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EXPLORING SUPER-SIZED WATERMELONS: 1890 EMBRACES CUTTING-EDGE GARDENING APPROACHES

GRAFTING TECHNIQUE CULTIVATES 150-POUND WATERMELONS AT UNIVERSITY FARM

BY SC STATE

ORANGEBURG, SC — The quest for growing record-breaking watermelons is on, as the SC State University 1890 Research & Extension sustainable agriculture and natural resources program pushes the limits of growing watermelon by using innovative techniques to grow record-breaking watermelons at the 1890 Research & Demonstration Farm, located in Olar, South Carolina.



At the farm, several watermelons have surpassed the 150-pounds mark as Dr. Brandon Huber, controlled environment research scientist, uses innovative gardening techniques to work towards beating the 274-pounds state record.

“Watermelon is a very popular fruit in the Palmetto State so I’m excited to push the boundaries of what’s possible as we grow these watermelons,” said Huber. “I believe it will take innovative techniques, including grafting, to continue to push the limits in growing giant watermelons and work towards breaking records. Many other techniques in addition to grafting are used by competitive growers.”

Currently, the world record for giant-sized watermelon stands at 350 pounds. Through grafting, which combines two different plant varieties to create a single plant with combined traits, Huber is merging watermelon and gourd plants to enhance watermelon performance and heighten disease and pest resistance.

“There’s no secret to growing record-sized watermelons, but rather a combined effort to optimize all inputs to maximize plant potential,” Huber stated. “Watermelons grown using innovative grafting techniques, which utilize disease-resistant root systems can achieve sizes that challenge our understanding of what’s possible in the world of agriculture,” he added.

In addition, Huber says managing growing conditions, weed control and protecting crops from extreme weather are considerations for growing the largest fruit possible.

By implementing such strategies, Huber grew three watermelons at the Research & Demonstration Farm, which had a daily fruit gain of five pounds each. The innovative approach not only yields larger watermelons but also exemplifies ways science is reshaping the future of agriculture.

Huber has applied the grafting technique to grow record-size watermelons on his own as well. Recently he competed in local and state watermelon-growing competitions. His 199-pounds watermelon won both ‘Best In Show’ and ‘Best Overall’ at the Orangeburg County Fair. In September, his 199-pounds watermelon placed seventh at the Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival in Elkin, NC.

Huber also competed in two additional watermelon-growing contests in North Carolina. In the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival in Spring Hope, he won fourth place for a 199-pounds watermelon and in the North Carolina State Fair, he placed sixth for growing a 235.9-pounds watermelon, the largest grown for the season. Huber also won first place at the SC State Fair, where the award-winning melon remains on display.

For more info about watermelons, contact Dr. Brandon Huber, controlled environment research scientist, at bhuber@scsu.edu.

The 1890 Research & Extension Program, the cornerstone of the historical land-grant status of SC State University, assists diverse rural and urban limited-resource audiences in South Carolina by conducting research that seeks to address the problems affecting state residents and offering lifelong learning opportunities through its many outreach programs.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

OUR POWERFUL PORTS

A few weeks ago I was in Charleston for the annual State of the Ports update. Things are going pretty well for this important cornerstone of our economy.

Our ports generate a nearly \$87 billion statewide economic impact on South Carolina each year, according to a new study rolled out for the occasion. The ports support 1 in 9 jobs in South Carolina, which is 260,000 jobs in South Carolina that are tied directly or indirectly to the ports.

Port operations and related activities generate \$17.6 billion in labor income for South Carolinians, which translates into an average annual income of nearly \$68,000 for all jobs supported directly or indirectly by the ports.

As Dr. Joseph Von Nessen, a research economist and professor at the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business and author of the study, put it, “Our state’s economic success is directly linked to SC Ports’ continued growth.”

One thing in the study that caught my eye is that our state ports authority is unique in the extent to which it directly supports local business. Last year, SC Ports exported about \$26.9 billion in total cargo volume, with \$19.7 billion coming from in-state businesses. So, up to 73.2 percent of all cargo exported through SC Ports originated from

companies located in South Carolina. As the study notes, “This level of local business support for export-oriented firms is higher than at any other major container port on the U.S. East Coast.”

Manufacturing is the backbone of the ports’ economic impact, but agribusiness accounts for a solid part of this economic activity.

According to the ports’ own data, in 2022, 22.6% of exports through the Port of Charleston were forest products—the No. 1 export—and 13.5% of exports were foodstuff and ag materials. Together, agribusiness products make up more than one-third of all exports. Forest products and agriculture accounted for roughly 10 percent of the imports through the same port that year.

South Carolina farmers benefit enormously from a strong port, whether they’re selling soybeans or chicken for export through Charleston, or using fertilizer and other products imported from overseas. Going forward it will be our goal to have even more of an agricultural presence with our ports.

I applaud SC Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin and the State Ports Authority Board for running a top-notch operation and being a friend to South Carolina farmers.

Hugh Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](https://www.facebook.com/scagcouncil)

Farmer Bootcamp

November 9 & 10 • 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Calling all Veterans! Farmer Bootcamp is a two-day workshop for veterans, transitioning military service-members, and military family members interested in agribusiness. Day One will provide an overview of business planning, marketing, grant writing, and regulatory information. Day Two will give you a chance to get your hands dirty on the farm and figure out what interests you.

