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PROJECT VICTORY GARDENS RECEIVES USDA-NIFA GRANT TO SUPPORT MILITARY VETERANS IN AGRIBUSINESS

BY PROJECT VICTORY GARDENS

Townville, SC – Project Victory Gardens, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides agricultural education programs designed to cultivate resiliency among our nation’s veterans, has been selected for a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture – National Institute of Food and Agriculture Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (AgVets) program.

Project Victory Gardens will partner with Clemson University and the Clemson Cooperative Extension Agribusiness Team on the grant programming. They have established strategic partnerships with the South Carolina Departments of Agriculture and Veterans’ Affairs, the South Carolina Small Business Development Center, the Farmer Veteran Coalition of South Carolina, and Matson Consulting to offer education, training, and business development resources for veterans interested in farming and agriculture.

The grant will be used to support Project Victory Gardens’ Palmetto Veterans in Agribusiness initiative. The program will provide military veterans, transitioning service members, and military family members with the training and resources they need to start or grow a business in the agribusiness sector.

The program will offer a variety of training and support services, including:

- Farmer Bootcamp: A two- or four-day training program that will teach veterans the skills they need to start or grow a farm.
- Veteran Agribusiness Internship Program: A program providing transitioning service members with hands-on experience working in an agribusiness setting.
- Veteran Agribusiness Outreach Fair: A resource symposium connecting veterans with resources and organizations that can help them succeed in agribusiness.
- Agritourism Incubator and Farms of the Brave™ Veteran Agritourism Marketing and Branding Program: A program that will help veterans develop and market agritourism businesses.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant from USDA-NIFA,” said Matthew Rutter,



Executive Director of Palmetto Veterans in Agribusiness. “This funding will allow us to provide even more veterans with the training and support they need to start or grow a business in the agribusiness sector. We believe that agriculture is a great way for veterans to transition to civilian life and build a successful career.”

The Palmetto Veterans in Agribusiness program is open to all military veterans and transitioning service members, regardless of their age, gender, or service branch. Programming will be held at Project Victory Gardens’ farm in Townville, SC and across the state.

Applications for the program are now being accepted. For more information, please visit palmettovetsinag.org.

The target audience of this project is military veterans, transitioning service members, and military family members seeking self-employment and career opportunities in the agribusiness fields in South Carolina. Expected outcomes include:

- Increasing access to agriculture and knowledge of agricultural practices for transitioning service members.
- Providing workforce readiness opportunities for service-disabled veterans.
- Facilitating connections and increasing outreach between veterans and resource organizations.
- Increased rural development.

This grant is an excellent example of how the USDA-NIFA AgVets program is helping to create new opportunities for military veterans in agriculture. The program is making it possible for veterans to use their skills and experience to build a successful career in the food and agricultural sector.



COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

THE FOOD SAFETY AGENCY

It’s an exciting time here at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture as we prepare to take over some important regulatory duties that are currently handled by the Department of Health and Environmental Control, better known as DHEC.

Starting July 1, 2024, our agency will handle all retail food safety — that includes restaurant kitchens, school cafeterias, caterers, some convenience stores, and more. We are also taking over DHEC’s Manufactured Food Programs, including soft drinks, cheese and dairy, bottled water, ice; as well as Milk regulations. To say the least, this is a big undertaking for us.

This transfer is a natural fit. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture has regulated wholesale food manufacturing for nearly 50 years. We also regulate animal feed safety and produce farming. Our well-equipped specialized labs conduct a variety of regulatory testing and will be able to absorb the Milk Laboratory function into our existing footprint. We have a great reputation for protecting the public and working with businesses to educate before and while we regulate.

I believe it’s because of our strong reputation that the Legislature assigned us these regulatory duties when they passed S.399,

the bill that divided the DHEC responsibilities. The bill passed into law back in May, and we’ve been working hard ever since to assure a successful transition.

Our agency will roughly double in size as we take on these additional duties and staff. After the transfer, 54 percent of our agency’s employees will work in jobs related to food safety.

I want to assure you that amid this expansion, we won’t lose sight of our mission. SCDA has always had a two-fold mission: 1) to promote and nurture the growth and development of South Carolina’s agriculture industry and its related businesses; and 2) to assure the safety and security of the buying public.

With the food safety transfer, we strengthen our ability to protect the public while also making food safety more streamlined for South Carolina businesses. Farming is the reason this agency exists, and the DHEC transfer means we have even more involvement in every step of the food system, from when it’s grown to where it’s eaten. I told someone recently that our nickname ought to be DFF — the Department of Farming and Food.

We look forward to continuing to earn public trust with these new responsibilities.

Hugh Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunny Plain Antique Power Association's Antique Tractor Pull

October 21 • 11 am

Antique tractor pull; car, truck and tractor exhibits. Kids games, family fun. \$10 admission, 12 and under free.

8 miles West of St. Matthews

Contact: Charles Horger
dcul1953@gmail.com • 803-707-1493

Grazing: Profitability from the Ground Up

October 25 • 9 am – 4 pm

Renowned grazing expert Jim Gerrish will be the featured speaker at the SC Forage and Grazing Lands Coalition annual meeting. Members and the public are invited. There will also be presentations on native warm season grasses and cover crop/ grazing partnerships. Lunch included. Sign up on our website.

Phillips Market Center, SC State Farmers Market
117 Ballard Court, West Columbia

Contact: Gary Ward
77tarheel@gmail.com • 803-556-6997
scforage.org/annual-meeting

Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival

November 3 – 5 • 8:30 am – 9 pm

Outdoor festival featuring antique tractors, engines, antique tractor pull, and exhibits. Special vendors will be Eudora Farms animal exhibit, Legacy Ranch horse wagon rides, and Saluda FFA petting zoo, kids pedal tractor race, pull and games. Friday tractor pull starts at 7 pm, Saturday tractor pull begins at 12:30 pm. Entertainment 7 – 9:30 pm featuring Robbie Cockrell.

542 Richland Creek Road, Ward

Contact: Alex Berry
alex@goldenhillsgolf.com • 803-834-9076
richlandcreekantiques.com

Herb Lovers' Day at the Farmstead

November 4 • 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

A workshop/retreat-style day is planned for folks who simply want to explore the beauty and benefits of herbs and beneficial plants, as well as for those who have been browsing herbs for decades. It's a full day that's designed and led by the herbalists of Black Walnut Farmstead and studies will be co-learning opportunities so you get to share too! This is not a drop-in event and there will be no vendors. 6-hours of learning and fun, a healing day for you! Learn more and register on our website.

Black Walnut Farms

Bullock Creek

Contact: Jan Pendleton
jan@blackwalnutfarmsllc.com • 803-868-5451
http://www.blackwalnutfarmsllc.com

SC Agricultural Council's Fall Meeting

November 9 • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

What is the future of our South Carolina Farms? Richard Carr and Gary Spires will speak about the SC Farm Bureau Land Trust. Steve Richards will speak about Succession Planning. The presentations will begin at 10:30 with a low Country Boil lunch at 12:00. Cost is \$20, available on Eventbrite.

