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ARE YOU A SOUTH CAROLINA AGRIBUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR?

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ACRE ADVANCED PROGRAM NOW SEEKING PITCHES

BY SCDA

COLUMBIA – The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 2024 Advanced Entrepreneurship program through March 8, 2024.

South Carolina entrepreneurs selected for the program will have the opportunity to pitch to a panel of judges, competing to earn business

mentoring and funding for their agribusiness. The awardees will be granted up to \$25,000 for their company or product.

In the seven years since it was founded, ACRE has awarded more than \$1 million to 100 agricultural entrepreneurs, funded several industry-driven research projects, and led dozens of business workshops throughout the state.

"Each year, ACRE continues to uncover new entrepreneurial talent in the world of South Carolina agribusiness — a testament to our state's talent, drive and vision," said Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "I look forward to seeing a new group of competitive folks step up to the plate in 2024."

Previous successful awardees have included femaleowned vegetable grower Crescent Farm in Laurens County, which used ACRE funding to expand

production; regenerative agriculture-based duck producer Vital Mission Farm in Wadmalaw Island; Milky Way Farm in Starr, which bought a second robotic milking system; and Project Victory Gardens, which leads workshops to help veterans transition to careers in agribusiness.

The Advanced Entrepreneurship





application requires a business plan and a ready-tolaunch prototype or sales history for the applicant's company or product. Applicants' businesses must be located in South Carolina. The application also includes a detailed guide to what ACRE is looking for in a business plan.

ACRE has a separate program each fall for beginning innovators who have an agribusiness idea but don't have experience in business.

For more information, visit <u>acre-sc.com/programs</u> or contact Kyle Player at 803-734-2324 or kplayer@scda.sc.gov.



Agribusiness Center for Research & Entrepreneurship



SOUTH CAROLINA'S FLOWER INDUSTRY

t's Valentine's Day this week, which has me thinking about the flowers I need to buy for my wife — and about our burgeoning cut flower industry in South Carolina.

February 15, 2024

Cut flower farming is part of the landscaping and horticulture industry, which makes significant contributions to agribusiness in the Palmetto State. When the USC Moore School's Dr. Joey Von Nessen was preparing his 2022 report on agribusiness' economic impact on South Carolina, he calculated that the entire landscaping and horticultural services sector was our second largest ag sector after poultry processing, with a nearly \$1.5 billion direct economic output annually.

Cut flowers are just a slice of that, of course. Because some of these farms are small and run by part-time operators, and others are run as a sideline to another farming business, it's a little hard to report exactly how many there are.

Anecdotally, though, we've seen a lot of new cut flower farms joining the Certified South Carolina program in the past few years.

Agritourism farms in the state are also finding that flowers are a great attraction, whether it's a big field of sunflowers or rows of fragrant lavender. Some flower farmers sell directly to the public at farmers markets and through their websites. Some also offer flower CSAs. Just like other Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs, the customer pays up front and then receives a periodic share of the farm's harvest — in this case, a bouquet of flowers every week or two. Maybe that's the strategy not to forget birthdays or anniversaries.

We also recently, through our ACRE program's participation in the South Carolina Center for Cooperative and Enterprise Development, helped launch a cooperative of cut flower producers. We're looking forward to seeing how these growers can leverage resources like cold storage, transportation, and fulfillment when they work together.

As one farmer told a writer for our department's Grown in SC magazine: While growing flowers is hard work, it can have a pretty good profit margin. You can read that 2023 story — and see all issues of the magazine, including our newest one — at agriculture.sc.gov/magazine.

Next time you're at the farmers market, look for a bouquet from a local farmer. You can also browse through South Carolina farms at certifiedsc.com by clicking "Products" and then "Fresh Cut Flowers".

Hugherleathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lead Line Rides

February 17 & 24 • 2:30 am – 2:45 pm Lead line rides, led by a parent or adult, are available for children 10 and younger on Saturdays with pre-registration. Helmets are required, and we do provide them. Closed-toed shoes are required. Pants recommended. Signed waivers are required. Lead Lines are \$15 per 15-minute ride with \$5 discount for Greenway members. A parent or adult must lead.

Anne Springs Close Greenway 1046 Horse Road, Fort Mill

info@ascgreenway.org • 803-547- 4575 Register: 90082.blackbaudhosting.com/90082/ Lead-Line-10Feb2024

Mushroom Mountain Farm Tours

February 22 • 2 pm

Join us for a fun and informative journey through the intriguing world of fungi! Whether you are just beginning to be myco-curious, or you're a seasoned myco-veteran, you're sure to have a great time getting to know us here. During your visit, you will learn about mushroom biology and ecology—how mushrooms work in and for our environment—as well as how they can be used for medicinal uses and many other innovations. We will also briefly discuss foraging for mushrooms and cultivating mushrooms. Your tour will last approximately 90 minutes and will include a walk on our wooded mushroom trail. We ask that you DO NOT bring pets on your tour of Mushroom Mountain. Service animals are allowed. A portion of your tour will be on our mushroom trail in the woods. The terrain is light, but we ask that you wear close-toed shoes if you are able to. Please stay on the trail at all times! We have native and sensitive plants growing here. Please dress according to the weather. We will still plan to have your tour if it is raining. If it is raining heavily, we will omit the outdoor portion of the tour. Please feel free to bring bag lunches and picnic in our outdoor area after your tour if you wish to do so!

