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INSPECT LOWCOUNTRY HOMES AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR HORNETS' NESTS

YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET IS DEVASTATING TO BEES

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University officials are urging Lowcountry residents to examine homes and other structures after a Beaufort County property owner found a Yellow-legged hornet's nest affixed to his home April 2.

The Beaufort County finding was the first Yellow-legged Hornet (*Vespa velutina*) embryo nest detected in the United States.



Inspectors with the Department of Plant Industry (DPI) took possession of the nest April 4, and the insect constructing the nest was confirmed by the USDA-ARS Bee Research Laboratory April 10.

Embryo nests — also known as Stage 1 nests — are between the size of a ping-pong ball and tennis ball and are usually found in protected places such as the eaves of homes and other structures.

“The discovery of this nest is thanks to the keen eye and curiosity of a homeowner who spotted it, researched it, and reported it. We are now asking other South Carolina citizens, especially those in Beaufort and Jasper counties, to inspect their structures and let us know if they see anything suspicious,” said Brad Cavin, who coordinates the Clemson University program responsible for fighting the invasive hornets.

Anyone who finds a suspected nest should report their findings to clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html, and include photos. The nest should be left undisturbed so that it can be properly disposed of by field inspectors.

“It’s imperative that people not disturb nests in order to prevent the hornets from flying off and establishing themselves elsewhere,” Cavin said. “Once a report is made, we will follow up and should be able to dispose of the nest within 48 hours of the report.”

The Yellow-legged hornet embryo nests closely resemble bald-faced hornet

embryo nests. Specimen capture is the only way to determine if the nest is that of a Yellow-legged Hornet.

The South Carolina nest was found as Georgia officials continue to battle the invasive hornets in the Savannah area.

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 create a proactive trapping protocol designed as an early warning system to help keep tabs on the invasive insect.

A yellow-legged hornet queen was then trapped March 14. The specimen was then 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.

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 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. Mature nests 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.

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



PROTECTING AG LANDS

A new law in South Carolina will help local farmers, landowners, and all citizens of the state. The Working Agricultural Lands Preservation Act was passed by the General Assembly earlier this year, and last week Governor Henry McMaster held a ceremonial signing to mark its passage. I joined the governor at a ceremony at the new Cottle Farms location just outside of Columbia.

Farmland loss is a big concern in South Carolina, as it is across the country. We saw the numbers of farms in the state shrink 8 percent in the last Ag Census. We also continue to see farmland and development pushing up against each other, especially in places like the Upstate, Lexington County, and places like St. Helena Island. The issue is prevalent in my own backyard in Orangeburg County, especially near the interstates. South Carolina is in the top 10 for its “threat score” for farmland loss, according to American Farmland Trust.

The act does two important things:

- First, it expands the South Carolina Conservation Bank by adding me or my appointee to the board. It also adds the secretaries of Commerce and Transportation. Agriculture is a priority, and I think this change will show that.

- Second, it creates a fund overseen by the Bank to permanently protect farmland. Often, when farmers are faced with an offer from a developer to sell their land, they feel stuck. This will simply give them another option besides selling.

This bill passed in the House with bipartisan support; it passed the Senate unanimously.

I’m proud to join the governor in celebrating this bill and look forward to working with the Conservation Bank to be a voice for agriculture.

Of course, this doesn’t end here. We’ve got to do more to promote agriculture and protect ag land. Recently we supported American Farmland Trust in a pilot project in Lexington County to study farmland loss and some possible remedies. They had some suggestions for local leadership to guide decisionmaking: a “headwaters protection zone” encompassing some of the county’s most fertile land and upstream areas. As I understand it, this would not be an ordinance-backed zone but simply an area where the county would prioritize conservation. Anyway, we’re happy to come to the table and discuss ideas that will protect farmland while acknowledging that South Carolina’s population is rapidly growing.

