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NEW CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE DATA RELEASED

PRODUCTION UP, BUT FARM NUMBERS DROPPED

BY EVA MOORE

New data about agriculture in South Carolina show strong production values, but may raise concerns about loss of farms.

The US Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released data from the 2022 Census of Agriculture on February 13, 2024. The highly anticipated release covers more than 6 million data points and is used to inform everything from disaster response funding to rural policy to crop research. The Census of Agriculture was first performed in 1840, and is currently carried out every five years.

Some key findings for South Carolina are:

SC HAS FEWER FARMS

The number of farms in South Carolina dropped by 8.7 percent, from 24,791 to 22,633. Small farms (1-9 acres and 10-49 acres) account for the biggest losses.

Farmland fell from 4.7 million to 4.6 million acres.

Farm value per acre (land and buildings) is up 21.9 percent statewide.

PRODUCTION VALUE, NET INCOME UP

South Carolina farms produced \$4.4 billion in agricultural products in 2022, up from \$3 billion in 2017.

Average net farm income rose to \$64,908. 31.8 percent of South Carolina farms had positive net cash farm income in 2022.

POULTRY IS BOOMING

The poultry industry in South Carolina had \$2.5 billion in annual sales, with nearly 3,000 farms in the state participating in the industry. Poultry accounts for 56.6 percent of total sales of SC agricultural products.

FARMERS ARE GETTING OLDER

The average age of a South Carolina farmer has risen to 58.9 years from 58.2 years, continuing an upward trajectory.



At the same time, South Carolina's rate of new and beginning farmers increased, and is higher than the national average. 33 percent of South Carolina farmers have 10 years or less of experience on any farm. Nationally, the rate is 30 percent.

The number of South Carolina producers under age 35 was 2,977, or 7.8 percent of all producers.

SC FARMER DEMOGRAPHICS ARE CHANGING

The number of military veteran farmers in the state dropped. South Carolina producers with military service fell 15 percent to 4,553, with an average age of 67.6. Nationwide, the number of producers fell 18 percent.

Black farmer numbers also fell. South Carolina had 2,501 producers who were Black in 2022, a drop from 2,634 in 2017. Additionally, the average age of a Black farmer in SC is 62.4, older than the average age of any other ethnicity.

Meanwhile, the number of Hispanic farmers was up, from 423 in 2017 to 554 producers in 2022. American Indian producer numbers also grew, from 307 to 355.

SPECIALTY CROP NUMBERS CLIMBED

Total vegetable acreage in the state grew from 30,318 acres in 2017 to 37,811 in 2022.

Cucumber production nearly quadrupled to 3,795 acres. Southern peas also quadrupled to 3,617 acres. Turnip green acreage doubled to 1,980 acres.

The highest acreage vegetable in South Carolina is watermelon, at 4,040 acres.

Berry sales grew from \$13 million in 2017 to \$44.3 million in 2022.

Sod sales nearly doubled, to \$97.5 million.

AQUACULTURE THRIVING

Aquaculture grew fivefold over five years, from \$6.5 million to \$34.6 million in annual sales.

The full Census of Agriculture report can be found at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. Ag census data can also be found in NASS's searchable online database, Quick Stats.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

A VISIT TO CUBA

In February, I spent four days in Cuba as part of a delegation from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). It was an eye-opening journey that I hope will bear fruit for South Carolina farmers in the years to come.

As you may know, over the past several years, Cuba has been slowly opening up more to international trade, and relations between the US and Cuba have eased somewhat with regards to food. I traveled there with five other agriculture commissioners, along with USDA Foreign Ag Service officials and NASDA leaders, to learn what opportunities the country holds.

We met with government officials and industry and private sector leaders in Cuba—most notably President Miguel Díaz-Canel, who succeeded Raúl Castro in 2019. We also met with government ministers for Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Economy and Planning, along with farmers, food processors, and other businesspeople.

Cuba is slowly transitioning from state socialism to a mixed economy where state enterprises work alongside private companies. This shift is motivated in part by the country's high rate of food insecurity. Over the past five years, more than 10,000 businesses have been formed, many of them related to

food and agriculture—specifically, many new agricultural cooperatives.

While this was a business trip, I did get the chance to tour Old Havana, and I also enjoyed the fact that our transportation everywhere was in brightly colored vintage American cars imported before the 1962 US embargo. We traveled to an agriculture market, a logistics center and a food cooperative.

Obviously, there are a lot of factors at play when it comes to trade with Cuba, many of them beyond the scope of what I do as agriculture commissioner. There are still embargos in place. This is a long-term process. But I saw some strong potential for future trade relationships.

Poultry producers in the Southeastern US are already trading with Cuba, and I think that will continue to develop as an important market. Peanuts offer strong potential for export to Cuba. And given our status as a peach-producing state, I think that's another area we need to investigate.

There is also demand in Cuba for rice, corn, wheat, beef, pork, dairy, animal feed, and farm equipment.

In general, I think it's important that the US stays competitive in Cuba. I think there's enormous opportunity there and I look forward to continuing these discussions.

Hugh E. Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Alpacas of Black Walnut Farmstead AND Knit an Alpaca Scarf!

March 9 • 2 – 4 pm

6 Huacaya Alpaca boys of varied colors live at Black Walnut Farmstead. We shear them once a year & have their fleece made into yarn for crafting items to sell in our Little Country Store here. Come meet the guys, feel some raw alpaca fleece & processed roving/yarns & knit an alpaca scarf—for anyone who can comfortably knit & purl. \$65 includes materials & follow-up guidance through our Creativity Circle, plus an herbal brew from our tiny herbal Tea Room!