Mushroom Mountain 200 Finley Road, Easley

sporeprints@gmail.com864-859-3080mushroommountain.com

Kershaw County Winter Market

February 24 • 10 am - 2 pm

The Kershaw County Farmers Market is a family-friendly (pets included) place to enjoy the very best of South Carolina-grown and made products. Our family-like atmosphere makes us a place you'll want to come back to again and again!

906 Broad Street, Camden

kcfmmanager@gmail.com kershawcountyfarmersmarket.com

Gardening with Native Plants

February 24 • 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Instructor Sharleen Johnson will introduce gardening with native plants to support pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. Topics addressed will include identifying the growing conditions in your yard, selecting native plants suited to those growing conditions and your gardening goals, and how to maintain native plant gardens and yards to support wildlife. Participants will be provided with a handout with native gardening resources and are invited to bring lunch to eat while socializing with fellow gardeners.

Moore Farms Botanical Garden 1642 Pine Bay Road, Lake City info@moorefarmsbg.org • 843-210-7582 moorefarmsbg.org

Sweetgrass Basket Class

February 29 • 11 am - 4 pm

Create your own one-of-a-kind sweetgrass basket in a special class with Jennifaye of Geechee Gyal Baskets. Jennifaye has been making baskets since 1990, an art she learned from her aunt. Sweetgrass basket sewing is viewed as a gift from God. The craft, handed down from generation to generation is usually learned from childhood. Baskets require a great deal of patience and creativity, as there are no set patterns. Each piece is unique, and each artist develops his or her own style. Light refreshments provided. This event will take place in our Carriage House and is limited to the first 25 tickets sold per class. All materials provided to create your own basket!

Magnolia Plantation and Gardens 3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston

843-571-1266

Tickets: tickets.magnoliaplantation.com/WebStore/landingPage?cg=1

14th Annual Sheep Shearing

March 23 • 10 am - 5 pm

Come visit a working farm & experience wool from sheep to shawl. Border Collie demos, concessions, horseback & hay rides, Bluegrass music & other farm related activities. Adm: \$8/person, children under 2 - free.

Old McCaskill's Farm 337 Cantey Lane, Rembert

Contact: Kathy McCacskill oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com • 803-432-9537 oldmccaskillfarm.com

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864-244-4023

TE FARMERS MARKE 1354 Rutherford Road Greenville, SC 29609 PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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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, 65¢; Shlckr. 65¢; Rdbrst, 65¢; Ch Cat, 65¢; Mosquitofish, 40¢ Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

CATTLE

3 REG HRFRD HEFRS

polled, 11/2022 calf season, \$1200 ea or \$3200 for all Rebecca Hudson Sumter 803-305-8483

4 F-1 BLK BALDY HEFRS

& 3 Hrfrd hefrs, shots & wormed, some exposed, some open, \$1700-1900 Travis Cushman Aiken 803-640-1982

REG 1 Y/O ANG BULL

Fireball b'line, CED & 7 BW +1.5, \$2200; Comm 100% Ang bull, sire Basin Payweight b'line, more, \$2000 Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112

(3) 900+ LB HEFRS

on feed for 4 m/o, ready to process, \$1500 ea Dan Coward Dillon 843-472-8122

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bred & open, top replacement qual, group disc avail, \$1500+ Kevin Renwick Newberry 803-924-0535

HOLSTEIN/GUERNSEY

ı y/o, mother exc milker, \$700 Sharon Payne Oconee 864-888-7916

BUCKING BULLS

& calves, Code Blue & Panhandle Slim b'lines, \$800-6500 Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329

BRED COWS

3 reg Yon Ang, \$3500 ea; Hrfrd & Brang, \$2000 ea; 4 Ang hefrs, 1 Blk, 3 Baldy, \$1200 ea Ashley Stoudemire Barnwell

REG DEXTER BULL

dun colored, proven, 21/2 y/o, docile, polled & bred Reg Dexter dun cow, \$1800 for both David Oser Dorchester 843-557-5200

(18) 9-13 M/O HEFRS

Ang, Ang/Bfmstr, Blk Baldy, calf hood, all shots, \$1500 ea Gene Crim Calhoun 803-609-4571

2 REG DEXTER BULL CALVES

1 red, 1 blk, exc genetics, \$1000 ea Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800

REG HRFRD BULLS

8-11 m/o, exc b'lines w/good dispo, several AI sired, \$1750+ Donnie King Greenville 864-885-2119

