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KNOCKOUT BUTCHERY BREAKS GROUND IN UPSTATE SC

BY SCDA

ROEBUCK — Commissioner Hugh Weathers and other officials joined farmers Travis and Misty Howard in breaking ground yesterday on a new beef processing facility that will expand opportunities for South Carolina farmers and address the demand for local beef.

The Howards are building the new Knockout Butchery facility off Walnut Grove Road near Roebuck, South Carolina, in Spartanburg County.

The facility will support between seven and 10 new jobs and will have the capacity to process up to 35 head of cattle per week.

The Howards, who already operate a facility in Pauline, say the new facility will quadruple their processing capacity. After the new facility opens, they plan to convert their existing facility to process pork and poultry.

In addition to beef cuts, Knockout will offer custom smoked products like summer sausage, snack sticks, and jerky. The Howards intend for the new plant to be a USDA-inspected facility, which means products made there could be sold to both in-state and out-of-state customers.

“This facility is being built by farmers, for farmers,” Travis Howard said. “Our customer base has stood behind us for the past seven years and that gave us the strength and trust to go forward with all of this.”

The Howards’ \$2.6 million investment is supported by a \$600,000 grant from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA). The new Knockout Butchery facility is one of seven beef processing projects receiving funding as part of a round of \$3.4 million in grants announced in March 2023.

“More than 700 farmers in South Carolina raise beef, and the Knockout project will allow more of them to raise their animals to maturity and have them processed in the state, thus keeping more dollars in our

economy,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. “Travis and Misty are carving a bright future for agribusiness in South Carolina.”

A 2022 economic impact study commissioned by SCDA found that there is significant unmet demand for local agricultural products in South Carolina. COVID-era supply chain disruptions also highlighted the need to decentralize meat processing. Expanding small processing in South Carolina will create more opportunities for small, in-state facilities to serve the state’s farmers and consumers.

The Howards are looking to the future, too. The new Knockout Butchery facility will incorporate a storefront as well as a venue for butchery and agriculture education.

“Our goal is to keep the younger population interested in where their food comes from, and in farming and agriculture in general,” Misty Howard said. “We’re very excited for what the future holds for us, as well as the hard work we’re willing to put in to give the best service to our farmers and our customers.”



COMMISSIONER’S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

HOW SCDA HELPS WITH EMERGENCIES

As I write this, the slow-moving storm Debby has been pouring rain on our state all week. Some areas have dealt with tornadoes, and I’ve heard plenty of reports of astonishingly high rainfall. I pray that the water will drain away quickly and that it’s not anything like the flood in 2015.

No matter the length of the storm or how seriously it strains our resources, it’s good to be prepared. South Carolina has put a lot of work into refining our emergency response capabilities, and it’s always good to see them kicking into gear when necessary.

During emergencies, our agency serves as part of the state’s Emergency Support Function 17. This function deals with agriculture and animals, and the effects that an emergency involving agriculture could have on human health, the environment, or our state’s multi-billion-dollar agribusiness industry.

When the governor activates the state’s emergency operations, SCDA staff take shifts at the SCEMD headquarters in West Columbia to help staff the ESF 17 team. The center bustles with activity, with big screens and consoles everywhere, phones ringing, and people working around the clock to keep South Carolinians safe. Our staff were activated for Debby, and given how active this hurricane season is projected to be, I expect they’ll be activated again this year.

SCDA’s Rapid Response Team also plays a role before, during, and after disasters. We reach out to the food and feed manufacturing and distribution facilities, advising them on how to handle power outages, dispose of ingredients, or deal with the aftermath of a flood. We also work with Retail Food Establishments to help with emergency response and recovery. After the emergency passes, we’ll follow up to help them assess any damages and determine next steps.

Of course, we are always advocating for farmers and helping them get the help they need. We rely on our partners at Clemson Livestock-Poultry Health, Clemson Cooperative Extension, and the USDA Farm Service Agency. We work with the governor’s office and state and federal lawmakers to make sure South Carolina gets the aid it needs. If you have losses or damage from Debby, reach out to your extension agent and FSA office, but keep us in the loop, too.