Black Walnut Farmstead

Bullock Creek

jan@blackwalnutfarmsllc.com • 803-868-5451
blackwalnutfarmsllc.com

Annual Cotton Growers' Meeting hosted by the South Carolina Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

March 12 • 10 – 11 am

The Annual Cotton Growers Meeting is required by the SC Boll Weevil Eradication Act. Immediately following will be the Board of Directors meeting. This year's meeting will take place in person.

Farm Bureau Office—Executive Board Room

724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce

Contact: Clemson Department of Plant Industry
dpi@clemson.edu • 864-646-2140
clemson.edu/dpi

Cut Flower Garden Seed Starting Workshop

March 23 • 11 am – 1 pm

Join us on the farm as we guide you through the basics of seed starting and creating your very own small scale home cutting garden. Get a jump-start on the season and get access to specialty varieties that you will not find at our local nurseries or garden centers. We are showcasing the newly released Floret Flower Farm Originals seed collection, which is a special new range of farm-bred cut flower varieties—the product of over 6 years of work! We have carefully curated our favorite celosia, zinnia, and dahlia seed from this collection specially for you! All materials and instruction included. Fresh seasonal hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served too! Advance registration and payment are required.

Five Blossoms Farm

1121 Crossland Road, Clover

info@fiveblossomsfarm.com • 803-610-5809
facebook.com/fiveblossomsfarm

Easter Egg Hunt

March 23 • 10 am – 1 pm

Sign in and activities start at 10, egg hunt line up will begin at 11 am. Activities will include egg dying table, pin the tail on the rabbit, and different yard games. Everyone is welcome to bring a picnic lunch and eat with the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny will be hopping out after the egg hunt for a photo shoot. Each child will receive their own Easter basket. \$6.00/child 2+. Please RSVP.

Fire Barrel Farm

306 George Derrick Road, Swansea

Contact: Andrea Williams

lxwilliams@aol.com • 803-917-9565

facebook.com/GoatDairyFarm

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 McCaskill

oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com • 803-432-9537

oldmccaskillfarm.com

South Carolina South Poll Gathering

March 30 • 12 – 4 pm

If you are a South Poll cattle producer or interested in the breed, this is an event for you! BBQ lunch, networking Q & A, topic discussions, board updates, and pasture walk. Discover the unique characteristics of South Poll cattle, their adaptability to the South Carolina climate, and how they contribute to regenerative farming practices. Register by March 10.

Rolling Hill Ranch

538 White Plains Road, Mountville

https://www.facebook.com/RollingHillRanchFB

Lexington Herb Bunch Festival

April 6 • 9 am – 3 pm

Our 12th annual event to help raise money for agricultural student scholarships. Herb plants, vendors, food, bake sale, and education. Free admission.

Lexington County Museum

231 Fox Street, Lexington

Contact: Tiffany Sowards, PR coordinator

tiffanysowards@bellsouth.net • 803-309-7534

facebook.com/herbbunchoflexington

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West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-4664

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

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

2513 W. Lucas Street
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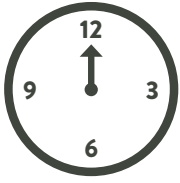
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low BW, bucket fed, \$2000
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Bobby Baker
Lancaster
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reg, \$1800; yrlgs, \$1200+
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3-5 m/o, vac/wormed, \$350+
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Newberry
803-924-5239

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46 cows & 5 hefrs bred-25 due; 29 hefrs, 14 calves, 5 herd bulls, 99 head, \$85,000
Halleck Butts
Aiken
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BUCKING BULLS

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

PB SG BULLS

24 m/o, \$1500
Jimmy L Shealy
Lexington
803-532-5848

2 Y/O BLK ANG BULL

3rd generation, grass feed, no grain or sweet feed, \$3500
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600+ lbs, \$1125 ea
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bred to Ang, 5 y/o, lb butter/day, \$1500
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calving ease, high growth, 15+ m/o, vac, on feed, \$3000+
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8 HEFRS

4 blk baldies, 3 Hrfrd & red Baldy, 16-18 m/o, open & exposed, all shots, on feed, \$1800
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\$2500; Blk Ang hefr, bred (fall calf), \$1600; both 3 y/o & vac/wormed
Rob Malpass
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1 y/o, mother exc milker, \$700
Sharon Payne
Oconee
864-888-7916

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dun colored, proven, 2 1/2 y/o, docile, polled & bred reg Dexter dun cow, \$1800 for both
David Oser
Dorchester
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Spartanburg
864-363-5800

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low BW, easy keepers, docile, sire & dams on site, \$2000
Doug Blake
Greenville
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8-11 m/o, exc b'lines w/good dispo, several AI sired, \$1750+
Donnie King
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864-885-2119

(3) 900+ LB HEFRS

on feed for 4 m/o, ready to process, \$1500 ea
Dan Coward
Dillon
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vac, exc b-lines & dispo, ready for spring breeding, \$2000
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\$12; Bluegill, 65¢; Shlckr, 65¢; Rdbrst, 65¢; Ch Cat, 65¢; Mosquitofish, 40¢
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2 Y/O REG RED ANG BULLS

all AI sired, \$3500
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14-28 m/o, calving ease, docile, \$2500+; Reg Blk Ang hefrs, weaned, vac, \$1500+
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9 m/o, \$1000; 11 m/o Red Ang hefr, \$900; 10 m/o Blk Ang hefr, \$800
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GC, \$3000; Ford 530 sq baler, \$1200; PT-7 for parts/repair, \$1500; 10' Dozer HD root rake, \$4500
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