2 Y/O REG RED ANG BULLS

all AI sired, \$3500 David Miller Edgefield 706-840-3709

BFMSTR PB BULLS

reg, \$1800; yrlgs, \$1200+ John Steele Lancaster 803-283-7720

PB SG BULLS

24 m/o, \$1500; (3) 8-10 m/o, \$1200 ea Jimmy L Shealy Lexington 803-532-5848

REG ANG BULLS

low BW, gentle, \$2500 **Bobby Baker** Lancaster 803-804-2230

WEANED BEEF CALVES

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

REG BLK ANG BULL

24 m/o low input bull, w/ exc feet, \$5000 Walter Shealy Newberry 803-924-1000

9 M/O RED ANG BULL

\$1000; II m/o Red Ang hefr, \$900; 10 m/o Blk Ang hefr, \$800 Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363

3 DEXTER BULLS

can be reg, 1 red, 1 dun, 1 blk, all 2 y/o, \$1 Mark Cameron Florence 843-409-1665

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14-28 m/o, calving ease, docile, \$2250+; Reg Blk Ang hefrs, weaned, vac, \$1500+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

HERD DISPERSAL

AngxSimxHrfrd, 47 cows, 5 bred hefrs, 26 hefrs, 4 bulls, 82 head, \$75,000 Halleck Butts Aiken

803-480-9760

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\$1000; 8 m/o steers, \$500; all polled Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

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service aged, comp perf records, \$3000+ Raymond Prescott Laurens 864-981-2080

(7) 1 Y/O OPEN HEFRS

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

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\$200; bush hog, \$100; 4×8 trl, \$300; hay trl, \$350 Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

'75 DSL MF 235

w/PS, 1914 hrs, 3ph, ROPS & canopy, new tires, \$6500 or trade for mini excavator Harold Wright Cherokee 864-838-4763

FORD 2810 TRACTOR

in GWC, 2400 hrs, 34 hp, good paint/tires, FR, photos avail, \$9000 Zack Smith York 803-517-7044

'49 FA A TRACTOR

w/cycle blade, photos avail, \$300,000 Steve Van Patton Spartanburg

864-607-5215 6×14 EQUIP/HAY TRL

w/ramps, all metal, dual axle, no title, brakes or lights, 2 5/16 ball, \$1400

Freddie Jackson York 803-328-8018

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2 basket, VGC, pull type, PTO, \$1250 George Mccoy Chesterfield 843-307-8866

WOODS 5' ROTARY TILLER

VGC, \$1750 Harry Mcmillan Spartanburg 864-327-7369

7' AERATOR

803-687-0267

LN, \$1000; 6×12 cattle trl, good tires & flr, shed kept, \$3000 James Quattlebaum Aiken

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'72 FORD 4000

Chad Snelgrove

Lexington

OAK TRL

Randy Orr

Anderson

864-295-3736

4WD JD 4450

sprdr, EC, \$3000

'08 JD 3320 W/CAB

heat/ac, 4 wd, 459 hrs, used

to mow, frt ldr LN, \$28,500

640 JD FRT END LDR

17 TOPLINE UTIL TRL

rough cut mwr, \$2000

77×14, LN, \$1800; tow behind

FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR

32 hp, PS, well maint, GRC,

easy to assemble, \$12,000

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Gordon Bowers

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Victor Smith

843-870-8522

Berkeley

Bill Day

Anderson

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\$7000 obo

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Fred Jackson

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Ronald Scoggins

839-232-9030

hay spear, \$200

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864-426-2309

Tom Fink

Lexington

JD 6500 HI BOY

60' boom, \$20,000

Union

HESTON 530 BALER

KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR

4×4, ldr 200 hrs, \$25,500;

4×4, new belts & tines, \$2000

Beaufort

Chesterfield

843-517-0315

803-513-9227

w/frt end ldr, remote hyd

valve control, \$10,000

\$150; Woods 750 3ph

backhoe, \$3800 cash

cab, duals, 540 & 1000 PTO,

GC, \$45,000; Kubota VS fert

803-571-6776

JD GRAIN CART

400 bu, \$4750 Ricky Tumbleston Charleston 843-813-8383

AC G TRACTOR

manual lift, cults, plntr, turn plow, extras, GC, \$3750 Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

5' BUSH HOG

\$800; 8' finish mwr, \$1850; new 7'×20' Tex trl, 10,000 lb, dual brakes, more, \$6500 James Burns Laurens 864-918-6308

IH 1066 TRACTOR

\$12,000; Hardee 2512 bush hog, \$4500; both in GC Michael Mills Chesterfield 843-634-6542

JD 6R 7000 PLNTR

narrow w/finger p-up, \$7000 Ray Ward Clarendon 803-473-3355

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12' rotary cutter, \$16,000 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

INTL 1086 W/DUALS

no encl cab, runs good but needs work, \$9000 obro Josh Clayton Laurens 864-871-3803