It’s important for farmers and agribusinesses to be prepared. If you’re looking for emergency response resources, please visit agriculture.sc.gov/emergency-planning-and-disaster-response. Like the sergeant used to say on the Hill Street Blues TV show from the 1980s, “Let’s be careful out there”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Farm Tour

August 17, 24, & 31 • 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
An educational, up close and personal experience with alpacas, goats, and chickens. Adults: \$15, Children (Ages 3–10): \$7.50, Children 3 & Under: Free
Herd it Here Farm
541 Sullivans Ferry Road, Cottageville
info@HerdItHereFarm.com • 703-597-4839
facebook.com/herditherefarm

Weekend Wine-Down

August 17, 24, & 31 • 10 am – 5 pm
Drinks, tastings, food trucks, live music.
Deep Water Vineyard
6775 Bears Bluff Road, Wadmalaw Island
info@deepwatervineyard.com • 843-559-6867
deepwatervineyard.com/wadmalaw-island-deep-water-vineyard-events

Visit with the Alpacas

August 17, 24, & 31 • 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm
1 hour tour, \$6
Carolina Pride Pastures
1416 SC Highway 34, Pomaria
alicia@cppastures.com • 803-480-3750
facebook.com/CarolinaPridePastures

Wine Tasting Wednesday

August 21 & 28 • 4 – 7 pm
Join us for wine on Wednesday in the farmhouse and wine shop for free tastings. The new Farmhouse Shop will be open from 3 – 8 pm. The farmhouse will be open for retail, flower bar, and glasses of wine.
City Roots Location
1005 Airport Blvd, Columbia
f2tproductions.com

Sunflower Sessions

August 25 • 7:15 am – 7:45 pm
Join us for this year's Sunflower Minis at the beautiful Five Blossoms Farm sunflower gardens! You will receive 10 edited images delivered to you in a private online gallery. For families, couples, and more. Inquire for 2024 & 2025 at jessicaturnerphotographyandstudio.com.
Five Blossoms Farm
1121 Crossland Road, Clover
info@fiveblossomsfarm.com • 803-610-5809
facebook.com/fiveblossomsfarm

Healthy Happy Hour Mocktail Class with Glass

August 28 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Join our expert mixologists from Glass Half Full as they guide you through the exciting process of creating three delicious and functional mocktails. Plus, you'll take home a commemorative glass, a menu, and enjoy some tasty light appetizers.
Magnolia Plantation & Gardens
3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston
info@magnoliaplantation.com • 843-571-1266

Girls Night Out

August 28 • 6 – 8:30 pm
We are a family-run craft winery and vineyard focused on producing high-quality small batches of local, innovative wines you can't find anywhere else. Open year round for wine tastings, special events, and long walks through our vineyards. Join us for Girls Night Out the last Wednesday of every month. \$25.

City Scape Winery
589 Dunklin Bridge Road, Pelzer
864-329-0615
cityscapewinery.com
facebook.com/cityscapewinery

Pop-up Flower Shop

August 31 • 1 – 5 pm
Get your favorite Windy Hill products from the farm stand and locally grown fresh cut flowers brought to you by Five Blossoms Farm. We will also have our beeswax candles and more at The Blossom Bar!
Windy Hill Orchard & Cider Mill
1860 Black Hwy, York
803-684-0690
windyhillorchard.com
facebook.com/windyhillcider

Herb is the Word Holistic Fair

August 31 • 10 am – 2 pm
Join us for plants, herbs, seasonings, demonstrations, and shopping with holistic vendors.
Boondock Farms
755 Foreman Street, Jackson
hello@boondockfarms.com • 706-589-4920
boondockfarms.com/events
facebook.com/boondockfarmstead

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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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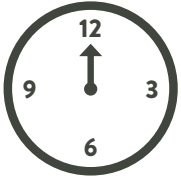
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AQUACULTURE

STERILE CARP

\$12; LM Bass, \$3; Ch Cats, 65¢; 3-5" BG, \$1.40; 1-3" BG/SC mix, 65¢; Mosquitofish, 40¢
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