Buddy Building

3483 Charleston Hwy, West Columbia

[palmettovetsinag.org/farmer-bootcamp](https://www.palmettovetsinag.org/farmer-bootcamp)

Oyster Roast

November 10 • 6 – 9:30 pm

Get ready to indulge in a delicious feast of fresh oysters at our scenic lavender farm. Tickets include oysters, BBQ, soft drinks, and wine and beer for those 21+. No outside food or drinks permitted.

Elf Leaf Farm

141 N. Campbell Road, Landrum

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

Tickets: [eventbrite.com/e/elf-leaf-farm-oyster-roast-tickets-736762294857?fbclid=IwAR2cSM34mtV7bBKRjX51G86PxVRMRZGrVacKwftwjiuyq_Mkb3WPC53RboA](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elf-leaf-farm-oyster-roast-tickets-736762294857?fbclid=IwAR2cSM34mtV7bBKRjX51G86PxVRMRZGrVacKwftwjiuyq_Mkb3WPC53RboA)

3rd Annual Garlic Planting Party

November 10 • 9 am – 12:30 pm

Learn how to plant garlic while making new friends and spending the morning in a beautiful setting. Participants will help us poke cloves into the soil and then mulch the beds for overwintering—bring us all of your fall leaves! Garlic is available for pre-purchase and will be distributed after our harvest party in June 2024. We will have coffee + tea available and will end the morning with a potluck picnic for lunch—feel free to bring something to share!

Grateville Acres

1075 Curtis Millpond Road, Paxville

gratevilleacres@gmail.com • 802-291-4506

[facebook.com/gratevilleacres](https://www.facebook.com/gratevilleacres)

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

Living-History Day

November 11 • 10 am – 3 pm

The Foothills Farmstead is hosting its first Living-History Day in Oakway, SC (Oconee County). This free event will allow visitors to "step back in time" and see a family farm from the early 1900s. There will be demonstrators of all sorts of skills including plowing with mules/horses, flint knapping, quilting, wood working, blacksmithing, and lots more! Everyone is welcome!

The Foothills Farmstead

435 Farmstead Way, Westminster

ng33986@gmail.com • 864-710-1568

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

Harvest Market & Guided Tour

November 18 • 10 am – 1 pm

Guided farm tour, local farm and artisan market, bonfire, and family fun.

Doko Farm

2101 Cedar Creek Road, Blythewood

dokofarm@gmail.com • 803-873-7739

[facebook.com/dokofarmsc](https://www.facebook.com/dokofarmsc)

Holiday Market / Open House

November 25 • 11 am – 4 pm

Spend Small Business Saturday on a working alpaca farm. Learn about alpacas and their amazing fleece, watch artisan demonstrate the art of spinning, weaving, needle felting, and get a start on your Christmas shopping. There will be alpacas to hand feed. Take a picture or two—they are very photogenic. Buy local—many of our products are made from fiber from our own herd. There is something for everyone on your list. All are welcome but please leave your furry friends at home.

OnAgain OffAgain Farm

262 Hollis Drive, Spartanburg

Contact: Karen Kopp

oazalpacos@gmail.com • 864-680-9845

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

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3483 Charleston Highway
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-4664

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

1354 Rutherford Road
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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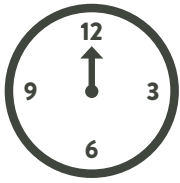
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50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Carp, \$12; Bass, \$2; trout, \$3; Minnows, \$20/lb
Derek Long
Newberry
803-944-3058

STERILE CARP

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

CATTLE

BFMSTR PB BULLS

reg, \$1700+; yrlds, \$1200+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

8 M/O HRFRD BULLS

polled, \$800
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

WEANED BEEF CALVES

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

10-12 CALVES

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

REG BLK ANG BULL

top 4% WW, good EPDs & 20 m/o, virgin bull, \$3000
Mike Benton
Horry
843-246-9465

7 M/O REG BLK ANG BULL

800 lbs, good calving ease, exc marbling numbers, \$2500
Craig Morgan
Greenville
864-809-0069

2 BULL CALVES

¾ Ang, ¼ Brahma, \$700 ea;
1 Brahma Red bull, \$900; 1 Ang hefr, \$1000
Daniel Brown
Aiken
803-508-4520

2 REG DEXTER BULL CALVES

1 red, 1 dun, exc genetics, \$1250 ea
Stephan Vernet
Spartanburg
864-363-5800

REG POLLED HRFRD BULL

from Fowken Farms, 3 y/o, gentle, \$3500
Bill Wright
Abbeville
864-348-2706

REG BLK ANG BULLS

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

FB RED POLL YRLG BULL

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

¾ GELB BULL

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

REG BULLS

low BW, gentle, serv ready, \$3000
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

REG & COMM HEFRS

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

REG OPEN HEFRS

SimAng & Hrfrds, 10-13 m/o, vac, on feed, \$2000+
Wayne Garber
Laurens
874-923-0581

REG HRFRD BULLS

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

(7) 1 Y/O OPEN HEFRS

Blk Baldy, Blk Ang & Red Baldy, \$1500 ea
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