JD 20 DISC OFFSET HARROW

9" spacings, \$2800
Robert Hurley
Laurens
864-981-5352

JD 4230 W/CAB & AIR

quad range, 6880 hrs, 18.4-34 rears, dual remotes, good paint, FR, \$30,000 obo
Robert Hilton
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843-834-2340

'96 GMC TOPKICK

w14' grain dump, \$9000; JD158 ldr w/4020 mount, \$1200; 24' cotton wagon, \$600; more
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803-640-0281

JD 4 WHL FARM TRL

\$700; 3ph hitch ir veg plntr, \$900; elec pea sheller, bushel cap, \$900
Jack Hurst
Chesterfield
843-921-8574

FORD 3910 DSL

roll bar, VGC & LN tires, new batt, FR, 52 hp, 2 owners, \$9500
M Wilson
Spartanburg
864-595-1136

DEERE FRONTIER MS1108

pull type, manure sprdr, EC, \$3500
Layton Gwinn
Aiken
803-309-9982

KRONE 283S DISC MWR

EC, \$8000; NH 273 Hayliner sq baler, \$2000; 256 rollbar rake, \$500; 175 MFD for parts, \$2
Stan Keaton
Abbeville
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JD 435

4x6, \$4500; JD 328 sq baler, \$4000; Kuhn 18 bale accum & grab, \$15,500; 4r spring reset subsoiler, \$1600
Halleck Butts
Aiken
803-480-9760

'58 CA AC

needs oil pump, middle plow, boom pole, 5' 16 disc harrow, 5' bush hog, hay pkr, more, all 3ph, \$1600
Frank Stevenson
Anderson
864-226-0947

'92 MF 360

62 hp, 1010 hrs, orchard mod, Arps frt blade, Jenkins box scraper, \$15,900
Jerry Cole
Oconee
423-534-2342

FORKLIFT

Nissan Propane 3-teer, \$10,500; 6' skid steer hi-flow brush hog, \$850
D L Dimery
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803-796-2995

FORD 2810

in GWC, 2400 hrs, 34 hp, good paint/tires, FR, photos avail, \$9000
Zack Smith
York
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'94 FORD F700

hay & grain truck, single axle, 20' dump, well maintained, \$22,000
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1R COVINGTON PLNTR

on Gill cult, no plates, \$600 obo; Peaque T10 whl rake, w/kicker whl, \$7000 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

'75 FORD 2000

gas, 4952 hrs, 3ph, turf tires, no smoke, no p/s, \$3500 or trade for excavator
Harold Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

'17 TOPLINE UTIL TRL

77x14, LN, \$1800; tow behind rough cut mwr, \$2000
Bill Day
Anderson
864-617-5481

KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR

4x4, ldr 200 hrs, \$25,500
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

'21 JD 5090E

EC, 74 hrs, pass door entry, side view mirrors, loader prep, LN, \$65,000
Phillip Hutchins
Lexington
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JD 450M RND BALER

net or twine, 2000 bales, LN, \$37,500 obo
Wesley Wiles
Barnwell
803-516-2557

IH 1066 TRACTOR

\$12,000; Hardee 2512 bush hog, \$4500; both in GC
Michael Mills
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NIEMEYER HAY TEDDER

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

JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

JD BAT WING

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

JD 6R 7000 PLNTR

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

INTL 1086 W/DUALS

no encl cab, GRC, needs seat & ta cable, \$9000 obo
Josh Clayton
Laurens
864-871-3803

WOODS 5' ROTARY TILLER

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

15' IH 1020 HDR AUGER

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

JD 450C CRAWLER DOZER

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

'47 H FA TRACTOR

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

'08 NH TC45DA

45 hp w/ldr, cab, heat & air, 4x4, 700 hr, forks & 6' bush hog, \$32,000
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

6x14 EQUIP/HAY TRL

w/ramps, all metal, dual axle, no title, brakes or lights, 2 5/16 ball, \$1400 obo
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York
803-328-8018

16' GN LIVESTOCK TRL

new flr, \$3500; NH 616 disc mwr, FR, \$4500; Gill 5' box blade, \$450
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Chester
803-209-2714

258 NH ROLLER BAR RAKE

GWC, needs new tires & tines, \$3500 obo
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trifold 36-38" rows, press whls, no baskets, \$8500; JD 8R 38" MaxEmerge+ VacuMeter, more, 9500
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Barnwell
803-671-3530

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GRC w/ldr, bucket & hay spear, \$10,000
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JD 310G BACKHOE

4wd, w/t, 2', 3' buckets, \$26,000
Jason Whinghter
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60' boom, \$20,000
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Lexington
803-622-4678

4WD JD 4450

cab, duals, 540 & 1000 PTO, GC, \$45,000; 6x12 dual axle all metal trl, \$1000
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Chesterfield
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7' 7" DRAG HARROW

\$300; 60 gal Boom spryr, \$600; 6' box blade, \$300; 6' LP finish mwr, \$1550; all 3ph
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Orangeburg
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FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR

32 hp, PS, well maint, GRC, \$7000 obo
Fred Jackson
Abbeville
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5' BUSH HOG

\$800; 8' finish mwr, \$1850; new 7'x20' Tex trl, 10,000 lb, dual brakes, more, \$6500
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Laurens
864-918-6308

BHB GROOMING MWR

antiq/vintage '60-64, 5', cuts good, lrg 18 3/4" spoke whl on deck, more, photos avail, \$400
Bob White
Spartanburg
864-457-2293

7710 FORD TRACTOR

w/counter wts, \$12,500; UNICO grain bins, \$1200 ea, you move; 5 blade btm plow, \$750
Joye Metz
Richland
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your location to POD, call for est; also fence installed, per your specs, both statewide
Bruce Thomas
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Anderson
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FORESTRY MULCHING

land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging
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PT HELP NEEDED

w/farm animals on 30A farm, in exchange for living rent free
Vicki Flerx
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statewide, will bring sawmill to your site & saw your logs from 8'-20'4"
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Barnwell
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RECLAIM PASTURES

