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UPSTATE HYDROPONIC GREENHOUSE HAS DOUBLE MISSION

SIMPLEA PRODUCE OFFERS MEANINGFUL WORK FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

BY EVA MOORE



Stephen Barr, far left, founded SimpLea Produce in 2018 with the help of the Charles Lea Center. Alexis Garcia Arteaga and Noah Wilkins, middle, show off some of SimpLea Produce's leafy greens.

SimpLea Produce sells jewel-green butter lettuces, crisp romaine, peppery arugula, and other hydroponic leafy greens.

It's also in the business of providing meaningful employment to people with disabilities and special needs.

Greenhouse manager Stephen Barr worked in the nursery business for 20 years before starting to grow produce hydroponically. In 2018, the Charles Lea Center reached out to him about starting a hydroponic greenhouse business. The Charles Lea Center is a Spartanburg-based nonprofit that works to help people with disabilities live and work independently.

Barr has a personal connection to the mission: a son with a disability.

SimpLea's team is small and dedicated. The company's five staffers have varying degrees of disability, mostly autism.

"They love what they do; they're very proud of it," Barr says. "Producing food is important to them, as well as being able to provide such a good product."

Barr emphasizes that team members are paid above minimum wage.

Noah Wilkins was among the staff who recently attended the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Certified SC Showcase, helping work a vendor booth to network with potential wholesale buyers. He explained to customers the company's various offerings.

SimpLea has already expanded once, and after five years, it's looking to expand again. The operation is GAP certified, with customers that include Greenville's Swamp Rabbit Grocery and Café, the Clemson Area Food Exchange, and small specialty retailers like Pharmacy in Easley and Skyland Farms in Greer.

To learn more about SimpLea Produce, visit simpleaproduce.com.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

KEEPING CONSERVATION IN THE CONVERSATION

What does conservation have to do with Star Wars? Well, this year the nationwide theme of the National Association of Conservation Districts' Stewardship Week is "May the Forest be with You, Always." Maybe there'll be a public service announcement with Obi-Wan Kenobi.

In South Carolina, there are 46 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, each operated by a board of commissioners. Conservation districts promote the wise use of soil and water resources in their area. Farmers and foresters often work with them, as we share some of the same priorities and values. At SCDA, we've worked with the State Conservation Districts Board on several significant projects.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has designated the week of April 28 – May 5 as Stewardship Week. This is one of the nation's largest initiatives dedicated to promoting the conservation of natural resources.

Here in South Carolina, the governor generally proclaims an official South Carolina Soil and Water Stewardship Week. And our partners over at the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts have some great activities

planned to celebrate.

The general public can get involved on Wednesday, May 1, during Forestry Field Day at Harbison State Forest. The event will include information on forestry programs and opportunities, prescribed fire and wildfire prevention, backyard habitat gardens, best management practices, and getting involved with districts. Lunch is included. To register for the event, contact Jennifer Morris at [morisj@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:morrisj@dnr.sc.gov).

You can also reach out and get involved with your local Soil and Water Conservation District, which is a great way to promote conservation and be a voice for your neighbors.

It's been a beautiful spring so far for South Carolina agriculture. Strawberry season is well underway, and local asparagus is easier to find than it's ever been. We've had a lot of rain — maybe a little more than our corn growers would like, as it's limited their planting — but it's making pastures green and keeping spring vegetables looking good.

As for peaches, it appears blooming is nearly complete, according to the latest reports from Clemson and USDA NASS. I'll be praying for moderate temperatures and no cold snaps as we ease into late spring and early summer.

Hugh E. Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING 2024 PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVALS

PEE DEE PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVAL

APRIL 18 – 21

Thursday – Saturday 8 am – 6 pm
Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

Pee Dee State Farmers Market,
Florence, SC

PIEDMONT PLANT & FLOWER FESTIVAL

APRIL 25 – 28

Thursday – Saturday 8 am – 6 pm
Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Greenville State Farmers Market,
Greenville, SC

Young Entrepreneurs Night

April 24 • 4 – 7 pm

Calling all youth business owners! Here's your chance to showcase your unique idea to the world. We want all young people—school age children—to apply to set up a booth for this special night! We know the passion to create starts young and want to encourage your kids by giving them a market for their ideas. The vendor fee is just \$15 and they can apply on our website.

Blythewood Farmers Market

171 Langford Road, Blythewood
manager@blythewoodfarmersmarket.com
803-402-6864
blythewoodfarmersmarket.com
facebook.com/BlythewoodFarmersMarket

Sweetgrass Basket Weaving Workshop

April 26 • 1 – 3 pm

Join us in an afternoon of historical ART! South Carolina native, Jennifaye Kimberly Wright Singleton, is an expert sweetgrass basket weaver and is honoring us by sharing her craft with the public. Participants will enjoy a lecture about the history of Gullah Geechee livings and the art of sweetgrass baskets, followed by the making of their very own basket! Materials include a combination of sweetgrass, pine needles, bullrush, and palmetto leaves. Each basket has its very own characteristics which makes them all one-of-a-kind. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Moore Farms Botanical Garden

1642 Pine Bay Road, Lake City
info@moorefarmsbg.org • 843-210-7582
moorefarmsbg.org/event/sweetgrass-basket-weaving-workshop

Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale

April 27 • 8 am – 12 pm

Spring is just around the corner and the Greater Greenville Master Gardeners are ready to give you a jumpstart with your planting! A multitude of different varieties of healthy plants will be available for sale at bargain prices! Master Gardeners will be on hand to help you find the perfect plants for your yard. They accept credit cards for over \$25 purchases and cash or checks. Please leave your pup at home. Don't miss this special horticultural opportunity!

Jeff Lynch Appliance Center Parking Lot

17 Roper Mountain Road, Greenville
Contact: Bonnie Wallin
864-915-7737
ggmga.org/plant-sale

Ole Patchwork Gathering

April 27 • 10 am – 3 pm

A fun, family farm event with local artisans, crafts, and items made from scratch. Bring your cooler to take home fresh produce, meats, eggs, cheese, and milk. Get a head start on your spring planting with herbs, flowers, and vegetable plants. Enjoy lunch at the farm, music on the grounds, and demonstrations. Visit the barnyard animals. Please, no pets allowed. This is an outside event. Please dress accordingly for weather conditions. Hand sanitizer, restrooms, and washing stations are available at the farm and vendor tables. Parking is \$5. Most vendors accept debit and credit cards, but be prepared to have cash for some vendors, including food.