PB SG BULLS

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

YRLG SIM & SIMANG BULLS

AI breeding, \$2500+
Jim Rathwell
Pickens
864-637-8131

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

HARROWS

\$100; hay rake, \$200; hay trl, \$300; 4x8 trl, \$250
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

JD 310G BACKHOE

4wd, w/1', 2', 3' buckets & hyd rock breaker, \$31,500
Jason Whinghter
Aiken
803-215-0428

'58 CA AC

middle plow, boom pole, 5' 16 disc harrow, 5' bush hog, hay pkr, drawbar, all purp plow, all 3ph, \$2050
Frank Stevenson
Anderson
864-226-0947

BUSH HOG GROOMING MWR

antiq/vintage '60-64, 5', cuts good, lrg 18¾" spoke whl on deck, more, photos avail, \$400
Bob White
Spartanburg
864-457-2293

'69 TRACTOR

Minneapolis Moline M670, GRC, \$4000; 4R White corn plntr, \$2300
Edward Berger
Dorchester
843-832-9233

BALE WAGON

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

HINOMOTO DSL TRACTOR

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

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

MF 510 COMBINE

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

JD 4420 COMBINE

w/444 corn hdr, FR, \$13,500; JD 1210A grain cart, \$6000; KMC rip-strip 4r rm, \$9500 obo
Ricky Tumbleston
Charleston
843-813-8383

OAK TRL

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

'08 JD 3320 CAB

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

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

NH 310 SQ BALER

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

KING 3PT HD HAY LIFT/FORK

& Worksaver bolt-on hay spear, mod #BRS10, SN 1050, \$500 for both
Roland Temple
Greenwood
864-980-3351

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

KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR

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

FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR

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

15' IH 1020 HDR AUGER

\$400; NH rnd baler, \$2700; belts for IH 615 combine, \$75
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

LEINBACH BALE SPIKE

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

JD 3038E TRACTOR

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

INTL 1086

w/duals, no encl cab, runs good but needs a few things, \$10,000 obo
Josh Clayton
Laurens
864-871-3803

JD 6600 COMBINE

w/bean & corn hdrs, 30"r, \$6000
C Bryant
Lexington
803-604-2113

JD 6500 HI BOY

60' boom, \$22,000
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

5' BUSH HOG

\$1000; 6' Woods finish mwr, \$1200; 8' Agmate finish mwr w/new belts, \$1850
James Burns
Laurens
864-918-6308

MORRA ROTARY HAY RAKE

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

HESTON 530 BALER

4x4, new belts & tines, \$2400; NH 56 rake, \$700
Ronald Scoggins
York
839-232-9030

JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

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 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

16 DISC HARROW

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

KUBOTA L39 LDR/BACKHOE

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

4420 COMBINE

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

22' DECKOVER TRL

pintle hitch, dual 6500# axles, \$5000 firm, text/call
Matthew Kears
Hampton
803-842-0377

'52 FORD 8N

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

FORD 3910 DSL

roll bar, VGC & LN tires, new battery, FR, 52 hp, 2nd owner, \$9500
M Wilson
Spartanburg
864-595-1959

'10 HOMESTEADER 3H TRL

SL, BP, slide out rear ramp, GC, \$6000
Alan Peabody
Beaufort
207-232-3803

NH BR7050 BALER

\$5700; NH 442 hay cutter, \$1000; 8 whl hay rake, \$1000
Benny Bartley
Aiken
803-341-0955

5'x7' TRL

metal flr, removeable wood panels sides, alum foldable ramp, EC, \$650; Vermeer hay buggy, more, \$600
Janice Brewington
Laurens
864-981-1357

EQUINE

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

7 Y/O TW MOLLY MULE

16+H, \$2500; 8 y/o John mule, out of QH, rides & drives, \$4000; both easy to catch & trim
John Moore
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864-321-0300

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 SMALL FARM

fixer, Midlands to Upstate areas, cash buyer to \$100,000
Susan Georgion
Florence
423-440-4196

WANT LAND TO LEASE

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

80A EDGEFIELD CO

w/timber, \$4000/A
John Rhodes
Hampton
803-346-9473

26A FARM SALUDA CO

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

11A TIMBER

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

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; shelled pecans, \$7/lb
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

FARM FRESH EGGS

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

BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE

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

CHICKEN EGGS

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

FARM LABOR

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

POND CONSULTATIONS

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

RECLAIM PASTURES

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

HAULING HAY

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

EXCAVATOR MOWING

can mow fence lines, ditches, slopes, hard to reach areas, 4" cut cap, free quotes
Dakota Hollman
Lexington
803-687-6382

LAND CLEARING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

underbrush removal, fence line & pond bank mowing, livestock water stations & demolition
Ken Wells
Laurens
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PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

WILDLIFE MGMT

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

LIGHT BUSH HOGGING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

LIME SPREADING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

PECAN CRACKING/ SHELLING

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

TRACTOR/EQUIP REPAIR

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

ONSITE MOBILE WELDING

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

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

GARDEN

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

FIG & POMEGRANATE

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

WHT MULTIPLYING ONION BULBS

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

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

HOGS / PIGS

FEEDER MALES

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

LRG BLK CROSS PIGS

30+ lbs, \$75+
John Moore
Abbeville
864-321-0300

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

'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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