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

TRACTOR WORK

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

& mini X brush cutting up to 8" clearing/dozer/Deere work, pond maint, bldg pads, etc
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ONSITE MOBILE WELDING

& fabrication, farm & hvy equip, fences, gates, etc
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up to 30" dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52" dia & 16'L
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WANT SOMEONE

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Rebekah Olson
York
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CERTIFIED FARRIER

trims donkeys, goats & shoe horses, has openings
Upstate area
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PECAN CRACKING & SHELLING

50¢/lb for cracking, 85¢/lb for cracking & shelling
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803-546-4603

LAND CLEARING

Ponds, Forestry Mulching, Fence line maint, Road & ditch maint, bldg pad, more, serving SC
Ben Leonard
Pickens
864-901-8155

LAWN CUTTING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

POND CONSULTATIONS

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

EXCAVATOR MOWING

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

NEED PT FARM WORKER

base pay \$8/hr, outdoor labor in hot/cold weather, bend, lift 50 lbs
Maude Middleton
Berkeley
843-749-5088

CUSTOM SPRIGGING

of CB & Tifton 85 Bermuda grass, statewide, call for pricing & scheduling
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

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 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

26A FARM SALUDA CO

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

WANT 5+A

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

10A PASTURE LAND

on Old Hundred Rd, \$24,000/A
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

80A EDGEFIELD CO

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

GARDEN

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

RABBITEYE BLUEBERRIES

\$2 ea
Billy Eddins
Chesterfield
843-623-2427

FIG & POMEGRANATE

\$20; grapevines, \$10; Mulberry, \$30; Loquat, \$30
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

FRESH PRODUCE

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

CHICKEN EGGS

\$2/dz; duck & guinea eggs, \$3/dz
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

FRESH SHELLED PECANS

\$6.50/lb or \$20/gal bag
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

FARM FRESH CKN EGGS

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

JUMBO QUAIL EGGS

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

PECANS

completely shelled, \$12/lb; cracked & blown, \$4.50/lb; in-shell, \$3/lb, p-up in Newberry or Irmo
Russell Shealy
Newberry
803-944-7316

'24 PECANS FRESH

\$12/lb, \$35/3lb; cracked, shelled, no more in shell, we crack & shell, ship avail or p-up
Tracy Ferguson III
York
803-371-4595

DRY '23 VA PEANUTS

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

KIKO BUCK

100% reg, DNA incl NZ proven, 4 y/o, \$500
George Phillips
Williamsburg
843-992-1964

2 BOAR BILLIES

2 y/o, \$175 ea
Frank Hill
Anderson
864-617-5413

SHEEP HERD DISPERSAL

St Croix x East Friesian, parasite-resistant, \$175-300
Jacqueline Sequoia
Oconee
864-784-5923

PYGMY GOATS

\$75-125 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

KATAHDIN RAMS

B-2/2023, \$200 ea
Bill Heard
Greenwood
864-223-1606

SHEEP

\$250+; goats & nannies w/ kids, \$150+
Dan Coward
Dillon
843-472-8122

4 REG KATAHDIN EWES

\$300 ea, text
Tim Elsesser
Darlington
843-610-5548

BOAR BILLIES

+/- 6 m/o, \$150+ ea
Bill Buford
Newberry
803-276-2895

SAANEN MIX BILLY GOAT

1 1/2 y/o, selling to prevent inbreeding; yng nanny, bred, \$150 ea
Emmanuel Kargiatlis
Spartanburg
864-279-7950

2 ANGORA GOATS

intact buckling, B-3/23, wht color carrier, \$250; wht wether B-2/19, \$200
Emily Simon
Lancaster
803-627-7850

HOGS / PIGS

2 Y/O SOW

Kune Kune Homestead cross, has lrg litters, friendly, \$150
Jacqueline Sequoia
Oconee
864-784-5923

FEEDER PIGS

30-60 lb, \$75
Clayton Culler
Orangeburg
803-622-9790

1 GAL AZALEAS

\$5; Sasanqua, Camellias, Lime Hydrangeas, \$20; Tea Olives, \$7; Boxwoods, Gardenias, \$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

MULTIPLYING ONIONS BULBS

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

JAP MAPLES

all var Sango Kaku's, 10' 4" cal, \$150
George Luthren
Lexington
803-319-1380

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RABBITS

\$15-35 ea
Kezia Fellows
Aiken
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LA COTTONTAILS

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

MO COTTONTAILS

\$15 ea
Steve Ard
Aiken
803-603-0642

LA COTTONTAIL

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

REX

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

EASTER BUNNIES

Pure Silver Fox & Silver Fox/CA crosses, \$15 ea
David Oser
Dorchester
843-557-5200

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

DIXIE LEE PEA SEED

P-98.18%, G-93%, D/H SD&G-93%, IM-1.82%, clean, in 50 lb bags, \$50/bag
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

HAY & GRAIN

'23 HQ SQ CB
no poultry litter used, \$8.50
Joey Gunter
Lexington
803-920-1605

4x5 NET WRAP HAY
HQ, \$60; CQ, \$45,
all under shed
Plato Kneece
Aiken
803-582-8665

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

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

4x5 FESCUE
cut late 5/'23, net wrap,
\$50/bale
Justin Mayhugh
Chester
803-371-4325

'23 CQ CB
4x5 rnd, NR, \$50 ea
Carroll Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