Patchwork Farm LLC

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NEXT AD DEADLINE

APRIL 23 • 12:00 PM

SCDA State Farmers Markets

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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each location

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Any ads received after the deadline will be considered for a subsequent issue.

AQUACULTURE

BLUEGILL
50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Carp, \$12; Bass, \$2; tilapia, \$1; Minnows, \$20/lb
Derek Long
Newberry
803-944-3058

HOGS / PIGS

BBQ HOGS & FEEDER PIGS
Duroc/Hamp/York crosses, barrows & gilts, photos avail by text, \$75+
Phil Carter
Colleton
843-909-0984

2 M/O PIGLETS
¾ Kune Kune & ¼ AGH, \$120/F, \$90/M, call/text
Eric Miller
Greenville
864-684-2260

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

DIXIE LEE PEA SEED
cleaned, P-98.18%, G-93%, D/H SD & G-93%, IM-1.82%, good for plots, \$50/50 lb bag
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

CATTLE**BFMSTR REG BULLS**

& PB bulls, yrlds, \$1300+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

(2) 7 M/O BLK ANG BULLS

\$900 ea
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

2 IRISH RED REG BULLS

PB, 2 y/o, tested, \$6000 obo
Jerry Meyer
Saluda
253-606-8710

RED ANG BULLS

cow makers w/calving ease, growth & carcass merit, comp perf, \$3500+
Raymond Prescott
Laurens
864-981-2080

PURE JERSEY MILK COW

soon to calf w/Ang, friendly, \$1500
George Phillips
Williamsburg
843-992-1964

6 M/O HRFRD BULL

\$800; 10 m/o Hrfrd hefrs, \$1000; 9 m/o steers, \$500; all polled
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

7 Y/O JERSEY COW

in mid lactation cycle, \$1000, call or text
Judy Murdock
Anderson
864-401-1399

10 COW CALF PRS

VGC, middle-aged, \$2500/pr, call or text
Allen Hege
Bamberg
803-759-6002

REG ANG & COMM HEFRS

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

REG BLK ANG BULLS

\$3000+; Blk Ang & SimAng hefrs, \$1500+
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

16 M/O REG ANG BULL

Payweight sired, low BW, \$2500
Wade Parnell
Anderson
864-338-5678

WEANED BEEF CALVES

3-5 m/o, vac/wormed, \$450+
Casey McCarty
Newberry
803-924-5239

REG ANG BULLS

Niagara & Hoover Dam b'lines, exc EPD, gentle, \$2500+
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

WOODS 1680 BUSH HOG

14', \$2500
Jimmy Forrest
Saluda
803-685-7735

JD 2010 TRACTOR

dsl, narrow frt end, plntrs, cults, harrows, tool bar w/tines, \$7500; w/7' bush hog, \$9500; more
Carey Wilson
Anderson
864-437-9297

GROVE RUNNING GEAR

w/4 new tires, \$750
Ed Heath
Anderson
607-745-2221

JD 7000 4R PLNTR

30", \$4500; JD 4420 4r combine, 30" corn head, 13' grain head, \$10,000
William Nickles
Greenwood
864-941-7066

1½ YD SOILMOVER

Orthman mod 15RD, \$1500; 7 tooth ripper plow, \$500; both in GC
Johnny Childress
Laurens
864-872-9985

MF 1540 TRACTOR

auto, 4wd, frt end ldr & canopy, 620 hrs, 2010 mod, \$20,500
Justin Clamp
Saluda
864-554-3023

JD 2955 TRACTOR

w/JD 265 ldr for parts or repair, eng stuck, \$9000; Ford 600 tractor, \$2400
Furman Mahon
Laurens
864-684-9525

4 BLADE TILLER

w/3ph, \$400
M Winningham
Berkeley
843-709-0715

'21 HUDSON 20' TRL

2½ ton, HD, dove tail, GC, \$2900
Jack Morton
Chester
803-374-9946

TUFLINE TMF 5' DISC

\$475
Larry Fenton
Kershaw
803-432-5033

20 JD 450M RND BALER

EC, 2000 bales, \$38,500; JD 1750 6RW conservation plntr, \$10,500
Wesley Wiles
Barnwell
803-516-2557

WOODS 750 3PH BACKHOE

16" & 24" buckets, bucket cyl, rebuilt last of 2023, \$3600 cash only
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

3 TRACTORS

restored '48 JD M, \$4500; '58 JD 620, \$2800; '53 JD 50, \$1500
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

GRAVITY WAGONS

EC, solid galv boxes, FR, \$850-1500, call/text
John White
Colleton
843-830-8284

2 WOOD GRAVITY BOXES

for transporting & drying nuts, corn, etc, 125 bu, \$350 & \$400, both for \$700
Tom Harmon
Lexington
803-530-3348

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$12,500
Jerry Comeaux
Spartanburg
864-992-3869

2 TRANSPORT AUGERS

both w/motors & in GC, 8" x 50", \$4500; 8" x 30", \$2000
Charles Horger
Calhoun
803-707-1493

BHB GROOMING MWR

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

NH 256 HAY RAKE

GWC, \$2000
Ashley Riddle
Laurens
864-313-8684

VICON CM2400 DISC MWR

w/ maint man, \$3200
Billy Ausburn
Anderson
864-269-4845

LEINBACH DISC HARROW

HD frame, adj, 20 discs, 20" dia discs, EC, \$1995
Scott Caines
Pickens
864-735-6562

'52 FORD 8N

w/16 blade disc, both in GC, \$4300
Mike Mooneyhan
Lexington
803-917-0366

PB HAY TEDDER

2 basket, PTO, VGC, Neihmeyer brand, \$1250
George McCoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

'93 JD 400G

6 way blade, rebuilt trans w/last 50 hrs, dry machine, 60% undrcrg, \$25,000
Kenneth Fleming
Chester
803-209-0766

FORD 530 HAY BALER

Ford 3ph hay rake, both under shed 20 yrs, not used, \$1000/obo
Sidney Livingston
Orangeburg
803-730-2683

LO FLO SKID STEER GRABBLE

6', \$1800; 2r 3ph MF cult, \$375
D L Dimery
Lexington
803-796-2995

5' BUSH HOG

Covington Cutter, old in WC, \$250
Ed McDowell
Fairfield
803-338-4428

LS 3400 LINKBELT TRACKHOE

comp parts machine, \$10,000
Bill Buford
Newberry
803-276-2895

NH 488 HAYBINE

GC, \$2400
Ernie Major
Anderson
864-617-7419

5' BUSH HOG

\$650; 8' finish mwr, \$1650; new 7'x20' Tex trl, 10,000 lb, dual brakes, more, \$5950
James Burns
Laurens
864-918-6308