KOI FISH

3-4", \$1 ea; 6-8", \$10 ea, all colors
Tommy Sherman
Laurens
864-546-2778

BLUEGILL

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

CATTLE

MINI ZEBU BULL

10 m/o, calm, part of petting zoo, \$300
Mike Fox
Lexington
803-351-2462

REG ANG BULLS

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

SM JERSEY COW

bred, gentle, \$1400
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

25 REG ANG & 3 HRFRD COWS

indiv price vary, \$2000+
Roger Brant
Spartanburg
864-365-8319

BRANGUS/HRFRD HEFRS

6 m/o, out of Riley Farms bull, \$1500
Kaden Schrock
Barnwell
330-663-1010

BFMSTR REG BULLS

& PB bulls, yrlgs, \$1700+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

WEANED BEEF CALVES

3-5 m/o, vac/wormed, \$500+
Casey McCarty
Newberry
803-924-5239

REG BRAUNVIEH BULL

3 y/o, gentle, \$3300, can del for fee
James A Langston
Pickens
864-859-6794

REG BLK ANG COW

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

REG BRAHMA BULL

6 y/o, \$3000; reg Red Ang bull, 17 m/o, \$2700; Blk Ang bull, 16 m/o, \$2200; all gentle
Steve Sease
Anderson
864-304-6313

MINI HIGHLAND/HRFRD CALVES

bull calf, B-11/23 & hefr calf, B-2/24, \$1500 ea
Frankie Cusack
Georgetown
843-833-3153

F1/F2 WAGYU/ANG COWS

bred to polled/reg Wagyu bull, due to calve '24, F1 cow, \$2250; F2 cow, \$2750
James Boatwright
Spartanburg
864-430-9943

BUCKING BULLS

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

6 ULTRA BLK HEFRS

4 bulls, all weaned, 7-9 m/o, all eligible for IBBA reg, \$1600+
Clay Smith
Sumter
803-968-7811

REG & COMM BLK ANG

& SimAng hefrs, vac/tattoo, 9-14 m/o, \$1500+
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

LS MT342 DSL TRACTOR

w/LB2100 back hoe & fel, 940 actual hrs, well maint, \$25,000
James Caldwell
Kershaw
803-438-3455

5' WOODS FINISH MWR

for FA Cub, \$600; IH 48" belly mwr for FA Cub, \$200; 12' Fimco spryr tank, 1ph, \$200
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

SPRING TOOTH CULTS

1r, \$250; sm tractor quick hitch, \$100; bush hog, \$700; 2 trls w/ramps, \$750/8'10", \$1800/18'7"
Jimmy Hodge
Sumter
803-468-3997

'19 KIOTI SUB-COMPACT TRACTOR

21 hp, 4wd w/ldr, 48" bucket & 4' rototiller, \$16,000
Ted Storey
Saluda
803-334-0465

'53 8N FOR PARTS

'54 Ford Jubilee w/scrape & plow, needs carb & timing set, \$2200
Angie Robinson
Laurens
276-233-4019

'51 FA SUPER A

12v sys, new rear tires, one roll side plntr w/fert hopper, cult, \$10,000
Tony Balchin
Greenwood
864-993-6874

VERMEER M7050 DISC MWR

9' cut, used on 300A, \$10,000, call/text
Jonathon Watkins
Saluda
864-980-6877

16' GN LIVESTOCK TRL

new floor, GC, \$3000; 3ph disc 5, 6, & 7', FR, \$700-950; 8 whl rake Beefco, GC, \$2500
Rickie Evans
Chester
803-209-2714

3 IH TRACTORS

(2) 140s & (1) Super A, all run, multi implements, Woods mwr, Cole plntr plus, \$12,100
John Patterson
Laurens
864-981-3653

8'x16' ALL STEEL TRL

w/2 ldr pads, 2 axles w/4 tires, \$4000, no text
Jimmy Wilson
Anderson
864-923-2348

FORD 3000

dsL, \$6500 obo; Bush Hog brand rotary cutter, mod 3210, \$9500 obo; Ford 7740 w/ldr, \$16,000 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

JD 535 RND BALER

\$5000; Morra hay tedder, \$2000; NI mwr, \$3000; McCormick Intl 400, \$2500
Mike Crot
Lancaster
803-289-8002

JD 348 SQ BALER

EC, FR, shed kept, 1 owner, \$15,000
Victor Smith
Berkeley
843-870-8522

GREAT PLAINS 15' NO TILL DRILL

w/coulter cart, EC, \$15,000; JD 454A row crop head, EC, \$4000
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

