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3RD ANNUAL CERTIFIED SC SHOWCASE SUPPORTS PRODUCERS, NURTURES CONVERSATIONS

BY EVA MOORE

This year's Certified SC Showcase brought together South Carolina producers and buyers for a day of education and networking in Columbia.

Held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center for the third straight year, the March 21 event was an opportunity for face-to-face conversations, product sampling, and learning. The event also highlighted the importance of the Certified South Carolina branding program and related marketing.

There were more than 360 attendees this year across all Showcase events, 50 of which were exhibitors. Those exhibiting at the Showcase included farms, specialty food producers, and resource providers.

Sessions held during the morning included a presentation on grants and other resources available for farmers and agribusinesses in South Carolina; and a talk on the South Carolina Department of Agriculture taking over food safety activities from DHEC on July 1, 2024. There was also a panel discussion featuring a range of buyers, including a large grocery chain produce buyer, a

school district food service manager, a wholesaler, a food hub, a chef and restaurant owner, and a Local Food Purchase Agreement aggregator.

Commissioner Hugh Weathers spoke during lunch, giving an update on South Carolina agriculture.

The Taste of South Carolina, held the evening before the Showcase, was a success in its own right. Sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit and ArborOne, the event brings together people from across the agribusiness community for conversations and networking. The Taste first began as part of the SC Agribiz and Farm Expo held in Florence, and has found new life as part of the Showcase.

The Taste was held at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center for the first time. The menu showcases Certified South Carolina ingredients, with featured farms including Manchester Quail, Cottle Farms, Titan Farms, and Brown Farm.

Keep an eye on SCDA social media and <u>agriculture</u>. <u>sc.gov/showcase</u> for information on next year's Showcase.



















TEXAS WILDFIRE RELIEF

he recent wildfires must have felt like a nightmare for the ranchers and farmers of the Texas Panhandle. Starting on February 26, fires raged across the area for more than a week. While the fires are contained as of now, more than 1.2 million acres were burned, and thousands of livestock died.

For the surviving livestock, there's very little useable pasture left. My counterpart in Texas, Commissioner Sid Miller, reports that over 85% of the state's cattle population is located on ranches in the Panhandle — and we all know that Texas has a lot of cattle. This is a dire situation for those producers and their livestock.

Our department is working with South Carolina Farm Bureau, Clemson Extension Livestock and Forages, and the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association to organize hay donations to help the Texas ag community. You can help with the relief effort by donating hay and/or money.

Please contact Sam Quinney at squinney@scda.sc.gov or 803-413-4326 to coordinate hay donations.

To donate money, you make out a check to the SC Cattlemen's Foundation, Note: Texas Wildfire, and mail it to: SC Cattlemen's Foundation Attn: Texas Wildfire Assistance PO Box 207 Saluda, SC 29138

Of course, we've all seen another recent disaster and have learned its relationship to agriculture. The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore was astonishing. The Port of Baltimore is relatively small compared to other East Coast ports, but it has outsized importance in the agribusiness world as the largest US port for handling farming and construction machinery. According to a report from Farm Progress, the port handled "a record 1.3 million tons of roll-on and roll-off farm and construction machinery in 2023. This includes tractors, combines, hay balers and more."

A lot of ag imports also move through the port, including sugar, coffee, and gypsum. Reports so far suggest that ag commerce won't be impeded significantly: Other ports will receive ships that were bound for Baltimore, and exports can be shifted around. We are likely to experience shipping delays, but as we've learned time and again, the US supply chain is strong and adaptable.

The bridge collapse is a good reminder of how globally linked we all are. Let's keep the families of those whose lives were lost in mind, as well as those working on recovery of this key component of trade. As we are prone to do in South Carolina, we are seeking ways to support our neighbors in Texas and across the world.

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

SC State Farmers Market, West Columbia, SC

PLANT & FLOWER **FESTIVAL**

APRIL 18 - 21

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

Pee Dee State Farmers Market,

PIEDMONT PLANT & FLOWER **FESTIVAL**

APRIL 25 - 28

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

Greenville State Farmers Market, Greenville, SC

Happy Cow Spring Shindig

April 13 • 9 am – 2 pm

Get to know our vendors and enjoy a day of samples, giveaways, food trucks, dog adoption, music and more!

Happy Cow Creamery 332 McKelvey Rd * Pelzer

864-243-9699

happycowcreamery.com

facebook.com/happycowcreamery

Bison Berry Farms Blossom Festival

April 20 • 3 - 7 pm

Come join us for an evening on the farm and enjoy the beauty of the blackberry blossoms. There will be live music, craft vendors, food, petting zoo, crafts for kids, face painting, plenty of picture taking opportunities in the blackberry rows and so much more!