'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

FORD 3000 DSL

new tires/rims & battery, \$6950 obo; 16 disc cutaway harrow, 3ph, HD, \$1200 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

5' RAZORBACK BUSH HOG

GC; & JD 4 whl wagon, w/16' steel bed, \$1000 ea
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

JD BAT WING

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

14' DBL AXLE TRL

wood floor w/loading ramp, \$1400
Clayton Leaphart
Lexington
803-530-6047

NH 311 HAY BALER

\$3000 obo; MF mod 25 hay rake, 3ph, \$800; NH 488 hay cond, w/extra parts, \$3000 obo
Harry Watson
Lexington
803-413-2571

JD 4230 W/CAB & AIR

quad range, 6878 hrs, 18.4-34 rears, dual remotes, good paint, FR, \$28,500
Robert Hilton
Dorchester
843-834-2340

JD 450C CRAWLER DOZER

w/open-close bucket, does not twist to side, \$6000 as is; 2r cult, \$300; call/text
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

'NH BR 7060 RND BALER

string wrap only, shed kept, baled w/last yr, photos avail, \$12,500
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR

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

6' LP FINISH MWR

3ph, \$1550
Stephen Bonnette
Orangeburg
803-707-5093

'23 JD 5067E

w/MFWD 520M ldr, 39 hrs, cab, heat/ac, pwr rev, \$59,000, lv msg
Arthur Williams
Kershaw
803-432-3307

NH 849 BALER

GC, \$2500; IH 820 combine hdr auger, 15', \$400; 3pt scoop pan, \$125
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE

GWC, needs new tires & tines, \$3500 obo
Lauren Ray-McCarley
Aiken
803-508-2581

'08 JD 3320 W/CAB

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

JD 1700 6R MAX EMERGE PLNTR

row cleaner, fert tanks & spray, \$16,500; JD 6500 60' frt fold boom, \$25,000
Joe Phillips Jr
Lexington
803-600-2928

7 SHANK CULT

\$450; 6' box blade w/rippers, \$350; spin sprdr, \$150; 35 gal 12' boom spryr w/pump, \$150; all 3ph
Danny Day
Edgefield
803-645-0637

FARM LABOR

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

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING
statewide, will bring
sawmill to your site & saw
your logs from 8'-20'4"
Lowell Fralix
Barnwell
803-707-5625

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

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

EXCAVATOR MOWING
landscaping, grading,
clearing/brush clean up,
drains, sprinklers, sod, etc,
all surrounding cos
Derek Drafts
Saluda
803-429-3291

WILDLIFE MGMT
nest raiders, coyotes, beaver,
hogs, Aiken & surrounding cos
Joe Leonard
Aiken
803-507-4940

**LIVESTOCK FENCING
INSTALLATION**
barb wire, woven wire, High
Tensile elec, hyd post driving
Taylor Chappell
Abbeville
864-276-8906

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

FARM FRESH EGGS
var colors in each carton,
cream, green, beige & brn,
varied sizes, \$4/dz
Valerie Cassidy
Calhoun
803-955-6339

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

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.

WANT PASTURE
to rent, Anderson Co near
Williamston, pls lv msg
Jack Cann
Anderson
864-423-3785

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

10A PASTURE LAND
on Old Hundred Rd,
\$23,000/A
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

GARDEN

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

BLUEBERRY BUSHES
3 for \$20; blkberry plants,
3 for \$25; Grapevine, \$10;
Fig & Pomegranate, \$20;
Mulberry, \$30
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

STRAWBERRY PLANTS
4" pot, \$3; qt pot, \$5;
Elderberry bushes, qt pot,
\$5; 1/2 gal pot, \$10
Roy Cothran
Saluda
864-764-0091

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

SHEEP
Southdown, 2 ewes, 1
wither; Hair x Southdown,
2 ewes, 1 wither, ewes of
brdng age, \$175-300
Tammy White
York
803-320-0393

PYGMY GOATS
3 m/o male, \$75
Bridgett Schumpert
Lexington
803-796-8365

BOER
Kiko & Pygmy goats,
just weaned & up, \$150+,
depending on size & color
Sam Parnell
Abbeville
864-940-6663

ST CROIX EWES
suitable for breeding,
varying ages, \$175-200
Judy Murdock
Anderson
864-401-1399

STANDARD NUBIAN KIDS
holistically raised, 2
bucklings, 1 doeling, \$200 ea
Jan Pendleton
York
803-868-5451

NUBIAN GOATS
8 w/o does, 3 avail, disbudded
& received CDT vac, \$375 ea
Summer Edwards
Calhoun
803-308-4529

15 KIKO DOES
6 m/o, good stock, vac, \$225 ea
George Phillips
Williamsburg
843-992-1964

FULL SAANEN GOATS
2 does & 1 buck, 2 y/o, \$800
for all 3
Patty Jackson
Cherokee
864-316-0741

NGN DWARF BILLY GOATS
many colors, \$100 ea
Dana Hand
Williamsburg
843-356-8056

**KIKO & KIKO BOAR
CROSSED**
12 w/o M & F, weaned, \$150 ea
Ron Simons
Edgefield
706-840-4954

NGN DWARF CROSSED
(2) 4 m/o billies, \$75 ea
Darla Steele
Edgefield
803-645-7211

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

HAY & GRAIN

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

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

RND BALES
CQ, \$40/bale
Scott Derrick
Edgefield
803-430-0390

'23 HQ COASTAL
4x56 rnd, net wrap, shed
stored, \$70/bale
David Fulmer
Orangeburg
803-917-0467

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

'23 HQ RND CB
net wrap, stored outside, \$50
Charles Howle
Darlington
843-250-1636

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

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

'23 4x5 FESCUE
no weeds, in barn, \$45
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

'23 4x5 OATS HAY
net wrap, shed kept, \$60/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

TIGHTLY BALED CB
well fert, clean, \$8 ea/sq; \$65
ea/4x5 rnd
Simpson Sikes
Calhoun
803-308-1993

ORCHARD GRASS
\$7/sq; Oat bales, \$4/sq
Jackie Rogers
Spartanburg
864-381-5971

'23 HQ 4x54 BERMUDA
shed kept, \$70; '23 Alfalfa,
4x4, \$100; both net wrap; sq
Alfalfa, \$15
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