AC PB SICKLE MWR GC, \$1200

Randall Garrison Laurens 864-414-4885

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w/open-close bucket, does not twist to side, \$11,000; 2r cult, \$300; call/text Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711

15' IH 1020 HDR AUGER \$400; NH rnd baler, \$2700;

belts for IH 615 combine, \$75 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350

JD 4630 needs work, \$4500 obo

Bruce Varner Berkeley 843-729-3349 '05 JD 310SG BACKHOE

4×4, 4 in 1 frt bucket, 3 rear

buckets w/extend a hoe, good tires, \$28,500 obo James Miller Williamsburg

843-372-9595 7' 7" DRAG HARROW

\$300; 60 gal Boom spryr, \$600; 6' box blade, \$300; 6' LP finish mwr, \$1550; all 3ph Stephen Bonnette Orangeburg 803-707-5093

MF 2805 W/FLDG HARROW

\$13,000; F2 gleaner, FR 438 corn head, I parts head & grain head, \$8500 Adam Anderson Newberry 804-924-8466

'21 JD 5090E

EC, 74 hrs, pass door entry, side view mirrors, loader prep, LN, \$65,000 Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329

JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

JD 2010 TRACTOR

w/canopy, new rear tires, w/2r cult & plntrs, GC, \$7500; GMC 7000 boom, 37' w/16' dump, \$12,000 Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

JD 4230 W/CAB & AIR

quad range, 688ohrs, 18.4-34 rears, dual remotes, good paint, FR, \$30,000 obo Robert Hilton Dorchester 843-834-2340

5' 3PH ROTO TILLER

\$400 John Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389

JD 435 4×6 TWINE

\$4500; JD 328 sq baler, \$4000; EZ 11(4×6) 42' hauler, \$5750; Kuhn 18 bale accum & grabber, \$15,750 Halleck Butts Aiken 803-480-9760

'47 H FA TRACTOR

needs a rear tire, \$900 Frank Hill Anderson 864-617-5413

3PH 2R BTM PLOW

\$450; 1r cult, \$250; 6' scrape blade, \$200 Bill Heard Greenwood 864-223-1606

'04 STOLL LIVESTOCK TRL

20'×7' w/steel top, no rust, shed kept, inside dbl gates, \$10,000 Madison Carter Colleton 843-599-9408

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NH Stackliner mod 1012, \$3500; 2 JD tractors, '58 620, \$2800; '53 JD 50, \$1500 Newberry 803-276-7171

HESSTON PT-7 HAYBINE

GC, \$3000; Ford 532 sq baler, \$1200; PT-7 for parts/ repair, \$1500; 10' Dozer HD root rake, \$4500 F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

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

PEAQUE T10 WHL RAKE

w/kicker whl, \$7000 obo; Ford 3000 dsl tractor, new tires, rims, & batt, \$7500 obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

JD 310G BACKHOE

4wd, w/1', 2', 3' buckets, \$26,000 Jason Whinghter Aiken 803-215-0428

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.

41+/-A AIKEN CO

lightly wooded, #292-00-04-012, Salley, \$5500/A, call or text Barney Williams Lexington 803-543-8715

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turnkey grnhs operation w/ history in lettuce, produce & hemp productions, \$359,900, more Chris Simpson Oconee 864-985-2173

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can come to your farm to saw timber Walter McLeod Clarendon 803-464-0476

AG FENCING

trenching/water stations, forestry mulching & mini x cutter, roads, demo barns, statewide serv Ken Wells Laurens 864-449-8556

LAWN CUTTING

leaf blowing, edging, trimming, planting, Kershaw & Lancaster cos, call or text Michael Shelton Kershaw 864-457-6813

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

up to 30" dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52" dia & 16'L Iohn Smith Pickens 864-982-2249

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

RECLAIM PASTURES

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

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

& mini X brush cutting up to 8" clearing/dozer/Deere work, pond maint, bldg pads, etc Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

HAY HAULING

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

LAND CLEARING

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PECAN CRACKING & SHELLING

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WANT SOMEONE

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PT HELP NEEDED

w/farm animals on 30A farm, in exchange for living rent free Vicki Flerx Lexington

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POND CONSULTATIONS

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PASTURE MGMT SERV

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DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

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\$3/dz Brian Motley Kershaw 803-315-7598

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

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23 PECANS FRESH

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for roasting, air dried, hand graded in bu bags, \$40/bag Richard Rentz Bamberg 803-793-7642

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in barn, \$60; 4×5 Sudgrass, \$50; under trap, \$50/bale Melvin Barr Pickens 864-360-5176

'23 CQ 4×5 CB

\$50/bale Martin Bradley Lexington 803-917-3056

'23 4×5 MIXED GRASS

net wrap, \$45/bale Ken Hudson Chester 803-519-7579

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twine, stored, \$50; CB mix, outside, \$35 Michael F Hallman Lexington 803-657-5526

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net wrap, \$70; twine dbl wrap, \$50; sq Rye straw, \$4; all shed kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642