Bison Berry Farms 2425 SC-92 * Enoree

bisonberryfarms@gmail.com • 864-345-3121 facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089438114506

Spring Means Babies Festival

April 20 • 10 am - 3 pm

Food, music, local vendors, tours, games, demonstrations, and...of course, our baby goat pen! Admission: Adults - \$8, Children - \$5, Under 2 - free **Split Creek Farm**

3806 Centerville Road, Anderson

info@splitcreek.com • 864-287-3921 splitcreek.com

Antique Tractor Show

April 20 • 9 am – 2 pm

The Palmetto Tractor Club will be hosting their Annual Tractor Show at Wayne Taylor Produce in the Murraytown community. Spectators and Tractor owners are welcome!

409 Augusta Hwy, Leesville

Contact: Herbert Long

hsl@comporium.net • 803-917-8507

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



It's Strawberry Season!



View the list of Certified SC Strawberry Farms on page 8.

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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AQUACULTURE

BLUEGILL

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

STERILE CARP

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

KOI FISH

all colors, short & long fin, 4"-5", \$5 ea; lrg, \$10 Tommy Sherman Laurens 864-546-2778

CATTLE

CHAR YRLGS BULLS

low BW, bucket fed, \$2000 Lane Keasler Anderson 864-965-8666

2 IRISH RED REG BULLS

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

BFMSTR REG BULLS

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

BLK ANG HEFR

6 m/o & wht faced, \$600; sm Jersey cow, hefr sized, poss bred back, \$1400 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

2 REG DEXTER BULL CALVES

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

REG HRFRD & SIMANG BULLS

calving ease, high growth, 15+ m/o, vac, on feed, \$3000+ Wayne Garber Laurens 864-923-0581

2 Y/O BLK ANG BULL

3rd generation, grass feed, no grain or sweet feed, \$3500 Dmitriy Zuyev Greenville 864-420-6296

BUCKING BULLS

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

WEANED BEEF CALVES

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

10 COW CALF PRS

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

REG ANG BULLS

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

REG BLK ANG COW

low input, exc feet & udders, bred cows & hefrs & prs, \$4500+ Walter Shealy Newberry 803-924-1000

REG ANG HEFRS

vac, exc b'lines & dispo, ready for spring breeding, \$2000 Hugh Knight Orangeburg 803-539-4674

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

'84 USAF TRACTOR

w/boom pole, rake, 2 row plows, hvy disc harrow, bush hog & blade, \$15,300 Curtis Inabinett Jr Charleston 843-889-3949

BUSH HOG

\$100; hay trl, \$400; 4×8 trl, \$300; hay trl, \$350; more Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

7710 FORD TRACTOR

\$12,000; AC rolling cult, \$800; JD rowing cult, \$550; 5 blade btm plow, \$700 Joye Metze Lexington 803-315-2665

CASE IH 485 TRACTOR

53 hp, I set hyd remotes, new canopy, 2233 hrs, GRC, \$8000 Richard Manley Pickens 864-650-1855

running when parked, \$800 Harvey Williams Calhoun 803-629-1495

SICKLE MWR

harrow, disc plow, & more parts for FA 130 or 140, \$500 Harry Mcmillan Spartanburg 864-327-7369

CULTIVATING TRACTOR

Tuff-Bilt circa 1900s, hydro for/rev, w/plows, \$2000 Wendell Casey Spartanburg 864-415-9509

LIME SPRDR

\$100; sq baler, \$500; small disc, \$100; hay mwr, \$300 obo Billy Rose York

704-860-0787

NO TILL JD 7000 PLNTR

4r, EC, \$3500 AB Brigman Marlboro 843-544-3768

JD 8200 GRAIN DRILL

\$2500 Greg Darnell Greenville 864-325-0766

JD 310G BACKHOE

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

JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR

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

'21 JD 5090E

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

'17 KUBOTA BX 23S

sub-compact tractor, loading bucket, backhoe & mwr, GC, 157 hrs, \$16,500 Joshua Stanton Greenville 608-358-4048

JD 2955 TRACTOR

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

ROUGH CUT MWR

tow behind, \$1800 Bill Day Anderson 864-617-5481

4 BLADE TILLER

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

4WD JD 4450

cab, duals, 540 & 1000 PTO, GC, \$44,000; 6×12 dual axle all metal trl, \$1000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

JD BAT WING

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

FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR

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

MF 1540 TRACTOR

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

JD 450C CRAWLER

843-224-4711

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

GRAVITY WAGONS EC, solid galv boxes, FR, \$850-1500, call or text John White Colleton