Hugh E. Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Farm Days

May 4, 11, 18, 25 • 9 am – 5 pm
Join us at Dorr Farms for Spring fun on the Farm! There is no cost to play on the playground. To pick strawberries, a half gallon is \$9 and a gallon is \$17.
Dorr Farms
5225 Dorr Acres Road, Gable
dorrfarmssc@gmail.com • 803-495-2639

SC Agricultural Council Spring Meeting

May 9 • 11:30 am – 1 pm
Toms Creek Family Farms, Artisan Farmers Market, and a Mobile Grocery. Come hear Neset Hikmet, husband of Hatice Hikmet, tell their story.
Farm Bureau Insurance
724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce
scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com
Tickets: eventbrite.com/e/toms-creek-family-farms-artisan-farmers-market-and-a-mobile-grocery-tickets-877450376697?aff=oddtcreator

Hen's Night Out — Flowers + Wine

May 9 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Grab your best chicks and celebrate the spring weather with us! Joining us for May's Hen's Night Out is Lauren Benjamin with B Dot Ink! Lauren will be on-site to hand letter gift tags for bottles of wine and/or hand letter your flower pot. During this Hen's Night Out, you will have the opportunity to choose a flower plot & have our team plant it for you with native flowers grown on the farm (additional purchase required). This is a 21+ only event! Men are welcome (but only if you can handle it!)
The Farm 1780
1127 Corley Mill Road, Lexington
hello@thefarm1780.com • 803-356-4978
facebook.com/THEFARM1780

Mother's Day at the Market

May 11 • 10 am
We've got something special planned for all the mothers out there! Come by the market on Saturday and get a free strawberry treat for all Mothers, courtesy of McLeod Farms! While supplies last.
Pee Dee State Farmers Market
2513 W Lucas Street, Florence
bsager@scda.sc.gov • 843-665-5154
facebook.com/peedeefarmersmarket

Boone Fox Farm's Mother's Day Workshop

May 11 • 10 am – 12 pm
Mother's Day falls at a wonderful time for flowers grown in our climate—most of our overwintered field crops will be in bloom just in time to celebrate your original BFF! Our workshop attendees will be able to create an Mother's Day arrangement with peonies fresh from Inman, SC thanks to Peony Fields—a flower we all should experience! Cost: \$145.00. We will have a brief tour after the workshop portion has concluded for participants who wish to see more of our new flower operation at the City Roots property.
City Roots Venue
1005 Airport Blvd, Columbia
boonefoxfarm.com/floral-design-on-the-farm
facebook.com/boonefoxfarm

Applying for NRCS Programs Workshop

May 17 • 4 – 6:30 pm
This workshop will cover the application process for USDA-NRCS EQIP and CSP programs including eligibility requirements, the application process, ranking, contract implementation, and payments. The Applying for NRCS Grants and Cooperative Agreements workshop will cover the types of grants and cooperative agreements available through the South Carolina NRCS and how to apply through Grants.gov. \$12 fee to attend.
195 Burdette Street, Spartanburg
Register: eventbrite.com/e/886403896917

Pop-up Flower Shop Event by Five Blossoms Farm

May 25 • 10 am – 2 pm
Grab your friends and family and come out to McGill's Store starting at 10:00 am to get your favorite coffee, baked goods and other products from the store! We will have our locally grown fresh cut flowers, beeswax candles and more at The Blossom Bar!
McGill's Store
3494 Highway 55 W, Clover
info@fiveblossomsfarm.com • 803-610-5809
facebook.com/fiveblossomsfarm

Saddle Up for St. Jude

May 25 • 11 am – 4 pm
Join us for some fun and food in support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Trail ride, hayrides, jump house, games, BBQ, friend chicken, has & rice, cakes and pies.
Cedar Grove Farm
6850 Pisgah Road, Rembert
Contact: Dale Cauthen
803-669-1285

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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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FARM EQUIPMENT

