay;
\$80 /topsoil, del w/in 20 mi;
rock or sand, \$2/mi del
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

WATERING TROUGH

18'Lx2 1/2'Hx4'W fiberglass vat,
w/dividing partition, \$800
Butch Into
Jasper
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ANTI Q SQ HAY PRESS

belt or PTO driven, \$1200;
misc old farm stuff
Ed Long
Laurens
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(1) 16', \$90; (2) 12', \$50
Jerome Bishop
Newberry
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JD 5105 TRACTOR HOOD

\$350; JD 2755 fuel tank,
\$150; JD 2755 radiator, \$100
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Laurens
864-981-5352

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metal & plastic, open tops,
lids & rings, \$15, \$20, \$25
ea; 275 gal port tow tanks,
\$50 ea
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Union
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POULTRY

PEACOCKS

4 India Blue & 2 Blk
Shoulders, \$100 ea
Ricky Black
Barnwell
803-259-7474

CHICKS

\$10 ea; hens & roos, \$20
Mike McBride
Anderson
864-992-4301

5 RIR ROOS

2 Bielefelder roos, \$10 ea
Nik McDonald
Abbeville
864-532-1535

GUINEAS

7 w/o, \$6 ea
Charles Anthony
Pickens
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6 m/o, \$50 hens, \$25 ea
Russell Goings
Union
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ASIL GAMES

wht & silver kings, \$30+
Lynn Claxton
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843-909-4285

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mixed breed, rdy to pair
w/your hens for spring
breeding, \$25
Kathy Easter
Lexington
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Blacks, BB-reds, blue, blue
gold Duck wing, Brassy
Back, Wheaton, lemon blue
sp, \$30/pr
Charles Boswell
Saluda
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SEABRIGHT BANTAM ROO

5 m/o, \$15
Eva Ward
Edgefield
706-564-3299

DOVES

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Wayne Howell
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LRG ORPINGTON/RR ROOS

& laying pullets, \$10-16
Mike Komar
Lexington
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SNOWY CALL DUCKS

grown, \$45/pr; Blue
Wheaton Americana prs,
grown, \$30/pr
Barney Gause
Williamsburg
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GUINEAS

1/4 grown, \$7 ea; 1/2 grown,
\$10 ea; Game, Warhorse,
Flarry Eye Greys, Hatch, \$30+
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Union
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CHICKENS

Buff Orpington & Blk
Australorp, just starting to
lay, \$30 ea
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

GUINEAS

\$20 ea; turkeys, meat birds,
\$50 ea; mottled Cochin
bantams, \$50/trio
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

DRAW-BAR

& 2 stabilizer bars for MF 235
Bud Shealy
Lexington
803-957-9760

ROLL OVER BAR

canopy, head lights for 4000
Ford & belt pulley for C FA
Harold Wright
Cherokee
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FACTORY CANOPY

for JD 5205 tractor, state
cond/price
Tom McArdle
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864-270-4824

PARTS

for MF model 167
George Key
Aiken
803-480-0076

3PT POSTHOLE AUGER

in GC
David Maciejewski
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864-309-9472

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in GC, single or dbl row,
tractor pulled
Dale Wilson
Abbeville
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10-12' BWA HARROWS

JD 3020, 4020, 4240, 4055
Ronnie Judy
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EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

MULES

horses, goats & donkey, that
need rehousing
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POULTRY

& pigeons, reasonably
priced
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WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

CONTAINER

40'x9'6" inside for farm
storage, must be in GC
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5V CRIMP TIN

any farm metal items w/in
20 mi
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Calhoun
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OLD BLK SMITH ANVIL

and old farm bell, any size;
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Larry Gunter
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803-767-2604

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Mark Jackson
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grinder, old lighting rod w/
balls & weathervane, more
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USDA PROVIDES PAYMENTS OF NEARLY \$800 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE TO HELP KEEP FARMERS FARMING

IMMEDIATE HELP FOR OVER 13,000 DISTRESSED USDA FARM LOAN BORROWERS; BEGINS PROCESS TO PROVIDE UP TO \$500 MILLION MORE FOR UP TO 23,000 ADDITIONAL BORROWERS

WASHINGTON, October 18, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that distressed borrowers with qualifying USDA farm loans have already received nearly \$800 million in assistance, as part of the \$3.1 billion in assistance for distressed farm loan borrowers provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

The announcement kicks off a process to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers using several complementary approaches, with the goal of keeping them farming, removing obstacles that currently prevent many of these borrowers from returning to farming, and improving the way that USDA approaches borrowing and servicing. Through this assistance, USDA is focused on generating long-term stability and success for distressed borrowers.