843-830-8284

1R COVINGTON PLNTR on Gill cult, no plates, \$600 obo; Ford 3000 dsl, new tires/ rims & battery, \$6950 obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg

864-316-1222 **AC PB SICKLE MWR**

GC, \$1200 Randall Garrison Laurens 864-414-4885 NH BR 7060 RND BALER

string wrap only, shed kept,

baled w/last yr, photos avail, \$12,500 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887

RAZORBACK BUSH HOG

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

'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

NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE GWC, needs new tires & tines, \$3500 obo Lauren Ray-McCarley Aiken 803-508-2581

6 JD TRACTORS

for parts, 2 A's 4 B's, \$1000 cash; A & B parts, \$200 cash; photos avail Carroll Shealy Laurens 864-872-4184

KUHN SR110

10 whl hay rake, barn kept or under shelter, owned & operated by 1 owner, \$6500 Billy Teal Darlington 843-307-7621

HD HAY UNROLLER w/stand, LN, little use.

\$2000 obo Henry Hill Greenwood 864-980-2291

VERMEER 505SI HAY BALER

new belts, p-up teeth, chains, sprockets, more, \$7000 obo Billy Pow Saluda 803-924-2165

'23 JD 5067E

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

Kershaw

803-432-3307

'08 NH TC45DA 45 hp w/ldr, cab, heat & air, 4×4, 700 hr, forks & 6' bush hog, \$32,000 Terry Gibert Greenwood

864-993-4212

5' BUSH HOG \$650; 8' finish mwr, \$1650; new 7'×20' Tex trl, 10,000 lb, dual brakes, more, \$6350 James Burns Laurens 864-918-6308

3PH SCISSOR HAY LIFT

unassembled, used, \$800 Billie Roling Darlington 843-409-7717

2 WOOD GRAVITY BOXES

for transporting & drying nuts, corn, 125 bu, \$350 & \$400, both for \$700 Thomas Harmon Lexington 803-360-1119

'52 FORD 8N

w/16 blade disc, both in GC, \$4300 Mike Mooneyhan Lexington

803-917-0366 '01 NH TS100

cab, heat/AC,1990 hrs, pre def, kept in encl bldg, Robert Boies Greenville 864-420-4255

JD 1700 MAX EMERGE **PLNTR**

6r w/row cleaner, fert tanks & spray, \$16,500; JD 6500 60' frt fold boom, \$25,000 Joe Phillips Jr Lexington 803-600-2928

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 5115M JD

w/540m self-leveling ldr, cab w/heat, air, radio, 32 spd, loaded features, LN, 550 hrs, \$95,000 Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

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

864-595-1136

FORD 3910 DSL VGC, run good, w/roll bar, LN tires, new batt, FR, 52 hp, low hrs, 2 owners, \$9500 M Wilson Spartanburg

2 TRANSPORT AUGERS

both w/motors & in GC, 8"×50", \$5000; 8"×30", \$2500 Charles Horger Calhoun 803-707-1493

CASE IH RND BALER

RGX 454, twine only, belts 2 y/o, GC, shelter kept, \$10,000 Neil Rouse Dillon 843-430-5243

HD DISC MWR

Kuhn GMD800 G11 k, barn kept or under shelter, owned & operated by 1 owner, \$9000 Shannon Teal Darlington

704-408-1620

'CASE 1845C SKID STEER GC, w/grappler bucket, forks, hay spear, regular bucket, \$15,500 Jack Hurst Chesterfield

842-921-8575 MF 231S

1400 hrs, \$6200; JD killefer disc, \$1500; 10' Howes Bush hog, \$2000 Robert Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574

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

HESSTON PT-7 HAYBINE

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

4 DISC TILLER

1ph, \$400; 20 disc harrow, 1ph, \$800 Allen Sturkie Aiken 803-645-3960

NH 256 HAY RAKE new tires, rebuilt gearbox, \$2000; Bradco 4n1 82" bucket, \$2500 Bruce Davidson Spartanburg

864-590-0746

NH 849 BALER GC, \$2500; IH 820 combine hdr auger, 15', \$400; 3pt scoop pan, \$125 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350

6' LP FINISH MWR 3ph, \$1550

Stephen Bonnette Orangeburg 803-707-5093

VERMEER 504 H BALER elec tie, good belts, GWC,

\$1500 Mike Hendricks Abbeville 864-446-2376

INTL 1086 W/DUALS

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

48 FORD 9N TRACTOR

needs restoring, \$500 Joey Kuemmerer Oconee 864-499-1672

HOGS / PIGS

HRFRD CROSS BOAR HOG

under y/o, 400 lbs, gentle, easy keeper, \$300 Randy Epting Newberry 803-920-8682