3 NZ KIKO GOAT BUCKLINGS

1 doeling, B-early May, CDT, Famacha, reg not incl, \$350 ea
Jane Cooper
Greenville
843-693-1949

BRIAR GOATS

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

2 Y/O BOER BUCK

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

M BREEDING GOATS

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

ANGORA GOAT

7 m/o buckling, intact, wht color carrier, \$250
Emily Simon
Lancaster
803-627-7850

KATAHDIN SHEEP

lrg ram, yng rams, old & yng ewes, \$200+
Francis Black
Barnwell
803-259-8428

YOUNG SHEEP

Eve Sire Montadale, Dam E Friesian/Lacaune, \$250, text/call
B McColley
Lexington
864-494-7643

NGN DWARF BUCK

1½ y/o, \$125; Pygmy mix buck, & 4 m/o Saanen Ngn buck, \$100 ea
Patty Jackson
Cherokee
864-316-0741

8 KATAHDIN SHEEP

ewes w/ram, poss bred, rams & ewes, \$175-200 ea
Barney Gause
Williamsburg
843-356-1671

HAY & GRAIN

'23 4x5 RND CB

HQ, \$65 ea; GQC hay, \$50 ea
Carroll Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

'23 CRAB GRASS HAY

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

'23 SQ FESCUE

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

4x4½ CB & TIFTON 85

limed & fert, over edge net wrap, \$50, no del
Ann Furtick
Orangeburg
803-707-4826

'23 HQ 4x5 COASTAL

limed/fert, NR, net wrap, rnd, \$50/ea p-up, \$65/ea del
Thomas Holley
Jefferson
704-635-9355

'23 HQ SQ CB

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

WHEAT STRAW

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

'23 SPRING FESCUE

4x5 rnd, NR, HQ, string tied, can load, \$50/bale
Jim Wood
Pickens
864-979-8145

4x5 CB

\$70/bale; 4x5 CB w/some crabgrass, \$60; 4x5 CQ CB, \$50; sq CB, \$8; Crabgrass hay, \$50; all shed kept
Larry McCartha
Lexington
803-606-2499

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

'23 HQ COASTAL

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

'23 RND FESCUE

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

'23 4x5 CB

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

'23 RND 4x5 CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale, vol disc avail
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

'23 FESCUE

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

TIFTON 9 BAHIA

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

4x5 TIFTON 85

fert, \$60/bale
Thomas Willis
Batesburg
803-513-1875

'23 5x5 MIXED HAY

in barn, \$60
John Telligman
Chester
803-374-6231

HQ HAY

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

4x5 MIXED GRASS

net wrap, \$35+, in field or in barn, bulk disc, del avail for fee
Jacob Cathcart
Fairfield
803-603-7322

'23 WHEAT/OAT/RYEGRASS

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

'23 HQ COASTAL

limed, fert, shed kept, rnd, \$70; CQ, rnd, \$60, sq, \$8, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

'23 FESCUE MIX

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

MIXED HAY

Fescue, Coastal, Crabgrass, fert, 4x5 rnd bales, net wrap, \$45 ea
Ronny Wilson
Anderson
864-356-6959

'23 HQ 4x54 BERMUDA

shed kept, \$70; '23 Alfalfa, 4x4, \$100; both net wrap; sq
Alfalfa, \$17.50
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

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 FESCUE & RYE GRASS

rnd, net wrap, fert, HQ, \$45/bale
Don Counts
Newberry
803-315-1016

'23 4x5 CB

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

WHEAT STRAW

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

HQ

shed kept, \$70/bale
Carlisle Kinard
Bamberg
803-267-5762

4x4½' RND CB

barn kept, \$70
Jennifer Fitch
Fairfield
803-718-0422

'23 COASTAL

or oats/ryegrass blend hay, \$65 ea
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

'23 4x5 FESCUE

net wrap, \$35
Ralph Grant
Saluda
864-445-2439

'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

'23 SQ HQ CB

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

'23 SQ CB

\$8, can del
Andrew Rice
Allendale
803-686-1208

ALFALFA

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

4x5 COW HAY

net wrap, under tarp, \$35, will del for fee
Cyrus Shoffner
Chesterfield
843-307-7059

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

MISCELLANEOUS

JD X570 MWR

48" deck w/wagon, 165 hrs, LN, \$6000
Mike Sheppard
Newberry
803-924-9977

HDWD LUMBER

var Oaks & Poplar, boards 1"×12"×8'L, \$4/bdft, free del 300 bdft or less in Upstate
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

10"×6"W×16"H HD TRL

MH dual axle, treated wood, 1 board needs to be replaced, \$400
Jim Wood
Pickens
864-979-8145

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

5 for \$85, ship to you post incl, call for more info
William F Timmerman
Aiken
803-640-6265

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

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

SNAPPER 22" PUSH MWR

7 hp, GRC, extra parts, \$85; 5 hp Murray, 2 y/o, \$105
Tom Kirkley
Lancaster
803-246-8195

NEW GAS HOLE DIGGER

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

CRAFTSMAN LAWN MWR

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

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

DEHORNING TOOLS

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

COVERED WAGON

w/shafts for single horse & tongue for team pulling, LN cover, last pull 3 yrs ago, \$4000
John Moore
Abbeville
864-321-0300