SC Farm Bureau

724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce
scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com • 803-360-2845
facebook.com/scagcouncil

Ole Patchwork Fall Gathering

November 11 • 10 am – 3 pm

A fun farm event with local artisans, crafts, and items made from scratch. We will have pottery to art to wooden items to clothing. 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, fun for the kids, and demonstrations. Visit the barnyard animals. This is an outside event. Parking is \$5.

110 Dairy Lane, Saluda

Contact: Patchwork Farm, LLC
patchworkfarmllc@gmail.com • 803-317-7291

SALES & AUCTIONS

Yon Fall Female and Bull Sales

October 27 • 1 pm (females)

October 28 • 11 am (bulls)

175 females for sale, including registered fall cow/calf pairs, bred cows, bred heifers, open heifers, plus a dozen commercial bred heifers. 150 coming 2-year old bulls and 100 yearling bulls. Registered Angus, SimAngus, and Ultrablacks available. Complete performance and EPD information available. Fertility tested. Free bull delivery in SC.

318 Aiken Road, Ridge Spring

Contact: Yon Family Farms
lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com • 803-622-8597
yonfamilyfarms.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

VISIT AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV

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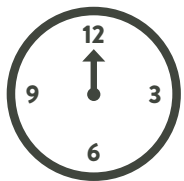
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BLUEGILL
50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Carp,
\$12; Bass, \$2; trout, \$3;
Minnows, \$20/lb
Derek Long
Newberry
803-944-3058

STERILE CARP
\$12; Bluegill, 55¢; Shlckr,
65¢; Rdbrst, 65¢; Ch Cat,
65¢; Mosquitofish, 40¢
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

CATTLE

REG DEXTER BULL
dun colored, proven, 2½
y/o, docile, polled, \$1200
David Oser
Dorchester
843-557-5200

BLK ANG BALDY BULL
Red Ang bull, & Red Ang
hefr, each 9 m/o, \$900 ea
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

WEANED BEEF CALVES
3-5 m/o, vac/wormed, \$350+
Casey McCarty
Newberry
803-924-5239

REG & COMM HEFRS
top Ang replacements, 7-13
m/o, ready to go, \$1500+
Kevin Renwick
Newberry
803-924-0535

10-12 CALVES
700+ lbs ea, \$1200 ea
Dan Coward
Dillon
843-472-8122

4 REG RED ANG BULLS
1-3 y/o, all AI sired, low BW,
BSE tested, \$2500+
Allen McGee
Aiken
803-480-9408

FB RED POLL YRLG BULL
open hefrs, cow/calf prs,
\$1500-2500
J Wyatt
Marlboro
803-651-3086

3 COMM BULLS
1 FB Ang, 2 Ultra blk, 15
m/o, \$1750 ea
William Patterson
Laurens
864-923-9269

BFMSTR PB BULLS
reg, \$1700+; yrlgs, \$1200+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

PB SG BULLS
18 m/o, \$1500; (3) 6-8 m/o,
\$1200
Jimmy L Shealy
Lexington
803-532-5848

REG BULLS
& hefrs, all low BW, gentle,
serv ready, \$1800-3000
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

8 M/O HRFRD BULLS
polled, \$800
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

REG HRFRD BULLS
DNA EPD's, top peds,
\$3000+, will del, call/text
Robert Roper
Laurens
864-923-2952

BELTED GALLOWAY
2 cows, \$700; 2 hefrs, \$800 ea
Tommy Cumalander
Newberry
803-414-2542

¾ GELBVIEWH BULL
5 y/o named Valentine, good
tmprmnt, \$2250
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

REG BLK ANG BULLS
Reg Blk Ang Bulls, 14-28
m/o, calving ease, docile,
\$2000+; Blk Ang hefrs,
weaned, vac, \$1500+
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

2 REG ANG YRLG FLUSH SISTERS
ready to breed AAA 20721603
& 20721604, \$1750 ea
Al Harman
Lexington
803-210-5529

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

INTL 1086 W/DUALS
no encl cab, runs good
but needs a few things,
\$10,000 obro
Josh Clayton
Laurens
864-871-3803

ROTARY TILLER
74" land Pride mod
RTR1274, HC, quick hitch,
rev till, \$2750
F Haniff
Aiken
803-645-3642

HESSTON 5500 RND BALER
\$1500 obo; Hesston PT-7
mow/cond, GC, \$1000 obo;
AC 904 haybine, \$1000 obo
Jason Sandifer
Richland
803-606-3596

'08 MF 2605
2wd, 37 hp, lightly used
w/403 hrs, shed kept,
\$11,000
David Chariker
Saluda
864-993-1714

HINOMOTO DSL TRACTOR
Best E18, 3ph, \$2000
Jack Kay
Greenville
864-419-1322

MF 510 COMBINE
w/13' bean hdr, \$3000
Arthur Hall
Aiken
803-334-5357

FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR
32 hp, PS, well maint, \$7000
Fred Jackson
Abbeville
864-378-8078

LEINBACH BALE SPIKE
3ph, \$250 obo, cash only
Elaine Jeter
Union
803-917-6243

JD 4720 4WD LDR
\$32,000; Cat D7F, \$35,000;
MF 1105, \$15,000; JD 3020,
\$10,000; MF 1080, \$9500
Ronald McGraw
Lancaster
980-255-8584

JD 450C CRAWLER DOZER
w/open-close bucket, does
not twist to side, \$11,000; 7'
boom pole, \$140, call/text
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

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

OAK TRL
\$165 cash
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR
4x4, 6' Land Pride box
scrap, LT 200 hrs, \$26,500
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

NH 310 SQ BALER
shed kept, GWC, used this
yr, \$1500
Britton Havird
Newberry
803-924-1211

MITSUBISHI D2350 TRACTOR
w/cult & 4' bush hog, 103
hrs, GC, \$3300
Hovey Anders
Pickens
864-979-2687

E-Z TRAIL HAY BASKET
GC, stored inside, \$3000
Talmadge Crews
Laurens
864-923-1530

BALE WAGON
NH Stackliner mod 1012,
\$3900; 2 JD tractors, '58
620, \$2800; '53 JD 50, \$1500
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

NH 4835 W/ENCL CAB
65 hp, heat & a/c, 2wd,
96-99, GWC, \$9500
Tim Freeman
Spartanburg
864-270-1158

NH 616 DISC MWR FR
\$5500 obo; Mahindra
EMAX 22s ln, 4x4, 42 hrs,
\$8500 obo; Gill 5' box blade,
\$500 obo
Rickie Evans
Chester
803-209-2714

16 DISC HARROW
VGC, \$1500; coop pan, \$300
obo; posthole digger 9"
auger, \$600 obo; all 3ph
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

JD 335 BALER
4x4, twine, EC, \$4000; 3ph
spin sprdr, 300 lbs, \$300;
3ph 110 gal boom sprayer,
EC, \$2000
Bennie Smith
Edgefield
803-215-2551

JD MT TRACTOR CULTS
& plows, touch-a-matic hyd
leak, left rear tire weather
cracked but holds air, \$3000
David Green
Spartanburg
864-804-8090

MORRA ROTARY HAY RAKE
8½', dry stored, EC, \$1600
Bob Morgan
Dillon
843-845-7914

JD 3038E TRACTOR
w/lldr 305 & RC2060 5'
rotary cutter, 250 hrs, LN,
shed kept, \$25,000
Ronny Wilson
Anderson
864-356-6959