FEEDER PIGS

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

2 M/O PIGLETS

7/8 Kune Kune & 1/8 AGH, \$120/F, \$90/M, call/text Eric Miller Greenville 864-684-2260

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A **CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.**

SOYBEAN SEED

more, \$25/bag; Dixie Lee pea seed, \$50/bag; more; both cleaned & in 50 lb bags Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

MARKET BULLETIN

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

TRACTOR WORK

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

LAWN CUTTING

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

WILDLIFE MGMT

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

FOREST MULCHING

dirt work, drive-way repair, debris removal, dump trl serv Mickey Cooper Kershaw 803-899-5111

LIGHT BUSH HOGGING

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

POND CONSULTATIONS

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

can mulch fence lines, fields, pine stands & more, qual work guarn, free quotes Dakota Hollman Lexington 803-687-6382

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

WANT SOMEONE

to cut & bale 20A of fert Fescue on 50/50, fields are smooth & easy to access A B Edwards York

803-280-5795

CERTIFIED FARRIER trims donkeys, goats & shoes horses, openings in Upstate area Joe Payne Oconee 864-888-7642

TRACTOR & EQUIP REPAIR

all makes & models, yrs of exp, clutches, eng overhauls & hydraulics Randy Stachewicz Colleton 843-538-7411

LIME SPREADING

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

ONSITE MOBILE WELDING

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

RECLAIM PASTURES

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

803-331-6612 LAND CLEARING

Ponds, Forestry mulching, fence line maint, road & ditch maint, bldg pad, more, serving SC Ben Leonard Pickens 864-901-8155

PECAN CRACKING & SHELLING

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

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

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

MOBILE WELDING

onsite, farm & heavy equip, fabrication, fences, gates & solar powered gates Garrett Gilliland Saluda 864-554-8320

LANDSCAPING

grading, clearing, excavator mowing, etc, all surrounding cos Derek Drafts Saluda 803-429-3291

LIVESTOCK FENCING **INSTALLATION**

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

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.

132A SUMTER CO

timber, Pocotaligo Swamp, w/gov easement, duck & deer hunting, \$975/A Horace Roberson Sumter 803-972-4800

10A PASTURE LAND

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

WANT 5+A

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

100+/-A W OBURG CO

50% planted pine, rest is natural, \$5000/A, call or text Jeffery Smith Orangeburg 803-747-3576

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.

PECANS

shelled & ready to eat, \$12/lb, p-up in Newberry or Irmo Russell Shealy Newberry 803-944-7316

DRY '23 VA PEANUTS

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

FARM FRESH CKN EGGS

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

CHICKEN EGGS

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

GARDEN

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

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

4" pot, \$3; qt pot, \$5; Elderberry bushes, qt pot, \$5; ½ gal pot, \$10 Roy Cothran Saluda 864-578-5941

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

BLUEBERRY BUSHES

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

3 F DWARF NGN GOATS

B-3/16/23, \$125 Sabrina Swygert Lexington 803-381-1991

REG KIKO BUCK

100% NZ, DNA verified, B-5/2020, \$500 Cal Norris Edgefield 864-378-2693

FULL SAANEN GOATS

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

BOER & KIKO GOATS

\$150-250 ea Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254

ANGORA GOAT

wht wether B-2/'19, \$200 **Emily Simon** Lancaster 803-627-7850

MILKING LAMBS

M & F East Friesian X Tunis, B-1/16 - 3/24/24, \$180-220 Darcy Wagner York 704-806-6464

KATAHDIN EWE

B-1/23, proven mother, \$250 Rebekah Olson York 803-351-4994

3 M/O BOAR BILLY

\$150 Thomas Harris Union 864-466-2436

SAANEN/BOER BILLY GOAT

inbreeding; yng nanny, bred, \$150 ea **Emmanuel Kargiatlis** Spartanburg 864-279-7950

REG BARBADOS

HAY & GRAIN

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

net wrap, \$70; twine dbl all shed kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642

4×5 HQ CB

shed kept, will del, \$50 Cyrus Shoffner Chesterfield 843-307-7059

RYE GRASS

good sq bales, barn kept, \$3.50/bale Don Todd Chester 803-209-2823

'23 HQ 4×5 CB

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

'23 SQ FESCUE

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

'23 SQ FESCUE

\$6.50/bale Harry Mcmillan Spartanburg 864-327-7369

'23 COMBINE RUN OATS \$5/bu, \$35/55 gal drum

Joe Johnson Berkeley 843-567-7774

803-383-2825

NR, barn stored, \$55/bale Mike Cousins Newberry 803-924-7539

4×5 WHEAT STRAW

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

'23 HQ 4×54 BERMUDA shed kept, \$70; '23 Alfalfa, Alfalfa, \$15

RND BALES

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

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

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

CQ, \$40/bale Scott Derrick Edgefield

'23 4×5 FESCUE

no weeds, in barn, \$45 Terry Blakely Greenville

net wrap, shed kept, \$60/bale Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630