TROYBILT COLT LAWN MWR

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

ELECTROBRAID HORSE FENCE

rope type, 1200' reel, 3-300' sections, gate pcs, many shorter pcs, hdwe, \$250
Patricia Dukes
Lexington
803-606-1140

1"×6" CEDAR LUMBER

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

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

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

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

\$2/yd
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

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

JD STX38 RIDING MWR

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

'17 TOPLINE UTIL TRL

77×14, LN, \$1800; tow behind rough cut mwr, \$2000
Bill Day
Anderson
864-617-5481

(2) 17" ENGLISH SADDLES

w/fittings, \$350 ea
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

(4) 48" KOOL AIR FANS

\$100 ea, cash
Danny Day
Edgefield
803-645-0637

FEED END LINE CONTROL UNIT

by Chore Time, incl motor, gear box, & end pan, \$50 ea
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

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

FTI 55 GAL DRUM ELEC PUMP

housing stainless, thermally protected, 115 vac, 1/4 hp, 0-6000 rpm, \$400; more
Janice Brewington
Laurens
864-981-1357

ENTERPRISE MEAT GRINDER

#32 w/new belt pulley, hand turn, \$100; 125 lb Farrier anvil, made by Hay-Budden, \$500 firm
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

CEDAR

7' rnd posts, \$3 ea; poles, 8'/\$6, 10'/\$8; sq fence post, 6×6×8', \$25; lumber, \$3/bdft; mulch, \$50/p-up load
Andy Morris
Newberry
803-276-2670

55 GAL PLASTIC BARRELS

\$10 ea; oil tank, \$75
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

MILWAUKEE HORIZ MILL

mod 2HL, universal, digital readout, old but operational, \$2000 obo
Alan Peabody
Beaufort
207-232-3803

POULTRY

BLK SEXLINK PULLETS

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

15-18 W/O RIR HENS

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

BOBWHITE QUAIL

flight cond, \$5.50
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

LAYING HENS

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

WHT KING PIGEONS

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

HATCH GAME FOUL ROOS

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

BLUE WHEATON AMERICANAS

full blue egg layers, 6 hens, 1 roo, 1 1/2 y/o, \$100 for all
Barney Gause
Williamsburg
843-356-1671

GAME WARHORSE

Flarry Eye Greys, Hatch, Kelso, \$25+/hen; \$50+/roo; yng & grown Guineas, \$8-\$15 ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

POULTRY PIGEONS

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

LAVENDER AMERAUCANAS

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

(2) 1 Y/O TOM TURKEYS

\$35 ea or trade for hen; asst chickens, 1 y/o & less, \$10+
Deborah Reed
Orangeburg
843-312-5018

BOBWHITE QUAIL

weather & flight cond, \$6 ea, min purchase of 20
Bud Weakland
Union
803-924-7252

15 GOLDEN COMETS

friendly, all in GC, \$15 ea or \$200 for all
Janie Stoudenmire
Lexington
803-587-9973

GOLDEN COMETS

6 m/o, laying lrg brn eggs daily, 18 avail, \$20 ea
Timothy Lemasters
Barnwell
803-300-6110

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

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

TRUE CHRISTMAS CACTI

Schlumbergera bridgesii, \$20 ea; African violets, \$10 ea
Pauline Lane
Sumter
803-464-5730

RABBITS

LA COTTONTAIL

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

1 Y/O NZ BUCK

grey, \$35
Deborah Reed
Orangeburg
843-312-5018

WHT RABBITS

tame bucks & does, \$5 ea
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

LA COTTONTAILS

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

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

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

1-2 OR 3 BTM PLOW

w/rubber tires; frt wts, 2 pc for JD 60 tractor
Tim Landers
Anderson
864-640-6432

1-2 REAR TRACTOR TIRES

good used 11.2×38 or 12.4×38
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

PARTS

for MF mod 285 & 165
George Key
Aiken
803-480-0076

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

SHETLAND & WELCH PONIES

small horses to live on 20A, any age, must be reasonably priced
Jeanie Sabbagha
Sumter
803-494-9449

100% NZ DOES

must be reg or registerable
Cal Norris
Edgefield
864-378-2693

BEEF COWS

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

WANT - HAY

SQ BALES OF HAY

to feed a horse & goats, will p-up
Emmanuel Kargiatlis
Spartanburg
864-279-7950

CORN & SOYBEANS

in my 55 drums
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

SV CRIMP TIN

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

LIQ SUPPLEMENT TANK

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

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

PURPLE MARTIN GOURDS

Mack Welch
Berkeley
843-688-5674

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

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

ELEC FUEL TANK PUMP

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

PINE CHIPS

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

6 TON FEED TANK

with or w/auger
Bob Catbey
Anderson
864-303-8203

ANY SIZE FARM BELLS

& bells parts, syrup kettle & wash pots
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

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CROP INSURANCE DEADLINE NEARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR APPLES, BLUEBERRIES, PEACHES AND WHOLE-FARM REVENUE PROTECTION

BY USDA

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 18, 2023 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds South Carolina apple, blueberry, and peach growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2024 crop year is November 20. Growers who are interested in the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection policy and are late fiscal year filers have until November 20 to apply for crop insurance. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the November 20 sales closing date to do so.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Coverage is available for apples in Greenville, Oconee, and Spartanburg counties. Crop insurance coverage is also available for blueberries in Horry County.