NH 849 BALER

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

WOODS 750 3PH BACKHOE

16" & 24" buckets, bucket cyl, rebuilt last of '23, \$3200 cash only
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

'88 FORD TW 25 ROW CROP TRACTOR

165 hp, 2 wd, \$9000
Fred Plunkett
Aiken
803-645-5802

3PH DIRT PAN

\$300; 12' Ponderosa GN trl, \$2000
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

FINISH MWR

3ph, \$1000; single hay prong, LN, \$115; fert sprdr, LN, \$150
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$10,250
Jerry Comeaux
Spartanburg
864-992-3869

JD 4 WHL WAGON

w/16' steel bed, \$800
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

JD 4030 540

1000 PTO, 4 post canopy, 2 remotes, 7600 hrs, frt tires new rear 60%, GRC, \$12,000
Steve Sease
Anderson
864-304-6313

'08 JD 3320 W/CAB

heat/ac, 4 wd, 459 hrs, used to mow, frt ldr LN, \$24,500
Gordon Bowers
Beaufort
843-521-7064

'01 AGRI-VAC

Walinga Inc 5614DLX, comp rebuild '16, \$21,500
Clarence Criswell Sr
Darlington
843-861-1756

FORD 755A BACKHOE-LDR TRACTOR

2540 hrs, substantial value specs, photos & details avail, \$38,000
Oliver Powers
York
803-367-7064

BIG TEX 10PI TRL

LN, nvr used, 7'x20', 7600 lb cap, dual brakes, more, \$5450; 5' bush hog, \$600
James Burns
Laurens
864-918-6308

LANDPRIDE 6' FINISH MWR

GC, \$1550
Stephen Bonnette
Orangeburg
803-707-5093

QUICK HITCH

new, category 2, \$300; Bush hog 2400 frt end ldr w/ brackets, \$4000; 5' Hardee bush hog, \$800
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

CASE IH CPX420 COTTON PKR

KBH modular builder, KBH boll buggy, all FR, \$25,000
Jeff Millen
Chester
803-209-0893

JD 4020

\$13,500; MF 1105, \$15,000; Cat D7E, \$27,000; Ford 3930, \$13,500
Ronald McGraw
Lancaster
980-255-8584

NH TN 65 TRACTOR

w/ldr, \$14,800; JD28 disc offset harrow, \$3500
Robert Hurley
Laurens
864-981-5352

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

'19 GRASSHOPPER ZERO TURN MWR

mod 335B w/72" & 35 hp B&S Vanguard, \$9500
Terry Atkins
Spartanburg
864-706-3738

SQ BALE SYSTEM

Hoelscher 1000 accumulator, NH 575 baler & 2 Hoelscher 100 grapples, FR, \$23,000
Dennis Martineau
Aiken
803-979-3999

FORD 4500 BACKHOE

\$4000; 1.5 yd dirt pan on whls, \$1200, all in GC
Johnny Childress
Laurens
864-872-9985

INTL 240 UTIL TRACTOR

w/point lift, \$2500
Randy Williams
Spartanburg
864-764-0089

FORD 3910 DSL

VGC, runs good, w/roll bar, LN tires, new batt, FR, 52 hp, low hrs, 2 owners, \$9000
M Wilson
Spartanburg
864-595-1136

FERGUSON 2 BTM TURN PLOW

3pt, \$300; 7' Hesston mwr cond, \$1500; FA 544 parts tractor, \$500
Ronnie Richardson
Newberry
803-924-3930

3000 FORD TRACTOR

\$6000; hay trl, \$100; bush hog, \$50; btm plow, \$150
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

CLARK 48' LOW BOY

w/ramps, \$6500; more
Keven Hodge
Sumter
803-934-6186

6'x12' SKID STEER TRL

\$2000; 8' gig plow/cult, \$225; 3 btm mold board, \$350
Winfred Hall
Cherokee
864-461-1854

'23 JD BAT WING

12' rotary cutter, \$14,000
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE

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

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.