'23 4x5 COASTAL
net wrap, limed/fert per soil
analysis, \$60
Curtis Davis
Barnwell
803-300-2654

SQ HQ HAY
in barn, no litter used, \$8.50;
rnd CQ rnd, net, outside,
\$45, 14 bales left, all 2023
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

SQ CB
\$11, p-up in 100 bale min,
del for a fee
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

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

'23 4x5 FESCUE
CQ, \$40/bale; HQ, \$60/
bale; wrapped 4x5 haylage,
\$60/bale, can load or del
Allen Kellett
Greenville
864-607-7444

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

'23 4x5 RND FESCUE MIX
net wrap, \$40 ea or \$45 ea del
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

4x5 CB
\$70; 4x5 CQ CB, \$50
Larry Mccartha
Lexington
803-606-2499

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

SM LENTEN ROSES
3 Sunjoy Sequins Barberry
aka Berberis thunbergii & 1
Sorbaria cherry, \$5 ea
Nannette Boswell
Greenville
864-382-8479

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

FIG TREES
cast iron plants, tractor seat
plants, in pots, \$10 ea
Jerry Watson
Richland
803-776-5469

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

1 GAL AZALEAS & HOSTAS
Gardenias, 6; Yel Rose
Texas, Snowball, Lime
Hydrangeas, \$20; Tea
Olives, \$8; Boxwoods, \$20/3
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

RABBITS

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

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

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

LA COTTONTAILS
crossed on MS cane cutter,
\$12 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

3 BTM MOLDBOARD PLOW
in VGC, prefer w/coulters
David Raines
Spartanburg
864-415-6515

CUB TRACTOR
or JD 1010
Larry Easterling
Darlington
843-319-3309

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

**SHETLAND & WELCH
PONIES**
to live on 20A, any age,
reasonably priced or
donated, w/neg Coggins
Jeanie Sabbagha
Sumter
803-494-9449

MISCELLANEOUS

OAK FIREWOOD

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

REAR TRACTOR TIRE

& tube, 12.4-28 long/short tread pattern 80%, \$175
Wilson Rickenbaker
Lexington
803-356-9800

6'-30" L1"x6" CEDAR LUMBER

cedar posts, & util poles, \$1-5/ft
James Burns
Laurens
864-918-6308

3 OLD TUBS

exc for water troughs, \$65 ea
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

16" WESTERN SADDLE

by Bona Allen, LN, \$1000
Larry A Dellinger
Oconee
864-723-5473

SNAPPER ZERO TURN MWR

48" cut, Briggs eng, \$2800
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

4' TUBE GATE

\$45; 7"x3/8" chain hook one end, \$20
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

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

2" IRRIG PIPE

+/- 500', 1/2 alum, 1/2 galv,
misc fittings & Rainbird
heads, \$1000 obo
Trent Porth
Lexington
803-413-8065

RND CEDAR POSTS

cut to var sizes, 4-10" dia,
6-12' L, \$6-12 ea, depend on
size, cut 4x4, \$2/bdft
Douglass Britt
McCormick
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FRUIT/VEG WASHING EQUIP

mfg by TEW co, comm,
little use, incl feeder belt,
washer, dryer, rnd table,
\$5000
Carey Wilson
Anderson
864-437-9297

MARTIN GOURD RACKS

hay rake umbrella design, 12
gourd hangers, \$60; heads
only, 16 hangers, \$70
Pete Jordan
Darlington
843-332-3219

MEADOWS #1 AUTO SAWMILL

15' carriage, log turner,
\$10,500; Dayton 12 hp gas
air compressor, \$1500
Furman Mahon
Laurens
864-684-9525

HOLE DIGGER

gas, w/8" & 10" augers, all items
nvr used, \$420 cash only
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

5HP ELEC MOTOR

new, bought for grain auger,
nvr used, \$750
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

WORM CASTINGS

organic fert, \$20/30 lb bag;
composted garden soil, 1/2
yd, \$40; 1 yd, \$75
Roy Cothran
Saluda
864-764-0091

GARDEN TRACTOR

Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler,
hydro trans, hyd lift, \$450 obo
Stanley Taylor
Chester
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(5) 24" VENTILATION FANS

\$100 ea; 2 dump tanks, \$200 ea
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Orangeburg
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for Purple Martin houses or
crafting, \$6/lrg, \$/med, \$2/sm
Glen Clamp
Lexington
803-673-8013

LAWN VACUUM

\$650; smooth lawn roller,
\$150; Northern hyd 12v 15
gal spry, \$35
Bobby Dennis
Newberry
803-924-2118

55 GAL FG METAL DRUMS

\$20 ea; 30 & 55 gal plastic
drums, solid tops, \$15 & \$20
ea; 275 gal port tow tanks,
\$50 ea
Philip Poole
Union
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DRY ROUGH CUT PINE

Oak boards, all sizes, Pine,
\$2/bdft; Oak, \$4/bdft
Joel Grubb
Calhoun
803-351-0144

GRAIN BINS W/FANS

drying blower, (2) 3500 bu,
\$2500; 6500 bu, \$3500
Carl Brown
Aiken
803-640-0281

PECAN WOOD BUNDLE

\$10
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

OLD COMP FARM BELL

old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell,
w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20
hash pots, \$200 ea; #15,
\$150; more
Perry Masters
Greenville
864-561-4792

HONEY BEES

5 frame nuc of Italian
honeybees, housed in
plastic Pro nuc box, \$175
Dale Starnes
Lancaster
803-577-7871

TRIMMING STAND KIT

for shearing w/platform,
side rails, ramp, moveable,
EC, \$450
Tammy White
York
803-320-0393

CEDAR

7' rnd posts, \$3 ea; poles,
8'/\$6, 10'/\$8; sq fence post,
4x4x8', \$8; lumber, \$3/bdft;
mulch, \$50 p-up load
Andy Morris
Newberry
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BAND-SAWED PINE LUMBER

3"-12"W, 7'-12'L, good \$1/
bdft, best \$1.50/bdft; dry
Pecan firewood, \$250/cord
Tom Harmon
Lexington
803-530-3348

6 CORRAL PANELS

no rust, \$475; Tarter head
chute, LN, \$550; both LN
Richard Martin
Greenville
864-243-4974