4420 COMBINE
444 Corn hdr, 913 Platform,
prefer to sale as unit,
\$8000; 700 Hi Boy, for farm
use/parts, \$300
Thomas Bazen
Florence
843-389-2725

POST DRIVER
\$1200; disc, \$200; sq baler,
\$1000; hay rake, \$300; hay
mwr, \$400; single plow, \$150
William Rose
York
704-860-0787

'08 JD 3320 CAB
heat/ac, 4wd, 459 hrs used
to mow, frt ldr, LN, \$28,500
Gordon Bowers
Beaufort
843-521-7064

KUBOTA L39LDR/BACKHOE
700 hrs, bucket & fork; 16'
trl, 7000 lb, elec brakes, 2
spares, \$15,000 for all
Dennis Bickford
Charleston
803-257-6312

5' 3PT BUSH HOG
\$500
Ronald Friday
Richland
803-210-6103

F2 GLEANER
FR, 438 corn head, & 1 parts
head, & grain head, \$8500;
MF 2805 w/folding harrow,
\$13,000
Adam Anderson
Newberry
803-924-8466

TAYLOR SEED PLNTR
5½' W, use to fert & seed, \$700
Hank Medlin
Greenwood
864-554-8325

'86 FORD 1710
dsl, 26 hp, rear whl wts,
new frt tires, manual & serv
records, 734 hrs, \$5300
Erline Burns
Greenville
864-299-1222

'94 FEATHERLITE TRL
3h sideload w/weekender,
good tires & brakes, AC
works, no leaks, \$9000 obo
Wendy Grumbles
Greenville
864-884-1138

JD 6500 HI BOY
60' boom, \$22,000
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

JD 3020D W/46A LDR
lrg bucket, good rubber, \$9500
Frank McNeill
Dorchester
843-701-0965

'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

JD 3020
narrow frt end, \$6250
Martin Turner
Greenwood
864-980-2376

22' DECKOVER TRL
pintle hitch, dual 6500#
axles, \$5000 firm, text/call
Matthew Kearse
Hampton
803-842-0377

EQUINE

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

(2) 2 Y/O FILLIES
halter broke, gentle, both ½
QH & ½ TB, \$1500 ea
Jack Sandifer
Bamberg
803-793-3389

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.

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

13A TIMBER
off Fork Shoals Rd, \$289,500
John Cooper
Greenville
843-693-9099

26A FARM SALUDA CO
on Fairfax Rd, pastured w/
pond, house & workshop,
\$260,000
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

WANT 5+A
suitable for livestock,
Fairfield, Kershaw Co
Mason Motley
Richland
803-754-3224

FRESH 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.

PECANS
in shell, \$1.50/lb
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

FARM FRESH EGGS
\$3/dz
Ron Handley
Georgetown
843-896-0829

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

BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE
\$75/100 stalks
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

Stumped on an abbreviation?

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ABBREVIATIONS

FARM LABOR

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

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, trackhoe bush hog, building pads
Fred Morris
Florence
843-621-8647

LIME SPREADING

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

LIGHT BUSH HOGGING

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

ONSITE MOBILE WELDING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

WILDLIFE MGMT

nuisance wildlife control & removal
Jarod Goins
Lexington
803-381-8917

RECLAIM PASTURES

pond builds, demo & removal of old bldgs, land clearing, insured, free quotes, veteran owned
Paul Irby
Chester
803-374-3142

FORESTRY MULCHING

underbrush removal, fence line & pond bank mowing, livestock water stations & demolition
Ken Wells
Laurens
864-449-8556

LAND CLEARING

septic install, site prep, house/building pad, driveways, licensed & insured, serving upstate of SC
Ben Leonard
Pickens
864-901-8155

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

HAULING HAY

your location to POD, statewide, call for est; also fence installed, per your specs, statewide
Bruce Thomas
Dorchester
843-636-1699

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

PECAN CRACKING/ SHELLING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

AG FENCE INSTALL

erving the Upstate, woven wire, barb wire, high tensile, board, hyd post driving
Taylor Chappell
Abbeville
864-276-8906

TRACTOR/EQUIP REPAIR

tractor, dozer, skid steer, misc equip, mech, elec, hyd, ref avail, at shop & on-site
Paul Hammitt
Spartanburg
864-921-2294

POND CONSULTATIONS

& stocking; feeders; aerators, traps-turtle, fish, etc; feed, lime, fert, structure
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

GARDEN

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STRAWBERRY PLANTS

in qt pots, \$5 ea; 10 for \$45
Roy Cothran
Saluda
864-764-0091

MUSCADINE PLANTS

purple, lrg fruit & hvy bearing, \$5 ea or 5 for \$20
Brian Gray
Greenville
864-908-9777

FIG & POMEGRANATE

& Elderberry trees, \$20; grapevines, \$25/2; Blueberry bushes, \$20/3; Loquat, \$30
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

FEEDER MALES

100 lbs ea, \$100 ea or both for \$160, text/call
Matthew Kears
Hampton
803-842-0377

PIGLETS

1/2 Berkshire 1/4 Hampshire
1/4 Yorkshire, 4 barrows, 2 gilts, \$80 ea
Travis McGee
Lexington
803-687-2703

HOGS / PIGS

FEEDER PIGLETS

Berkshire/Mangalitsa, 8-12 w/o, \$110 ea or 2+, \$100 ea
Tatjana McComb
McCormick
864-745-0389

12 W/O FEEDER PIGS

Hampshire/Yorkshire cross, 1 M/3 F, \$100 ea
Michael Sweatman
Berkeley
843-753-2603

3 PIGLETS

1/2 Red Wattle 1/2 Berkshire, 2 barrows, 1 gilt, 50-60 lbs, \$100 ea; 2 PB Red Wattle gilts, 1 y/o, \$300 ea
Harold Crane
Pickens
864-506-5021

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Farmers are urged to be cautious when selling hay to new clients, especially those from out of state. If possible, verify the check before sending the hay. Speak to the buyer in person to verify all information.

