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# \$3.4 MILLION IN MATCHING GRANTS WILL HELP SC BEEF PROCESSORS EXPAND, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS

The South Carolina
Department of
Agriculture is awarding
a total of \$3,471,088 in
matching grant funding
to eight South Carolina
companies to help
them expand their beef
processing capacity.

Together, these small-facility expansions will increase South Carolina's processing capacity by 8,300

head of cattle per year, creating new jobs and strengthening the local food system.

With an estimated economic impact of \$3,500 per head, the expansions will keep approximately \$29 million of economic activity in South Carolina that would otherwise have gone out of state.

"Helping these facilities expand will allow more of South Carolina's 700-plus livestock farmers to raise their animals to maturity and have them processed in the state, keeping dollars in the local economy," said Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "We know there's high consumer demand for local meat, and I'm proud of the way we're working together to address it."

The Agribusiness Infrastructure Incentives Distribution Panel reviewed applications and selected the awardees:



- I. Back 40 Butchery, Hodges, SC
- 2. Brown's Meat Market, Spartanburg, SC
- 3. Cordray's Processing, Ravenel, SC
- 4. Hemingway Locker Plant, Hemingway, SC
- 5. Knockout Butchery, Pauline, SC
- 6. Neverdun Farms, Sumter, SC
- 7. PF Meat Company, Belton, SC
- 8. Williamsburg Packing Co., Kingstree, SC

The success of this small grant program points to additional opportunities to strengthen South Carolina's food system. Many South Carolinagrown products are harvested in state and then transported out of state for processing/packaging, which results in a significant amount of lost revenue, capital investment and jobs. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture has requested an additional \$75 million from the General Assembly to address the significant lack of in-state food processing capacity across seafood, fruit and vegetables, dairy, grain and animal feed.

# FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP SC FARMERS IMPROVE FOOD SAFETY

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture

(SCDA) is proud to announce an updated On-Farm Improvement Cost Share Program.
Through USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding administered by SCDA, farmers who are covered or qualified exempt by the Produce Safety Rule can receive reimbursements up to \$2,000 per year per farm for on-farm food safety improvements.

Examples of improvements that may be eligible for funding include handwashing stations,

worker training resources and harvest bins. These measures help farms reduce the risk of foodborne illness in the fruits and vegetables they grow.

Our Produce Safety team recognizes that many South Carolina produce farms identify needed improvements but lack the money to implement changes. This program is designed to help farms make these improvements and comply with the requirements of the federal Produce Safety Rule.

The application has been updated from previous years to include not only covered produce farms but also farms that are Certified as Qualified Exempt from the Produce Safety Rule. Additionally, the application process is now more streamlined.

Visit <u>agriculture.sc.gov/grants</u> to download the application, request an on-farm evaluation and learn about next steps.



# TALKING SPRING AND SUMMER PRODUCE

outh Carolina's spring produce season is well underway, and it looks like it'll be a pretty good summer, too — with some caveats.

From speaking with produce farmers and our South Carolina **Specialty Crop Growers** Association, I would say producers are feeling positive this year, with many planning to either increase or maintain their overall production and sales. That's despite factors like high input costs, pest pressure, and labor availability. The freeze around Christmas and more in March have also done some damage, but optimism is still high for many I've spoken to.

We had a strong start to strawberry season, with good-quality berries coming out of fields across the state. Most farmers were able to cover their strawberries ahead of the mid-March frosts and avoid damage to their plants. U-pick fields are open, and farmers are sending lots of berries to market. Like they are in my house, strawberries are a consumer favorite a sweet end to winter.

Unfortunately, some blueberries were hit harder by the frost, as the warmer weather in February had pushed plants to develop earlier. We may see less volume for early-season blueberries, but we expect that the blueberry harvest will rebound with later season varieties.

Given that South Carolina grows so many of them, peaches are always a source of interest for the general public as well as buyers far and wide. The warm February meant that peaches were further along when the March cold weather rolled in. Growers are still working to assess the extent of the damage from recent freezes, but it seems likely that early season varieties will not be as available in May and early June. Later blooming varieties seemed to fare better, so we hope for a strong summer. On the upside, chill hours seem to have been sufficient to produce good fruit in the peaches that did make it through. My unofficial guess is that we'll have about a 60% crop.

Early summer crops are also beginning to be transplanted and appear to be doing well. I'm looking forward to the tomatoes, watermelons, sweet corn, okra, and other summer produce yet to come.

This issue of Market
Bulletin comes out a few
days before Earth Day on
the 22<sup>nd</sup>, marking the 53<sup>rd</sup>
year of this observance.
Let me thank South
Carolina farmers for all
they do to teach us all
about the land and stress
the protection of our
natural resources.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

### Spring Horse Fling

April 22 • 11 am - 4 pm

\*Rescheduled. Egg hunt at I pm. Horse rides, trail rides, hay rides, atvs, bounce house, photobooth, archery, and food. \$2 entry fee.

**Blocker Dude Ranch** 

936 Piney Woods Road, Columbia

 $\frac{blockerduderanch@gmail.com}{facebook.com/BlockerDudeRanch} \bullet 256-273-9073$ 

#### Pickens Azalea Festival

April 28 • 6 – 10 pm

April 29 • 10 am - 9 pm

When the azaleas are blooming in Pickens, South Carolina, the little town celebrates! For over 40 years friends and family come back home for one of the largest family reunions in the Southeast, the Pickens Azalea Festival. Join with us for our two-day event each year on the last weekend in April. The weekend's events begin with our annual cruise-in at 6 pm on Friday and continue Saturday as we welcome local artisan & crafters to the streets! Come join in the family fun and enjoy tastes from across the Southeast and musicians from across the nation. We can't wait to see you there!

#### **Downtown Pickens**

<u>contact@pickensazaleafestival.com</u> • 864-301-1798 <u>pickensazaleafestival.com/weekend-events</u>

### **Botanical Art Workshop**

April 29 • 1 - 3 pm

Come create one-of-a-kind art through intuitive play with natural dyes. Ester Farr from Pinehill Creative Co will be teaching this workshop on flower dyeing with paper and botanical watercolor painting! All supplies are included, along with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. You will also get to take home fresh flowers from the farm. \$75 admission prepayment is required to book. Access admission link to reserve.