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CQ, \$45/bale; HQ, \$60/bale; wrapped 4×5 haylage, \$70/ bale, can load or del Allen Kellet Greenville 864-607-7444

'23 HQ COASTAL

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

'23 RYE GRASS

4×4 rnd, \$45/bale; in barn, \$30/bale, outside can load, call on del Ron Jones York 803-526-6308

'23 COMBINE RUN OATS

\$5/bu, \$35/55 gal drum Joe Johnson Berkeley 843-567-7774

HQ COASTAL

no litter used; sq, \$8.50/ barn; CQ rnd, \$60; del avail George Mccov Chesterfield 843-307-8866

4×5 WHEAT STRAW net wrap, \$40 ea

Richard Knight Kershaw 803-427-6440

'23 HQ 4×54 BERMUDA

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

'23 RND 4×5 CB

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

FESCUE/COASTAL MIX

fert, 4×5 rnd, net wrap, \$40 ea Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959 **4×5 FESCUE**

cut late 5/23, net wrap, \$50/bale

Justin Mayhugh Chester 803-371-4325 '23 4×5 CB net wrap, \$70; sq, \$8; Rye

straw, \$5; all barn kept Howard Mccartha Lexington

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SHELLED CORN \$60/barrel, in your barrel Mike Armstrong Greenville 864-630-6174

'23 WHEAT/OAT/RYEGRASS \$45; '23 Fescue/Grass hay, \$40; both 4×5 & net wrap Charles Nichols Saluda

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4×5 bales, \$25/bale Addison Livingston Lexington 803-608-0998

'23 HQ 4×5 CB

net wrap, limed, fert, clean, NR, \$70; sq/\$8 Vernon Bonner Sumter 803-481-4225

'23 4×5 COASTAL

net wrap, \$30 Gary Bryant Darlington 843-858-3865

CQ TIFTON BERMUDA

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HQ RND CB

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net wrap, barn, \$70; outside, \$50 **Bobby Baker** Lancaster 803-804-2230

SQ CB

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

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Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753 '23 CQ CB

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sq, \$5/bale

Carroll Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956

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4×5 rnd, net wrap, shed kept, fert, \$45/bale Kevin Hardy Anderson 864-965-8890

LRG SQ CB

tight & GC, sold in quant of 100 bales, \$11, del avail Timmy Benton Colleton 843-908-3222

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FESCUE MIXED GRASS

4×4, \$20 ea, can del Neil Jackson Spartanburg 864-706-0829

'23 HQ SQ CB

no poultry litter used, \$8.50 Joey Gunter Lexington 803-920-1605

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NR, barn stored, land fert, no manure, \$45 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

\$70; 4×5 CB mix, \$60; sq, \$8, all shed kept Larry Mccartha Lexington 803-606-2499

'23 SQ FESCUE

4×5 CB

NR, in barn, \$7 ea Jerry Butler Laurens 864-697-6343

'23 4×5 HQ CB

fert & lime sprayed, \$75; baled oats, \$65; both HQ & shed kept; cow hay, \$45, del avl for fee **Edward Chavis** Barnwell 803-671-3108

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2" IRRIG PIPE

+/- 500', ½ alum, ½ galv, misc fittings & Rainbird heads, \$2000 obo Trent Porth Lexington 803-413-8065

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lrg & tall, \$12,000 Frank Prewitt Richland 803-354-0141

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\$10 Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

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LNC, folding leather top, rubber on whls, \$2500 Harry Isbell Anderson 864-617-2627

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

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\$300; 8 ton feed bin, \$400; (5) 24" ventilation fans, \$100 ea Steve McAlhany Orangeburg 803-682-3834

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\$20/truck load, you load, we can help Stephanie Scharf Kershaw 864-992-6131

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

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\$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

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7' rnd posts, \$3 ea; poles, 8'/\$6, 10'/\$8; sq fence post, 4×4×8′, \$8, 6×6×8′, \$20; lumber, \$3/bdft; more Andy Morris Newberry 803-276-2670

200 EGG CARTONS

card board & styrofoam, 1 dz size; blk nursery pots, var sizes, 1-5 gal; 25¢ ea; more John Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389

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Chore Time 2@300', comp all hdwe, plastic pans, \$1000 obo; nipple water drinkers, \$50/100'; more Mike Davis Kershaw 803-432-5178

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PIGLETS

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FEEDER PIGS

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\$5; Sasanqua, Camellias, Lime Hydrangeas, \$20; Tea Olives, \$7; Boxwoods, Gardenias, \$6 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

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BOBWHITE QUAIL

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GEESE

mating pr of wht Emden & 2 M African, lt y/o, \$20 ea Richard Gates Newberry 803-201-0380

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\$20/pr; Bobwhite quail, \$5 ea Marion Banks Newberry 803-768-7608

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9 m/o, \$250 ea Terilyn Chase Oconee 917-579-4323

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F & M, \$125, for group only Clay White Lee 803-681-8500