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

BOAR KIKO CROSS GOATS

3-4 m/o, weaned, wormed, \$75+, according to age
Lester Rabon
Kershaw
803-427-1747

BRIAR GOATS

1 billy, 2 nannies, \$150 ea
Leroy Smith
Lexington
803-356-3602

4 ADGA DOES

2 kids, 2 adults (1 doe in milk), 1 doe yrlg, \$350+; text/call
B McColley
Lexington
864-494-7643

3 NZ KIKO GOAT BUCKLINGS

1 doeling, B-early May, CDT, Famacha, reg not incl, \$375 ea
Jane Cooper
Greenville
843-693-1949

KIKO GOATS

3 m/o doelings/bucklings, yrlgs, \$150+
Burton Jaillette
Lancaster
803-320-0632

M BREEDING GOATS

small, \$100
Jane Plante
Richland
803-609-5266

2 F NUBIAN MIXED

\$200 & \$250
Hazel Cook
Barnwell
803-259-5240

F KIKO GOATS

\$200 ea
George Phillips
Williamsburg
843-992-1964

BILLY GOATS

\$150+
Johnny Hickey
Chesterfield
843-537-7535

2 Y/O BOER BUCK

good sire; 2 does, Saanen & Spanish, both bred to Boer buck, \$250 ea
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Greenville
864-444-1331

3 BOER GOATS

5 y/o wether, \$150; 2 does, 6 y/o mother & 3 y/o daughter, tame, \$200 ea
Bill Campbell
Pickens
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NGN DWARF BUCKLING

2 m/o, w/ht w/brn markings, brn eyed, blue eyed parents & all grandparents, \$125
David Oser
Dorchester
843-557-5200

BOER & BOER/NUBIAN GOATS

6 m/o - 2 y/o, billies & nannies, all colors, \$100-\$300
Todd Kirby
Orangeburg
803-269-3337

3/8 BOER 1/8 MILK GOATS

6 m/o billies & nannies, \$250 ea
Philip Poole
Union
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POULTRY

ROOS & PULLETS

3-4 m/o Leghorns, 4 m/o Dominiques, all roos starting to crow, \$8/roo, \$12/pullet
Roger McKnight
Orangeburg
803-759-6321

AMERAUCANA COCKERELS

& pullets, Blk, Blue, Spangle, Wheat, Pt of lay, \$15-30
Patricia Dukes
Lexington
803-606-1140

GUINEAS

w/eggs, \$15 ea; chicks, \$5 ea
Thomas Moore
Ocnee
864-247-6528

BUFF ORPINGTON

& Barred Rock hens, 5 m/o, \$12 ea; big Araucana, \$25/ trio; blk & w/ht Jersey Giant, \$20/pr
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

CHICKS

best in laying eggs, \$10 ea
Mike McBride
Anderson
864-992-4301

4 M/O TURKEYS

Porters Sweetgrass, \$45 ea
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Dorchester
843-557-5200

GOLDEN COMETS

6 m/o, laying lrg brn eggs daily, 18 avail, \$20 ea
Timothy Lemasters
Barnwell
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D/O QUAIL

\$2 ea; Sexlink chicks, \$3 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

LAYING HENS

& pullets, \$7-14
Duman Wicker
Newberry
803-537-7222

(5) 3 M/O ROOS

EE & Maran cross, grey & blk, \$5 ea
Debbie Waters
Aiken
803-979-6429

WHT KING PIGEONS

banded prs, \$15/bird
Benson Ray
Georgetown
843-933-5367

CUBALAYA ROOSTER

\$100
Ellen Anne Williams
Greenville
864-434-6392

HATCH GAME FOUL ROOS

greys & reds, \$50 ea
BK Dorrell
Williamsburg
843-372-8829

LAVENDER AMERAUCANAS

grown, \$30 ea; yng birds, \$15+; Mille Fleur, Creole, BB Reds OE bantams, \$20/pr
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922

DIAMOND DOVES

\$50 ea; Racing pigeons, \$25 ea
James Malphrus
Dorchester
843-821-8172

POULTRY PIGEONS

white racers, all ages, peepers to prs, \$10+; all diff breeds, \$5+
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

7 M/O COMETS

laying, \$30 ea; Silver Seabright trio, \$40; RIR bantams pr, \$25
Tommy Axson
Greenville
864-350-1450

BLK SEXLINK PULLETS

d/o to 8 w/o, \$3+; brn/w/ht Leghorn pullets, laying, \$15 ea
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

GAME WARHORSE

Flarry Eye Greys, Hatch, Kelso, \$25+/hen; \$50+/roo
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

15-18 W/O RIR HENS

brown egg layers, \$15-18
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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1 GAL AZALEAS

\$5; Crepe Myrtles, Camellias, Lime Hydrangeas, \$20; Tea Olives & dwarf Mex Petunias, \$7; Boxwoods, \$6
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

MONKEY GRASS

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

RABBITS

NZW & CA SMUT NOSE

ready for breeding, \$20 ea
Hazel Cook
Barnwell
803-259-5240

FLEMISH GIANTS

Red Back, Cottontail, French Silver, Chinchilla, \$10-20 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

LA COTTONTAILS

& crosses, \$10+
Duman Wicker
Newberry
803-537-7222

LA COTTONTAIL

crossed on MS cane cutter, \$10 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

REX

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

HAY & GRAIN

4x5 FESCUE ROLLS
net wrap, in barn & outside,
\$40/roll
Jessie Knight
Lancaster
803-287-3940

'23 MIXED GRASS HAY
4x5 net wrap, FR, \$50/bale
Jason Sandifer
Richland
803-606-3596

**'23 EXC HQ FESCUE/
BERMUDA**
dry cut & baled, tight 4x5,
barn stored, \$55, text/call
Carol Ann Burns
Laurens
864-923-6160

4x5 CQ FESCUE MIXED
tight net wrap, avg 900+
lbs, \$40/bale
Tim Phillips
Lancaster
803-320-3259

RYE STRAW
sq, \$4 ea
F Looper
Pickens
864-630-3726

'23 4x5 FESCUE
net wrap, \$35
Ralph Grant
Saluda
864-445-2439

(30) 4x4 RND CQ BALES
baled 9/4, net wrap, \$40
Lewis Cadwallader
Greenville
864-991-9288

4x4 1/2 CB & TIFTON 85
limed & fert, over edge net
wrap, \$50, no del
Ann Furtick
Orangeburg
803-707-4826

'23 4x5 RND FESCUE MIX
net wrap, in Honea Path,
\$40/bale or \$45 to del
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

4x5 MIXED GRASS
net wrap, under shed, \$50/
bale; in field, \$40/bale, bulk
disc, del avail for fee
Jacob Cathcart
Fairfield
803-603-7322

'23 RND FESCUE
HQ/\$65; CQ/45, can load,
can del for fee, 2000 bales
avail
Allen Kellett
Greenville
864-607-7444

4x5 RND MIXED BALES
no Johnson Grass, \$45/bale,
del fee extra
Michael Estes
Laurens
864-923-1110

'23 4x5 CB
net wrap, shed kept, CQ/\$55,
HQ/\$75, will del for fee
Tyler Sanderlin
Barnwell
803-709-2626

RYE GRASS HAYLAGE
250 bales in tube, \$45/bale,
put on your trl; \$40/bale,
you load & take all
John Fowler
Spartanburg
864-766-9305

'23 WHEAT/OAT/RYEGRASS
\$45; '23 Fescue/Grass hay,
\$40; both 4x5 & net wrap
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

4x5 TIFTON 85
fert, \$60/bale
Thomas Willis
Batesburg
803-513-1875

'23 HQ COASTAL
limed, fert, shed kept, 4x4
rnd, \$70; sq, \$8, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

'23 SQ FESCUE
NR, in barn, \$7 ea; cow or
goat hay, \$6 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

'23 SQ HQ CB
\$8; Crabgrass, \$50; Rye
Straw, \$5 ea; all shed kept
Clayton Leaphart
Lexington
803-892-2642

'23 5x5 MIXED HAY
in barn, \$60
John Telligman
Chester
803-374-6231

BLK COSAQUE OATS
50 lb bags, \$18; 4x5 net wrap
Oat or Wheat straw, \$45
Will Davis
Barnwell
803-300-2658