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

\$10 ea
Jeffrey Lynn
Anderson
864-617-0031

JD STX38 RIDING MWR

EC, 38" cut, 1 3hp Kohler
eng, hydro trans, \$800 obo
Tom Williams
Greenville
864-423-1854

HDWD LUMBER

var Oaks & Poplar, boards
1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, free del
300 bdft or less in Upstate
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Greenville
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HONEY EXTRACTOR

manual, lrg or small frame,
\$200
Sylvia Owens
Anderson
864-221-8368

CHICK BROODER

built last yr, nvr used, 4x4
w/good venting, \$150
Karen Udensi
Newberry
803-940-0937

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BUFF ORPINGTON

laying chickens, \$15 ea
Eugene Wilson
Lexington
814-403-5924

CHICKS

OE bantams, Mille Fleur,
Silver Quill, \$5 ea; Lavender
Ameraucana, \$10 ea
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922

RED SEXLINK PULLETS

just starting to lay, \$17 ea
Lavern Raber
Pickens
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GAME WARHORSE

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

MALLARD DUCKS

\$5+ ea
Shane Sease
Bamberg
803-824-9124

BANTAM ROOS

Blk Rosecomb, Wht
Leghorn, Buff mix, \$5 ea;
Blk Cochin pr, \$25
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

ROYAL PALM TOM TURKEY

PB, \$70
Jack Smith
Anderson
864-617-0099

2 TOM TURKEYS

\$40 ea; Silkies pr & 2
D'ucle bantam prs, \$25/pr
Karen Udensi
Newberry
803-940-0937

DIAMOND DOVES

\$30/pr
Moscovia Faulk
Sumter
803-494-8499

6 W/O PULLETS

RIR, Barred Rock, &
Delaware Broiler, \$10 ea
Candice Reble
Aiken
303-210-0325

BOBWHITE QUAIL

\$5.50 ea
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

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

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

syrop kettle, anvils, lrg coffee
grinder, old lighting rod w/
balls & weathervane, more
Perry Masters
Greenville
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USED HORSE CORRAL

rnd pen panels, near
Sumter, fair priced
Jeanie Sabbagha
Sumter
803-494-9449

PR OF STANDS

for #4 farm bell, blksmith
anvils, any size farm bells
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

ELEC FUEL PUMP

for 500 gal dsl tank
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

PINE STRAW FIELDS

long needle, for raking
David Shull
Lexington
803-318-4263

2024 PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA BEEF COUNCIL

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" and the Marketing Order for South Carolina Beef issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of office of approximately 1/3 of the board members of the South Carolina Beef Council, expire on June 30, 2024, and, therefore, the listed vacancies shall occur at that time.

The function and mission of the SC Beef Council is to support the national and state joint check-off programs in promotion, consumer information/education, research, industry information, producer communications and market development programs. Please visit scattle.org to learn more about the SC Beef Council.

There is one board seat open in each of these Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

District 1 includes the Counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union

District 2 includes the Counties of Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, and York

District 3 includes the Counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg

District 4 includes the Counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Edgefield, Greenwood, Newberry, McCormick, and Saluda

District 5 includes the Counties of Calhoun, Clarendon, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, and Sumter

District 6 includes the Counties of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, and Jasper

If you are interested in becoming a SC Beef Council board member and reside in one of the listed Districts/Counties with an open board seat, you will need to request a petition. This petition can be requested by calling 803-734-9807, 803-734-2217, or by emailing elloyd@scda.sc.gov. All petitions must be received by Thursday, May 2, 2024. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five beef producers from the counties of the district seat you are petitioning for.

Terms of office are for 3 years. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in the production of beef within the State of South Carolina for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, during that one-year period, candidate will have derived a substantial portion of his/her income there from and shall continue to do so during their term of office. The Beef Council holds approximately 4 quarterly meetings per year to conduct their business. Reimbursement for mileage is paid for travel to and from meetings in addition to a \$50 per diem.

FRANCES PRICE, Chair
The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
PO Box 11280
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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HAMPTON WILDLIFE FUND DONATES \$195,800 TO SCDNR FOR CONSERVATION PROJECTS

BY SCDNR

The Hampton Wildlife Fund has presented the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) with a check for \$195,800 to be used for state-wide projects during 2024. The total donated to SCDNR by the Hampton Wildlife Fund over the years now stands at \$4,574,970.

The Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund Inc. (Hampton Wildlife Fund) is a private, non-profit corporation which partners with SCDNR for the promotion of natural resources and natural resource education, which benefits the conservation of wildlife, marine and other resources in South Carolina. Funds are obtained solely through private donations and special promotional projects and fundraising events. Although some of the funds are donated to special projects run by SCDNR, they are not used to replace any of the department's programs already supported by state-appropriated money.

"Our mission is to raise dollars in support of SCDNR, the stewards of South Carolina's vast wildlife and natural resources and to be a partner in the agency's educational efforts," said Hampton Wildlife Fund Board Chair Alvin Taylor, who is a former director of SCDNR.

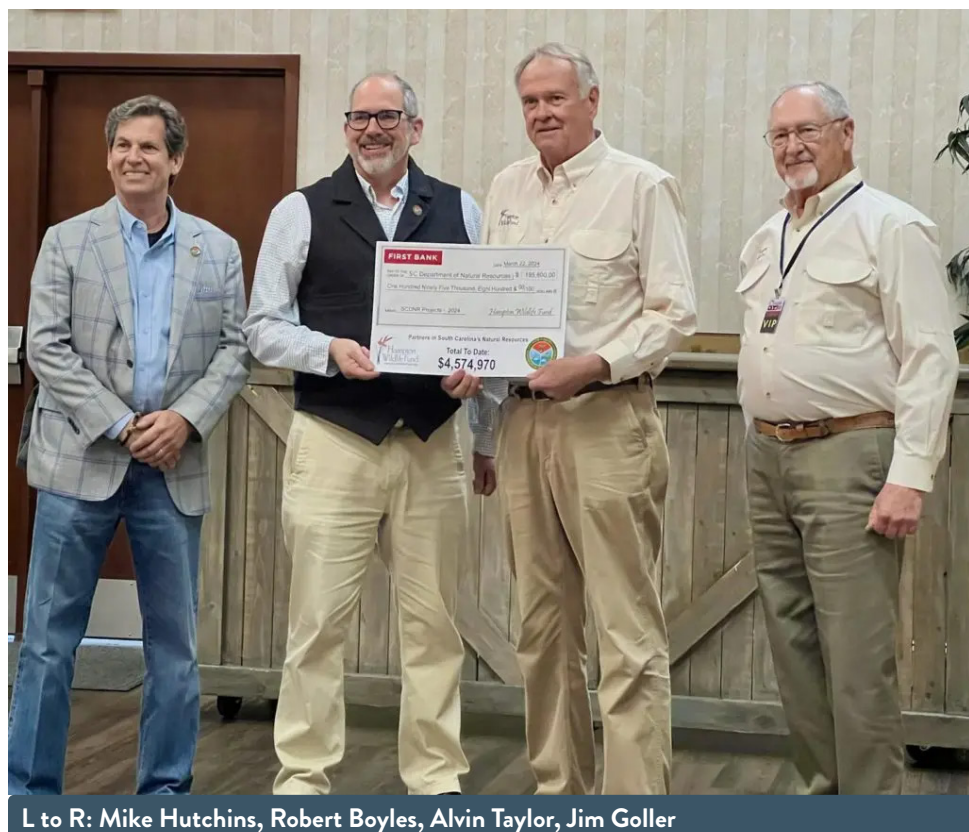
"We are committed to providing SCDNR with funding for Palmetto State citizen programs, especially youth programs," said Hampton Wildlife Fund Executive Director Jim Goller of Beaufort and a DNR retiree.