864-992-2753 '23 HQ RND CB net wrap, stored outside, \$50

843-250-1636 **SHELLED CORN**

Mike Armstrong Greenville 864-630-6174

11/2 y/o, selling to prevent

BLKBELLY RAM

\$350 or trade for 2 yrlg Katahdin ewes Bart Dominick Newberry 803-271-8329

803-606-2499 '23 HQ RND CB wrap, \$50; sq Rye straw, \$5;

'23 CQ CB dry stored, \$45 B E Stevenson Allendale

'23 RND 4×5 CB

4×4, \$100; both net wrap; sq Tom Fink Lexington 803-622-4678

'23 HQ COASTAL

'23 4×5 FESCUE

'23 SQ FESCUE

fert, NR, in barn, \$6

Don Hall

Greenville

864-525-9701

RND BALES

803-430-0390

864-483-1920 '23 4×5 OATS HAY

SQ WHEAT STRAW

\$5/bale Jason Nichols Saluda

Darlington

Charles Howle

\$60/barrel, in your barrel

'23 4×5 CB

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

4×4 rnd, barn kept, \$45/bale

York 803-526-6308

'23 RYE GRASS

Ron Jones

4×5 RND FESCUE outside, \$45/bale Ken Hunter Chester 803-374-0448

York 803-513-7437 '23 HQ COASTAL

SQ MIXED FESCUE

in barn, NR, \$6/bale

Antonio Martinez

4×56 rnd, net wrap, shed stored, \$70/bale David Fulmer Orangeburg 803-917-0467

'23 4×5 HQ CB

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

'23 RND FESCUE

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

'23 4×5 RND FESCUE MIX

outside, \$50 **Bobby Baker** Lancaster

net wrap, barn, \$70;

803-804-2230

'23 SPRING FESCUE 4×5 rnd, NR, HQ, string tied, can load, \$50/bale Jim Wood Pickens 864-979-8145

South Carolina Department of Agriculture

MISCELLANEOUS

PLNTR PARTS

for Ford 309 & MF 309, gears, sprockets & idler arm, \$25+ Tracy Hott Lexington 803-422-3002

280 GAL OIL TANK

\$75; plastic barrels, \$10 Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

2 TRUCK TIRES

Dayton whls, 11R22.5, VGC, \$250 ea Caleb Hallman Lexington 803-730-4673

CEDAR

7' rnd posts, \$3 ea; poles, 8'/\$6, 10'/\$8; sq fence post, 4×4×8′, \$8; lumber, \$3/bdft; mulch, \$50 p-up load Andy Morris Newberry 803-924-0433

BAND SAWN PINE LUMBER

3"-12" W, 7'-16'L, good \$1/ bdft; better \$1.25/bdft; best \$1.50/bdft Thomas Harmon Lexington 803-360-1119

RND CEDAR POSTS

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

TROY BILT TILLER

8 hp, Magnum Kohler eng w/ elec start, cranks & runs, \$600 Henry Skinner Spartanburg 864-574-3569

(9) 12' CORRAL PANELS

some rust; (1) 16' alum gate, 6 bar; \$35 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

4' TUBE GATE

\$45; 3/8 chain hook, one end 7', \$20 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309

TOOLS

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

HDWD LUMBER

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

MEADOWS #1 AUTO SAWMILL

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

SKID FUEL TANK

280 gal, \$150 cash Randy Orr Anderson 864-295-3736

GOURDS

for Purple Martin houses or crafting, \$6/lrg, \$/med, \$2/sm Glen Clamp Lexington 803-673-8013

HONEY BEES

5 frame nucs in waxed cardboard Nuc box, \$195; comp hives, \$440; queens, \$40; ready mid-April Sam Bolick Fairfield 704-900-4580

WORM CASTINGS

organic fert, \$20/30 lb bag Roy Cothran Saluda 864-764-0091

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

CUB CADET 1450 GARDEN TRACTOR

14 hp Kohler, hydro trans, hyd lift, \$450 obo Stanley Taylor Chester 803-789-5236

(5) 24" VENTILATION FANS

\$100 ea; 2 dump tanks, \$200 ea Steve McAlhany Orangeburg 803-682-3834

REARTRACTOR TIRE & TUBE

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

TOBACCO CUTTER/ GRINDER

antiq, wooden case w/ hand-wrought iron cutters, orig hdwe, blksmith made, \$200 obo Albert Sawyer Richland 803-603-5450