'23 HQ 4x54 BERMUDA
shed kept, \$70; '23 4x4
Alfalfa, \$100; both net wrap;
sq Alfalfa, \$16.50
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

4x5 CRABGRASS HAY
net wrapped, \$40/bale
Ernie Major
Anderson
864-617-7419

'23 4x5 RND
string wrap, no del, Tifton
85 & Bahia, Holly Hill area,
\$30 ea
Richard Pritcher
Orangeburg
803-496-4660

'23 RND CB & BAHIA
CQ, \$35/bale
Leonard W Cook
Aiken
803-645-8049

'23 RND FESCUE
limed & fert, net wrap, outside,
\$50/bale, vol disc avail
Roger Snyder
Spartanburg
864-580-9311

RND BALES
\$65/shed kept, \$60/outside
Bobby Zimmerman
Lexington
803-317-8681

'23 COMBINE RUN OATS
\$5/bu, \$35/55 gal drum
Joe Johnson
Berkeley
843-567-7774

'23 SQ FESCUE
NR, in barn, \$7 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

'23 4x5 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

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

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

'23 HQ 4x5 CB
net wrap, limed, fert, clean,
NR, \$70; sq/\$8
Vernon Bonner
Sumter
803-481-4225

'23 SQ FESCUE
fert, NR, in barn, \$6
Don Hall
Greenville
864-593-3938

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

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

HQ COASTAL
no litter used, sq, \$8.50/
barn; CQ rnd, \$50; del avail
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

'23 4x5 FESCUE
CQ, \$45/bale; HQ, \$60/bale;
wrapped 4x5 haylage, \$70/
bale, can load or del
Allen Kellett
Greenville
864-607-7444

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

'23 4x5 CQ CB
twine, stored, \$50; CB mix,
outside, \$35
Michael F Hallman
Lexington
803-657-5526

'23 RND HQ
net wrap, barn stored,
\$70/bale
Carlisle Kinard
Bamberg
803-824-9247

FESCUE & MIXED GRASS
4 1/2x4, CQ, net wrap, barn
kept, fall cutting, \$45/bale
Michael Hawkins
York
803-242-1619

TIFTON BERMUDA
4x5 rnd, CQ, fert, weed free,
stored outside, \$40
Jerry Harmon
Lexington
803-807-3945

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

SHED KEPT CB
\$7/sq, \$60/rnd
Warren E Coker
Florence
843-319-1884

'23 4x5 OATS HAY
net wrap, shed kept, \$65/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

'23 4x5 CQ COASTAL
net wrap, \$30
Gary Bryant
Darlington
843-858-3865

'23 HQ SQ CB & FESCUE
limed, fert, NR, \$8/bale
Norman Walters
Anderson
864-934-2364

GQ BERMUDA
\$35-50/bale, depending on
qual; Tifton 85, EQ, shed
kept, \$60
Allen Riddle
Orangeburg
803-263-4070

'23 4x5 CB
net wrap, limed & fert,
no weeds \$70; sq, \$8; Rye
straw, \$5; all barn kept
Howard Mccartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

MISCELLANEOUS

HOSSTOOLS DBL WHL HOE
w/plow set, sweeps, 4 cult
teeth, winged sweeps,
oscillate hoe, \$600
Jimmy Maddox
Florence
843-601-0167

**MEADOWS #1 AUTO
SAWMILL**
15' carriage, log turner,
\$10,500; Dayton 12 hp gas
air compressor, \$1500
Furman Mahon
Laurens
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2 TRUCK TIRES
Dayton whls, 11R22.5,
VGC, \$250 ea
Caleb Hallman
Lexington
803-730-4673

OAK & CHERRY FIREWOOD
seasoned & green, \$80/FS
P-up load, more; Kubota
5030 tractor 14.9-26 rear
tires, \$300.
Marty Black
Lexington
803-920-3100

JD STX38 RIDING MWR
EC, 38" cut, 13 hp, hydro
trans, GRC, \$900 obo
Tom Williams
Greenville
864-423-1854

55 GAL FG METAL DRUMS
\$20 ea; plastic drums, 30 & 55
gal, solid tops \$15 & \$20 ea;
275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 ea
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Union
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HDWD LUMBER
var Oaks & Poplar, boards
1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, free del
300 bdft or less in Upstate
Ryan Anderson
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864-234-2918

SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL
5 ton load, \$60/sand clay;
\$90/topsoil, del w/in 20 mi;
rock or sand, \$2/mi del
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Calhoun
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CARPENTER BEE TRAPS
5 for \$85, ship to you post
incl, call for more info
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OLD COMP FARM BELL
old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell,
w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20
hash pots, \$200 ea; #15,
\$150; more
Perry Masters
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GARDEN TRACTOR**
14 hp Kohler, hydro trans,
hyd lift, \$450 obo
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TOOLS
dehorning & hoof cleaning,
more, \$25 ea or \$90 for all
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Edgefield
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4' TUBE GATE
\$45; 3/8 chain hook, one
end 7', \$20
Russell Goings
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8'/\$6, 10'/\$8; sq fence post,
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lumber, \$3/bdft; more
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Newberry
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SETUP**
incl cart, 2 oxy & 2 propane
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+/- 500', 1/2 alum, 1/2 galv,
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Batten Making Machine,
120v, \$500; Rip Saw mod
2LR12, 230V, \$500
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w/folding leather top, EC,
shaves & dbl, \$2500
Harry Isbell
Anderson
864-617-2627

STOLL STOCK TRL
20'Lx7'Wx7'H, sliding cut
gate & rear gate, solid sides,
canvas top, \$12,500
Tracy Lawing
Chester
704-617-6165