74.8A CALHOUN CO

wooded, 3 creeks w/ culverts, exc hunting, sites for home/pond, map# 044-00-00-016, \$7250/A
Rodney Saylor
Calhoun
803-260-4153

WANT HUNTING LAND

for lease, will maintain
Nathan Smith
Newberry
803-944-3263

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WANT LAND TO BUY

or 10 yr lease, Beaufort or Jasper Cos, will be used for a small animal sanctuary
Deborah Smith
Beaufort
404-414-1282

132A SUMTER CO

timber, Pocatoligo Swamp, w/gov easement, duck & deer hunting, \$800/A
Horace Roberson
Sumter
803-972-4800

FRESH PRODUCE

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

FRESH PEARS

\$1/lb
Cherie Garrison
Edgefield
706-495-4614

MUSCADINES

you pick, numerous varieties, \$10/gal, text for info
Kathryn & Jay Wilson
Spartanburg
864-430-4547

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

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

FIGS

Organic Brown Turkey, \$10/1 1/2 gal, del in Irmo area
Glenn Garrett
Richland
803-730-1902

GARDEN

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

BLUEBERRY BUSHES

3/\$20; Blkberry plants, 3/\$25; Figs, Pomegranate, Elderberry plants, \$20
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

CELESTE FIG TREES

\$20/lrg, \$12/sm; Chicago Hearty fig trees, \$15
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

SPRING ONIONS

in pots, \$5; Elephant garlic bulbs, \$30
Francis Shiver
Kershaw
803-669-1979

FARM LABOR

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

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

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

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING
for pasture, fence lines, field
edges, Chester & nearby cos
Damon Archie
Chester
803-517-7436

MOBILE SAWMILL SERV
statewide, capable of sawing
logs from 8-20'L & 36" dia
Lowell Fralix
Barnwell
803-707-5625

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK
land clearing, ditching,
ponds, roads, track hoe
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

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

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

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

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

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

HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS
by ground & drone, aerial
seeding, licensed & insured,
Ag, forestry & aquatic
certified
Joel Cox
Spartanburg
864-706-1495

WILDLIFE MGMT
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Anderson
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With five online two-hour courses, participants will learn key principles of developing business and marketing plans, as well as understanding market trends and prospective customers. The program culminates in an opportunity for each participant to pitch their idea or business to an agribusiness panel for the chance to win substantial cash rewards.

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SC COMMISSIONER'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE HELPS STUDENTS EXPLORE AG INDUSTRY, CAREERS

BY ERIN ALBERS, SCDA

For 21 years, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and Clemson University have partnered for the week-long South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture on Clemson's campus. In this program, rising high school juniors and seniors explore careers related to agricultural, natural resources, and life sciences through hands-on experiences.

The 37 students of the 2024 Class of Commissioner's School, all rising high school seniors, were the most competitive class post-COVID. Additionally, with four out-of-state students, this class demonstrated SCCSA's nationwide draw.

Thanks to the generosity of numerous South Carolina farmers and agribusiness owners, students gained firsthand exposure to the industry and made professional connections. The first full day of programming included tours of a range of operations including Amick Farms, Log Creek Timber Co, and Titan Farms. Later in the week, students listened to and asked questions of a panel of industry experts. These tours and discussions allowed students to make professional industry

connections and demonstrated the importance of relationships in South Carolina agriculture.

Commissioner's School students declare an emphasis of plant sciences, livestock production, or forestry and natural resources, and they then spend a day exploring this specific field through hands-on activities led by integral professionals in the field. These specific emphasis day curriculums included activities such as building hydroponics, conducting reproductive dissections, and exploring forest operations. All students also attended educational sessions from Clemson staff on topics such as packaging science, athletic turfgrass, and precision agriculture and safety.

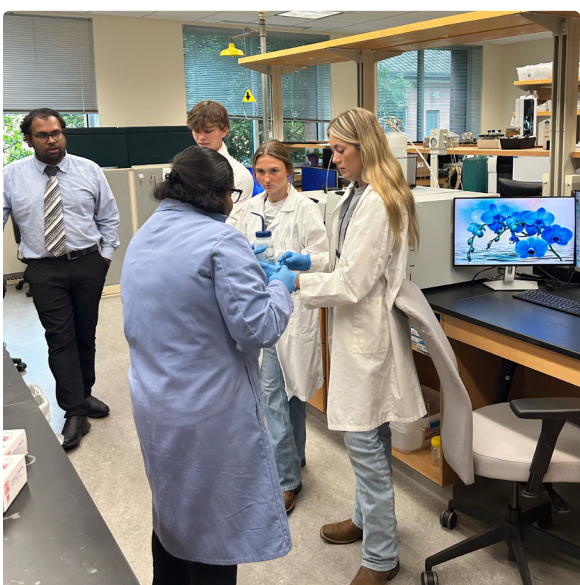
Students also participated in some activities that may appear more like a traditional summer camp including whitewater rafting, shooting sports, and a campus scavenger hunt. These activities allow students to have fun and grow friendships with these students with similar interests.