'23 RND 4x5 CB
NR, barn stored, \$70/bale,
vol disc avail
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

SQ STRAW BALES
wheat, rye or oats, \$4
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

EAR CORN
50 lb bag, \$8/bag
Craig Henry
Beaufort
843-521-3826

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

'23 4x5 CB
net wrap, limed & fert,
stored outside, located in
Barnwell, \$65/bale
Alfred Bush
Aiken
803-522-3763

'23 FESCUE MIX
4x5 rnd, net wrap, barn, \$70;
outside, \$60, in field, \$50
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

TIFTON 9 BAHIA
4x5 net wrap, \$40/bale;
Coastal, \$50/bale
Danny Mcalhaney
Bamberg
803-793-7095

'23 HQ 4x5 COASTAL
limed/fert, NR, net wrap,
rnd, \$50/ea p-up, \$65/ea del
Thomas Holley
Jefferson
704-635-9355

'23 4x5 RND CB
HQ, \$65 ea; GQC hay, \$50 ea
Carroll (Sam) Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

OATS HAY
\$65/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

'23 HQ SQ CB
shed kept, \$7.50 ea, del avail
for fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

'23 4x5 CB
net wrap, \$70; sq bales \$8
ea; Crabgrass cow hay, \$50;
Rye straw, \$5 ea, all barn kept
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

HQ HAY
\$70/roll; Mixed Grass,
\$50/roll
Russell Sharpe
Lexington
803-908-3207

'23 4x5 CB
HQ shed kept, fert & lime
sprayed, \$75; baled oats HQ,
\$65, del avl for fee
Edward Chavis
Barnwell
803-671-3108

'23 FESCUE
\$50; Ryegrass, \$60, spring
cut, barn stored, both 4x5
Britton Mccarter
York
704-913-6083

'23 FESCUE & RYE GRASS
rnd net wrap, fert, HQ,
\$45/bale
Don Counts
Newberry
803-315-1016

'23 HQ 4x54 BERMUDA
shed kept, \$65; '23 Alfalfa,
3rd cut, 4x4, \$100; both net
wrap; sq Alfalfa, \$17.50
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

ALFALFA
\$12/sq; Grass, \$40/rnd; rain
damaged Alfalfa hay, \$20/
rnd, all SC grown
Jackie Rogers
Spartanburg
864-381-5971

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

'23 CQ 4x5 CB
\$50/bale
Martin Bradley
Lexington
803-917-3056

4x5 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS
NR, barn stored, \$45; out of
field while being bales, \$40;
land fert, no manure
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

4x5 CQ HAY
twine dbl wrap, weed free
Tifton 9/Bahia, \$50; Mixed
grasses, \$30-45, depending
on qual
Emily Simon
Lancaster
803-627-7850

'23 CRAB GRASS HAY
600-1200 lb rnd bales, fert
& weed free, string tied, \$30
& \$45/bale
Joe Johnson
Berkeley
843-567-7774

'23 4x5 NET WRAP CB
HQ, shed kept, \$70/bale
Carlisle Kinard
Bamberg
803-267-5762

MISCELLANEOUS

POULTRY WATERERS
Harris Fm 6.2 gal; Little
Giant 7-5-3 gal; Galv fount
2 gal; 5 gal hanging nipple,
\$15-40; more
Patricia Dukes
Lexington
803-606-1140

CORN SHELLER
on table, \$65; 2r hand crank
cotton poison duster,
stainless app 1940, \$100
Thomas Moore
Oconee
864-247-6528

2 LRG WASH POTS
antique, \$95 ea; rnd cedar
posts, 7' & 8' long, \$4-7 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

2 ENGLISH SADDLES
w/fittings, 17" seat, \$350 ea
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

RED 2H COVERED WAGON
hyd brakes, Pioneer brand,
custom made, used 12x, \$5500
Harold Abercrombie
Anderson
864-401-1791

HITCH LIFT
for garden tractor, sleeve
hitch, \$40, text/call
Matthew Kears
Hampton
803-842-0377

MC CLELLAN SADDLE
c 1928 tree, 12" seat, needs
cinch, \$400
Susan Georgion
Florence
423-440-4196

CRAFTSMAN LAWN MWR
42" deck, old needs some work,
can be used for parts, \$125
Jarod Goins
Lexington
803-381-8917

RND CEDAR POSTS
cut to var sizes, 4-10" dia,
6-12' L, \$6-12 ea, depend on
size; cut 4x4, \$2/bdft
Douglass Britt
McCormick
864-391-3334

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT
\$2/yd
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

B N GAS HOLE DIGGER
w/2 augers, \$435; 280 gal
skid tank, \$165; all cash, more
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

HDWD LUMBER
var Oaks & Poplar, boards
1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, free del
300 bdft or less in Upstate
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

HOBART MEAT GRINDER
VGWC, grinds well, #32
fringing head, \$2250
Britton Havird
Newberry
803-924-1211

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

TROYBILT COLT LAWN MWR
22 hp Kohler, 42" cut, \$800
Wesley Dorrell
Williamsburg
843-372-1134

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

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

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER
hdwd pine, all types of thinning
or clear cut, Upstate counties
Tim Morgan
Greenville
864-420-0251

PINE & OAK LUMBER
pine 1" & 2" thick, \$2/bdft;
Oak 1 & 1/4" thick, 6-12"W,
\$4/bdft
Joel Grubb
Calhoun
803-351-0144

JD STX38 RIDING MWR
EC, 38" cut, 13 hp, hydro
trans, GRC, fully serviced,
\$1400 obo
Tom Williams
Greenville
864-423-1854

105 KW GEN
w/400 amp ATS, \$10,500
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

NURSERY POTS
1 & 5 gal, \$10/100, lv msg
Sue Queen
Lexington
803-394-8668

1"x6" CEDAR LUMBER
\$1.50/ft; cedar posts, 30'
utility poles, \$3/ft
James Burns
Laurens
864-918-6308

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

LONGLEAF PINE
2x4x16', \$9; 2x6x16', \$13;
1x4x16', \$4.50
Jason Fogle
Orangeburg
803-533-8703

5TH WHL HITCH
max gross weight 15,000 lbs,
max pin wgt, 3,750 lbs, \$100
Hank Medlin
Greenwood
864-554-8325

SNAPPER 22" PUSH MWR
7 hp, GRC, extra parts, \$85;
5 hp Murray, 2 y/o, \$125
Tom Kirkley
Lancaster
803-246-8195

ROCK ISLAND VICE
\$125; 2 whl hand dolly, \$35;
Wizard push reel mwr, \$75
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

COMBINE RUN
P-98.64%, G-88%, D/H SD&G-
88%, OCS-0.52%, IM-0.78%,
WS-0.06%, NW-Wild Onions,
\$16/bu in bulk quant
JEB Wilson
Chester
803-209-2703

'23 CLEANED OATS
2 bu bags, P-99.68%, G-97%,
D/H SD & G-97%, OCS-.10%,
IM-.21%, more, \$14/ bag
Addison Livingston
Lexington
803-608-0998

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

NH 273 SQ BALER
short tongue, PTO shaft or
parts baler
Wade Parnell
Anderson
864-338-5678