**Five Blossoms Farm** 

1121 Crossland Road, Clover

<u>info@fiveblossomsfarm.com</u> • 803-810-5981 facebook.com/fiveblossomsfarm

### Pop-Up Vendor Festival

April 29 • 10 am – 2 pm

Vendors, artists, farmers, music, food, and shopping in our farm store. Trails will be open to explore the former grounds of the Jim and Lillie's golf course and we'll be sharing the history of the property, with photos, articles, and maps. Take a hike and see how many golf balls you can spot!

**Boondock Farms** 

755 Foreman Street, Jackson

hello@boondockfarms.com • 706-589-4920 facebook.com/boondockfarmstead Interested in being a vendor? Sign up at: boondockfarms.com/be-a-vendor

### Outdoor Yoga (with baby goats!)

April 29 • 11 am

Join us at the farm for some easy yoga with baby goats! What could be better?! Event by Jordan Hodgens and Livingston Farms.

**Livingston Farms** 

3371 Savannah Hwy, North

803-730-2683

facebook.com/livingstonfarmswoodford

### Western Carolina Antique Tractor Pull & Show

May 6 • 9 am

Food trucks, craft vendors, kid's pedal tractor pull, activities for kids, and much more! Gates open at 9 am to public, tractor pull starts at 12. \$10 admission; free for age 12 and under. Cash only event. Follow Aiken Antique Power Association on Facebook for more information.

561 May Royal Dr, Aiken

Contact: Dena Harden

mrshardenoi@gmail.com • 803-403-3819

### Spring Farm Fest

May 6 • 11 am - 4 pm

Come join us on the farm! We will have Rawtown Rambler Band from 12 – 2 pm, Arieal Arts by Smash Studio, vendors, food trucks, a petting zoo, pony rides, hay rides, free games, face painting, and more! Children 2 and up \$10, adults \$5 donations to Psalm 91 Relief Ministries.

Chasin Time Farm

2006 Midway Road, Cheraw

nurseadent@yahoo.com • 843-337-8095 facebook.com/ChasinTimeFarm



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open & bred hefrs, cow/calf prs, \$1500-2500 J Wyatt Marlboro 803-651-3086

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17 m/o, New Frontier 095 son, excel feet & doc, 20270275, \$2200 Al Harman Lexington 803-210-5529

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dam-FPH Vickie Broome P6o6×54, sire-NJW Long Range 242G, \$1800 Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112

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**BEST E18 DSL TRACTOR** 

**6 COTTON/HAY WAGONS** 

8×24, 3 w/sides, 3 w/o sides,

GC, road ready, \$2000 obo ea

15', \$400; NH rnd baler, \$2700

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new blades & bolts, 6'W

w/1000 rpm PTO, \$5000

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2 cyl, 3ph, \$2000

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Robert Sanders

803-448-9909

Charles Nichols

Kenneth Chicos

276-445-5771

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Saluda

Laurens

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6-10 m/o, exc b'line, docile, \$1500-\$2000 Kinard Holliday Anderson 864-261-6369

### **REG & COMM BULLS**

& hefrs, open & confirmed bred hefrs by Reg Bull, all low BW, gentle, \$1500-2500 **Bobby Baker** Lancaster 803-804-2230

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24 m/o reg red & wht bull, \$1800; 4 PB bulls, \$1300+; reg hefrs, \$1500+ John Steele Lancaster 803-283-7720

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### 12-15 M/O HRFRD BULLS

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16 m/o, perf pedigrees, low birth rate, low input, exc feet, \$3500+ Walter Shealy Newberry 803-924-1000

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#### **16-17 M/O RPLCMNT HEFRS**

sired by AI bulls, \$1200 **Jason Nichols** Saluda 864-992-2753

### **PB HRFRD BULLS**

Line One, \$2750 Iim Drake Anderson 864-352-3774

### FARM EQUIPMENT

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

### FORD TRACTOR

new lift cyl, PTO shaft, starter, alt, tires, carb, fuel tank, frt end, & all new parts, \$4975 Tom Kirkley Lancaster 803-246-8195

### **RHINO ROTARY CUTTER**

mod TW84, same as used by the highway dept, GC, \$4000 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

### **FA 130 ATTACHS**

for FA 130 mowing machine, 2 disc plow, cult & plntr parts, photos avail, \$750 Harry McMillan Spartanburg 864-327-7369

### **'03 EXISS 3H SL TRL**

w/stud panel, dressing room & rear tact, clear SC title, LN, \$17,000 Ann Shirley Chester 803-379-0134

### **CASE THRESHER**

& sq hay press, both antiq, \$800 ea; JD grain binder, \$500 Ed Long Laurens 864-505-6765

## MF 135 TRACTOR

Perkins, \$5000, MF 165, restored, LN, \$7000; both dsl. in EC & housed Mell Patterson Laurens 864-871-4588

### **KRONE 283S DISC MWR**

\$8500; 2' GN Stoll cow trl, \$8000 Stanley Keaton Abbeville 864-378-8015

### **EARLY '50S FA CUB**

GRC, belly mwr, belly disc plow, cults, \$2750 C V Gibbs Spartanburg 864-594-9525

EC, \$12,000; Tedders, old NH/Ford 157, 2 whl, & Kuhn GF440T, 4 whl, \$500 for both Allen Kirchner

### 803-646-0999

**3000 FORD** 40 hrs, \$9500

btm plow, \$1200; JD 328 baler accumltr, grapple, \$16,000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield

**HD OFFSET DISC HARROW** w/good tires & pump, needs blade adj, GC, \$1600 blades, \$800 D L Dimery FC Noles Lexington Barnwell 803-796-2995 803-383-4066

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pull type, EC, \$5200 Rowland Alston Sumter 803-491-7180

### **FORD 530 SQ BALER**

\$500; Enoagricola Rossi 4 whl rake, & PZ Zweegers HS360 haybob tedders, \$500 ea Reid Bailey Abbeville 864-378-9746

### 6' HD GRAPPLE

fits Kubota 6040/skid steer, GWC, photos avail, \$2000 Terry Gardner Saluda 864-993-4036

### '12 7060 NH BALER

\$10,000; JD 4230 tractor, \$3000; Tonutti Spa 8 whl hay rake, \$1000 Roger Marcengill Oconee 864-647-5327

### JD 328 SQ BALER

dsl, \$4500; 3000 Ford, gas, \$4000; Mahindra eMax 22S, Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714

### JD 4710 SPRYR

\$48,000; Case 3 reversible 843-517-0315

### **HD 3PH DISC HARROW**

16 scalloped blade, screw

### '17 CAT 299D2

track ldr/skid steer, 1750 hrs, \$85,000 Cullen Johnson Aiken 803-522-4959

# NH 650 RND BALER

4×6, \$4000 Ed Hagan Abbeville 864-378-6992

## **AC AIR 4R PLNTR**

3pt, stored inside, plants all types of seeds, \$2500 **Edward Berger** Dorchester 843-832-9233