Crop insurance coverage is available for peaches in Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Edgefield, Greenville, Lexington, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Saluda, Spartanburg, and York counties. Coverage is available for Whole-Farm Revenue Protection in all South Carolina counties.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2024 crop year.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at rma.usda.gov.

SC AGRITOURISM ASSOCIATION TO HOLD 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SET FOR JANUARY 21-23 IN BEAUFORT, COLLETON & JASPER COUNTIES

BY JACKIE MOORE, SCAA

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Agritourism Association will hold our Annual Conference January 21 – 23, 2024 in Beaufort, Colleton and Jasper Counties. This professional event is an opportunity for farmers who currently offer agritourism and those interested in agritourism to network, learn and visit farms.

The conference will include two days of bus tours, stopping at six agritourism locations and a bonus day visit to Daufuskie Island. Each stop will include educational presentations on topics including websites and digital media, hospitality insurance, produce safety, succession planning, regenerative agriculture, and a very special island campfire supper with stories and songs celebrating Gullah culture.

We are seeking sponsors for the conference. When you sponsor our conference, your brand is visible to more than those in attendance. We leverage our entire multi-channel network to promote your brand before, during, and after the conference. We offer three levels of sponsorship to support any size budget. Your donation will help defray the cost of the conference to make it affordable to even the smallest farms in South Carolina.

Registration for the conference is available at scagritourism.org/events/scaa-annual-conference.

To learn more about the conference, the South Carolina Agritourism Association or how you can help, please visit scagritourism.org or email Jackie Moore at jmoore@scda.sc.gov.

2023 LEGAL NOTICE

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" of 1968, and as amended, and the Marketing Order No. 13 for South Carolina Tobacco issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of the following members of the South Carolina Tobacco Board expire:

Terms expiring December 31, 2023

DISTRICT 2 DUPREE ATKINSON, MULLINS, SC

BEN TEAL, PATRICK, SC

As a board member for the South Carolina Tobacco Board, your primary focus is to cooperate with agencies and organizations engaging in support of tobacco production, tobacco production research, tobacco marketing research and dissemination of information on tobacco production and marketing. This board meets two to three times a year.

If you are interested in becoming a SC Tobacco Board Member, you will need to request a petition. This petition can be requested by calling 803-734-9807 or by emailing elloyd@scda.sc.gov. All petitions must be received by **Friday, November 24, 2023**. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five tobacco 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 tobacco 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. Board members are reimbursed for mileage to and from meetings and paid \$50 per diem per meeting attended.

District 1 includes the County of Horry.

District 2 includes the Counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, and York.

District 3 includes the Counties of Bamberg, Berkeley, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Lexington, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

Frances Price, Chair
The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
PO Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211

South Carolina Department of Agriculture

SC DRIVERS SHOULD WATCH FOR DEER ON STATE ROADS

BY SCDNR

Drivers throughout South Carolina should be cautious of roaming white-tailed deer, especially during the breeding season in October and November.

As the state's population increases and more people commute on South Carolina's roadways, the chance of deer-vehicle collisions is greater.

Drivers throughout the state should be cautious of roaming white-tailed deer throughout the year, but especially during the rut or breeding season — typically from October to November. Studies show that about 45 percent of deer-vehicle collisions occur during this time, and it is related to the fact that deer naturally increase their movements related to breeding.

Most vehicle collisions occur near dawn and dusk because deer tend to move more during these times. Unfortunately, these are also the times that most humans commute to and from work in their vehicles.

Although deer-vehicle collisions are an issue in South Carolina, the state is in a much better position than most states, particularly states in the Northeast and upper Midwest where there are a reported 30,000–50,000 deer-vehicle collisions annually.

But there have been more such collisions in South Carolina recently, according to highway data.

The S.C. Department of Public Safety reports about 6,000 deer-vehicle collisions each of the last two years.

Sound deer management through regulated annual harvest is the most effective way of curtailing deer-vehicle collisions, but following some commonsense rules for driving defensively in deer country will make the trip safer.

- White-tailed deer are masters at evading predators. However, these same instincts often cause deer to bolt in front of oncoming vehicles.
- When deer are sighted well ahead of the vehicle, sound the horn several times, flick headlights (if no oncoming traffic is present) and reduce the vehicle's speed.
- If deer are sighted only a short distance in front of the vehicle, these same techniques—horn and

flicking lights—may spook the deer into running across the road, so in that case it's best to just slow down.

- Always anticipate another deer if you see one or more crossing the highway and do not expect the deer to get out of the way.
- Most serious injuries occur when the motorist loses control of the vehicle in an effort to avoid a deer and hits an immovable object like a tree or embankment. If a collision with a deer is imminent, it is best to hit the deer rather than risk losing control of the vehicle.
- Motorists should understand that deer-crossing signs mark a stretch of road where deer have been hit previously. However, these signs do not mark specific deer trails. Deer may frequently cross for several miles where the signs are posted.
- Pay attention to changes in habitat types along the highway. The zone between habitat types is a likely place for deer to cross a road. Creek bottoms and where agricultural fields meet woodlands are also prime areas for deer to cross roadways.
- Rural or secondary roads rank highest in deer-vehicle accidents because of the frequent curves and narrow shoulders.