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

SET OF CULTS for Int Cub, \$350 Francis Craddock Lexington 803-755-1618 4-WHL SITREX HAY RAKE cntns all rake teeth, FR, \$400 Gene Weatherford Lee 803-469-2056 '22 CAT 289D3 SKID STEER high flow xps, mulcher, grapple, bucket, 1325 hrs, GC, FR, \$83,000 Dakota Hollman Lexington 803-687-6382 NISSAN 3-TIER FORKLIFT propane, GWC, \$10,500; Lex 3ph 2 btm plow, \$375 D Dimery Lexington 803-796-2995 '49 FA TRACTOR w/sickle blade, \$2500 Steve Van Patton Spartanburg 864-607-5215 20 DISC 3PH HARROW USA made, \$1600 Jim Atkinson Pickens 864-506-9011 1' SUBSOILER pull type w/iron whls, rope- trip type, \$100 Ted Wentzky Anderson 864-617-1031 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 2 POST HOLE DIGGER 9" & 6" w/3ph & the Leinbach Line attach, \$150 for both Arthur Langley Lexington 803-429-5482	JD 4020 \$13,500; MF 1105, \$15,000; Cat D7E, \$27,000; Ford 3930, \$13,500 Ronald McGraw Lancaster 980-255-8584 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 MF 1540 TRACTOR auto, 4wd, frt end ldr & canopy, 620 hrs, 2010 mod, \$17,500 Justin Clamp Saluda 864-554-3023 '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 616 DISC MWR FR, \$4500; Beefco 8 whl hay rake, \$2500; 16' GN livestock trl, new flr, \$3500; more Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714 4WD JD 4450 cab, duals, 540 & 1000 PTO, GC, \$43,000; 6x12 dual axle all metal trl, \$1000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315 NH BR 7060 RND BALER string wrap only, shed kept, baled w/last yr, photos avail, \$12,000 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887 8'x16' ALL STEEL TRL w/2 ldr pads, 2 axles w/4 tires, \$4000, no text Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348	'84 MF 240 48 hp, 2900 hr w/new back tires & Woods 5' bush hog, \$8000 Keith Reardon Union 864-466-2942 WOODS7503PH BACKHOE 16" & 24" buckets, bucket cyl, rebuilt last of 2023, \$3600 cash only Randy Orr Anderson 864-295-3736 JD 2955 TRACTOR w/JD 265 ldr for parts or repair, eng stuck, \$9000; Ford 600 tractor, \$2400 Furman Mahon Laurens 864-684-9525 '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 1920 DSL TRACTOR 32 hp, PS, well maint, GRC, \$7000 obo Fred Jackson Abbeville 864-378-8078 20'x7' ENCL TRL Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$12,500 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869 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 '23 JD 5067E w/MFWD 520M ldr, 39 hrs, cab, heat/ac, pwr rev, \$59,000, lv msg Arthur Williams Kershaw 803-432-3307	1½ YD SOILMOVER Orthman mod 15RD, \$1500; 7 tooth ripper plow, \$500; both in GC Johnny Childress Laurens 864-872-9985 TUFLINE TMF 5' DISC \$475 Larry Fenton Kershaw 803-432-5033 14' DBL AXLE TRL wood floor w/loading ramp, \$1400 Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-530-6047 KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR 4x4, 200 hrs, \$25,500 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309 BUSH HOG & 20 disc harrow, \$100 ea; hay trl, \$400 Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214 NH 849 BALER GC, \$2500; IH 820 combine hdr auger, 15', \$400; 3pt scoop pan, \$125 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350 '52 FORD 8N w/16 blade disc, both in GC, \$4100 Mike Mooneyhan Lexington 803-917-0366 NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE GWC, needs new tires & tines, \$3500 obo Lauren Ray-McCarley Aiken 803-508-2581 MF 165 IND TRACTOR w/ldr, 70's mod, 58 hp, Perkins eng, GC, \$7500 David Macijewski Oconee 864-309-9472	FORD 3910 DSL VGC, run good, w/roll bar, LN tires, new batt, FR, 52 hp, low hrs, 2 owners, \$9500 M Wilson Spartanburg 864-595-1136 5' RAZORBACK BUSH HOG GC; & JD 4 whl wagon, w/16' steel bed, \$1000 ea Terry Blakely Greenville 864-483-1920 '08 JD 6403 TRACTOR 1809.8 hrs, radio & AC/heat, 4 WD, just serviced, \$39,500 James Judy Dorchester 864-992-3741 JD 2240 DSL new tires, rear remote, \$6500; JD 401 B dsl, 3pt, PTO, remotes, ldr, \$6000 or both for \$11,000 Wayne Faulkenberry Lancaster 803-804-3246 '75 FORD 2000 TRACTOR gas, 6 spd, 3ph, 540 PTO, turf tires, no oil use, \$3500 Harold Wright Cherokee 864-838-4763 MF1840 SQ BALER \$32,000; Vermeer 504R 4x5 rnd baler, \$22,000; 4 whl V rake, \$4000 Ken Hunter Chester 803-374-0448 JD 7000 PLNTR 4R NOTILL Yetter row cleaners, liq fert tanks, corn & soybean meters, set on 36", \$5000 Chris Humphries Spartanburg 864-909-3578 VERMEER 505 SUPER I HAY BALER 5x5 string wrap, GC, ready to bale, \$2500 Luther Berry Saluda 864-982-6911	NH 256 HAY RAKE new tires, rebuilt gearbox, \$2000; Bradco 4n1 82" bucket, \$2500 Bruce Davidson Spartanburg 864-590-0746 NH 488 HAYBINE GC, \$2400 Ernie Major Anderson 864-617-7419 JD OFFSET HARROW 28 disc, \$4500; new 3ph boom pole, \$250 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352 2 WOOD GRAVITY BOXES for transporting & drying nuts, corn, etc, 125 bu, \$350 & \$400, both for \$700 Tom Harmon Lexington 803-530-3348 IBEX 2 WHL RAKE LN, \$900 David Areheart Lexington 803-960-0927 JD 430 HAY BALER GC, \$2500 George Key Aiken 803-685-5408 FORD 3000 DSL new tires/rims & battery, \$6950 obo; 16 disc cutaway harrow, 3ph, HD, \$1200 obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222 HARDEE 5' BUSH HOG EC, \$800 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463 JD BAT WING 12' rotary cutter, \$15,000 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490
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FARM LABOR