“Through no fault of their own, our nation's farmers and ranchers have faced incredibly tough circumstances over the last few years,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “The funding included in today's announcement helps keep our farmers farming and provides a fresh start for producers in challenging positions.”

Work has already started to bring some relief to distressed farmers. As of today, over 13,000 borrowers have already benefited from the resources provided under the Inflation Reduction Act as follows:

- Approximately 11,000 delinquent direct and guaranteed borrowers had their accounts brought current. USDA also paid the next scheduled annual installment for these direct loan borrowers giving them peace of mind in the near term.
- Approximately 2,100 borrowers who had their farms foreclosed on and still had remaining debt

have had this debt resolved in order to cease debt collections and garnishment relieving that burden that has made getting a fresh start more difficult.

In addition to the automatic assistance already provided, USDA has also outlined steps to administer up to an additional \$500 million in payments to benefit the following distressed borrowers:

- USDA will administer \$66 million in separate automatic payments, using COVID-19 pandemic relief funds, to support up to 7,000 direct loan borrowers who used FSA's disaster-set-aside option during the pandemic to move their scheduled payments to the end of their loans.
- USDA is also initiating two case-by-case processes to provide additional assistance to farm loan borrowers. Under the first new process, FSA will review and assist with delinquencies from 1,600 complex cases, including cases in which borrowers are facing bankruptcy or foreclosure. The second new process will add a new option using existing direct loan servicing criteria to intervene more quickly and help an estimated 14,000 financially distressed borrowers who request assistance to avoid even becoming delinquent.

More details on each of the categories of assistance, including a downloadable fact sheet, are available on the Inflation Reduction Act webpage on [farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov).

Similar to other USDA assistance, all of these payments will be reported as income and borrowers are encouraged to consult their tax advisors. USDA also has resources and partnerships with cooperators who can provide additional assistance and help borrowers navigate the process.

The announcement today is only the first step in USDA's efforts to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers and respond to farmers and to improve the loan servicing efforts at USDA by adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary

restrictions. Additional announcements and investments in assistance will be made as USDA institutes these additional changes and improvements.

This effort will ultimately also include adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions through assistance made possible by Congress through the IRA. Further assistance and changes to the approach will be made in subsequent phases.

BACKGROUND

USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans, which do not include farm storage facility loans or marketing assistance loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of IRA, USDA is taking action to immediately provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers whose operations are at financial risk while working on making transformational changes to how USDA goes about loan servicing in the long run so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations and remain in good financial standing.

In January 2021, USDA suspended foreclosures and other adverse actions on direct farm loans due to the pandemic and encouraged guaranteed lenders to follow suit. Last week, USDA reiterated this request to guaranteed lenders to provide time for the full set of IRA distressed borrower assistance to be made available before lenders take irreparable actions.

Producers can explore available loan options using the Farm Loan Discovery Tool on [farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov) (also available in Spanish) or by contacting their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also call the FSA call center at 877-508-8364 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern. USDA has tax-related resources available at [farmers.gov/taxes](https://www.farmers.gov/taxes).

USDA EXPANDS LOCAL FOODS IN SCHOOL MEALS THROUGH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19, 2022 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced it has signed a cooperative agreement with South Carolina for more than \$3.1 million to increase their purchase of nutritious, local foods for school meal programs.

Through the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS), the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) will purchase and distribute local and regional foods and beverages for schools to serve children through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. These products will be healthy and unique to their geographic area, with the goal of improving child nutrition and building new relationships between schools and local farmers.