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\$850; Cosmo 500 sprdr, \$375; boom pole, \$150; all 3ph & shedded Paul Gentry Spartanburg 864-361-0360

### '71 CUB TRACTOR yel/wht, GC w/attach,

\$2800; '52 M FA w/PS, \$1300 Wendell Whelchel Cherokee 864-489-1050 **HAY BALER** 

Vermeer 504 Super 1, & Krone disc mwr eazy-cutter, \$4000 ea; RC58 hay rake, \$2000; more Terry Gable Abbeville 864-446-6442

### JD 6300 W/LDR

\$33,500 obo; Pequea 11 whl hay rake, NH 7740 w/ldr, \$25,000 Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

### MF SQ BALER

type 124, \$2500; M FA, \$800 Jack Holbrook Anderson 864-314-1145

### 2 JD 24T BALERS

can repair or use for parts, \$500 for both Chuck Myers York 803-493-3384

### **KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR**

165 hrs, \$27,000 **Russell Goings** Union 864-426-2309

### MF 1080

\$9500; JD 4720 4wd ldr, \$32,000; Cat D7F, \$35,000; MF 1105, \$15,000; JD 3020, \$10,000 Ronald McGraw Lancaster 980-255-8584

### JD 2255

dsl, 50 hp, 3ph, remote, PS, \$6000: Sundowner GN 2H SL w/dressing room, torsion axles, new tires, \$4200 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

### **NH 1411 DISCBINE** GC w/new blades, \$9500

Alex Moore Lexington 803-587-3381

### JD LDR

new hyd hoses, attach(s) incl, \$1500 Ottis Wagner 704-609-4912

### **NH 256 HAY RAKE** Rolabar mod, \$1250 Don Hammons

Greenville 864-419-1699 NH SQ BALER LN, barn kept, \$10,000 Bill Davidson

### 704-641-5267

NH 848 RND BALER net wrap, \$1500 James Livingston Lexington 803-920-0093

### 5' BUSH HOG FINISHING

**MWR** comp unit, EC, no rust, \$1000; Leinbach 3ph bale spike, \$250; cash only E Jeter Union 803-917-6243

### NH 648 BALER

twine, auto-wrap, wide pick-up, shed kept, \$7500 Michael Brown Newberry 803-924-1556

### **16 HORTON HAULER**

22' 14,000 lb equip trl, w/ low deck & raised fenders, GC, \$3500 Layton Gwinn Aiken 803-309-9982

### **BALE WAGON**

NH Stackliner mod 1012, \$4000 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

### '52 FORD 8N

GC, \$3000; 8'×16' all steel trl w/2 ldr pads, 2 axles w/4 tires, \$4000, no text Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

# 2 WAGONS

30'×8' all metal wagon, used for hauling hay, \$800; 16'×8' metal flr wagon, \$600 Brice Stephenson 803-684-3418

### **LEINBACH DIRT SCOOP**

3pt, EC, reversible, \$250 Tom Coggins Spartanburg 864-216-1637

### FIMCO 25 GAL SPRYR

IH 1ph, 12' boom, \$350; 3ph hay fork, rnd bale by Countryline, new, \$300 Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

### **NH TEDDER MOD 162**

4 rotor, for parts or repair, \$650 Wade Parnell Anderson 864-338-5678 JD 2950 TRACTOR

\$12,900; 5 shank chisel plow, \$600 Ben Ryan Colleton 843-908-3023 **HAY TRL** 

w/bull dozer blade, GC,

\$500; hay rake, \$200 ea; bush hog & harrows, \$100 ea Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

### **BUSH HOG GROOMING MWR**

antiq/vintage '60-64, 5', cuts good, lrg 18¾" spoke whl on deck, more, photos avail, \$500 **Bob White** Spartanburg 864-457-2293

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#### **CLEARING**

grading, stumping, demo, hvy discing, Rome disc-dozer Keith Peterson Chester 803-633-4015

### **CERTIFIED FARRIER SERV**

trim & shoe trail horses, also trim goat hooves, & donkeys, call for appt Joe Payne Oconee 864-888-7642

#### **FORESTRY MULCHING & CLEARING**

clear land w/mulcher or excavator, small to lrg tracts Dakota Hollman Lexington 803-687-6382

### **LIGHT BUSH HOGGING**

tractor work, lawn maint Glenn Goins Lexington 803-381-8287

### **FORESTRY MULCHING & CLEARING**

pine site prep, mulching, land clearing, ditching/ drainage, ponds, road work Andy Anderson Florence 843-862-1080

### LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

#### **PASTURE MGMT SERV**

spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert & lime, plant pastures, Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda,

Kenny Mullis Richland 803-331-6612

#### TRACTOR WORK

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

### **LIME SPREADING**

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

### **FORESTRY MULCHING**

land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging lav Lowder Clarendon 803-473-0646

### DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

#### **AG FENCE INSTALL**

serving the Upstate, fixed knot woven wire, barb, HT elec, board, hyd post driving Taylor Chappell Abbeville 864-276-8906

### **SAWMILL SERVICES**

30" mobile, 60" drop-off & 48" slabs John Smith Pickens 843-870-8253

### **PECAN CRACKING**

& shelling serv, 50¢/lb for cracking only; 85¢/lb for both Richard Naumann Richland 803-546-4603

### LAND CLEARING

logging clean up, stumping/ raking, building pads, ditch maint, licensed & insured, serving all of SC Ben Leonard **Pickens** 864-901-8155

### **ONSITE MOBILE WELDING**

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

# **FENCES INSTALLED**

per your specs, free est Bruce Thomas Dorchester 843-636-1699

#### **CUSTOM SPRIGGING SERV**

CB & Tifton 85 Timmy Benton Colleton 843-908-3222

### 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.

### 15A PASTURE FOR LEASE

w/12 stall barn, 2 rings, 1006 Side Sites Rd, Irmo Melissa Williams Richland 803-603-8075

### WANT LAND TO LEASE

for cows, near Belton, & poss land lease hay Tyler Roark Anderson 864-437-6048

#### WANT 5+A PASTURE

Fairfield, Chester, York, Lancaster, Union Cos Russell Brown Fairfield 803-718-0911

### **132A SUMTER CO**

timber, Pocotaligo Swamp, w/gov easement, duck & deer hunting, \$1100/A Horace Roberson Sumter 803-972-4800