BOBWHITE QUAIL

FR, \$5 ea Jack McCaskill Kershaw 803-427-3031

BOBWHITE OUAIL

flight & weather cond, \$6 ea, 24 bird limit Russell Weakland Union 803-924-7252

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GAME WARHORSE

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REX

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

LA COTTONTAILS

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

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Red Back, Angora, Chinchilla, \$15-25 ea Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254

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MO COTTONTAILS

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LA COTTONTAIL

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100% NZ DOES

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about 20

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syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee

grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls & weathervane, more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES INVESTMENTS TO STRENGTHEN U.S. SPECIALTY CROPS SECTOR

BY USDA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29, 2024 - Today, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) investments designed to support the U.S. specialty crops industry. The launch of the Assisting Specialty Crop Exports (ASCE) initiative will provide \$65 million for projects that will help the specialty crop sector increase global exports and expand to new markets. Additionally, today USDA is announcing \$72.9 million in grant funding available to support the specialty crops industry through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) will fund innovative projects designed to bolster the competitiveness of the expanding specialty crop sector. Specialty crop exports totaled \$24.6 billion in FY2023, representing 13.8 percent of total U.S. agricultural exports.

"Specialty crop producers feed our nation and the world with nutritious fruits, nuts, and vegetables and supply our communities with horticulture products. Yet, they have unique challenges and opportunities to compete in the domestic market and a vast array of barriers that prevent their world-class products from entering foreign markets," Secretary Vilsack said. "The Biden-Harris Administration is making these significant investments to maintain, open, and grow markets and reduce and eliminate trade barriers for U.S. specialty crop producers, which in turn will support rural communities, enhance our competitive edge, and help establish lifelong consumers for U.S. food and agricultural products across the world."

Today in Grant, Michigan, USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt and Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Alexis Taylor joined Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, to highlight these two investments and the Specialty Crop Competitiveness Initiative (SCCI), which is part of a larger effort to support specialty crop producers. While there, Under Secretary Moffitt, Under Secretary Taylor, and Senator Stabenow met with producers at a local business as the Biden-Harris Administration continues to improve market access for American products, including specialty crops, at home and abroad.

SCCI's objective is to better focus USDA resources and identify needs to support the competitiveness of U.S. specialty crops in domestic and international markets, minimize costs, manage pests and diseases, strengthen supply chains, and support climate outcomes.

ASSISTING SPECIALTY CROPS EXPORTS

ASCE is funded through a set aside from USDA's new Regional Agricultural Promotion Program (RAPP), a foreign market development and food security initiative announced in October 2023. USDA plans to use \$65 million for initial projects that will address barriers unique to specialty crops exports. The initiative, administered by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, or FAS, will support projects that advance U.S. specialty crop exports by expanding domestic understanding of foreign food safety systems and foreign understanding of U.S. food safety systems. The initiative will also collect information needed for export certification, and packaging to meet other countries' new requirements.

"Each specialty crop product faces a myriad of import standards in every market it enters, including plant health standards, facility and product certifications, packaging requirements, licensing, inspections, maximum residue limits for pesticides and fungicides, and various import permits," said USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Alexis Taylor. "In order to meet all these requirements, it takes significant investment by commodity organizations and producers to navigate the gauntlet of regulations. The new resources provided through Assisting Specialty Crop Exports initiative will help introduce U.S. specialty crops to new markets and consumers around the globe."

USDA has identified three workstreams to assist specialty crop exporters: commodity-specific trade and regulatory capacity building; plastics and packaging solutions; and funding of a maximum residue limits (MRL) database. Each workstream addresses a critical issue identified by specialty crop producers and exporters. These efforts will create new market opportunities and ensure existing markets remain open to U.S. specialty crops.

RAPP will help exporters break into new markets and increase market share in growth markets. The United States enjoyed a three-year streak of record agricultural exports from 2021-2023, with exports expected to remain high in FY24. Even at record export levels, the FY23 agricultural trade deficit is \$19 billion, and USDA has projected that it will grow in FY24. There is also increased competition in the United States' export markets in Asia and Africa. Therefore, additional investments in market development are needed to sustain and open new markets. RAPP will help exporters to diversify their markets and ensure continuity of the relationships key to market development.

SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, also known as AMS, will issue noncompetitive grants to state departments of agriculture or equivalent in the 50 States, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to fund projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops and support specialty crop growers through marketing, education, and research. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

"The innovative projects funded through this year's USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program will help U.S. specialty crops producers remain competitive, open new market channels, and increase the consumption of specialty crops products," said USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The grant program also furthers the goals of USDA's Specialty Crops Competitiveness Initiative - ensuring that specialty crops producers and businesses have the resources they need to remain competitive in markets across the world while improving the sustainability and profitability of their operations. Programs like these are key components of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to support American agricultural producers and rural America by transforming our food system from one that benefits a few to one that benefits many."