On the final night, students competed in a discussion meet where they talked over topics

significant to our agricultural system. In these discussions, students combined their own personal experiences, lessons from the week, and their own personal research.

Twenty-one years of the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture has created a community where the alumni work in integral components of South Carolina's agricultural system across the state. Counselors, most often alumni of the program return, alongside CAFLS and SCDA staff, to give back to and help foster the program that provided them with opportunities and friendships.

At the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture, students jump at the opportunity to try something new, support their peers, and engage with guest speakers. They approach new opportunities with vigor and an inquisitive nature. At Commissioner's School, an energy and an excitement fill the room that bodes well for the future of South Carolina agriculture.



PAYMENT PROGRAMS HELP PRIVATE FOREST LANDOWNERS ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES \$190M GRANT OPPORTUNITY

BY USDA

ORONO, Maine, July 25, 2024 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is making \$190 million available to help private forest landowners adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change and retain working forestlands.

This new investment, announced today at the University of Maine's Investing in America Town Hall, was made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act — part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda and the largest climate investment in history.

“Climate change threatens people, communities, infrastructure, and natural resources across the country,” said Secretary Vilsack. “Healthy, resilient forests can better withstand climate change impacts, and contribute to climate solutions by storing additional carbon. Thanks to President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, we are partnering with states and nonprofits to reduce financial barriers for landowners interested in adopting climate-smart forestry practices and making their lands more resilient to climate change. These strategic investments represent our commitment to an all-lands, all-hands approach to investing in rural communities and mitigating the climate crisis.”

Of the total, \$140 million is available to support state-endorsed cost-share programs for

landowners. Cost-share payments lower the financial barriers for landowners to adapt to climate change by making forests more resilient to changing climate conditions, and to store more carbon on the landscape. For example, a landowner may decide to work with states and non-profits to strategically thin their private forestland, removing small-diameter trees that compete for scarce resources, allowing large trees to grow larger and sequester more carbon.

Additionally, \$50 million is available to programs that issue payments directly to landowners to adopt practices that increase carbon sequestration and storage of their forests. Forest management impacts the amount of carbon stored and sequestered, and this funding opportunity incentivizes carbon stewardship. Among other things, payments to landowners also provide financial incentive to maintain their land as forests rather than convert it to other uses. Eligible applicants include state forestry agencies or their equivalents and nonprofit organizations.

Privately owned forests and private forest landowners are key to tackling the climate crisis. Private landowners manage more than 60% of forests in the United States; in Maine, they manage more than 90% of all forests. These vast swaths of privately managed forests are key to the carbon cycle and are an important climate solution,

absorbing vast quantities of carbon and storing it for decades.

The Forest Service is committed to supporting landowners as they manage their forests in a changing climate. In addition to these investments, the agency recently announced \$145 million from the Inflation Reduction Act for projects that connect private forest landowners with emerging climate markets.

This funding advances environmental justice and President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which set the goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal climate, clean energy, and other covered investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

For more information about the available funding opportunity, including eligibility and how to apply, visit the Forest Service's Forest Landowner Support webpage, fs.usda.gov/about-agency/state-private-tribal-forestry/coop-forestry/ira-forest-landowner-support

UNCOVERING THE ROOTS OF CLIMATE-RESILIENT COTTON

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Cotton is an essential crop for the United States economy, but traditional breeding practices have unintentionally left modern cotton varieties vulnerable to climate change stresses.

A new study is shedding light on how to make cotton more climate-resilient through improved water use efficiency.

Water use efficiency, or WUE, is a critical trait for crop resilience in the face of climate change. It measures the amount of biomass or economic yield produced per unit of water used, often summarized as “crop per drop.”