### 20+/-A UNION CO

near Natl Forest, timber, turkey, deer, \$140,000 Kenneth Chicos Laurens 276-445-5771

#### **WANT 5+A**

suitable for livestock, Fairfield, Kershaw Co Mason Motley Richland 803-754-3224

### **WANT TO LEASE**

swamp or wetland area, for occasional duck hunt, experienced, mature, safe individual Lou Tocci Richland 803-622-8791

### WANT LAND TO LEASE

for '23 hunting season, Upstate Sid Lewis Greenville 864-483-5058

### WANT LAND TO LEASE

for hunting, Darlington or surrounding Cos, have equip to repair & maintain property Ray Sealey Darlington 843-409-1717

### **WANT HAY PASTURE**

to lease in York Co, will fert & maintain property Jim Wells York 704-533-4022

### **70A OCONEE CO FOR** LEASE

recently fenced perimeter & cross line, auto cattle waterers, & fresh creek Tammy Hodge Sumter 803-983-5041

#### FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE

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

### **CHICKEN EGGS**

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

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

#### FIG & POMEGRANATES

\$20; grapevines, \$10; Mulberry, \$25; Blueberry plants, 3/\$20; more; Blkberry plants, 3/\$25 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

### HOGS / PIGS

### (2) 6 M/O FEEDER MALES

cut, mix breed, 50-60 lbs ea, \$65 ea, or \$100 for both Matthew Kearse Hampton 803-842-0377

### **KUNEKUNES**

1 boar, 5 sows, & 6 piglets, all dbl-wattled, \$600 for all Darel Watts Horry 843-504-1570

### HAY & GRAIN

### '22 5×5 CB

200 bales, \$40/bale Jerry McElveen Clarendon 843-598-0445

### '22 HQ SQ CB

del avail, \$9.50/bale Ryan Lindler Lexington 803-603-2484

### WHEAT STRAW

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

### '22 4×5 RND CB

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

### WHEAT STRAW

Richard Knight Kershaw 803-427-6440

rnd, net wrap, fert & sprayed, \$40/bale, some del avail Don Counts Newberry 803-315-1016

### **'22 SQ OAT STRAW BALES** clean, \$4.50 ea

Tom Fink 803-622-4678

del avail for fee, \$75/bale **Edward Chavis** Barnwell 803-671-3108

\$13/bale; Fescue, \$10/bale; load, \$15.50/bale Joseph Henson York

### **RYE STRAW**

\$5 ea, barn kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642

### SQ CB

\$7 ea; Rye straw, \$5 ea; all 803-312-3316

# GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

### **DAIRY GOATS**

herd reduction, Lamancha, Nubian, Saneen, not disbudded, \$100-175 **Beverly Ammons** Berkeley 843-761-2962

### **BOER NANNIES**

& doelings, 30 nannies, \$300 ea; 25 big doelings, \$250 Vernon Boling Aiken

# 304-559-7722

**BABY PYGMY BILLIES** 8 w/o, UTD on shots, wormed, \$100 each Barry Mauldin Edgefield 803-606-6579

### **BABY PYGMY GOATS**

B-Feb & Mar, \$250/F, \$180/M

12 W/o M & F, \$150-200 Donna Moran Dorchester 843-814-9389

Rickey Mackey Colleton 843-709-3677

mostly ram lambs, some

rams & ewes, \$150+

Eric Miller

Greenville

864-684-2260

### **NGN DWARF GOATS**

**BARBADOS SHEEP** 

### **3 COMM DORPER RAMS**

6 m/o, weaned, \$400 ea Edward Holliday Laurens 864-684-7075

### **NUBIANS**

ADGA registrable, exc peds, CAE neg herd, \$250-300/ bucklings, \$400-500/doelings Heather Terry Chester 803-374-4672

**REG FAINTING GOATS** 12 m/o nanny & billy, 6 m/o billies, \$450 ea Lisa Scott Lexington 803-331-8309

### **DORPER/KATAHDIN RAM**

21/2 y/o, proven breeder, lrg, blk/wht, \$275 or trade Tammy Hodge Sumter 803-983-5041

### **KIKO BILLY GOATS**

2 age groups, \$75-150 ea Jonathan Hardy Richland 803-730-8551

### **ABGA REG BUCK**

B-10/30, \$400 obo; text preferred Jennifer Smolensky Colleton 843-599-2987

### **2 FB NUBIAN DOES**

\$300 ea Aaron Shirey Lexington 803-413-2974

### **NUBIAN BUCK KID**

4 m/o, \$200 Gerald Smith Orangeburg 803-378-2783

### **NGN DWARF BUCK**

11/2 y/o, brn & wht, proven, blue eyed & polled, \$200 or trade for blue eyed polled buck David Oser Dorchester 843-557-5200

# **BOAR CROSS KIDS**

4 m/o, \$200 ea Terry Gibert Greenwood 864-993-4212

ewes & rams, \$200+ Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630

### YNG KATAHDIN

**SHEEP** 

small & lrg, \$100+

Dan Coward

843-472-8122

Dillon

4×5 net wrap, \$40 ea

### '23 FESCUE & RYE GRASS

### Lexington

'22 4×5 HQ CB shed stored, fert/lime, NR,

# **HQ TIMOTHY/ORCHARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> cut Alfalfa, 53' tractor trl 803-448-5287

barn kept Howard McCartha Lexington

# PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

### **OAK TREES**

5'T, \$10 ea Brian Gray Greenville 864-908-9777

# WINTER DAPHNE

Sycamore, Mimosa, Carolina Sapphire, \$20; 3 gal Azaleas \$10; Tea Olives, \$7; 1 gal Azaleas & boxwoods, \$6 FC Noles Barnwell

### **2 LENTEN ROSES** small healthy plants, \$5 ea,

cash only Nannette Boswell Greenville 864-382-8479 **MONKEY GRASS** 

aka Liriope, Hosta, \$4 ea; Iris, Daylily, \$5 ea; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$10 ea Woody Ellenburg Pickens 864-855-2565

### JAP MAPLES

all sizes, colors, Gingko's, \$25+ George Luthren Lexington 803-319-1380

## **CANNAS**

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

## RABBITS

### 9 REX/NZ CROSS

803-383-4066

5 w/o on 4/20, \$15 ea Matthew Kearse Hampton 803-842-0377

LA COTTONTAIL CROSSED

on MS cane cutter, \$10 ea

### 803-924-6953

Danny Cook

Newberry

**HOLLAND LOPS** & Netherland Dwarfs, \$50+ Amy Ridgeway Lexington 803-629-5131

### LA COTTONTAILS

Duman Wicker Newberry 803-537-7222 REX

all colors, yng, \$15 & \$20 ea; grown bucks, \$15 ea; LA cottontails, grown bucks, \$15 ea; does, \$25 ea; yng, \$15 ea Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

### SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A **CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.** 

### **SOYBEAN SEED**

Glyphosate tolerant, G-93%, \$20/50 lb bag; Browntop millet seed, G-83%, \$30/50 lb bag Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

### MISCELLANEOUS

### **275 PORT TANK**

\$250; oil tank, \$25 Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

### 30×75' JADERLOON

\$8500 Randie Horton Lancaster 803-246-5107

#### HONEY BEE 5 FRAME NUCS

in cardboard nuc box, Apr-Sept, p-up, \$180; mated queens, \$35 Sam Bolick Fairfield 704-795-3900

### **HORSE COMPOST**

no shavings, \$10/truck load Mary Stroman Lexington 803-894-6178

### **RADIATOR**

for IH 715 combine, \$300; new 5 hp elec motor, bought for grain auger, will work w/anything, \$800 Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753

### 19 KUBOTA DSL ZERO TURN

LN, 50 hrs, mod ZD 1011, \$13,950 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

#### TROY ROTO TILLER

not used in 4 yrs, runs, has Kohler eng, shed kept, \$400 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

### 6'-25'L1×6" CEDAR LUMBER

cedar posts & util poles, \$1-2.50/ft James Burns Laurens 864-918-6308

### **USED NURSERY POTS**

1 gal, 15¢; 2 gal, 25¢; 3 gal, 40¢; 5 gal, 65¢; 7 gal, 90¢ Brian Gray Greenville 864-908-9777

#### **RND CEDAR POSTS**

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

### PINE & OAK BOARDS

rough cut, 6, 8, 10"W, pine, \$2/bdft; oak, \$4/bdft Joel Grubb Calhoun 803-351-0144

### 16×9-38 BKT TRACTOR TIRE

8 ply, new, \$675 Edward Klugh Greenwood 864-374-3162

### **SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL**

5 ton load, \$60/sand clay; \$90 /topsoil, del w/in 20 mi; rock or sand, \$2/mi del David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

### **DEHORNING TOOLS**

& dehorning, hoof cleaning, more, \$25 ea or \$90 for all George Whittle Edgefield 803-275-3729

#### **DSL WELDER/GEN**

AC/DC, Miller Bobcat 250D, low hrs, 50' of leads, \$5500 Stanley Taylor Chester 803-789-5236

### '67 JD LAWN TRACTOR

mod 110–112, deck w/metal rnd fenders & seat, \$675 Greg Alewine Lee 803-229-2322

### JD 737 ZERO TURN

**LAWN MWR** 60" cut, no flat frt whls, \$2500 Richard Rentz Bamberg 803-793-7642

### **90 GAL SPRYER**

JD LP20853, \$550 Cal Norris Edgefield 864-378-2693

### JD 265 LAWN MWR

LN, 17 hp Kawasaki, GRC, 48" deck, hydro trans, new battery, \$1200 obo Tom Williams Greenville 864-423-1854

### **WEEDEATER PUSH LAWN MWR**

4.5 hp B&S eng, \$175 obo; Ford Ind eng, for pump, sawmill, etc, \$1750 obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

### **57" BARN FANS**

high efficient w/Kevlar shrouds, used 2 seasons, \$400 ea Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

### **CATTLE SQUEEZE CHUTE**

manual head catch w/rear slide gate, \$2500 Robert Ivey Spartanburg 864-505-5330

### **LUMBER**

Pine, 1×4, 6, 8×8-16'; 2×4 &  $2\times6\times8-12'$ , \$2/bdft; Live Edge Red Oak, 3×19 (Av) × 12', \$6/bdft George Jewell Lancaster 803-283-9129

#### **BLACK HAWK CORN** SHELLER

& Garden push plow w/ rubber whl, EC, \$85 ea R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

### **HDWD LUMBER**

red Oak, wht Oak, & Poplar, boards 1"×12"×8'L, \$3/bdft Ryan Anderson Greenville 864-234-2918

## 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

### **5 GAL BUCKETS W/LIDS**

\$1.95; Century welder 230 amp, \$225; spin seed sprdr, \$190; more F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

#### **HOMELITE 5HP IRRIG PUMP**

new, \$275; lot hose, \$75; Rainbird irrig sprinklers, \$20 ea George Schwab York 803-493-8021

### 2 MULE HAY RAKE WHLS

\$50 ea Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

### **55 GAL FG DRUMS**

metal, \$20 ea; plastic drums, 30 & 55 gal, solid tops, \$15 & \$20 ea; 275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 ea Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

### **RND 7' CEDAR POSTS**

\$3 ea; cedar poles, \$5 ea/8', \$7 ea/10'; sq fence posts, 4×4×8, \$8; 6×6, \$20; more Andy Morris Newberry 803-276-2670

### **CARPENTER BEE TRAPS**

sold & shipped in lots of 5, \$85 incl ship Bill Timmerman Aiken 803-640-6265

### **OLD BARN BOARDS**

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

### POULTRY

### **BLK AUSTRALORP**

7 lrg roos, \$5 ea Martin McLemore Lexington 803-315-6165

### WHT KING PIGEONS

\$15 ea Lynn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285

### **DIAMOND DOVES** \$20 ea

Sumter 803-494-8499 **HOMING PIGEONS** \$25 ea

James Malphrus

Dorchester

843-821-8172

Mosco Faulk

# **HATCHING EGGS**

Wht silkey, \$20/doz; Royal palm turkey, \$10 ea Ernie Redmond Orangeburg 803-568-4043

### **TURKEYS**

Broad breasted bronze, \$100/pr; Guinea keets, \$5 Nelson Brawley Union 864-426-1634

### **ADULT GUINEAS**

\$45/trio; Ringneck pheasants, \$100/trio; Swiss Mondain pigeons, flock of 25 birds, \$1700 Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627

### **HATCHING EGGS**

by the dozen; bronze turkey, 864-426-1634

### **TURKEYS**

Porters sweet grass, \$20 ea; ducklings, Rouen's, Khaki Campbells & crosses, 3 for \$20 David Oser Dorchester