Public education of wildlife and marine resources management and conservation is a major thrust of the fund's purpose. Scholarships are annually awarded to South Carolina resident students who attend South Carolina institutions of higher learning majoring in wildlife, fisheries, forestry, biology, zoology, marine science, environmental science or related fields, with one awarded annually in the field of law enforcement/criminal justice and one in the field of journalism. Since 1995, The Hampton Wildlife Fund has awarded more than \$1.1 million in scholarships to South Carolina students.

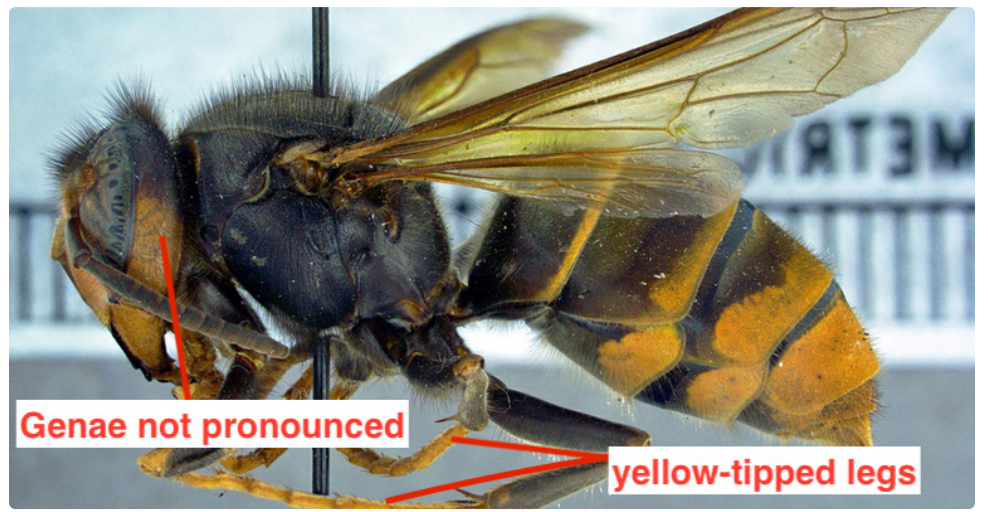
Projects supported and funded by the Hampton Wildlife Fund include:

- Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic
- Sassafras Mountain Overlook project
- SCDNR shotgun and archery shooting sports in schools' programs
- Operation Game Thief
- Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs youth fishing rodeos
- Take One Make One youth mentoring program
- Aquatic Education Program, Carolina Coastal Marine Education Program and Educational Vessel Discovery
- Tiger shark research and tagging in Port Royal, St. Helena sounds
- SCDNR Land, Water and Conservation Envirothon
- Camp Wildwood
- Bruce Rush Artificial Reef and the S.C. Memorial Deepwater Reef Project
- Bruce Rush Pavilion and Youth Archery Range, Anne Springs Close Greenway
- Hampton Wildlife Fund Adventure Center, Anne Springs Close Greenway

Find out more about the Hampton Wildlife Fund by visiting hamptonwildlifefund.org or visit on Facebook at facebook.com/harryhamptonfund.



L to R: Mike Hutchins, Robert Boyles, Alvin Taylor, Jim Goller



CLEMSON OFFICIALS ASK LOWCOUNTRY RESIDENTS TO REPORT LARGE HORNETS AFTER INVASIVE HORNET DETECTED AGAIN IN JASPER COUNTY

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry is renewing its call for Lowcountry residents to report large hornets and hornet nests after officials captured a yellow-legged hornet queen in Jasper County, about three miles from South Carolina's border with Georgia.

The hornet was captured March 14 as part of a proactive trapping protocol designed by the Department as an early warning system to help keep tabs on the invasive insects. The specimen was tested by Clemson's Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic March 18 and sent to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, where it was confirmed to be a queen.

"The fact that we captured a queen is significant. It means that we have prevented a yellow-legged hornet nest from establishing in South Carolina. Georgia has been battling these insects and continues to capture them in the Savannah area, and we will continue to monitor our traps," said Steven Long, assistant director, Clemson Department of Plant Industry (DPI).

Clemson officials are urging Lowcountry residents who suspect they have spotted a yellow-legged hornet (*Vespa velutina*) to report their findings at clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html.

While public reports can aid officials in earlier detections, the department will maintain its trapping efforts year-round and will be eradicating any nests they find.

The first known detection of the hornet in South Carolina was Nov. 9, 2023, and came after DPI's Apiary Inspection Program — the regulatory agency charged with protecting the state's beekeeping industry — collaborated with the Clemson Cooperative Extension Apiculture and Pollinator Program to set traps in Lowcountry locations following a Savannah-area sighting.

While the yellow-legged hornet — not to be confused with the northern giant hornet — is no more harmful to humans than other hornets, it can have a devastating impact on both managed and wild bees.

"The yellow-legged hornet is a predatory insect that has been reported to attack western honeybee colonies and has become a serious pest of beekeeping operations where it has been introduced," said Ben Powell, who directs Clemson Cooperative Extension's Apiary and Pollinator program. "Establishment of this exotic pest in the U.S. would pose a significant threat to our already embattled beekeeping enterprises."