1-2 REAR TRACTOR TIRES
good used 11.2x38 or 12.4x38
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

PARTS
for MF mod 285 & 135
George Key
Aiken
803-685-5408

18 OR 20' GN TRL
for cows
Martin Turner
Greenwood
864-980-2376

CORN HEAD
for Gleaner K combine
Steven Bentley
Oconee
864-499-1291

WANT - HAY

WANT CORN & SOYBEANS
in my 55 drums
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

GOATS
Thomas Moore
Oconee
864-247-6528

CHICKENS
turkeys, ducks, swans, geese,
peacocks, guineas; more
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

6 GUINEA FOWL
Robert Wilson
Greenville
864-233-2769

BEEF COWS
any age or size
Kenneth Satterfield
Laurens
864-304-3172

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any old farm equip or metal items removed for free
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

PINE CHIPS

by truck load for birds;
plastic 55 gal drums w/lids
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

LIQ SUPPLEMENT TANK

can also use parts of tanks
w/75 mi
Michael Bailey
Lancaster
803-288-3108

LONG LEAF PINE STRAW FIELDS

for raking
David Shull
Lexington
803-318-4263

CATTLE CHUTE

for sale
Benji Floyd
Clarendon
843-373-7311

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls & weathervane, more
Perry Masters
Greenville
864-561-4792

ANY SIZE FARM BELLS

& blksmith anvils; #4 cradle for C S bell
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

ELEC FUEL TANK PUMP

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

TEE POSTS

for fencing
Thomas Moore
Oconee
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PURPLE MARTIN GOURDS

Mack Welch
Berkeley
843-688-5674

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CLEMSON EXTENSION HIRES NEW PRECISION AG SPECIALIST

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The Clemson University Center for Agricultural Technology (CU-CAT) is growing and has added a new precision agriculture specialist to its staff.

Kevin Royal, the new specialist, is located at the Edisto Research and Education Center in Blackville, South Carolina. His primary role is to provide support and technical assistance to Cooperative Extension Service agents and South Carolina farmers in adopting precision agriculture technologies. He will help farmers identify the most suitable technologies and practices for their operations.

“There are so many advantages to using precision technology on farms,” Royal said. “I am excited to use my knowledge and experiences to help South Carolina farmers benefit from using this technology.”

Precision agriculture aims to improve crop yields, optimize resource utilization (such as fertilizers and irrigation), reduce labor requirements and enhance crop quality through advanced sensors and data analysis.

George Askew, Clemson University vice president of Public Service and Agriculture, discusses the

inspiration behind the Center for Agricultural Technology (CU-CAT) and CU-CAT’s new program: EATS (Ecosystem of Agricultural Technology Sharing). Askew also discusses the EATS mission and ways for external organizations to get involved.

Royal has experience in precision agriculture, including farm management, GIS software training and support, and collaboration with agricultural cooperatives on variable rate crop input systems. He understands precision agriculture is not a “one-size-fits-all” approach.

“It is a toolbox with various technology and data management tools,” Royal said. “The choice of tools depends on factors including farm size and operations.”

In addition to his precision agricultural work experience, Royal has a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business and a master’s degree in geographic information science (GIS). He also has taught classes in precision agriculture.

Farmers across South Carolina can contact Royal for assistance with their precision agriculture

needs. He can be contacted via mobile phone at 402-209-2291 or by email at klroyal@clemson.edu.

CU-CAT is led by Director Kendall Kirk, Clemson Extension precision agriculture engineer. Staff members include Nathan Smith, assistant director; Mallory Douglass, business manager; Lisa Ballou, administrative coordinator; Benjamin Fogle, lead ag engineering specialist; Trey McAlhany, lead information technology specialist; Aaron Turner, student engagement coordinator; Fleming McMaster, ag support technician; Jerry Han, ag support technician; and Michael Masters, academic support technician.

Kirk encourages industry involvement in all CU-CAT efforts. Interested industries can contact Mallory Douglass at mmdougl@clemson.edu for partnership opportunities.

“The Center for Agricultural Technology is a step forward in promoting sustainable and technology-driven agriculture in South Carolina, ultimately benefitting local farmers and the agricultural industry,” Kirk said.

More information is available at clemson.edu/agtech.

SC STATE AWARDED \$5 MILLION USDA GRANT FOR FORESTATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – South Carolina State University’s Public Service and Agriculture division (SC State PSA) has been awarded a \$5 million federal grant to create more tree canopies in South Carolina.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Forest Service, the grant will enable SC State PSA to revitalize green spaces and restore the region’s native tree diversity in disadvantaged communities across South Carolina.

“This is about tree equity in communities, and South Carolina State represents the epitome of those communities we want to help,” USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment Homer Wilkes said after announcing the grant Saturday in downtown Orangeburg. “Trees give off oxygen, and if you have clean air to breathe, then your health is going to be better.

“Until now, folks here have not access to these programs, and South Carolina State has been a lighthouse for all community-access services,” Wilkes said.

The undersecretary said the Biden administration’s goal is to bring equity, diversion, inclusion and accessibility in the forestation program.

“And South Carolina has the epitome of all those things right here at South Carolina State University,” Wilkes said.

Through strategic partnerships with counties, state agencies, and community organizations, SC State aims to expand urban tree canopies and install and maintain green infrastructure in SC communities to restore the region’s native tree diversity.

“We will work with counties across the state to design urban forests,” said Dr. Louis Whitesides, SC State Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture. “So, we will be planting trees across the state of South Carolina, starting with our own Orangeburg County and Bamberg County.”

Whitesides said the grant will allow SC State PSA to work with landscape architects and county personnel to identify locations and design the canopies. The project also will establish multidisciplinary collaborative activities directed toward youth internships and empowerment, policy, practice, and community engagement.

“A great part of this is we will have local students — high school and college students — trained on planting trees and maintaining tree health,” Whitesides said. “They will be responsible with paid internships for planting the trees and overseeing them.”

SC State President Alexander Conyers extended thanks to the USDA, the National Forest Service and the PSA faculty and staff for developing the tree canopy project. He said the initiative

represents all aspects of SC State’s mission as a land-grant institution — agriculture, research, outreach, public service and instruction — and the strength the university lends to communities across the state.

“For 127 years, SC State has been the conduit for community development in all of these essential areas,” Conyers said. “This project is illustrative of just how much our university can do given the proper resources and relationships.

According to the USDA, studies show that communities with access to trees and green spaces are associated with improved health outcomes, reduced crime, lower average temperatures, and an influx of other kinds of investments and new economic opportunities.

Through funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Forest Service is making historic investments in boosting the nation’s tree cover in urban, suburban and rural communities nationwide.

The Forest Service selected 385 grant proposals from entities that are working to increase equitable access to trees and green spaces, and the many benefits they provide. All funding will flow to disadvantaged communities. Funded proposals are located in all 50 states, two U.S. territories, three U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands, and in several tribal communities.

HORSE DIES OF WEST NILE IN FIRST KNOWN CASE OF '23

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

A 13-year-old gelding in Dillon County, South Carolina, died from the first confirmed West Nile Virus (WNV) case of the year, according to State Veterinarian Michael J. Neault, director of Clemson Livestock Poultry Health.