Lexington 803-796-8365

#### **STAGS**

### **ROOS & PEKING DRAKES**

\$1 ea; Heritage turkeys, & BB, 4 w/o, \$15 Tony Brewer

Wayne Howell Spartanburg 864-529-7093

#### 2 INDIA BLUE PEACOCKS

8 m/o, \$200 ea obro Marissa Bailey Lexington 803-260-3026

### **PEACOCKS**

Indian Blue, Bronze, Purple Blk Shoulder, Spaulding, must buy in prs, \$350-500/pr Lisa Scott Lexington 803-331-8309

### **ASST CHICKS**

\$2.50 ea; baby Mallards, \$6+ ea

### **GUINEAS FOWLS**

var kinds, \$20 ea, disc on multi taken LaVern Raber Pickens 864-868-8015

### **WARHORSE**

Flarry Eye Greys, Hatch, Kelso, \$25+/hen; \$50 & \$100; 4 M peacocks, 2 y/o, will trade for hens, \$140 ea Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

## WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

### **JD 70**

prefer diesel/tricycle, not running or projects is ok Charles Musselwhite Pickens 864-640-1311

### LIVESTOCK TRL

tag-a-long or GN, prefer 16-20' Roger Uldrick Calhoun 803-671-0163

### 9' DISC MWR

Salvage Krone AM282 w/ good slides Jeff Millen Chester 803-209-0893

### **BELT TENSIONER SPRING**

for Vermeer 505 Super I, the long one Calvin Owens Newberry 803-924-2732

### **ESCAPE MECHANISM**

for early KMC Ripper Ernest Winningham Berkeley 843-830-6677

### **USED 4' HARROWS**

to make food plots in wooded area, must have 3ph Gerald F Barks Jr Abbeville 864-554-0686

### **FORKS**

for 395 Buhler-Allied frt end ldr David Iulian Spartanburg 864-979-3957

### JD OR INTL TRACTOR

40-50 hp, that needs mechanical work James Hutchison Richland 803-466-7151

### **MANURE SPRDR**

pull type, med sized, 50 bu F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768 **FERT HOPPER** 

& plntr covering whl for FA Super A-140 Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

\$20; guinea \$8; coturnix quail, mixed chicken, silkies, \$5 Union

843-557-5200 **GUINEAS** female pearl, laying, \$20; Bantam roo, \$10 **Bridgett Schumpert** 

9 m/o Sweater, \$50; Sweater & Kelso/Sweater, both 12 m/o, \$100 ea; Sweater hens, \$25 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309

McCormick 864-602-1562 **YNG DOVES** multiple colors, \$20 ea

Shane Sease Bamberg 803-824-9124

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

# WANT - LIVESTOCK EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

**SOUTH POLL COWS** & hefrs/calves, near Belton Tyler Roark Anderson 864-417-7787

### **BOURBON RED TURKEY HEN**

Marissa Bailey Lexington 803-260-3026

## **TURKEY HENS**

standard Bronze or Narragansett Bobby Arnold McCormick 864-602-0437

### **PIGEONS OR POULTRY**

any type, reasonably priced Lynn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285

WHITE DOVES Jack F Smith

Anderson

### 864-309-1710

**MODAIN PIGEONS** & New Hampshire red roos Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627

**PEACOCK HENS** will trade 2 y/o males, Indian Blue, wht Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

# WANT - HAY

### **COW HAY**

near Belton, may buy multi depends on price & cond Tyler Roark Anderson 864-437-6048

OLDER AXES & HATCHETS indiv or entire collctns, in any cond, cash paid Douglas Blackburn Out of State 404-702-9581

### **ELEC FUEL TANK PUMP**

goes into 500 gal dsl tank Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753

28×13.6 TRACTOR TIRE

### Lancaster 828-234-1241

Patty Rumsey

**5V CRIMP TIN** any old farm equip or metal items removed for free David Wannamaker Calhoun

### 803-682-2117 FIELDS OF LONG LEAF

**STRAW** for raking, top prices paid, American owned David Shull Lexington 803-318-4263

# **COVER DISC BRACKETS**

that will fit 110 or 210 disc harrow Marshall Redd Aiken

# 803-522-0317

**ANY SIZE WASH POTS** syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/ halls & weathervane, more Perry Masters Greenville

### 864-561-4792 **BLKSMITH ANVIL**

post vice, any size farm bells R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

### **PULPWD SAW TIMBER**

hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, pay top prices, Upstate Cos Tim Morgan Greenville 864-420-0251

5 MARKET BULLETIN

# INNOVATIVE POULTRY PRODUCTS EXPANDING OPERATIONS IN BAMBERG COUNTY

\$2.86 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 30 NEW JOBS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Innovative Poultry Products, LLC (Innovative Poultry Products), a manufacturer of poultry farming equipment, on April 5 announced plans to expand its operations in Bamberg County. The company's \$2.86 million investment will create 30 new jobs over the next five years.

Founded in 2015, Innovative Poultry Products provides durable and useful tools for poultry farmers, delivering prompt and dependable service. The company specializes in creating equipment to help farmers work more efficiently.

Innovative Poultry Products plans to build a new facility, including offices, to manufacture machines for the poultry industry. The new facility, located with its existing operations at 2192 Juniper Creek Road in Olar, will allow the company to produce poultry equipment in-house that previously has been outsourced.

The expansion is expected to be complete by February 2024. Individuals interested in joining the Innovative Poultry Products team should visit the company's contact page, innovative poultry products.com/contact.html.

"We at Innovative Poultry Products are looking forward to bringing this new plant online here in Bamberg County. It is a special opportunity to be able to build a state-of-the-art agricultural manufacturing facility in one of the most rural areas of South Carolina. We look forward to continuing to serve our country's farming communities from our own local community."

—Innovative Poultry Products, LLC President Chad Brubaker

"South Carolina has a large portfolio of leading manufacturing companies, and we are proud that we have added Innovative Poultry Products to that roster. We congratulate Innovative Poultry Products on their investment that will continue the growth of our dynamic manufacturing industry."

—Gov. Henry McMaster

"We are excited to see Innovative Poultry Products expanding again in Bamberg County. This announcement demonstrates how companies thrive in South Carolina because of our world-class resources. Congratulations to Innovative Poultry Products, and we look forward to the positive impact the company will continue to make in the state."

—Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

"This expansion shows that South Carolina offers a great business environment for agribusinesses to prosper and grow. We're proud of the way Innovative Poultry Products serves farmers in South Carolina and beyond and look forward to supporting them."

—Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

"What a great opportunity for Bamberg County that one of our own constituents decided to stay home and grow the business, providing good jobs! We look forward to helping Innovative Poultry Products grow even more."