SNAPPER ZERO TURN MWR

48" cut, Briggs eng, \$3000 Terry Blakely Greenville 864-483-1920

6'-30'L1"×6" CEDAR LUMBER

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

CHICKEN HOUSE FEED LINE MOTORS

some comp control units, 20 @ \$40 ea; 105 KW generator w/400 amp ATS, \$9500 Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

OAK FIREWOOD

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

OXY/PROPANE TORCH

incl cart, 2 oxy & 2 propane tanks, Harris torch, tips & regulators, \$600 Cal Norris Edgefield 864-378-2693

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

55 GAL FG METAL DRUMS

\$20 ea; plastic drums, 30 & 55 gal, solid tops \$15 & \$20 ea; 275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 ea Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

BLKSMITH FORGE

Robert Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574

LEAF VACUUM

from Tractor Supply, LN, \$800 Allen Sturkie Aiken 803-645-3960

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

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

HOWE PLATFORM SCALES

500 lb cap, \$75; 1903 Blk hawk corn sheller, \$40 Mike Hendricks Abbeville 864-446-2376

WIRE CRATE

\$100 Billy Rose York 704-860-0787

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

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

SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL

5 ton load, \$60/sand clay; \$90/topsoil, del w/in 20 mi David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

3 OLD TUBS

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

RABBITS

POULTRY

1 Y/O BUFF ORPINGTONS hens, \$30; roo, \$20 Robert Turner Orangeburg

803-596-6463 **RACING HOMING PIGEONS**

\$5 ea James Malphrus Dorchester 843-821-8172

LAVENDER ORPINGTON

Sexlink chicks & jumbo Coturnix quail, \$2-5 ea Brian Motley Kershaw

803-315-7598

LRG HUBBLE PIGEONS for squab production, solid wht, \$15+ R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

LAYING SILKIES

& Cochins, 40 mixed Silkie & Cochin cross hens, \$10 ea Keith Gibbons Clarendon 843-372-2472

BIELEFELDER EGGS

for hatching, \$36/dz Kenneth Hair Edgefield 803-480-4540

MALLARD DUCKS

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

BROWN EGG LAYERS

Sapphire Gems, good layers, laying lrg-xlrg, \$20 ea Mike Buck Saluda 864-445-7399

GAME WARHORSE

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

LAYING CHICKENS

\$17+; lrg roos, \$10 Mike Komar Lexington 803-582-8132

John Johnson

864-361-9986

Anderson

RED SEXLINK LAYING HENS

18 w/o, \$20 ea Lavern Raber **Pickens** 864-868-8015

2 BRESSE ROOS

\$25 ea or \$40 for both Troy Frick Lexington 803-673-6737

7 M/O HENS

RIR, Barred Rock, Buff Orpington, \$14 ea; Bantams, Game hens, Guineas, Ducks, \$8 ea Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254

CHICKS

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

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

BAMBOO PLANTS

you dig & cut, \$2/plant Allen Sturkie Aiken 803-645-3960

1 GAL AZALEAS &

GARDENIAS \$6; Yel Rose Texas, Snowball, Camellias, Lime Hydrangeas, \$20; Tea Olives, \$8; Boxwoods, \$20/3 FC Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

SHETLAND & WELCH

to live on 20A, any age,

donated, w/neg Coggins

reasonably priced or

Ieanie Sabbagha

803-494-9449

PONIES

Sumter

MONKEY GRASS

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

JAP MAPLES

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

LA COTTONTAILS & crosses, \$10+

Duman Wicker Newberry 803-537-7222 REX

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

MO COTTONTAILS

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

FLEMISH GIANTS

\$15 ea Joe Culbertson Greenwood

864-229-5254

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

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

USED PARTS

to make JD 7000 a no till, poss adding subsoiler to each row Charlie Wadford Berkeley

843-693-3150

CASE 850 DOZER or CAT D-6 or D-7 w/old cable blade F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

HEAD GATE FOR CATTLE comp; also a creep feeder, w/panels for calves, cap 1-1 tons, both in GC John Gossett Spartanburg 803-222-7786 **INTL 140 TRACTOR**

RAILROAD CROSSTIES

about 20 Charleston

PINE STRAW FIELDS

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

Byron Williams 843-276-4047

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

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, Upstate cos Tim Morgan Greenville

864-420-0251 **ANY SIZE WASH POTS**

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

GAS MOTOR

BEEF COWS

any age or size

864-304-3172

Laurens

Kenneth Satterfield

for Intl 460 or 560, more; also parts for set of 5 pull type JD btm plow, more Marshall Redd Aiken 803-522-0317

BLKSMITH ANVILS

any size farm bells, broken bells for parts R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