The diagnosis was made during necropsy and confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories Sept. 13. The horse's vaccination status is unknown.

A total of six horses have died from preventable mosquito borne diseases in 2023. In addition to the most recent death from WNV, horses in Sumter, Lee, Berkeley, Kershaw and Dillon counties have died from Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

While horse owners can take measures such as turning them in at dawn and dusk and using spray repellents, vaccination is the only surefire way to protect their horses from EEE, WNV and rabies.

"Horse owners must stay on top of equine vaccination schedules in order to protect their horses from these diseases," Neault said.

Borne by mosquitoes, these diseases have a very high mortality rate in infected, unvaccinated horses — between 30 and 40 percent for WNV and 90 percent for EEE. However, widespread vaccination has kept the number of cases comparatively low in South Carolina compared to nearby states.

Likewise, mosquito control is an important precaution. Both EEE and WNV are maintained in nature through a cycle involving the freshwater swamp mosquito, *Culiseta melanura*, commonly known as the black-tailed mosquito.

The EEE and WNV viruses are fast-acting. Symptoms of both diseases usually develop from two to five days after exposure and include



neurologic difficulties such as stumbling, circling, head pressing, depression or apprehension, weakness of legs, partial paralysis, the inability to stand, muscle twitching or death.

In addition to EEE and WNV, other neurologic diseases, including rabies and EHV-1, can

infect horses. Any livestock that display neurologic symptoms — stumbling, circling, head pressing, depression or apprehension — must be reported to the state veterinarian at 803-788-2260 within 48 hours, according to state law.

A list of reportable diseases, along with other resources, is published on the LPH website at clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/reportable-diseases.

SOUTH CAROLINA SHELLFISH HARVEST SEASON NOW OPEN

BY SCDNR

CHARLESTON COUNTY, S.C. (September 20, 2023) – The 2023-2024 season for recreational harvest of shellfish (clams and oysters) in coastal waters of South Carolina opened one-half hour before official sunrise on Sunday, October 1, 2023. The recreational shellfish season will remain open through May 15, 2024, unless conditions warrant extending or shortening the season.

In the event of another hurricane, major rain event, or pollution spill, shellfish beds may be temporarily closed by the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC). **It is important for harvesters to check with DHEC to verify whether any closures are in effect.**

This information is available at 1-800-285-1618 and can be viewed on an interactive map at the DHEC website. DHEC will use these resources and your local newspaper throughout the year to announce temporary closures due to unusual rain events or spills.

Recreational harvesting is permitted on all Public Shellfish Grounds and State Shellfish Grounds within areas of open/approved water quality as noted on shellfish maps. Twenty Public and seven

State Shellfish Grounds are managed exclusively for recreational gathering. An additional 58 State Shellfish Grounds are managed for both recreational and commercial harvest.

Recreational harvesters should obtain updated Public or State Shellfish Ground maps at the beginning of each season, as areas open to

harvest change from year to year. Maps of designated harvest areas may be downloaded from the SCDNR website or accessed online through the Recreational Map Web Application. Printed maps may also be obtained by calling (843) 953-9854 or writing the Shellfish Management Section, Attn: Andy Hollis, SCDNR, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422-2559. When

requesting maps, please specify the general area where you wish to harvest. Maps for the 2023-24 season will be available prior to season opening on October 1, 2023.

Recreational harvesters must have a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License, available from SCDNR, at many fishing supply stores, and online. The recreational limit is two U.S. bushels of oysters and one-half bushel of clams in any one day,

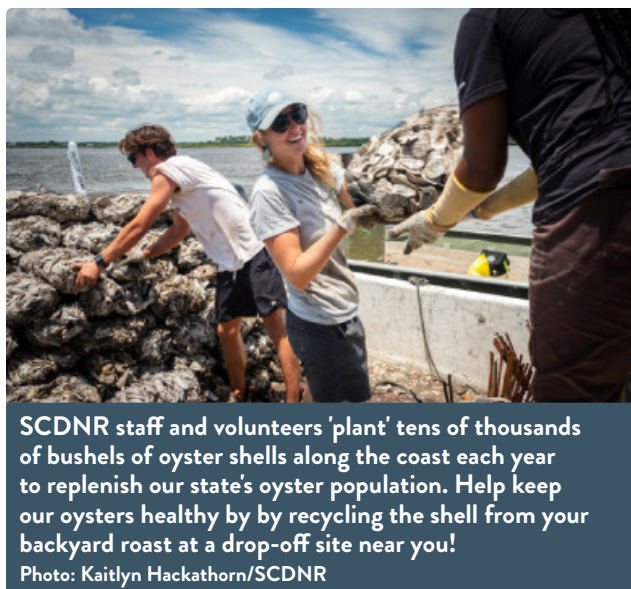
limited to two calendar days per seven-day period. One U.S. bushel is equal to 8 gallons. There is a maximum possession of three personal limits per boat or vehicle. Clams must be at least 1 inch thick.

Additional rules and restrictions may be found in the SCDNR Rules and Regulations, available where licenses are purchased or online at dnr.sc.gov/regulations.html.

Commercial harvest of shellfish requires a commercial saltwater license, mandatory harvester training, and other licenses and permits depending on where the harvest will occur. Call the Marine Permitting Office at (843) 953-0453 for additional information on commercial harvesting requirements.

All harvesters are encouraged to "cull in place," breaking off and leaving dead shell and smaller oysters on the shoreline -- and only taking clusters or singles of larger oysters -- where they will continue to grow and provide habitat for future generations of oysters.

If you enjoy eating oysters, remember to recycle your shells! Check online or call (843) 953-9397 to find locations near you where shell can be dropped off for recycling. SCDNR uses saltwater recreational fishing license revenues to construct and enhance renewable oyster resources in the coastal counties by replanting recycled shell. All shell collected by the SCDNR is used to restore shellfish grounds in coastal South Carolina.



SCDNR staff and volunteers 'plant' tens of thousands of bushels of oyster shells along the coast each year to replenish our state's oyster population. Help keep our oysters healthy by recycling the shell from your backyard roast at a drop-off site near you!
Photo: Kaitlyn Hackathorn/SCDNR

2023 LEGAL NOTICE

NOMINATING MEETINGS FOR CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA PEANUT BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" of 1968, as amended and Marketing Order No. 6 for South Carolina Peanuts issued July 1, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of the following members of the South Carolina Peanut Board expire:

Terms expiring December 31, 2023:

District 1 Dupree Atkinson, Mullins, SC

District 2 Richard Rentz, Branchville, SC

As a board member for the South Carolina Peanut Board, your primary focus is to establish plans for advertising and sales promotion of peanuts especially in the area of domestic and international trade. The Board shall prepare and engage in programs for promoting and

advertising to increase the sales of such peanuts without reference to a brand or trade name.

If you are interested in becoming a SC Peanut board member, you will need to request a petition. This petition can be requested by calling (803) 734-9807, (803) 734-2217 or by emailing elloyd@scda.sc.gov. All petitions must be received by **Wednesday, November 1, 2023**. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five peanut producers from the counties of the district seat you are petitioning for.