“This cooperative agreement supporting South Carolina schools is another example of how USDA is working to build a more resilient food system rooted in local and regional production,” said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and

Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. “The Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program provides an opportunity for states to strengthen ties between local farmers, ranchers, food businesses and schools, and gives students access to nutritious foods unique to the area they live in, building stronger connections across local communities.”

“Strengthening relationships between local producers and schools is a long-term strategy to ensure our children always have access to nutritious foods in school, a win-win for child health and American agriculture,” said Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Stacy Dean. “Through this program and many other efforts to support the school meal programs, USDA is committed to giving schools the tools they need to set children up to learn, grown, and thrive.”

With the LFS grant, SCDA will work with the South Carolina Department of Education and established distributors to increase the purchase of

local foods from small business and underserved farmers to distribute them to schools across the state impacting over 800,000 students.

The LFS cooperative agreements will allow organizations the flexibility to design food purchasing programs and establish partnerships with farmers and ranchers that best suit their local needs, accommodate environmental and climate conditions, account for seasonal harvests, improve supply chain resiliency and meet the needs of schools within their service area. Additionally, the program will provide more opportunities for historically underserved producers and processors to sell their products. Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program is authorized by the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act. AMS looks forward to continuing to sign agreements under this innovative program.

The Local Food for Schools cooperative agreement program is one of many ways USDA is supporting school meal programs this school year and transforming our food system in the long term.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS LOOK TO THE PAST FOR ANSWERS TO THE PRESENT

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Just as family members nurture one another, certain crops can aid each other when planted together.

Growing two or more crops close to each other is a practice known as intercropping. Long ago, the Cherokee and Iroquois Indians discovered benefits of planting beans, corn and squash together to develop a central food system. Each crop offers something vital to the other two crops. Beans absorb nitrogen from the air and convert it to nitrates, fertilizing the soil for corn and squash. In return, beans are supported by winding around the corn stalks. Squash leaves provide ground cover between the corn and beans, preventing weeds from taking over the field. These three plants thrive together better as companions than when they are planted alone.

Clemson researcher Sruthi Narayanan is taking this idea of intercropping, or companion crop production, and applying it to a study involving interseeding cover crops with organic corn, a cash crop. Interseeding and intercropping are basically the same principle, but when cover crops are grown with cash crops, the term “interseeding” is used.

“Sometimes looking to the past for answers to current issues is meaningful,” said Narayanan, a crop ecophysiologicalist in the Clemson Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, who is leading this study funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program. “Intercropping was used in ancient times to create mutually beneficial ecosystems and functionally diverse plant communities to increase individual plant production. Our project involves interseeding a cover crop into a corn crop to improve soil-plant interactions, reduce resource inputs, improve cropping system productivity and more.”

For this study, researchers will compare cover crops – buckwheat, clovers and peas (field peas and cowpeas) – interseeded in an organic corn crop. These comparisons will include the cover crops planted in tilled and no-tilled situations using standard, low and high seeding rates.

These cover crops were selected because they pose very little competition with companion cash crops while enhancing microbial communities, nutrient

cycling, natural pest control and bio-drilling benefits in Southern soils. The researchers say this will enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as improve soil health and sustainability in organic grain production systems resulting in healthy environments which could lead to healthy farmers, ranchers and livestock, ultimately resulting in healthy communities.

Reduced tillage and mechanical cultivation will reduce soil erosion and reduced use of inputs will help reduced leakage/seepage of farm-inputs to groundwater or other water bodies, providing a safer environment for people to live in. Reduced input use also lessens the possibility of exposure to pesticides and other potentially harmful crop inputs.

This project involves researchers from a variety of disciplines at Clemson University, South Carolina State University, Temple University and the University of Georgia, who will approach the study from different angles to ensure more people will benefit.

One researcher is Rongzhong Ye, a Clemson soil scientist stationed at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center (REC). Ye is studying soil nitrogen dynamics and microbial communities associated with nitrogen cycling. Nitrogen is important for plant growth (structure), plant food processing (metabolism) and creation of chlorophyll. Without enough nitrogen, plants cannot grow taller, or produce enough food.

“This will benefit South Carolina farmers by providing an understanding of the distribution, transformation and fate of agricultural nutrients in organic production,” Ye said. “It will benefit the environment by reducing nitrogen loss from leachates (liquid contaminants) and greenhouse gas emissions to increase nitrogen use efficiency.”