A research team led by Clemson University's Sruthi Narayanan has discovered that certain root traits in Upland cotton can significantly enhance WUE. They found that root weight and length, surface area and volume of very fine roots (less than 0.25 mm in diameter) are key to improving water use efficiency.

“These traits will be valuable in developing the next generation of water-use-efficient Upland cotton varieties,” said Narayanan, associate professor of crop ecophysiology.

Upland cotton is a relatively drought tolerant plant and can grow in a variety of climates. Current varieties were developed based on above-ground traits such as harvest index, boll number, boll weight, seed weight and fiber quality.

“A major limitation to yield is root exploration failing to keep up with boll growth,” Narayanan said. “This imbalance between root and shoot activity affects the ability of the plant to fill bolls.”

Enhancing the cotton root system can help increase a plant's ability to acquire water and nutrients and maintain productivity under most conditions. This study tested genotypes from the major cotton-growing regions in the United States – Western, Southwestern, Midsouth and Eastern.

Cotton varieties Deltapine 14, Station Miller and Southland M1 performed best in the study.



“Cotton genotypes that can maintain water-use-efficiency even when root growth is limited by soil hardpans can be good selections for the southeastern United States,” said Om Prakash Ghimire, doctoral student and lead author for a paper about the project.

Hardpans, compacted soil zones that neither roots nor water can penetrate, pose a significant problem affecting plant growth leading to yield losses of up to 50% and making plants more susceptible to drought stress.

Other researchers from Clemson were Walker Spivey, Michael Jones and William C. Bridges. Vasu Kuruparth from North Carolina State University

also participated in the study as did Todd Campbell and Joe Thomas, researchers with the United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service.

This research was funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service and Cotton Incorporated.

Future studies will verify these results with more genotypes under field conditions and evaluate lint yield in relation to root traits and WUE, as well as verify the results under different soil and water conditions.

The United States plays a vital role in the global cotton market as a key producer and exporter. The USDA Crop Production Summary for 2023 shows 7.06 million acres of cotton were harvested in the United States. In South Carolina, 207,000 acres of Upland cotton were harvested for a production value of \$146,750,000.

To help South Carolina cotton farmers profit, Clemson University scientists are involved in several cotton research projects, including:

- Using molecular tools and unique plant germplasm to understand and improve the genetics underlying oil content in upland cotton.
- Developing improved breeding tools, namely DNA markers, germplasm, and enhanced management practices to help boost U.S. cotton production.
- Tweaking cotton genes to develop higher-yielding, better-quality cotton.
- Determining how to breed for more sustainable cotton varieties in Earth's ever-changing environment.

CLEMSON PROFESSOR PATENTS VARIETIES TO HELP SAVE VITAL SC INDUSTRY

GIVING PEACHES A CHANCE

BY KEN SCAR, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The Clemson University Research Foundation (CURF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1981. Its offices sit just off campus in a nondescript high-rise that overlooks downtown Clemson's three-block run of shops and restaurants. It is little known, but its impact is significant.

CURF's mission is to advance the research enterprise of Clemson University by supporting faculty and students engaged in research and introducing them to respective industry partners. Basically, they help our professors and students through the legal process of acquiring patents and then marketing those patents to outside industries. To date, CURF has been involved in more than 2,000 innovations created at Clemson.

There is nowhere else at Clemson where such wide-ranging collaboration intersects. A patent can result from teamwork between countless combinations of Clemson agencies: Bioengineering, packaging sciences and physics; computer engineering, graphic communication, and athletics; industrial engineering, economics and education; or any number of others. It is, perhaps, the one place where the true promise of Clemson as a tier-one research school is displayed in full view.

This is the first in a series of stories about some of the groundbreaking innovations shepherded by CURF into patents that are changing the world.

Trees have always surrounded Ksenija Gasic. She grew up in a small village in the northern part of Serbia that had sandy soil that was not typical in the rest of the country. Before World War II, German entrepreneurs capitalized on the land's unique potential by planting orchards and vineyards in the area, which the locals took over after the war. Gasic's father had three small vineyards and planted fruit trees around the house she grew up in.