OAK FIREWOOD
long bed p/up, cut to size
del & stack, \$150
Ronald Wright
Richland
803-606-1666

ORGANIC COMPOST
made from wood chips
& plants, in a multi-year
process, provides continuous
nutrition, \$40/yd
Cathy Atkins
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diff sizes, \$60+
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CEDAR
rnd posts, 7-8"L, \$4-7
ea; 4"x4"x8' posts, \$5 ea;
lumber, \$3/bdft
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Greenwood
864-229-5254

16" WESTERN SADDLE
by Bona Allen, EC, \$1000
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Ocone
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\$2/yd
R Adams
Darlington
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some 2 y/o, you load, \$1
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105 KW GENERATOR
w/400 amp ATS, \$9500
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cedar posts, & util poles, \$1-5/ft
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1-2 d/o chicks, \$1 ea, call/text
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& Cochin cross hens, \$20;
roos, \$10 ea
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quail, \$2-5 ea
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Marion
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Lee
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or one equiv to, in GC
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preferably FR, in GWC
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need entire rake or good
gear bow
Derral Schock
Anderson
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comp; also a creep feeder,
w/panels for calves, cap 1-2
tons, both in GC
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or CAT D-6 or D-7 w/old
cable blade
F Rowe
Newberry
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EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

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to live on 20A, any age,
reasonably priced
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to purchase
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100% NZ DOES

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for MH
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& metal items, removed for
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EPA PROVIDES UPDATE ON OVER-THE-TOP USES OF DICAMBA

BY US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In light of the February 6, 2024, ruling by the U.S. District Court of Arizona vacating the 2020 registrations for over-the-top (OTT) dicamba products, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing the following update. On February 14, 2024, EPA issued an Existing Stocks Order for Dicamba Products Previously Registered for Over-the-Top Use on Dicamba-Tolerant Cotton and Soybean. This Order addresses use of the formerly-registered dicamba products and authorizes limited sale and distribution of dicamba products that are already in the possession of growers or in the channels of trade and outside the control of the pesticide companies.

BACKGROUND

Dicamba is an herbicide used to target broadleaf weeds in agricultural and non-agricultural settings. The herbicide is registered for use at specified stages in agricultural crop fields of corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, sugarcane, and other crops. The dicamba products subject to the February 2024 vacatur were registered to be sprayed OTT of genetically engineered dicamba-tolerant soybeans and cotton after the crops have emerged from the ground. There are also dicamba products that are only registered for non-OTT applications. These products are applied earlier in the growing season before crop emergence while OTT products can be applied later in the growing season after crop emergence.

Dicamba was first registered for OTT uses on dicamba-tolerant cotton and soybeans in 2016. In 2017 and again in 2018, EPA amended the registrations of all OTT dicamba products following reports that growers had experienced crop damage and economic losses resulting from the off-site movement of dicamba. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated the 2018 registrations in June 2020 on the basis that "EPA substantially understated risks that it acknowledged and failed entirely to acknowledge other risks." Days after the court's decision, EPA

issued an order for the affected products that addressed existing stocks.

In October 2020, EPA issued new registrations for two dicamba products and extended the registration of an additional dicamba product until 2025. All three registrations included new measures that the Agency expected to prevent off-target movement and damage to non-target crops and other plants. Further state-specific amendments to the registrations occurred in 2022 and 2023.

In response to a lawsuit against EPA concerning these registrations, on February 6, 2024, a ruling by the U.S. District Court of Arizona vacated the 2020 registrations for OTT dicamba products XtendiMax, Engenia, and Tavium. As of February 6, 2024, these products are unregistered, and sale or distribution of these products is unlawful except as provided in EPA's February 2024 existing stocks order.

EXISTING STOCKS ORDER

EPA has issued an Existing Stocks Order to allow for limited sale and distribution of dicamba OTT products that were already in the possession of growers or in the channels of trade and outside the control of pesticide companies as of February 6, 2024. The order also prohibits the use of these dicamba products except where the use is consistent with the previously approved labeling, which included measures intended to reduce environmental damage caused by offsite movement of the pesticide.

This Existing Stocks Order is limited in time and scope, allowing for certain sale, distribution, and use of existing stocks of these formerly-registered dicamba products for the 2024 growing season. EPA has received ample evidence that millions of gallons of OTT dicamba had already entered the channels of trade prior to February 6, 2024. Additionally, most growers have already placed orders for dicamba-tolerant seed for the 2024

growing season and, given the timing of these registrations being vacated, are not able to pivot to another herbicide-tolerant seed and herbicide system.

The issuance of this Existing Stocks Order will help ensure that growers who already possess OTT dicamba and/or have already purchased dicamba-tolerant seeds and thus are reliant on the availability of specific products solely for the 2024 growing season: (1) apply only dicamba formulations designed for use over the top of dicamba-tolerant soybean and cotton, rather than violating FIFRA by misusing more volatile dicamba formulations which could lead to greater offsite movement (and thus potential damage to non-dicamba tolerant crops and other plants); and (2) apply these OTT dicamba products consistent with restrictions intended to reduce offsite movement and protect human health and the environment. Thus, it is necessary for EPA to issue an Existing Stocks Order to ensure that growers follow these directions for use, which were designed to reduce environmental damage caused by offsite movement.

Under this order, end users of existing stocks may only use the formerly-registered products consistent with the previously approved labeling for the products and must stop use of these products by the relevant dates laid out in the Order. Additional details regarding restrictions on the sale, distribution, and use of these formerly-registered products can be found in EPA's Existing Stocks Order for Dicamba Products Previously Registered for Over-the-Top Use on Dicamba-Tolerant Cotton and Soybean.