David Lamie, Clemson Extension agribusiness and rural development specialist housed at the Sandhill REC, will provide economic analyses of the project in addition to helping with outreach programs.

To help determine how interseeding can help improve farmers’ lives, the project team also includes diversified and underserved farmers, including women and family farmers.

“This project will positively impact family farms and the middle-class system of rural America rather than the industrial agricultural system,” Narayanan said. “We have a number of planned outreach activities to help educate groups about what we find during our study. Project outcomes will help improve the quality of life for producers, communities and consumers.”



Other team members from Clemson are Christopher Talley, Diana Vossbrinck and Matthew Smith. In addition to Clemson researchers, this project also includes researchers from other universities and associations including Carmen Blubaugh from the University of Georgia, Meghna Tallapragada from Temple University and Josh Idassi from South Carolina State University. James Matson from Matson Consulting is the external evaluator.

Additional team members include Sarah Seehaver from the Southern Cover Crops Council, Edward Hunt from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Kristie Wendelberger from the Southeast Organic Center at Rodale Institute, Mark Dempsey with Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, Gordon Mikell from USDA/NRCS and Mary Cromley from the South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association.

The study is expected to continue through March 2025.

JOHN DE LA HOWE STUDENTS EXPLORE OPTIONS AT CAREER FAIR, COLLEGE NIGHT

BY TONY BAUGHMAN, SC GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE

As they prepare to take a swing at their own futures beyond high school, students at the Governor’s School for Agriculture recently stepped up to the plate to meet and chat informally with some “major league” players in the local business community.

The school hosted its first “Beyond An Aggie” Career Fair on Thursday, Sept. 15 at SRP Park in North Augusta, the stadium home of the Augusta Greenjackets minor league baseball team. Almost the entire student body boarded buses and trekked to the stadium’s WOW! Club for an afternoon meet-and-greet with potential future employers.

“We were already planning on coming up here for the College Night,” said Greg Thompson, principal at the Governor’s School for Agriculture. “So, we said, why don’t we make it a full day and make it a career fair as well?”

The school-sponsored career fair was followed by a visit to the James Brown Arena in downtown Augusta for the annual CSRA College Night. There, college-bound Aggies could interact with recruiters for more than 90 colleges and universities, who shared details on higher education options.

“The goal is to produce some of the best agriculture kids in the Southeast, even in the nation,” said Grayson McCullough, the school’s student activities coordinator, who organized the career fair. “First, they’ve got to see the goal and what the product is – and these people who came to speak to our kids, they are the product. And so these kids are getting to see the end game, and they’re getting some behind-the-scenes stories about how these people actually got into their fields.”

Among the local industry leaders who visited the Aggies at the ballpark was Ken Boyd, a park ranger serving with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at nearby J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake in Clarks Hill.

Students also were able to meet and chat with Aiken native Jamal Reynolds, a consensus All-American defensive end at Florida State University who later spent three years with the National Football League’s Green Bay Packers before a career-ending injury. Mr. Reynolds was impressed with the educational opportunities offered at the Governor’s School for Agriculture.

For more information on enrollment at the South Carolina Governor’s School for Agriculture and the four agricultural pathways offered, visit the school website at delahowe.sc.gov.

COMMISSIONER WEATHERS' UK TRADE TRIP

Commissioner Weathers visited the United Kingdom as part of a trade trip hosted by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. While there, he met with trade and agricultural officials, and visited a Welsh sheep farm and a large apple operation, among other activities. Read more in his column on page 1.



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

On Friday, Oct. 21, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and Certified South Carolina welcomed visitors to the South Carolina State Fair. We appreciate our long partnership with the Fair and all it does to raise awareness of agriculture and locally grown food.



SUNBELT AG EXPO 2022

The Sunbelt Ag Expo was held Oct. 18-20 in Moultrie, Georgia, and SCDA was on hand again this year with a booth in the Clemson University tent. Commissioner Weathers also visited the Expo to celebrate the South Carolina Farmer of the Year, Keith Allen. Below, L-R: Commissioner Hugh Weathers, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black, and Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture Rick Pate.