USED HORSE CORRAL

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

5V CRIMP TIN

& metal items, removed for free w/in 20 mi David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117



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FEDERAL AND STATE **VETERINARY, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES SHARE UPDATE ON** HPAI DETECTION IN KANSAS, **TEXAS DAIRY HERDS**

WILD MIGRATORY BIRDS BELIEVED TO BE SOURCE OF INFECTION; VIRAL TESTING AND EPIDEMIOLOGIC EFFORTS CONTINUE COMMERCIAL MILK SUPPLY REMAINS SAFE DUE TO BOTH FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND PASTEURIZATION

BY USDA APHIS

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2024 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as state veterinary and public health officials, are investigating an illness among primarily older dairy cows in Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico that is causing decreased lactation, low appetite, and other symptoms.

As of Monday, March 25, unpasteurized, clinical samples of milk from sick cattle collected from two dairy farms in Kansas and one in Texas, as well as an oropharyngeal swab from another dairy in Texas, have tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Additional testing was initiated on Friday, March 22, and over the weekend because farms have also reported finding deceased wild birds on their properties. Based on findings from Texas, the detections appear to have been introduced by wild birds. Initial testing by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories has not found changes to the virus that would make it more transmissible to humans, which would indicate that the current risk to the public remains low.

Federal and state agencies are moving quickly to conduct additional testing for HPAI, as well as viral genome sequencing, so that we can better understand the situation, including characterization of the HPAI strain or strains associated with these detections.

At this stage, there is no concern about the safety of the commercial milk supply or that this circumstance poses a risk to consumer health. Dairies are required to send only milk from healthy animals into processing for human consumption; milk from impacted animals is being diverted or destroyed so that it does not enter the 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.

Federal agencies are also working with state and industry partners to encourage farmers and veterinarians to report cattle illnesses quickly so that we can monitor potential additional cases and minimize the impact to farmers, consumers and other animals. For the dairies whose herds are exhibiting symptoms, on average about ten percent of each affected herd appears to be impacted, with little to no associated mortality reported among the animals. 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.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and USDA and federal and state partners will continue to share additional updates as soon as information becomes available. More information on biosecurity measures can be found at aphis. usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/ avian-influenza/ai-wild-birds

REMOTE PRODUCE SAFETY RULE **GROWER TRAINING COURSE OFFERED**

Dates: April 24 and 25, 2024 **Time:** 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm EDT

Register: bit.ly/RemoteApril24PSR Last Day to Register: April 19, 2024 Contact: Chad Carter, Clemson Extension Food Systems and Safety Associate, ctcarte@clemson.edu, 843-730-5211

Who Should Attend: Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that requires 'At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.'

DHEC NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS AIMED AT REDUCING DIESEL **EMISSIONS**

REDUCED DIESEL EMISSIONS CAN LEAD TO IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

BY DHEC

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces the availability of grant funding aimed at reducing diesel emissions and improving air quality throughout the state. Diesel emissions make up a significant portion of the mobile-source air pollution in South Carolina, and less diesel emissions can lead to better air quality.

For federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023, DHEC has approximately \$430,000 available for the replacement or upgrade of older diesel vehicles, engines, and equipment. The funds are provided through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program.

"Diesel engines last a long time, and many older-model diesel engines are still in use throughout our state," said Rhonda Thompson, Chief of DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality. "These older engines have significantly higher emissions than similar, newer engines. Projects funded through DERA grants will help reduce emissions and, in turn, provide benefits to both public health and the environment in South Carolina."

DERA funding is intended for county, city, or other local government entities, private businesses, colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations. Grants are awarded to eligible applicants for the implementation of diesel emissions reduction projects which will positively impact air quality and public health. Projects should be cost-effective, easily feasible, and reduce emissions through engine repowers, equipment and exhaust retrofits, or equipment replacements. EPA can share between 25% and 100% of eligible costs, depending on the type of project.

Previous DERA grant funding has been used to support a variety of different types of emissions-reduction projects statewide, including replacing concrete trucks, repowering a marine vessel, and retrofitting school buses. A complete list of past projects funded by DERA grants in South Carolina can be found on the DHEC DERA webpage.

The FFY2023 State DERA Request for Proposals, which contains detailed eligibility criteria and application instructions, is available at scdhec.gov/dera. Applications are due by Friday, April 26, 2024.

Please email dera@dhec.sc.gov with any questions related to the RFP or DERA grants in South Carolina.



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NASDA ADOPTS POLICY IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL PET FOOD LABEL AND OPPOSES PURR ACT

BY NASDA

ARLINGTON, Va. - The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's Board of Directors adopted new policy supporting the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine to establish a national rule for pet food and specialty pet food labeling. The policy advocates for consistency and transparency on pet food and pet food labels to enable pet owners to make confident, informed decisions about what they feed their animals.