"I always knew I wanted to work with trees," she says in her thick Serbian accent as she bounces a golf cart down one of the grassy lanes between long lines of peach trees in Clemson's 200-acre

Musser Fruit Research Center. "I had forestry in mind when I was looking at colleges, but the main college was in the country's capital, and I just didn't want to go to the big city. The college in my province was half the size and had a fruit growing and viticulture program, so that became my major."

As a doctoral student, she received a fellowship to go to England for a year to research the germplasm of peaches, which changed her trajectory.

"It was such great material, and I got great results, so I switched my thesis and got a position as an associate professor. That was the beginning of my love affair with peaches."



Ksenija Gasic tends to her peach orchard at the Musser Fruit Research Center, June 20, 2024.

Now, Gasic is the professor of horticulture, peach genetics and breeding for the plant and environmental sciences department in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Science at Clemson University and one of the foremost experts in the world on peach growing and breeding. She and her team, an interdisciplinary group of students, extension agents and researchers naturally called The Peach Team, have spent more than fifteen years developing dozens of variations of peach trees that are resistant to bacterial spot, which, together with the brown rot bacteria is the main enemy of peach growers worldwide.

CURF helped Gasic file patent applications on all three of those variations, EveRes Ruby and CaroRes

Wonder, last year, with a third variation, CaroRes Delight, currently in process.

Chase Kasper, senior deputy director of CURF, said strengthening South Carolina's peach industry is vital to the state's economy, as bacterial spot and brown rot have taken out a significant percentage of South Carolina's peach crops in years past.

"Despite the fact that Georgia has the name of 'Peach State,' South Carolina exports more peaches than any other state on the east coast," says Kasper. "It's also worth noting that the South Carolina state legislature made the peach the official state fruit in 1984."

Kasper said Gasic's patented variations could help solve the problems plaguing the South Carolina peach industry for decades and keep food on the table for thousands whose livelihood depends on a healthy peach crop every year.

"This is a prime example of a research institution making a significant impact in the real world," he said.

Back in the orchard, Gasic continues her golf cart ride through the trees, stopping frequently to check a tag on a tree or pick and taste a peach. She carries a small kitchen knife to slice wedges off the fruit for tasting. The differences from tree to tree can be

surprising: A peach off one tree might be firm as an apple and taste a little acidic, while a peach off a tree right next to it will be soft and sweet as candy.

Between tastes, she explains how the market for peaches doesn't simply demand that they be juicy and delicious.

"They have to look good, too," she says. "Consumers want peaches that are round and juicy, not brown and misshapen. It takes years, decades to get them to grow just right. There's a science to all of it."

She laughs when asked if she ever gets sick of eating peaches.

"No. I go home and eat more of them!"

USDA FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES \$25M FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK, SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

WASHINGTON, August 6, 2024 — Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is announcing a funding opportunity through the hazardous fuels transportation assistance program to reduce wildfire risk, expand and create market opportunities, and support local jobs. This program is available to local businesses and partners that remove hazardous fuels from national forests and transport the material to be processed for wood products or services.

"The timber and wood products industries help support healthy and sustainable forests," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Thanks to historic funding from the Biden-Harris Administration, this funding opportunity empowers local communities to create and

support jobs while helping the USDA Forest Service implement sustainable forest management practices that reduce wildfire risk and support the Wildfire Crisis Strategy."

Removing hazardous fuels from forests can reduce the risk of wildfires, protects watersheds, and improves forest health and resilience. Hazardous fuels are typically woody material with little commercial value. Although these materials can become useful products or services, the transportation costs are often prohibitive. Without transportation assistance, these materials are often burned in place or not removed from the national forests, increasing the risk of insects, disease, and wildfires that threaten ecosystems, communities and critical infrastructure.

Made possible by the Biden-Harris Administration's Inflation Reduction Act, the grants support wood utilization facilities across the country and the rural economies that depend on them. In 2023, these grants helped remove almost 59,000 tons of hazardous fuels from nine national forests to facilities that produced peeled poles, firewood and animal bedding.

Applications for this grant opportunity will be accepted for 30 days. Public information sessions will be available later and will support organizations in completing the application and answering questions. Project selections will be announced later this year. For more information, visit the Forest Service website at fs.usda.gov/managing-land/forest-management.