—Bamberg County Council Chairman Dr. Jonathan Goodman

"SouthernCarolina Alliance congratulates Chad Brubaker and his team on their continued success with Innovative Poultry Products. We appreciate his investment in our region and salute his innovation in this critical agribusiness. Every job created provides an opportunity for a family here at home."

—SouthernCarolina Alliance President and Chief Executive Officer Danny Black



# USDA ASKS AMERICANS TO PROTECT PLANTS BY LOOKING FOR INVASIVE PESTS IN APRIL

BY USDA

WASHINGTON, April 4, 2023 — The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is declaring April 2023 Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month (IPPDAM). This national outreach month is dedicated to highlighting the impact of invasive plant pests and diseases on plants nationwide and informing Americans how they can help reduce their spread. IPPDAM aims to raise public awareness about the threat and how U.S. residents can help protect U.S. resources from hungry pests.

"Each year, invasive insects and plant diseases cause an estimated \$40 billion in damages to plants that sustain us," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Invasive species threaten our food security, agricultural livelihoods, and way of life. Luckily, there's a lot we can do to protect our resources. This spring, familiarize yourself with the invasive pest quarantines in your area and do your part to avoid inadvertently moving invasive insects and plant diseases to new areas."

"Many invasive plant pests and diseases are natural hitchhikers and can be hard to see. It's all too easy to unintentionally move them to new areas, said Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Moffitt. "Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month is a reminder to all of us to limit the spread of plant pests and diseases."

Nonnative plant pests can hitchhike in untreated firewood, attach themselves to cars, boats, and other outdoor surfaces—or take a ride in the mail. They can travel to new areas on agricultural material such as soil, seeds, homegrown produce, and plants.

Invasive pests have few or no natural predators in their new environments, so their populations quickly outpace native species and spread. These nonnative plant pests and diseases disrupt our ecosystems and reduce biological diversity. Climate change can magnify the impact of invasive species by increasing the level of plant pest infestations and disease infection, allowing pests to produce more generations each year, and increasing their suitable habitat. We need the public's help to protect our ecosystems, food supply, livelihoods, and way of life from the devastating impact invasive pests have on domestic plant health each year. Together we can make a difference.

To protect domestic plant health:

- Learn about possible quarantines in your area, as well as the signs of invasive pest infestation on wild plants and agriculture.
- Invasive plant pest egg masses on outdoor surfaces are easily mistaken for a smear of mud, so it's important to clean your car and outdoor gear before traveling with them to new places.
- If you find signs of new invasive plant pests and diseases in your area, report them to your local Extension office, state department of agriculture or your USDA State Plant Health Director's office.
- Don't move untreated firewood—even if it looks pest-free on the outside.
   To avoid unintentionally spreading tree-killing beetles that hide in firewood, buy or source wood locally, or use certified, heat-treated firewood.
- Source your plants and seeds responsibly. When ordering online, ensure the plant is coming from a domestic source or follow import regulations. If you don't know where an agricultural product is coming from, don't buy it online. U.S. regulations apply to the importer of record—meaning the person purchasing and importing the product from overseas—not the online merchant. Learn how to safely and legally order plants and seeds online.
- Don't mail homegrown plants, fruits and vegetables to avoid inadvertently mailing a plant pest with them.
- When in doubt, contact your local USDA State Plant Health Director's office
- to find out what you need to do before buying seeds or plants online from an international vendor or before mailing homegrown agricultural goods.
- To comply with U.S. laws and avoid introducing new invasive species into the U.S., declare all agricultural items, including seeds, soil, and handicrafts to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for inspection when returning from overseas travel.

To learn more about invasive plant pests and diseases in your area and how to stop them, visit HungryPests.com.



# SONOCO PARTNERS WITH GREENGASUSA TO REDUCE EMISSIONS AND PROVIDE RENEWABLE ENERGY

BY SONOCO

Sonoco has upgraded its Hartsville wastewater treatment site to significantly reduce carbon emissions. The company began treating wastewater from its paper operations in the 1950's and in 1987, an anaerobic lagoon was added to improve the system's efficiency. Anaerobic wastewater treatment is a highly efficient treatment process that uses less energy and produces less sludge than conventional aerobic treatment. The organic matter in the wastewater is converted to carbon dioxide and methane. In addition to the anaerobic treatment, a cover on the lagoon had been capturing the gases and routing them to a flare for destruction.

In partnership with renewable natural gas developer GreenGasUSA, new biogas equipment now converts any gaseous methane to pipeline quality renewable natural gas for use in homes and businesses using the existing interstate pipeline system. It's expected to reduce Sonoco's greenhouse gas emissions by 8,000 metric tons per year and provide renewable energy to South Carolina.

"We're proud of our sustainability record in Hartsville and our history of doing the right thing for the environment," said Sonoco Vice President of Environmental, Sustainability, & Technical Services Elizabeth Rhue.

"This GreenGasUSA partnership allows us to take our efforts one step further by turning a waste gas into a valuable resource for the community while reducing our carbon footprint," said Rhue. "We see this investment as a win for Sonoco, a win for GreenGas, and, most importantly, a win for the environment."

A leading provider of renewable energy solutions, GreenGas helps farmers, food producers and

manufacturers capture greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from their operations and convert the waste streams into RNG for use as a zero- and negative-carbon fuel source to offset and reduce fossil fuel consumption.

"We are excited about Sonoco's latest efforts to further reduce methane emissions, one of the most potent greenhouse gases, and condition it to a valuable, renewable fuel for end-users. Sonoco's Sustainability Team is setting the standard for environmental stewardship, sustainability and closing emission loops to create a circular economy," said CEO and Founder of GreenGasUSA Marc Fetten.

South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, a champion of GreenGasUSA's work to capture emissions from agribusiness, also applauded the project and partnership.

"GreenGas and Sonoco are leading the way in reducing our state's carbon footprint. Innovative projects like this strengthen South Carolina's agribusiness industry and lead us to a more sustainable future," said South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers.

Sonoco has had a long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship. The company has set ambitious goals aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement. They involve reducing absolute scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2030 from a 2020 base year and absolute scope 3 emissions by 13.5% from a 2019 base year.

More information about Sonoco's sustainability efforts is available at sonoco.com/sustainability/ learn/reports/.

### **ABOUT SONOCO**

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SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL TO HOLD SPRING AGRICULTURAL TOUR

BY SC AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

On Thursday, May 4, 2023, the South Carolina Agricultural Council is heading to Moore Farms Botanical Garden and the Lake City Area for our Spring 2023 tour! Join us for an enjoyable and information packed stroll through the garden. This guided tour gives a personalized and thorough interpretation of the garden, as you'll gain unique insight into design concepts, plant identification, gardening techniques, and the history of the site.