AMS encourages applications that serve smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers, and/or underserved communities. Interested applicants should apply directly through their state departments of agriculture. A list of state contacts is available on the SCBGP website.

Applications from states and territories must be submitted electronically through www.grants. gov by II:59 p.m. ET on May 2, 2024. Any grant application submitted after the due date will not be considered unless the applicant provides documentation of an extenuating circumstance that prevented their timely submission of the grant application. More information is available in the AMS Late and Non-Responsive Application Policy.

For more information about grant eligibility, visit the SCBGP website or contact the SCBGP Team at scblockgrants@usda.gov.

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SCDNR TO PRESENT FINAL BROAD RIVER BASIN PLAN

BY SCDNR

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has announced a public meeting on Feb. 20 in Columbia to introduce the final Broad River Basin Plan to the basin's stakeholders.

The meeting will be held from 6 – 8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Saluda Shoals Park's River Center at 5605 Bush River Road in Columbia.

The Broad River Basin Plan was developed over a two-year period by the Broad River Basin Council, a working group of stakeholders with water interests in the basin, under the guidance of the South Carolina State Water Planning Framework published in 2019. The plan is the second of eight River Basin Plans completed to date with the six other basin plans scheduled to be completed over the next several years. The plan includes an assessment of current and future water availability in the basin and documents water management strategies that can help ensure water is available for all future uses in the basin for the next 50 years. The draft Broad River Basin Plan is still available for review and download on the SCDNR website at hydrology.dnr.sc.gov/broad-river-basin-plan.html. The final River Basin Plan will be made available later this month.

LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS WORK TO DEVELOP FEED ADDITIVES FOR HEALTHY CATTLE, ENVIRONMENT

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Methane is a large contributor to climate change and land-grant university researchers are working to develop new feed additives for cattle to help reduce this greenhouse gas.

Clemson University scientists Matias Aguerre and Liliane Silva are collaborating with scientists from

other land-grant universities – the University of Florida and Auburn University – to develop livestock feed additives to reduce the amount of methane emissions produced by grass-fed beef cattle.

Methane (CH4), more specifically enteric methane, is produced when ruminant animals including goats, sheep and cattle digest and ferment forages. It is a greenhouse gas (GHG) that affects the environment when expelled into the atmosphere, such as when cows belch.

"In recent decades, awareness has been raised about tackling enteric GHG emissions," said Aguerre, an assistant professor of animal and veterinary sciences. "Slow progress has been made in relation to enteric methane abatement in the United States."

The new additives will be developed using novel products and approaches to optimize the rumen (a compartment in a cow's stomach) microbiome (microorganisms) activity.

Once developed, these additives will be added to livestock feed.

"This project involves a transdisciplinary team of biochemists, microbiologists, animal scientists, forage agronomists and Extension specialists who will work to develop these new additives," Aguerre said. "Our overall objective is to develop the next generation of safe, efficacious and affordable feed additives to mitigate enteric methane emissions in ruminants."



Simpson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton, South Carolina.

Clemson research will take place at the Simpson Beef Cattle Farm, a facility of the Piedmont Research and Education Center near Pendleton, South Carolina. Studies will be conducted using cows, steers and heifers. Scientists will assess the impact of different doses of each additive on CH4 emissions, changes in the rumen microbiome and nutrient digestibility.

A multi-state training for Extension professionals to learn about greenhouse gas emission reduction for environmental stewardship and efficient animal production is planned. Extension agents also will learn about emerging technologies that can be incorporated into commercial production systems.

"This training will address different research tools for assessing technologies and show agents how they can work with research faculty to support

on-farm research and information dissemination," said Silva, an assistant professor and Cooperative Extension Service livestock and forages specialist. "Doing this will allow us to fill the knowledge gap among Extension professionals and allow for increased information dissemination of new technologies to producers."

Research sites will be used to demonstrate management practices and deliver content related to beef cattle nutrition and research findings from this study.

"Information will be shared with educators and producers to promote the adoption of management practices and increased sustainability of operations," Silva said.

The study is funded by a \$5 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture as part of the U.S. government's response to tackling sources of climate change. For its part, Clemson is expected to receive \$1.3 million.

The goal of decreasing methane emissions from cows and other ruminants is funded as part of the U.S. government's response in alignment with the Global Methane Pledge.

SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

BY SCDA

COLUMBIA – Applications for the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) are available at <u>agriculture.sc.gov/grants</u> and are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024.

"The specialty crop industry is vital to the future of South Carolina agriculture," said Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "These grants encourage competition, entrepreneurship, and innovation in farming, helping South Carolina farmers support their families and communities."

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is administered by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service. The program is committed to strengthening the market for specialty crops, which are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture (including honey), and nursery crops (including floriculture).

Applicants should propose projects that provide one or more of the following benefits:

- Enhanced food safety
- Improved capacity of all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain to comply with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, Investment in specialty crop research, including research to focus on conservation and environmental outcomes
- Development of new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops
- Enhanced pest and disease control
- Increased child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops
- Increased efficiency and reduced costs of distribution systems
- Enhanced sustainability

Proposed projects must fall within the criteria as described in the application.