South Carolina's deer population peaked in the late 1990s, as did the number of deer-vehicle collisions. Since the year 2000, however, the estimated statewide deer population has decreased approximately 30 percent, with the decline believed to be a combination of changes in habitat, high antlerless deer harvests, and coyote predation on deer fawns.

What should motorists do if they hit a deer? Report the incident to the S.C. Highway Patrol or local law enforcement and to your insurance company.

Drivers can keep deer for consumption, as long as there is an incident report demonstrating that the deer was killed by a vehicle and not illegally shot.

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources and other state entities will not compensate motorists for injuries or damages resulting from deer collisions.

USDA EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR DISCRIMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO JANUARY 13

DEPARTMENT INCORPORATES STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK TO ENSURE MAXIMUM REACH

BY USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is extending the deadline for the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program to January 13, 2024, to give eligible farmers, ranchers and forest landowners more time to apply for assistance. The original deadline was October 31, 2023.

This deadline extension is responsive to feedback from potential applicants, nongovernmental program administrators and community-based organizations working closely with USDA to inform and assist eligible individuals. The new deadline will allow more time to reach and help farmers, ranchers and forest landowners through direct, no-cost technical assistance and training sessions. The extension will also ensure everyone has adequate time to apply, including producers whose harvest season falls during the original application period.

“USDA knows it must earn the trust of the farmers, ranchers and forest landowners who are eligible for this program. That makes transparency in the administration of the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program crucial,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “In that spirit, after receiving feedback from organizations that have been supporting producers throughout the application process, we have made the decision to extend the deadline. We believe this is the appropriate action to take to ensure all eligible individuals wishing to apply are adequately informed about the program and have the opportunity to receive any necessary assistance.”

Since the opening of the financial assistance application process on July 7, the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program team has embarked on a nationwide outreach campaign and quickly opened 30 local offices across 26 states. Regional administrators have held well over 600 virtual and in-person events across the country. Cooperators have also held dozens of virtual and in-person events to complement these efforts while also educating their specific networks. Advertising on digital, print and radio channels targeting potentially eligible individuals and rural communities has also been deployed. These efforts have successfully allowed program staff to reach many potential applicants and will be further increased with the new, extended deadline.

This program delivers on Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act, which provides financial assistance for farmers, ranchers and forest landowners who experienced discrimination in USDA farm lending programs prior to January 2021. Congress provided a total of \$2.2 billion for this program. The amount of money awarded to individuals through this program will depend on the number of eligible applicants and the consequences of the discrimination. Eligible individuals have the option to apply online or by submitting paper-based forms via mail or in-person delivery to local program offices. Applicants are not required to retain an attorney and should take precautions to protect themselves from potential scams.

In addition to the application deadline change, the deadline to request records from USDA's Farm Service Agency for use in applications has been extended to Friday, Nov. 3, 2023. The application process was designed so that FSA records are not required, though relevant records may be attached to an application as additional evidence if they are available.

To learn more about the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program or receive assistance in English or Spanish, visit 22007apply.gov, email info@22007apply.gov, or contact the national call center at 1-800-721-0970 from 8 am ET to 8 pm PT, every day except federal holidays. If you use sign language to communicate, you can use the 711 relay service to call. You may also email or contact the national call center if you have a disability and need another accommodation. Information about the program, resources, recent office openings and local events across the country is also available through a weekly e-newsletter.

USDA's commitment to equity spans the Department's mission areas and agencies. We are actively working to build a USDA that ensures none of our customers are ignored or left behind. The Discrimination Financial Assistance Program is just one of many programs helping USDA rebuild trust, address systemic issues and improve service to people who may have been underserved by USDA in the past. To learn more about USDA's equity work and resources, visit usda.gov/equity.

ACCELERATING APPALACHIA LAUNCHES BUILDING SOIL, BUILDING EQUITY (BSBE) INITIATIVE

SC AMONG STATES IN WHICH FARMERS CAN APPLY TO RECEIVE FREE TRAINING AND CASH INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTING SOIL CONSERVATION PRACTICES

BY ACCELERATING APPALACHIA

Accelerating Appalachia, a groundbreaking organization with over a decade of experience building regenerative agricultural systems and resilient, regional commodities in the Appalachian region and rural Southeast, is proud to announce the launch of its innovative "Building Soil, Building Equity" (BSBE) initiative. Accelerating Appalachia is now accepting food, fiber and forest farmer applications to enroll in the project, with the ultimate goal of building soil health and expanding climate-smart farming practices across Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Southern Ohio, and Northern Georgia.

BSBE aims to enroll 400+ farmers in the initiative during the multi-year grant and will provide resources, technical skill development, capacity building, and operational support to strengthen farmer businesses. In order to be eligible farmers must adopt at least one of the 12 selected farming practices, ranging from no-till to agroforestry, applied to the following commodities: beef, cotton, fruits, pork, row crops, rice, specialty crops, and wool.

“We can hardly wait to start working with farmers and producers across our beautiful biodiverse

region. Improved soil health is critical to extending the life of a farm. By reducing erosion, increasing water filtration, improving nutrient cycling, and saving money on inputs, we can help businesses increase resilience and profitability for current and future generations of farmer families,” said CEO and Founding Director SaraDay Evans.