NEXT STEPS

EPA will continue to update the public and the states as it evaluates and takes any actions related to dicamba use. For more information, visit EPA's website.

2024 SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS FORUM SET FOR MARCH 20

Join PABC, Mixon Seed Services, CU-CAT, SCSU 1890, SC Farm Bureau and the SC Department of Agriculture for an informative day.

The forum will be held Wednesday, March 20, from 9:30am – 3:30pm at the Phillips Market Center, 117 Ballard Court, West Columbia.

The Annual SC Production Agribusiness and Technology Forum aims to unite leaders in SC crop and livestock production for discussions on current and upcoming trends. Emphasizing technology, the forum serves as a networking and learning opportunity, fostering collaborative relationships across business sectors, technology providers, research communities, and advocacy groups. Join us to address shared challenges and shape the future of South Carolina's production agriculture.

ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

- Macroeconomics, trends, farmland valuation, economic development
- Opportunities for value-added strategies, alternative crops, and diversification
- Taxation, zoning, meat production, international trade

SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

- Regulations, environmental concerns, water use
- Renewable fuels, carbon markets, regenerative agriculture
- Climate Smart Grant, on-farm resiliency, hemp

TECHNOLOGY AND CONNECTIVITY

- Broadband development, tech adoption challenges
- Research and program needs for emerging technologies

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE OPPORTUNITIES

- Distribution, market access, production models
- Community packing, GAP certification, emerging technologies

Admission is free, but please register at eventbrite.com/e/2024-south-carolina-agriculture-technology-and-business-forum-tickets-807255020497.

AIKEN COUNTY ANIMAL QUARANTINED FOR MONITORING OF EQUINE NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University animal health officials quarantined an Aiken County animal after it tested positive for a neurological disease associated with equine herpesvirus, or EHV-1.

The animal was quarantined February 13, after displaying clinical signs including lethargy. Testing by nasal swab confirmed the disease on February 22. The infected animal and its pasture mates will be monitored throughout the quarantine period.

“The infected animal is no longer showing clinical signs with resolution of fever and was likely beyond the infectious stage of the disease by the time we were alerted. Also, the owner of the infected animal is being cooperative, following biosecurity recommendations, and the facility is well-suited for quarantine. This is really a best-case scenario to keep this disease isolated,” said Michael Neault, S.C. State Veterinarian, and director of Clemson Livestock Poultry Health.

Animal disease investigators have established that the infected animal and its pasture mates have not come into contact with other equids.

EHV-1 is the primary cause of the neurological disease EHM, or equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy. No currently licensed vaccines are labeled for the prevention of EHM.

The disease can be fatal and is mostly spread by direct horse-to-horse contact. Horses may appear to be perfectly healthy yet spread the virus through nasal secretions. The disease can also be spread through tack, wipe rags and other grooming implements, feed and water buckets, and people's clothing.

Symptoms include:

- Fever preceding neurologic signs
- Decreased coordination
- Urine dribbling
- Loss of tail tone
- Hind limb weakness
- Leaning against a wall or fence to maintain balance
- Lethargy
- Inability to rise

If you suspect you have an animal with EHM, contact your local veterinarian immediately.



Certified SC Showcase
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER

AGENDA

8:30 – 11:30 AM
BALLROOMS B & C
EXHIBITOR SET-UP

9:00 – 9:45 AM
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
1A | LEXINGTON A
DHEC Transfer—What to Expect
Beginning July 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) will take over several food safety programs from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). These include retail food safety inspections (restaurants, grocery stores, caterers, school cafeterias, some convenience stores), dairy inspections, and wholesale bottled water, soft drinks, and ice regulation. Derek Underwood, Assistant Commissioner for Consumer Protection, will review these changes and what to expect.

12:30 – 3:30 PM
BALLROOMS B & C
TRADE SHOW
Open for ALL attendees. South Carolina Producers exhibit their products and make connections with potential buyers and peers.

9:55 – 11:15 AM
EDUCATIONAL SESSION
2A | LEXINGTON A & B
Buyer Educational Panel
Join the conversation as these buyers discuss their local programs and best practices for selling to wholesale and retail markets. Buyer panel features representatives from Swamp Rabbit Cafe and Food Hub, Senn Brothers Produce, Harris Teeter, Kountner Chef and Owner, President of School Nutrition Association, and food aggregator Bonita Global.

3:30 – 4:30 PM
BALLROOM A
SC Specialty Crop Growers Association Annual Meeting
The annual meeting will consist of a review of the prior year, budget and scholarship updates, board member elections, and an open floor session. Only current members of SCSCGA will be eligible to vote during the meeting, but all specialty crop growers and allies are welcome to attend.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
BALLROOM A
LUNCH
Welcome
South Carolina Agricultural Update
From Commissioner Hugh Weathers

3:30 – 5:00 PM
BALLROOMS B & C
EXHIBITOR BREAKDOWN


1B | LEXINGTON B
SCDA Resources
This session will provide an overview of cost share reimbursement opportunities for agribusiness activities, as well as for reimbursement of grower certification costs and on-farm improvements. Information will also be provided on finding technical assistance with grant applications, budget development, and basic grant management.

Visit agriculture.sc.gov/showcase for registration and other information

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In World War II, over 7,000 German POWs were sent to South Carolina. They worked in agriculture and pulpwood industries across the state.


Labor was scarce after young men left to fight overseas, and farmers were desperate for assistance harvesting their crops. Anyone looking for labor could contact their county extension agent to work out a contract. Fort Jackson was the primary camp, but there were branch camps all over SC.