Farm Finances: How to Manage Your Finances When Selling Wholesale

A Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) Workshop

Thursday, February 22, 2024

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Horry County Clemson Extension Building 1949 Industrial Park Rd #179, Conway, SC

Led by Jim Johnson of Johnson Consultants Light snacks will be provided

Registration is limited to 25 attendees on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited seats. If you cannot attend after registering, please notify program personnel by February 14.

Register online at agriculture.sc.qov/Ifpa-events or scan the QR code



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SC NEW AND BEGINNING FARMER PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024

EXTENSION EFFORT TO DEVELOP FARMERS ENTERS 14TH YEAR

BY STEVEN BRADLEY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

With over 500 farmers who call themselves graduates, the South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program (SCNBFP) enters its 14th year of supporting the state's No. 1 industry by giving agricultural producers the tools they need to succeed.

South Carolinians looking to launch or grow a farm business have access to comprehensive entrepreneurial education and business training thanks in part to a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA) that runs through this year.

The SCNBFP is a Clemson University Cooperative Extension Agribusiness public education program focused on enabling new and beginning farmers to be successful, productive and innovative members of their local agricultural community.

"Our program helps participants accelerate the development of their farm business so they can accomplish their goals faster while helping to improve access to healthy, locally produced food for South Carolina consumers," SCNBFP Director and Clemson Extension Agribusiness Agent Ben Boyles said.

The SCNBFP works to accomplish this by providing farmers with the tools, knowledge and skills necessary to be successful entrepreneurs, sound business managers, exemplary stewards of the natural environment and successful marketers of the unique products they create.

Most importantly, the SCNBFP seeks to develop individuals who have a sense of pride and enjoy a quality of life because of their investment and participation in South Carolina's No. 1 industry — agriculture.

Entering its 14th year, this is the third time the SCNBFP has operated under a significant USDA-NIFA grant, graduating over 500 new and aspiring farmers from the cohort program and reaching many more through additional training programs.

The SCNBFP continues to extend its reach through collaborations with additional agricultural support organizations such as the Farmer Veteran Coalition of South Carolina, S.C. Agricultural Council, Annie's Project and the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association.

"One in four South Carolina producers are considered new and beginning farmers with less than 10 years of experience. These emerging farmers need targeted training and technical assistance to ensure they have the skills to sustain and grow their new farm businesses."

The SCNBFP Class of 2024 cohort program will run from May through December and include 10 core agribusiness workshops focused on farm business management. Topics include business concept/plan development, financial and risk management, legal and regulatory issues, marketing strategies, soil health and pest management and an introduction to federal, state, and local agriculture resources.

While open to any qualified farmer applicant, the SCNBFP typically serves small, family farms focusing on environmental stewardship and local food systems. Core cohort programming will be complemented by advanced workshops developed by Clemson Extension staff throughout the state.

These workshops will offer meaningful opportunities for local peer and resource networking and provide additional instruction on advanced agribusiness and production topics. All advanced workshops will run from September through November and are open to members of the cohort program and the public.

The SCNBFP will offer a hybrid program, with half of the scheduled training events hosted in person at the Lexington County Extension office and the other half provided online.

"There is great value in the peer-to-peer networking that occurs during in-person workshops," Assistant Program Director Diana Vossbrinck said. "At the same time, we appreciate that the SCNBFP can be more inclusive when travel requirements are limited."

Any legal resident of South Carolina who is at least 18 years of age, is just beginning to farm, or has actively farmed for less than 10 consecutive years is eligible to apply for the SCNBFP cohort program. As many as 50 applicants will be accepted for the 2024 cohort program.

Additional information, including program outline, workshop schedule, fee structure and an online application, can be found at <u>scnewfarmer.org</u>. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2024.

WINTER WEST NILE CASE SHOWS IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO VACCINATE YOUR HORSES

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The early arrival of West Nile Virus (WNV) to South Carolina resulted in the Jan. 22 euthanasia of a horse in Charleston County. The horse was not vaccinated and had no pasture mates.

According to Clemson University animal health officials, the mosquito-borne disease is about two months ahead of schedule, brought on by a wet, warm winter favored by insects, and should serve as a reminder to owners to vaccinate their animals.

"Because of the climate and increased number of mosquitoes to start the year, South Carolina is particularly susceptible to mosquito-borne diseases such as WNV. That's why it is so important for owners of horses to ensure they work with a veterinary professional to follow a clearcut vaccine schedule for their animals," said Michael Neault, S.C. State Veterinarian, and director of

Clemson Livestock Poultry Health.

The diagnosis was made after blood samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories, and the disease was confirmed on Feb. 1. 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 Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), WNV and rabies.



Borne by mosquitoes, EEE and WNV 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-I, 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.