The yellow-legged hornet is native to Southeast Asia and has established itself in most of Europe and areas of the Middle East. The hornet builds egg-shaped paper nests above ground and often in trees. The nest can be large and house an average of 6,000 workers. This exotic hornet may be confused with several native insects, including the cicada killer wasp, the bald-faced hornet, paper wasps, queen yellowjackets, wood wasps and robber flies, but is distinguished from these other stinging insects by its larger size.

The public can visit clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html for link to learn more about the hornet.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to staff registration tables at tour sites across Richland County during the tour weekend on June 8 and 9.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR RICHLAND CO. AG + ART TOUR

Painters, potters, quilters, writers, musicians, storytellers, bakers and other local artisans are invited to apply to be featured in the annual S.C. Ag + Art Tour, which Richland County will host in June.

Now in its 13th year, Ag + Art – a free, self-guided farm tour – offers residents a close-up view of where their food and fiber products come from, while also highlighting local artisans at each site. A vital part of the tour, these artisans are considered people who hand-craft products without using kits or commercial models and whose primary components are not manufactured.

“The essence of the Ag + Art Tour lies in its celebration of agriculture, rural life, and the rich artistic heritage that defines South Carolina,” said Will Culler, an agribusiness agent with Clemson Cooperative Extension and the tour’s director. “The tour has left a profound impact on countless individuals, extending beyond agricultural education to encompass rural revitalization, community engagement and economic growth.”

Twenty counties, including Richland, will host Ag + Art tours on weekends in May and June. Tour sites in Richland County will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8–9, unless specified otherwise on the Ag + Art Tour website. Find a complete list of tour dates and participating counties online at agandarttour.com.

The County’s 2024 Ag + Art Tour will feature 20 farm- and art-related sites for both days of the tour, unless noted below:

- The Congaree Milling Co.
- Cottle Farm
- Crooked Cedar Farm
- Doko Farm
- Fabel Farms
- Farmers Market Xchange
- Gardener’s Outpost
- Glorious Greens
- Grow Your Garden with Sal
- Harbison State Forest (Saturday, June 8 only)
- Hickory Top Farm
- Living Wright Foundation’s Farm at Senate’s End
- Mr. Bunky’s Market Inc.
- One Hubcap Farm, LLC
- The Purple Mushroom (June 8 only)
- Purple Tuteur Farm
- Rosewood Public Orchard
- Sustainable Carolina Garden (June 8 only)
- Three Rivers Arts District
- UHURU Farms

Artisans who apply and are approved for the tour can sell their products at tour sites. They can also participate in Ag + Art Tour weekends in multiple counties.

Volunteers are needed to help with guest services at each site during Richland County’s tour weekend. Volunteers will receive a commemorative Ag + Art Tour T-shirt in appreciation of their service and must be 16 or older. For more details and to volunteer for a four-hour shift at one of the County’s tour sites, visit tinyurl.com/2024RCAAT.

The S.C. Ag + Art Tour is coordinated by county-level planning teams led by Clemson University Cooperative Extension. The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District administers the County’s Ag + Art Tour with the support of Richland County, the County’s Conservation Commission and a number of public and private sponsors.

“Richland County is literally named for the rich soils which have supported agriculture here for generations,” said Chanda Cooper, committee chair for the Richland County Ag + Art Tour and conservation education analyst for the County. “We’re excited to offer this opportunity for local residents and tourists alike to learn more about local farms; to see where food, fiber, timber and other agricultural products are grown in our community; and to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our County.”

For more about the Richland County Ag + Art Tour, visit agandarttour.com/richland. Watch a video previewing the tour on the County’s YouTube page: youtu.be/rLxmlarwZVU.

SC PORTS TO BUY WESTROCK SITE TO EXPAND PORT CAPACITY AT NORTH CHARLESTON TERMINAL

BY SC PORTS

With support from the state and unanimous approval from the SC Ports Board of Directors, SC Ports plans to purchase the former WestRock paper mill site in North Charleston to further expand port capacity at the Port of Charleston.

The SC Ports Board of Directors voted March 19 to move forward with a purchase sales agreement with WestRock. The transaction is expected to close as soon as practical.

“The tremendous backing from our state and an excellent partnership with WestRock allows us to make investments today that will support our state’s economy and create opportunities for future generations of South Carolinians,” SC Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin said. “We are adding significant port capacity to support growth in South Carolina and throughout the Southeast.”

The roughly 280-acre industrial waterfront property sits adjacent to North Charleston Terminal, offering a natural extension of the container terminal that will enable SC Ports to handle more cargo for port-dependent businesses.

The additional land will expand the terminal’s capacity to handle 5 million containers in the future, and create 5,000 feet of linear berth space for container ships and around 400 acres of terminal space for cargo.

“South Carolina’s economy is prospering, and we must continue to invest in our world-class port system to support the companies investing in our state,” Melvin said. “This is an incredible opportunity to enhance our high-performing North Charleston Terminal with renewed capacity to handle future growth.”

SC Ports plans to modernize the existing North Charleston Terminal with an optimized layout, upgraded cargo-handling equipment and significant new container capacity — yielding even more reliable, productive port service. Customers will also benefit from the on-terminal rail service offered by Palmetto Railways with dual connectivity to CSX and Norfolk Southern, and proximity to Interstate 526.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation is playing a pivotal role in the project. As part of its expansion of Interstate 526, SCDOT plans to replace the Don Holt Bridge, which will remove height constraints for larger vessels.

Plans are also moving forward to achieve a 52-foot depth up to North Charleston Terminal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, has requested a feasibility study — a critical first step toward deepening this stretch of the Cooper River an additional five feet.

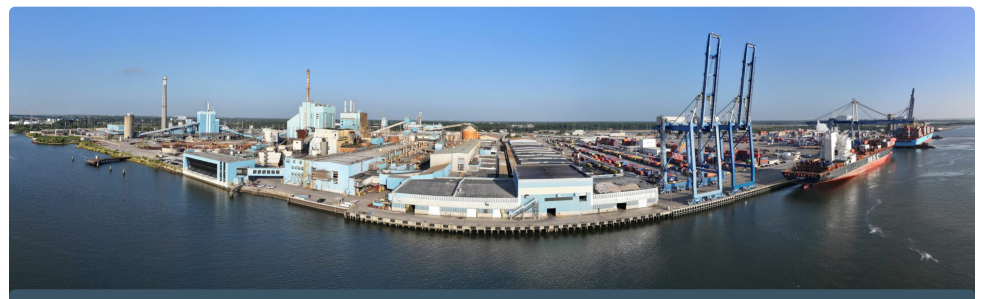
This deepening effort, combined with the new bridge height, will allow the biggest container ships calling the Port of Charleston to seamlessly access North Charleston Terminal.