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

NEED BUSH HOGGING for 6+/-A outside Kershaw town limits Kim Hagen Lancaster 803-475-1125 DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK build & repair ponds, demo, tree removal, land clearing, roads, free est James Hughes Greenwood 864-227-8257 LIGHT BUSH HOGGING tractor work, lawn maint Glenn Goins Lexington 803-381-8287 WILDLIFE MGMT nest raiders, coyotes, beaver, hogs, Aiken & surrounding cos Joe Leonard Aiken 803-507-4940	CATTLE SERVICES hauling, tagging, vac, castration, consultation, etc Kaden Schrock Barnwell 330-663-1010 MOBILE SAWMILLING up to 30" dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52" dia & 16'L John Smith Pickens 864-982-2249 EXCAVATOR MOWING landscaping, grading, clearing/brush clean up, drains, sprinklers, sod, etc, all surrounding cos Derek Drafts Saluda 803-429-3291 LIME SPREADING specialize in TN, call for prices Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628	HAY HAULING your location to POD, call for est; also fence installed, per your specs, both statewide Bruce Thomas Dorchester 843-636-1699 HORSE PASTURE FOR LEASE for 1 horse, will feed once a day & supply hay, no studs, \$210/mon Doug Kellett Greenville 864-561-8191 PASTURE MGMT SERV spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert & lime, plant pastures, Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda, Bahia Kenny Mullis Richland 803-331-6612	LAWN CUTTING leaf blowing, edging, trimming, planting, Kershaw & Lancaster cos, call or text Michael Shelton Kershaw 864-457-6813 AG FENCING land clearing/grading, forestry mulching, demolition, site preparation, auto water stations Ken Wells Laurens 864-449-8556 FORESTRY MULCHING land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging Jay Lowder Clarendon 803-473-0646	DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, trackhoe bush hog, bldg pads Fred Morris Florence 843-621-8647 LIGHT TRACTOR WORK incl bush hogging, discing, cut up & removal of downed trees, light landscaping John Tanner Lexington 803-422-4714 MOBILE SAWMILLING statewide, will bring sawmill to your site & saw your logs from 8'-20'4" Lowell Fralix Barnwell 803-707-5625	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. DUCK EGGS \$6/dz Candice Reble Aiken 303-210-0325 CHICKEN EGGS \$2/dz; duck & guinea eggs, \$3/dz; turkey & geese, \$5/dz Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254 FARM CHICKEN EGGS \$3/dz Ron Handley Georgetown 843-896-0829
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FC Noles