Farmers who participate in the BSBE initiative will be incentivized to adopt Climate-Smart Agriculture Farming (CSAF) practices (also referred to as “regenerative” or “conservation” practices) with access to \$12 million in cash incentives, free training and marketing support with increased incentives for BIPOC (Black and Native American) producers. The BSBE funding has been made possible through the USDA's Climate Smart Commodities grant with a total award of \$20 million, 90% of which will provide farmers with cash incentives and no-cost services. The BSBE funding is part of a \$3.2 billion national program. Accelerating Appalachia's funding opportunities includes an Implementation Incentive, a Drawdown Incentive, a Participation Incentive, and a Travel Incentive.

In partnership with farmers and producers, the project builds on ACAP's proven model for resilient regional production of food, clothing and shelter products, strengthening regional supply chains. The program provides financial support, business networking, technical training, and many more opportunities for farmers to expand their profit and impact. In equal measure, the project supports restoring biodiversity, carbon drawdown, and food production.

Additional partners engaged with the BSBE initiative include the National Center for Appropriate Technology, Kentucky State University, Latent Talent Accelerator, GRC Advising, Working Trees, and Carbon Harvest. Each organization brings unique skills that will support Accelerating Appalachia and the farmers and producers admitted to the program.

Accelerating Appalachia serves as one of the recipients selected to drive transformational, agricultural change across the United States. For more information about Building Soil, Building Equity (BSBE), please visit the Accelerating Appalachia website at acceleratingappalachia.org or contact Le'Shae Robinson at leshae@acceleratingappalachia.org or 859-279-2075.



VERTICAL FARM TO BE BUILT AT SC WOMEN'S PRISON

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The S.C. Department of Corrections, joined by the S.C. Department of Agriculture and South Carolina-based AmplifiedAg, Inc., received legislative approval Oct. 17 to build a vertical farming facility and training program at Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution, a women's prison located in Columbia, S.C.



company, AmplifiedAg. The farm facility will use the same technology and modular growing infrastructure as AmplifiedAg's commercial, nonprofit, and government research partners—and will be upfitted with enhanced security for the safety of incarcerated persons and employees. The farm facility will consist of eight total farming modules; four modules for growing lettuce, and four support modules for food processing, logistics, and food safety checkpoints.

Vertical farming and agricultural technology are rapidly growing industries in modern agriculture and present valuable vocational opportunities for incarcerated persons. SCDC, SCDA, AmplifiedAg, and other reentry organizations are collaborating to develop a full spectrum vertical farm training program, where incarcerated persons will receive hands-on experience in every aspect of vertical farm production including horticulture, farming (seeding, growing, harvesting), technology, and food processing and packaging.

The objective of the vertical farming program at Camille Graham is to provide access to fresh produce, create a positive environment where incarcerated persons can contribute directly to their community, and ultimately provide STEM skills development and agricultural work experience for individuals to secure meaningful employment after incarceration—contributing to South Carolina's lowest in the nation recidivism rate, while bolstering the South Carolina agricultural workforce.

“South Carolina is on the cutting edge of agriculture innovation, and this initiative shows it,” SC Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers said. “This partnership between AmplifiedAg

and two state agencies will offer meaningful job training and a healthy work environment to incarcerated people, helping them learn the importance of farming.”

Founder and CEO of AmplifiedAg, Don Taylor adds, “It is an honor and a privilege to be partnering and supporting the Camille Graham vertical farming initiative. This is an important and innovative program and has the potential to positively impact the daily lives of incarcerated individuals, reduce recidivism, create new jobs in agriculture, and contribute to the facility's healthy food security program. Camille Graham is a model institution, and our objective is to prove the program's success and expand the initiative to other institutions across the state of South Carolina and the nation.”

AmplifiedAg modular farms are designed to grow produce year-round, and can operate regardless of climate, weather, or land, enabling local food production close to the point of consumption. A single 320 square foot module produces 3,400 heads of lettuce every harvest, with an average of 16 harvests per year.

The technology-enabled farms are complete with automated hydroponic growing systems, LED lights, and an advanced software platform that monitors and controls every aspect of the environment (including temperature, water, air, light, humidity) as well as food safety and traceability. The controlled farm environments are built to USDA and FDA world-class food safety standards and therefore do not require the use of pesticides. Water usage inside the farms is minimal, using up to 95 percent less water than field grown lettuce.

This initiative marks the first vertical farm in the United States to be located onsite a correctional institution. This modern agricultural operation will provide incarcerated individuals with real world experience and career training in the fields of vertical farming and agricultural technology. In addition, the farm will supply fresh, healthy, pesticide-free lettuce—estimated to produce 48,000 pounds of lettuce per year—to the institution's cafeteria and food program.

“This partnership is good in so many ways,” SCDC Director Bryan Stirling said. “Inmates learn job skills while providing food for the institution. We see this as a win-win. We appreciate the legislature's continued support in fostering innovative programs to improve our prison system and keep the public safe by helping reduce recidivism.”

The \$1.2 million project received approval for \$350,000 in state funds from the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The remainder is expected to come from private donations. The facility will be built by program partner and Charleston, S.C.-based agricultural technology