“Modernizing the terminal, raising the Don Holt Bridge, deepening the Cooper River and purchasing the former WestRock property are all critical components that will yield a state-of-the-art North Charleston Terminal,” Melvin said. “These achievements would not be possible without the support and foresight from Governor Henry McMaster, SC House Speaker Murrell Smith, SC Senate President Thomas Alexander and the entire SC Legislature.”

The site also provides key support functions for Ingevity Corporation’s North Charleston manufacturing facility. SC Ports has been working closely with Ingevity to align their future needs during the transition.

SC Ports will work with SCDOT, Palmetto Railways, Ingevity and the City of North Charleston to master plan the infrastructure to best support the region’s economy and residents.

“This land purchase represents a tremendous opportunity to position our port system and our state competitively for decades to come,” SC Ports Board Chairman Bill Stern said. “Our port infrastructure investments directly support thousands of South Carolina companies that depend on SC Ports to do business, and we are expanding to ensure we have the capacity to handle the growth in the Southeast.”



SC Ports plans to purchase the former WestRock paper mill site in North Charleston. (Photo/SC Ports/Matthew Peacock)



USDA CONFIRMS HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN DAIRY HERDS

BY USDA APHIS

Editor's note: As of press time, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) had confirmed the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in dairy herds in North Carolina, South Dakota, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, and Texas.

APHIS has created a landing page, aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock, with recent announcements pertaining to HPAI detections in livestock, as well as biosecurity information and other resources. Going forward, APHIS will post confirmed detections of HPAI in livestock on that landing page by 4:00 p.m. ET each day.

APHIS continues to work closely with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as state veterinary and public health officials, to investigate and diagnose the illness in dairy cows causing decreased lactation, low appetite, and other clinical signs.

USDA and federal and state partners will continue to share additional updates as information becomes available. APHIS has also prepared a Frequently Asked Questions document as well as a document with recommendations for state animal health officials, veterinarians, and producers, both linked from the landing page above.

On April 1, CDC reported that a person in Texas has tested positive for HPAI A(H5N1) virus; the CDC also stated in its announcement that this infection does not change the A(H5N1) bird flu human health risk assessment for the U.S. general public, which CDC considers to be low. However, people with close or prolonged, unprotected exposures to infected birds or other animals (including livestock), or to environments contaminated by infected birds or other animals, are at greater risk of infection. CDC has interim recommendations for prevention, monitoring, and public health investigations of HPAI A(H5N1) viruses.

Federal and state agencies continue to conduct additional testing in swabs from sick animals and in unpasteurized clinical milk samples from sick animals, as well as viral genome sequencing, to assess whether HPAI or another unrelated disease may be underlying any symptoms.

The NVSL has also confirmed that the strain of the virus found in subsequent states is very similar to

the strain originally confirmed in cattle in Texas and Kansas that appears to have been introduced by wild birds (H5N1, Eurasian lineage goose/Guangdong clade 2.3.4.4b). Initial testing has not found changes to the virus that would make it more transmissible to humans. While cases among humans in direct contact with infected animals are possible, this indicates that the current risk to the public remains low.

There continues to be no concern that this circumstance poses a risk to consumer health, or that it affects the safety of the commercial milk supply because products are pasteurized before entering the market. Dairies are required to send only milk from healthy animals into processing for human consumption; milk from impacted animals is being diverted from the commercial milk tank or destroyed so that it does not enter the human food supply. In addition, pasteurization has continually proven to inactivate bacteria and viruses, like influenza, in milk. Pasteurization is required for any milk entering interstate commerce for human consumption. FDA's longstanding position is that unpasteurized, raw milk can harbor dangerous microorganisms that can pose serious health risks to consumers, and FDA is reminding consumers of the risks associated with raw milk consumption in light of the HPAI detections.

Because of the limited information available about the transmission of HPAI in raw milk, the FDA recommends that industry does not manufacture or sell raw milk or raw/unpasteurized milk cheese products made with milk from cows showing symptoms of illness, including those infected with avian influenza or exposed to those infected with avian influenza. By exposure, FDA generally means cattle located on a premises with cattle with suspected or confirmed H5N1. Given the variety of premises sizes and the potential for state requirements, FDA recommends producers consult with state regulatory officials and their veterinarian for further guidance. At this time, the FDA is not aware that any milk or dairy product from symptomatic cows is entering interstate commerce. Furthermore, on farms where HPAI has been confirmed, or is suspected, if milk is intended to be used to feed calves or other animals (including pets), FDA strongly encourages that it be pasteurized or otherwise heat treated to kill harmful bacteria and viruses, such as influenza, before feeding to livestock or other animals. FDA posted a document with questions and answers regarding milk safety during HPAI outbreaks. Additional food safety information from FDA,

including information about the sale and consumption of raw milk, can be found here.

Milk loss resulting from symptomatic cattle to date is too limited to have a major impact on supply and there should be no impact on the price of milk or other dairy products. Further, the U.S. typically has a more than sufficient milk supply in the spring months due to seasonally higher production.

Federal agencies are also working with state and industry partners to encourage producers and veterinarians to report cattle illnesses quickly so that we can monitor potential additional cases and minimize the impact and risk to farmers, farmworkers, consumers and other animals. Producers are urged to work with their veterinarian to report cattle illnesses quickly and practice enhanced biosecurity measures.

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRODUCERS

USDA APHIS' full list of recommendations is available at aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/vs-recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf

BIOSECURITY

- Heighten biosecurity practices to keep disease off the farm.
- Heighten on farm biosecurity practices to prevent and control disease spread on the farm, with particular attention to mammary health to include special attention to good milking practices, such as equipment disinfection and milking sick cattle separately or last prior to parlor cleaning.
- Isolate newly added cattle when moved onto a premises.
- Avoid housing multiple species of animals together.
- Limit non-production animal access to farm areas and implement measures to exclude domestic pets (e.g., cats) and wildlife from buildings.

CLOSE MONITORING FOR SICK ANIMALS

- Producers should monitor herds closely for cattle with clinical signs of the disease (decreased milk production; reduced appetite; thickened, discolored milk; lethargy; fever; and/or dehydration).