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Rebekah Olson

York

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Mark Roberts

Spartanburg

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2F & 1M ND GOATS

\$125 ea or \$300 for all

Roger Todd

Anderson

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Orangeburg

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Bamberg

803-824-9247

'23 SQ FESCUE

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Don Hall

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864-593-3938

ORCHARD GRASS

\$7/sq

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'23 HQ 4×54 RND CB

net wrap, shed stored, \$70 /bale

David Fulmer

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SQ WHEAT STRAW

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Jason Nichols

Saluda

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Charles Howle

Darlington

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avail, \$40/bale

Credrick Moss

Anderson

864-760-2877

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Richard Knight

Kershaw

803-427-6440

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'23 4×5 RND FESCUE MIX

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outside, \$50

Bobby Baker

Lancaster

803-804-2230

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sq bale Rye straw, \$5

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rnd, net wrap fert, HQ & CQ, \$40-45

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GOV. HENRY MCMASTER SIGNS THE WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION ACT INTO LAW

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster was joined today by S.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, members of the General Assembly, and other state and local leaders for a ceremonial bill signing of H. 3951, the Working Agricultural Lands Preservation Act. The legislation creates the Working Farmland Protection Fund that will help landowners preserve working agricultural lands through voluntary conservation easements.

"Farmers are the backbone of our state, and as more businesses and people move here, we must find innovative ways to protect our state's most valuable farmlands," said Governor Henry McMaster. "This legislation provides farmers a cost-effective option to keep and pass down their families' farms while ensuring that our state's agriculture industry remains strong and our most precious natural resources aren't lost forever to overdevelopment."

The fund is housed at the S.C. Conservation Bank and is intended to complement agricultural projects funded by the Conservation Bank by creating a matching grant payment for qualified projects. Grant applications

must meet specific evaluation criteria, including, but not limited to, the value of the lands natural resources, the economic viability of the property in terms of current and future commercial agricultural activities, and the threat of non-agriculture-related development. In addition, the landowner must derive at least 50% of their income from the eligible farmland.

The legislation also expands the membership of the existing Conservation Bank board to include the Commissioner of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, and Secretary of Transportation.

"I'm pleased to join South Carolina leaders in giving farmers options for preserving their working lands," said Commissioner Weathers. "This important new legislation helps us continue to feed people and fuel our economy while protecting our state's agricultural past, present, and future."

The bipartisan bill passed the House 100-7 and the Senate 46-0.



PRECISION AG FIELD DAY SETS TECHNOLOGY IN MOTION FOR STUDENTS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Precision agriculture uses cutting-edge technology to make farms more efficient. With experts predicting technology will brighten farming’s future, Clemson University academics, Cooperative Extension Service and research station faculty and staff are joining forces to prepare a skilled workforce for this primary sector of the economy.

The Clemson Precision Agriculture Student Field Day is one example of this collaboration. Held at the Edisto Research and Education Center in Blackville, South Carolina, this year’s field day gave students in the Clemson Agricultural Mechanization and Business Program, as well as students from Piedmont Technical College and Barnwell County Career Center, an opportunity to see technology used in agriculture.

The Clemson Agricultural Mechanization and Business Program (Ag Mech) is part of the Clemson College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Sciences. Kendall Kirk, a former instructor in the program and director of the Clemson University Center for Agricultural Technology, helped organize the event.

“This field day gives them a chance to see larger equipment, as well as drones, sensors and other types of electronic equipment being used,” Kirk said. “They’ve learned about these things in class, and this field day gives them a chance to see them in action.”

Anna Moore, Andrew Chapman and Carrington Knotts participated in the field day. Moore and Chapman are Clemson students. Knotts is a junior at Strom Thurmond High School and participates in the diversified agriculture program at Piedmont Tech.

Moore, who is from Evergreen, South Carolina, begins her career in the sawmill industry when she graduates in May. She participated in the field day to see how equipment and technologies she studied in class are used in the field.

“Although the sawmill industry isn’t exactly farming, there are a few things that overlap with precision agriculture,” Moore said. “In both industries, people must obtain accurate and precise

data to ensure that they make the best possible management decisions.”