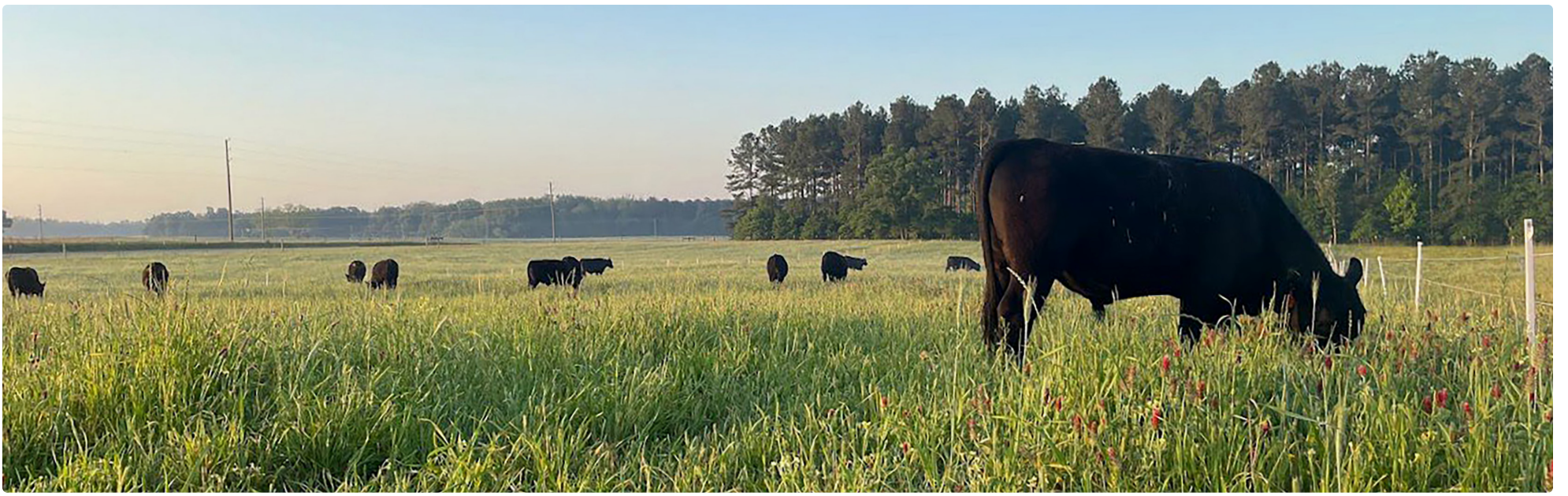
German POWs pick beans on a farm in Oregon. Courtesy Oregon State University

Did your family employ POWs during WWII?

If you know of stories, artifacts, or images related to this peculiar time on the home front, please contact Curator of Collections and Exhibits Chelsea Sigourney at csigourney@crr.sc.gov or 803-737-8094



SOUTH CAROLINA CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM & MILITARY MUSEUM



CLEMSON EXTENSION ANNOUNCES 2024 FORAGES FIELD DAY AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WORKSHOP

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BLACKVILLE, S.C. – Forage quality directly impacts animal performance. To help South Carolina livestock owners learn how to provide supplemental feed during the fall and winter months, the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is offering in-person programs in March.

The 2024 Forages Field Day, slated for March 21, at the Edisto Research and Education Center (REC), 64 Research Road, Blackville, South Carolina 29817, begins with registration at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is \$20. To register, go to bit.ly/2024CU_ForagesFieldDay.

The morning session kicks off with a discussion about carbon credits for forage and livestock operations by keynote speaker and Clemson Extension economist Nathan Smith. Following Smith's presentation, Clemson Extension forages specialist Liliane Silva will discuss adopting climate-smart agricultural practices to strengthen forage-livestock systems. She will also provide research updates from ongoing trials her group is conducting.

The morning session concludes with an update on weed control in forage systems by Mike Marshall, Clemson Extension weed specialist and an update on the livestock market by Matt Fischer, Clemson Extension livestock economist.

Following lunch, afternoon activities will include tours of demonstration plots where Silva and Marshall will give updates on cover crop forage systems research, weed research and management practices, nutrition strategies, nutrient cycling and decomposition in year-round forage systems.

The field day is expected to end at 4 p.m.

A South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program advanced level workshop, Best Agricultural Management Practices for Forage-Livestock Systems, will be held March 28, also at the Edisto REC, 64 Research Road, Blackville, SC 29817. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is \$50. To register, go to https://bit.ly/CU_Forages_BMPs.

This program highlights concepts, research and decision tools for South Carolina. The morning session includes a presentation on soil fertility and health by Leo Viera, a Clemson forages postdoctoral fellow, followed by discussions on forage physiology and production and selecting forage species and maintaining perennial grasses by Silva.

Also included in the morning session is a presentation by Matt Hersom, director of the Clemson Piedmont Research and Education Center, about grazing animal nutrition forage-

induced animal disorders. Marshall will discuss using practical burning methods for weed management.

Following lunch, outdoor demonstrations will be held. The afternoon session will include a presentation on weed identification and control, as well as proper sprayer calibration and herbicide application by Marshall.

Grazing management applications will be demonstrated at six individual stations. Topics include using a grazing stick to determine forage mass and how much livestock eat each day.

Other topics include forage defoliation frequency and intensity, soil health and improved management strategies to extend grazing days. Stations will feature nutrient cycling, litter decomposition, carbon sequestration, hay bale quality, nutrition, sampling, and weight calculations. In addition, there will also be a station with information about forage field scouting and stand assessment.

This program is expected to end at 4 p.m. For information on either of these events, contact Liliane Silva at lseveri@clemson.edu.

2024 NASDA CUBA TRADE TRIP

Commissioner Weathers visited Cuba in February with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). To read about his trip, see his column on page 1.