NASDA CEO Ted McKinney expounded on the organization's choice to support the development of a federal pet food label and oppose the Pet Food Uniform Regulatory Reform Act.

"As it is currently written, the PURR Act establishes federal preemption of state regulations under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, which NASDA has long opposed. While the FDA has federal authority in the food safety network, states also oversee a complementary system of state laws and regulations to protect the food supply, including pet food. This integrated system is an effective and efficient regulatory process that safeguards pets and pet owners with state agriculture departments and feed programs serving as the first line of defense against pet food-borne illnesses."

McKinney also said the PURR Act leaves additional concerns about the animal health implications specific to the bill's labeling and marketing claims.

"The bill would allow pet food companies to make human food claims, including "ingredient sometimes present" language for certain ingredients on pet food labels," McKinney said. "This could enable companies to either intentionally or unintentionally swap out certain ingredients, including potential pet allergens, that would not be found on the label."

State feed programs are a resource for pet owners and small pet food companies, including those who only sell within their state and are navigating the complexities of labeling and marketing pet food.

"NASDA aims to maintain this critical resource for small pet food companies and pet owners seeking clarity and transparency in the regulatory process. To do this, state agriculture departments and state feed programs must retain the authority to investigate consumer complaints about products,

and test and verify products to ensure that what is on the label matches package contents," McKinney said.

NASDA supports modernizing and harmonizing pet food regulation that promotes uniformity from state to state, upholds critical protections for pet health and safety and maintains the critical role that state departments of agriculture and state feed programs play on the front lines in the oversight and regulation of pet products.

NASDA will continue to work with the Association of American Feed Control Officials, the pet food and animal feed industry, other trade associations, Congress, and the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine to bring greater uniformity and efficiency to state feed control programs across the country while keeping feed and food safety, animal health and the role of state programs at the forefront.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. NASDA enhances American food and agricultural communities through policy, partnerships and public engagement. To learn more about NASDA, please visit nasda.org.

THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE: POSITIVELY IMPACTING PEOPLE AND ANIMALS ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA

BY STACIA HARRIS, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

There has never been a better time to establish a new College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) in South Carolina. The human-animal bond is profound and unique, and with the changing face of animal agriculture, efforts to capture the new College's mission and vision are more important than ever.

BUILDING THE CVM TEAM

The College of Veterinary Medicine plans to welcome its first class of veterinarians in 2026 upon receiving provisional accreditation. Dr. Steven Marks, the College's founding dean, continues leading the team in hiring faculty and finalizing plans for stateof-the-art facilities and a rigorous curriculum.

"Our goals are to provide an exceptional student experience in a challenging, nurturing and values-driven environment to produce prepared veterinarians from Day One," said Marks. "In the companion animal world, the human-animal bond has a very positive and important impact on the physical and mental health of their human families. In the large-animal and production animal world, there are still important impacts of the human-animal bond, but there are also important public health, food safety and economic impacts in the state."

MARKET BULLETIN

NEED FOR SOUTH **CAROLINA VETERINARIANS**

Clemson studied the need and found that a third of South Carolina counties have fewer than five veterinarians. Additionally, qualified candidates are applying to veterinary colleges, yet there needs to be more seats nationwide to accommodate students' desire to become veterinarians.

According to Dr. Michael J. Neault, the South Carolina state veterinarian and Clemson's director of Livestock-Poultry Health, there is a particular need for large-animal practitioners.

"Right now, agribusiness is the largest industry in the state, and that field needs veterinarians," said Neault. "I'm excited about what's going on at the College, and this is a great opportunity for the state of South Carolina to train and retain its

> veterinarians. This is a win-win for the field of veterinary medicine and the state."



Veterinarians are key to monitoring the animal population for a variety of illnesses. When animals are healthy,



"The training of veterinary clinicians and scientists can impact public health in many ways," said Marks. "Public health can be impacted by promoting and protecting the human-animal bond but can also be related to food safety and infectious disease management."

A VARIETY OF CAREER **OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many career opportunities within the field of veterinary medicine. Students can work in private practices treating large and small animals and pursue a focus on clinical and scientific work.

"Veterinary medicine is a popular career, and we hope that will bring more people to the state," said Neault. "From there, we hope people will stay and practice in the state. The animal-human bond is extremely important. Animals are our pets and companions, and they are livestock as well. There is this drive to care for the animals in our lives, and Clemson's College of Veterinary Medicine is a key piece of this equation."

THE JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING

The College of Veterinary Medicine is uniquely positioned to support Clemson's land-grant mission.

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