Moore benefited from her participation by getting hands-on experience with various precision agriculture tools and meeting people who are experts in the field.

me,” Chapman said. “Looking into the future with precision agriculture, much of the information presented during the field day struggles to make it to rural farms that may truly need it the most. I find that getting this key information to farmers and educating them on certain practices will provide major benefits for growers in the future.”

Chapman plans to work in a precision agriculture-related job after he graduates. He, too, benefitted by attending the field day.

“I am pleased to have been able to meet some of the Clemson Extension researchers and learn about their studies,” he said. “Going forward, when I may have a question, these Extension employees will be there to help when an issue may arise with a crop or piece of machinery.”

Curiosity and a desire to learn more about research conducted at the Edisto REC are part of the reason Knotts participated in the field day. She plans to be a crop consultant.

“We used to pass by the REC when we were going to the Lowcountry,” Knotts said. “I would see the crops growing in the fields and would talk about how I wanted to work in agriculture. I attended

this field day because I wanted to learn more about the research being conducted here and get information related to working in agriculture.”

Technological advancements allow today’s farms and agricultural operations to be more profitable, efficient, safer, and environmentally friendly. As a land-grant

university, Clemson is charged with providing agricultural education and information through classes on its main campus, the work of Extension agents and researchers across South Carolina, as well as research conducted at its Research and Education Centers strategically located throughout the state.

The three-sector model in economics divides economies into three sectors: primary, secondary and tertiary. The primary sector includes businesses that produce energy or basic materials, such as coal, oil, metals and crops. Businesses in the secondary sector manufacture goods. The tertiary sector includes businesses that provide services.



“One thing that was reinforced during the field day was the importance of proper management in precision agriculture and how creating accurate soil maps is a key part of good management,” she said.

Chapman, a native of Hartsville, South Carolina, intends to graduate by May 2025. His involvement in the Clemson Ag Mech program has led him to realize his true passion.

“Over the past year and a half, I have found that my true interest is in precision agriculture and geographic information systems,” Chapman said. “I hope to pursue a job that deals with precision agriculture technology after graduation.”

Participating in the field day introduced Chapman to potential avenues for precision agriculture planter attachments and implementing variable rate irrigation.

“Many aspects from the field day were influential to



DEPUTY USDA SECRETARY VISITS SC STATE’S FARM

BY SC STATE UNIVERSITY

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Those chickpeas in your hummus could mean a lot for the future of South Carolina farming.

That was part of the message U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Xochitl Torres Small received April 4 as she visited South Carolina State University and its Public Service and Agriculture (PSA) division’s Research and Demonstration Farm in Olar, South Carolina.

As Small toured the 200-acre farm, extension agronomist Dr. Nana Kusi showed Small the farm’s chickpea field, which his team is using to research the viability of chickpeas as a cover crop for local farmers to grow in the offseason while also providing a commodity they can market to consumers.

Small said she was pleased to see the university’s climate-smart research on the impact of cover crops can have on reducing carbon emissions while also supporting small farmers.

“It’s also exciting just to get to see the research that’s being done on new potential crops, when it comes to the chickpea for example, and finding the best way to grow it, which can be then shared with farmers and support South Carolina’s economy,” she said in a briefing with regional news reporters at the farm.

Using a specially outfitted drone, Dr. Joe Mari Maja, SC State senior researcher and director for the Center of Applied Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Agriculture, also demonstrated for Small the university’s artificial intelligence (AI) applications in agriculture and how they can provide farmers with critical information about their status of their crops.

“When it comes to research in supporting agriculture, it’s crucial that we take these new emerging technologies,” she said. “President Biden has been clear that when it comes to AI, we’ve got to make sure we’re developing it in ways that support farmers and people all across the country — to invest in new ways of growing and make sure

Black Farmer Coalition for climate-smart initiatives. The funding will be used to educate and train South Carolina’s small and minority farmers and producers in climate-smart practices.

“When it comes to investing in America, investigating in our nation’s farmers is crucial.

President Biden is working hard to make sure that the investments reach the people on the ground, reach small growers all across South Carolina and reach partners like South Carolina State University,” Small said.