Terms of office are for 3 years. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing peanuts within the State of South Carolina for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, during that one-year period, candidate will have derived a substantial portion of his income there from and shall continue to do so during their term of office. The SC Peanut Board holds approximately 4 quarterly meetings per year to conduct

business. Reimbursement for mileage is paid for travel to and from meetings. In addition, a \$50 per diem is paid per meeting attended.

District 1 includes the Counties of Berkeley, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

District 2 includes the Counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Colleton, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, and York.

Frances Price, Chair
The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
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AG DAYS AT THE FAIR

BY MICHAEL CRANFORD, SCDA

Sights and sounds abounded at the FARM Center in Oconee County during the SC Foothills Heritage Fair, which took place September 19–23. However, on Thursday and Friday morning, spinning rides and funnel cake were not the attraction. Rather, another exciting attraction occurred, but far more educational. At one station, children held squiggling squirming worms as they learned about composting. At another, students from Northside Elementary School excitedly identified and petted the pelt of their school mascot, the bobcat. Elsewhere, several students tried their hands at lassoing plastic calves, while others got up close to the larger living cattle. These sights were only a portion of the 32 stations teaching over 1,500 students at the agricultural literacy event known as Ag Days at the Fair.

Tracing its roots to the 1990s, the literacy event became associated with the SC Heritage Fair soon after its inception. Its goal is to introduce local elementary students to a variety of topics regarding agriculture and its importance to society.



“If we can get them hooked when they are young, they are more apt to have an appreciation and greater understanding for the industry,” said Mariah Swygert, Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor at Seneca High School. When she was a student teacher, Swygert was first involved with Ag Days under the tutelage of her cooperating teacher, Ms. Addis. Now Swygert oversees planning and coordinating the event, with the help of agriculture teacher Alonzo McDonald, Ag Literacy Committee Chair Madi Duvall, and other area FFA advisors and volunteers.

According to Swygert, 165 FFA students were involved in the event, acting as station presenters or tour guides for the younger children. The FFA students dedicate themselves to providing a memorable experience and sharing their agricultural knowledge.

“I am always so proud of my students in how much they grow and love teaching about a topic they love and are passionate about,” she said. This passion was clearly on display through the smiles of the FFA students and the younger children in attendance.

For the future of the event, Swygert hopes to build more local partnerships and expand the number of topics presented to students. Perhaps more importantly, she believes that the event can serve as a model for replication throughout the state, bringing agricultural literacy to an even greater audience. Given the passion and excitement present at Ag Days at the Fair, this future seems a reality.

USDA APHIS CELEBRATES AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BY USDA APHIS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is celebrating the Agency’s many successful efforts to prevent African swine fever (ASF) from reaching the United States and prepare for a possible introduction of the disease. In honor of ASF Action Week, APHIS is recognizing the continuing efforts to prevent this deadly swine disease from reaching our shores.

“Keeping U.S. animals healthy is our top priority,” said Dr. Rosemary Sifford, U.S. Chief Veterinary Officer. “The United States has always had a system of interlocking safeguards in place to protect against foreign animal diseases, however the spread of ASF abroad made us review and strengthen our protections.”

Some of the Agency’s major accomplishments in these areas include:

ENHANCING EXISTING SAFEGUARDS

Since ASF was detected in the Dominican Republic and Haiti in 2021, APHIS has enhanced several existing safeguards.

- Strengthened our partnership with Customs and Border Protection staff at ports of entry;
- Increased inspection of passengers and products arriving from affected countries;
- Advanced risk-based restrictions on imports of pork and pork products from affected countries;
- Continued collaboration with states, industry, and producers to relay the importance of strict biosecurity procedures; and
- Evaluated and improved response plans and have incident management teams ready to deploy should a detection occur in the United States.

ESTABLISHING A PROTECTION ZONE IN PUERTO RICO, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

In September 2021, APHIS established a protection zone for Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, after ASF was discovered in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. This protection zone allows us to work closely with both territories to increase education and outreach and improve biosecurity, while

also safeguarding the entire U.S. swine herd and protecting the interests and livelihoods of all U.S. pork producers. APHIS’ Plant Protection and Quarantine predeparture screenings and United States Postal Service mail inspections are critical to this effort.

STRENGTHENING SWINE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND TESTING

APHIS increased ASF surveillance efforts, looking more closely for the disease. ASF surveillance in Puerto Rico has included:

- Collecting more than 4,800 samples during slaughter surveillance;
- Surveying all known Puerto Rico swine premises, with over 9,600 samples tested;
- Inspecting 300 illegal boat landings; and
- Removing more than 4,600 feral swine and testing more than 2,900 for both ASF and Classical swine fever (CSF).

APHIS continues to conduct surveillance for both ASF and CSF in domestic and feral swine in the mainland United States. Since August 2021, APHIS has tested almost 6,000 samples from higher risk domestic herds, and more than 26,000 case-compatible samples from veterinary diagnostic laboratories and production facilities.

Since May 2022, APHIS has surveyed feral swine in very high-risk counties within nine states where operational feral swine removal activities are underway and tested more than 3,600 samples, with no ASF detections. APHIS has also started to expand feral swine surveillance and removal activities along the U.S. Mexico border and the Florida Gulf Coast.

UPDATING RESPONSE PLANS

APHIS made significant updates to ASF response plans for domestic pig and feral swine response. These updates are the result of intensive collaborations with the APHIS ASF Technical Working Group, the ASF Harvest Establishment Working Group, and the United States Animal Health Association Swine Committee. The updated materials include a revised ASF Redbook, Harvest

Facility Response Plans, Control Area Permit Templates, and responder “Playbooks” for domestic pigs and feral swine. Updated plans are posted on the APHIS ASF response page.

OPENING THE NATIONAL BIO AND AGRO-DEFENSE FACILITY

APHIS has been working closely with USDA’s Agricultural Research Service and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to stand up the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kansas. This state-of-the-art facility is the first U.S. maximum biocontainment, biosafety level 4 laboratory for large livestock and a national asset that will help protect the nation’s agriculture, farmers, and citizens against the threat and potential impact of serious animal diseases. NBAF will provide 24/7 diagnostic testing to detect and respond to foreign animal diseases. It will also develop vaccines and diagnostics for high-consequence animal diseases and will be able to train more veterinarians and diagnosticians to detect key animal diseases—which is critical to global food security.

ENHANCING AWARENESS OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

APHIS continued efforts to help prevent ASF through an outreach and awareness campaign called “Protect Our Pigs.” The United States is one of the world’s largest pork producers and the second largest exporter of pork globally. If this deadly, highly contagious, viral disease arrives here, it is estimated it could cost the nation \$74 billion dollars over 10 years. Commercial pork producers, veterinarians, and pig owners are among the nation’s first line of defense against ASF. The Protect our Pigs campaign deploys a variety of outreach efforts to support these critical stakeholders, including downloadable fact sheets and posters, instructional videos, shareable social media graphics, and a new interactive biosecurity guide. To date, these efforts have appeared in people’s social media feeds over 38 million times and led to nearly 150,000 visits to the Protect our Pigs web page. APHIS will continue these efforts to support our stakeholders and keep this deadly disease off our shores.