The cost of the tour is \$95. This includes travel to and from each stop, catered lunch at School House BBQ, and participation at each of the designated tour stops. After touring Moore Farms Botanical Garden (moorefarmsbg.org) in the morning and eating lunch, tour participants will get some free

time to explore downtown Lake City - outdoor murals and public art, three art museums, Lake City Farmers Market, Dr. Ronald E. McNair Memorial, and various antique stores. The tour will conclude with a visit with The Citrus Man at McKenzie Farm Nursery (mckenzie-farms.com).

The tour will begin and end at the South Carolina Farm Bureau Office (724 Knox Abbott Dr, Cayce, SC 29033).

To register, visit eventbrite.com and search "south carolina agricultural council". Find the SC Agricultural Council on Facebook at facebook.com/ scagcouncil.



MARKET BULLETIN

# INFORMED CONSUMERS CAN AVOID SCAM FERTILIZERS, SAY STATE REGULATORS

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Like most farmers across South Carolina, Chris Stevens is struggling to fight high costs caused by inflation so he can keep his chin above the waterline.

So, when he saw social media advertisements for a fertilizer product that claimed to be superconcentrated with the nutrients required to prime his Horry County hay crop, the crop insurance agent for AssuredAg LLC did the math and jumped at the opportunity to try it.

The product claimed to contain 25 units of nitrogen per gallon. That added up to a 50% reduction in fertilizer costs on Stevens' 30-acre ryegrass crop.

Stevens applied the product for the 2022 growing season, but it wasn't long before he realized something was wrong.

"We saw absolutely no results. There was no change in look like we would normally see," Stevens said.

So, Stevens reached out to the company, and was asked to take some photos, set up some test plots and apply the product again. Once again, there were no results.

It wasn't long before Stevens did some research and realized it was all smoke and mirrors.

The online reviews were vague and referenced cities that didn't exist, and the results the company claimed were validated by university studies were not true. Several of the claimed university studies had never even been conducted.

When Stevens reached out to the company, they offered him a product refund in exchange for signing a nondisclosure agreement, but that didn't sit right with Stevens.

"I wasn't interested. I work with a lot of farmers, and I guess I feel a sense of obligation to share what I've learned," he said.

In the end Stevens spent \$10,000 on the fertilizer product and figures he lost nearly \$5,000 on the failed ryegrass crop.

"After seeing no results, we didn't apply any more of the product. The rest of it is still sitting in its containers," Stevens said.

# STEPS TO MINIMIZE RISK AND COSTS

Consumers can take steps to minimize their risk when purchasing fertilizers, says Brad Stancil, assistant director of the Clemson University Department of Fertilizer Regulatory and Certification Services.



Stancil leads a small team of inspectors that enforce Section 46-25-10 of the SC Code of Laws pertaining to the manufacturing and selling of all commercial fertilizers in South Carolina, but he says it is tough to regulate internet sales.

"Many of them don't have an outlet or brick-andmortar store. They are selling through what they call 'dealers,' but the dealers are not really named. They're just guys that have agreed to sell a product to make money. Even if the product has been sampled and tested, the dealers can make claims about the product that aren't true. You find these products all over social media and Craigslist," Stancil said.

Some consumers are also looking to industrial by-products like sludge, wood ash, compost, liquids and others to help feed crops and save money.

But by-products must be approved by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control before they can be applied to land. Once they are approved by DHEC, Clemson may register the by-product as a fertilizer, lime, or soil amendment. In some cases, Clemson might require a research trial before a by-product is registered.

"Some of them are fine. Some of them have calcium and other things in them that crops need. Some people buy those and blend them in with other fertilizers. But it could also be detrimental to your crop or garden, and it could harm the environment or drinking water depending on what the product is," Stancil said.

While it's "buyer beware" for many internet fertilizer sales and by-products, Stancil says any fertilizer purchase and application should be informed by a soil test and report to determine the amount of nutrients in the soil and help home gardeners and farms apply the right amount of fertilizer and lime for optimum growth and cost savings through precise application.

The Clemson University Extension Service recommends soil sampling every year and says soil samples can be taken at any time of the year, but it is best to sample the soil a couple months before planting to allow ample time for the lime to react with the soil.

Information on collecting and submitting soil samples can be found at Clemson's Home & Garden Information Center or by visiting the local Clemson Extension County Office.

Samples can be mailed directly to the Clemson Agricultural Service Laboratory.

The consumer should receive a soil report in seven to 14 business days. Consumers can then call the Department of Fertilizer Regulation or their local Extension Office if they need help interpreting the report.

Stancil also says that it's essential for consumers to understand how to read a fertilizer label. According to law, all fertilizer labels must contain:

- Fertilizer brand name
- Grade, with a number for nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium
- Guaranteed analysis with a breakdown of the guaranteed plant food ingredients
- Net weight
- Name and address of manufacturer

"Those five things need to be on whatever piece of paper you get. So, if you get an invoice, those things need to be on that invoice as well," Stancil said.

Calculators and web apps developed by the Clemson Extension Precision Agriculture team also can help growers make proper management decisions and develop prescription plans for their crops.

# NEW SCHOLARSHIP WILL ASSIST HORTICULTURE STUDENTS

The South Carolina Specialty Crop Growers Association (SCSCGA) is pleased to announce the Dr. Powell Smith Scholarship Award, created to honor Dr. Powell Smith, who has dedicated his life to the study of horticulture and entomology.

This \$1,250 scholarship is intended to encourage the study of horticulture and other plant sciences which will help sustain the fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop industry in South Carolina. The scholarship provides assistance to students pursuing a degree of higher education in horticulture or majors relating to fruits, vegetables, and specialty crops. In addition, the scholarship is designed to encourage students to develop knowledge and skills to assume positions of leadership in horticulture, civic affairs, and public service.

The scholarship will be awarded to a rising college junior or senior pursuing an undergraduate degree in horticulture, agriculture, or other specialty crop-related majors at a four-year college or university in South Carolina. Priority may be given to those students who have interned with a Clemson Extension office or agent.

The scholarship will be based on character, demonstrated leadership abilities, and dedication to horticulture or related fields. The recipient will be selected by the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Specialty Crop Growers Association.

To apply and learn more, visit scspecialtycrop.com/scholarship. Applications are due no later than August 1, 2023.