Following her tour at the farm in Olar, the deputy secretary made

her way to SC State’s main campus in Orangeburg, where she met with leaders and faculty members about the USDA’s partnerships with the university. She also engaged with SC State’s 1890 Ag Innovation Scholars, students who will fill roles in the nation’s agricultural industry.

“As deputy secretary for USDA, I spend a lot of time thinking about the future of agriculture and the future of USDA’s workforce,” Small said. “It is so exciting to get to meet that future today when it comes to the 1890 scholars.

“One of the things we’re going to be talking with them about is what they see for the future of agriculture and how we can better invest in them to prepare for that,” she said.

Small’s visit to SC State came on the heels of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack’s visit in December, when he participated in a summit on campus with various stakeholders in South Carolina agriculture, including government leaders, growers, farmers and ranchers.



people get a fair share of the food dollar for the work that we do.”

Small was asked what makes SC State special among universities with agricultural missions.

“South Carolina State is one of the few recipients of a Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities grant,” Small said. “What’s so important about what they’re doing — when I heard them talking about it, they talked about farmers and the impact it will have on farmers.”

SC State has two USDA-funded Climate-Smart initiatives:

- A \$70 million USDA investment into a partnership between Clemson and SC State to provide incentives to farmers in South Carolina to implement selected climate-smart production practices
- A \$4.5 million USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service grant that will facilitate a partnership between SC State 1890 Research & Extension, Mixon Seed and the South Carolina

USDA DESIGNATES NATURAL DISASTER AREAS IN SC

BY USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through emergency loans. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Impacted Area: South Carolina Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track) Application Deadline: 11/25/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Greenville, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, and York.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: South Carolina: Edgefield, Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda.

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Loan Assistance Tool can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local USDA Service Center.

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- Funding a bee-keeping education program
- Expanding a local church garden space
- Hosting an annual agricultural event
- Purchasing a cargo trailer to transport livestock
- Building a school greenhouse

APPLICATION & ELIGIBILITY

- Applications open April 1 - June 30
- Must be non-profit organization and farmers markets. Individuals or private farms ineligible
- Organization values & mission align with grant's mission.
- Project must be ag-related in nature
- Grants awarded for up to \$5,000 per year
- Submit applications online
- Programs must be located in the 147 counties and geographic area of GA, NC, SC where AgSouth conducts business
- Only complete applications will be considered

PROGRAM TIMELINE

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USDA ACTIONS TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK HEALTH FROM HIGHLY PATHOGENIC H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA

FEDERAL ORDER TO ASSIST WITH DEVELOPING A BASELINE OF CRITICAL INFORMATION AND LIMITING THE SPREAD OF H5N1 IN DAIRY CATTLE

WASHINGTON, April 24, 2024 – To further protect the U.S. livestock industry from the threat posed by highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza, USDA is sharing a number of actions that we are taking with our federal partners to help us get ahead of this disease and limit its spread.

Today, USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced a Federal Order requiring the following measures, effective Monday, April 29, 2024:

Mandatory Testing for Interstate Movement of Dairy Cattle

- Prior to interstate movement, dairy cattle are required to receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
- Owners of herds in which dairy cattle test positive for interstate movement will be required to provide epidemiological information, including animal movement tracing.
- Dairy cattle moving interstate must adhere to conditions specified by APHIS.
- As will be described in forthcoming guidance, these steps will be immediately required for lactating dairy cattle, while these requirements for other classes of dairy cattle will be based on scientific factors concerning the virus and its evolving risk profile.

Mandatory Reporting

- Laboratories and state veterinarians must report positive Influenza A nucleic acid detection diagnostic results (e.g. PCR or genetic sequencing) in livestock to USDA APHIS.
- Laboratories and state veterinarians must report positive Influenza A serology diagnostic results in livestock to USDA APHIS.

USDA has identified spread between cows within the same herd, spread from cows to poultry, spread between dairies associated with cattle movements, and cows without clinical signs that have tested positive. On April 16, APHIS microbiologists identified a shift in an H5N1 sample from a cow

in Kansas that could indicate that the virus has an adaptation to mammals. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted further analysis of the specimen sequence, which did not change their overall risk assessment for the general public, because the substitution has been seen previously in other mammalian infections and does not impact viral transmission. Additionally, APHIS’ National Veterinary Services Laboratories found H5N1 in a lung tissue sample from an asymptomatic cull dairy cow that originated from an affected herd and did not enter the food supply.

The novel movement of H5N1 between wild birds and dairy cows requires further testing and time to develop a critical understanding to support any future courses of action. This Federal Order is critical to increasing the information available for USDA. Requiring positive test reporting will help USDA better under this disease and testing before interstate movement will limit its spread.

While we are taking this action today, it is important to remember that thus far, we have not found changes to the virus that would make it more transmissible to humans and between people. While cases among humans in direct contact with infected animals are possible, our partners at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believe that the current risk to the public remains low.

Additionally, we continue to see affected cows recover after supported care with little to no associated mortality. We also continue to work with our partners in the states and industry to emphasize the critical importance biosecurity plays in limiting disease spread for all livestock and poultry.

The Federal Order may be viewed at USDA APHIS’ website and is effective on Monday, April 29, 2024.

Further, in an effort to maximize understanding and research on H5N1 in dairy cattle, on April 21, APHIS made publicly available 239 genetic sequences from the U.S. H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b influenza virus recently found in samples

associated with the ongoing HPAI outbreak in poultry and wild birds, and the recent H5N1 event in dairy cattle. APHIS has also offered virus samples to interested researchers to facilitate epidemiological study. Increasing our understanding of this disease and how it spreads is critical to stopping it. This is why APHIS is urging dairy cattle producers and those who work in or with the industry to share epidemiological information from affected farms, even if they are not planning to move cattle interstate. APHIS further urges producer participation in public health assessments to continue to confirm worker safety and monitor for any potential changes in the virus that could impact transmissibility.

In addition, our partners in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration released an update on the ongoing work to ensure continued effectiveness of the federal-state milk safety system. It is important to emphasize that, based on the information and research available to us at this time, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and USDA believe that our commercial milk supply is safe because of both the pasteurization process and the required diversion or destruction of milk from sick cows. Pasteurization has continuously proven to inactivate bacteria and viruses in milk. The FDA and USDA continue to work closely to collect and evaluate additional data and information specific to avian influenza in dairy cattle and to support state counterparts as this emerging disease in dairy cattle is managed.

As USDA continues to take steps to protect the health of livestock, the Department continues to work closely with federal partners at the CDC on protecting the health of people and FDA on protecting the safety of the food supply. The U.S. government is committed to addressing this situation with urgency.

To learn more about USDA’s response to HPAI in dairy cattle, visit aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock.

SCDNR: TAKE DOWN BIRD FEEDERS, SECURE TRASH TO CO-EXIST WITH BLACK BEARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

With spring and warmer weather arriving, black bears are becoming more active, and during this time, bears are looking for easy food. The S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) wants to remind South Carolinians to take down their bird feeders and secure their trash if black bears are in the area. The most common human-bear conflicts involve unsecured food.

“The mere presence of a black bear does not necessarily represent a problem,” said Tammy Waldrop, an SCDNR black bear biologist stationed in Clemson. “Most bears are just passing through, but if there is an easy meal available, they will take advantage of it. The key to dealing with wandering bears is not giving them a reason to hang around. Removing any food source that would attract bears will significantly reduce any bear issues in residential areas.”

To help South Carolina residents better coexist with bears, Waldrop and the BearWise program offer these “Six At-Home BearWise Basics.”

- **Remove bird feeders when bears are active.** Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they are attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.
- **Secure food, garbage and recycling.** Food and food odors attract bears, so do not reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.
- **Never feed or approach bears.** Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more.
- **Never leave pet food outdoors.** Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove bowls afterwards. Store pet food where bears cannot see or smell it.
- **Clean and store grills, smokers.** Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and

food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

- **Alert neighbors to bear activity.** See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share info on how to avoid bear conflicts.

While people may be excited about seeing a bear, SCDNR wants them to remember that bears are wild animals and should be respected. Black bears are usually shy, evasive and non-aggressive toward people. People and black bears can live in the same area with little conflict by following some basic rules. For more information on living responsibly with black bears, visit bearwise.org.

If you see a black bear, you can report it at: dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bear/sightingform.html.

For black bear emergencies, call 1-800-922-5431 or 911.