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RETIRED CLEMSON DEAN DR. GEORGE ASKEW, FARMER JEFF WILSON HONORED FOR AGRICULTURE ADVOCACY

BY SCDA AND ADVOCATES FOR AG

South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture named two Advocates of the Year for 2024 in honor of their service to the state's agriculture industry.

The 16th Advocates of the Year Recognition Reception was held Sept. 11 in Columbia, after being rescheduled from August due to Tropical Storm Debby.

South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers recognized Dr. George Askew, retired Clemson vice president of Public Service and Agriculture; and Jeff Wilson, owner of Cotton Hills Farm in Lowrys, South Carolina.

During his distinguished career, Dr. George Askew worked as a professor of forestry and the first director of the newly formed Belle W. Baruch Institute for Coastal Ecology and Forest Science. In 2002, he became director of the Clemson University Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence, where he led the plan to reposition the REC to provide expanded research in advanced plant technologies, enabling improved row crop output and new crop development. He continued serving the university and the state in multiple roles, eventually becoming Clemson's Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture while also serving as the Experiment Station Director. In 2015, he became the Dean for the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, where he served until his retirement earlier this

year. Throughout his career, he showed a deep commitment to South Carolina's people and land, and the science and practice of agriculture.

Jeff Wilson co-owns Cotton Hills Farm, LLC in Lowrys, a family farm operating continuously since 1882. Today, Cotton Hills is a cotton farm and diversified produce operation that encompasses wholesale and retail business, agritourism, multiple farm stands. Wilson is a US Air Force

veteran who currently serves as a member of South Carolina Farm Bureau, the Chester County Chamber of Commerce, and as Vice Chair of Chester Soil & Water Conservation District. He is past president of the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts, was inducted into the National Association of Conservation Districts Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame, was a Farm Service Agency Committee member and a Young Farmers member for 20 years, and was a member of the North Chester Fire Department. He and his wife Carol have three children and eight grandchildren.

Founded in 2005, the nonprofit South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture helps promote the state's agricultural products and overall agriculture industry.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

South Carolina has seen a lot of hurricanes, and over the years we've gotten better at preparing for and cleaning up after those storms. Helene, which hit the state on September 24-25, threw a lot of that understanding and experience out the window.

Rather than trashing the coast, Helene's winds and rain were focused inland. Areas like Greenville, North Augusta, and McCormick County aren't used to getting the worst of a hurricane, but they sure did this time. I visited Yon Family Farms in Ridge Spring about 10 days after the storm, and the damage just kept getting worse the further west I drove from there. Farmers are dealing with downed trees, wrecked fences (and some resulting loose livestock), smashed farm buildings, twisted cotton, and 50-year-old pecan trees knocked down. For several days after the storm, poultry facilities were running on backup generators and things were getting pretty dicey. Some farmers did lose birds during that time.

Photos, images, and stories I've heard out of North Carolina are awful, and I'm glad the world is seeing the needs there and addressing them. But there's a lot to do here in South Carolina, too. Some areas could be without power for several more weeks, particularly around Edgefield County.

We're encouraging farmers to fill out an online form created by Clemson Extension/ Public Service Activities to help the state assess the impact of Hurricane/ Tropical Storm Helene on South Carolina agricultural production. The link to the impact assessment form is: arcg.is/0bnjnX2. An internet connection is needed for online data entry. Note that this is a preliminary assessment and not an application for disaster aid.

I recommend you contact your local Farm Service Agency office for questions related to potential disaster assistance. Remember that there may also be FEMA resources available if you and your family were affected by the storm — as we've been saying lately, farmers are people too. As we rebuild, it's important to keep documentation like photos and receipts so you can show expenses and damage related to the storm.

We also have a disaster recovery page on our website, agriculture.sc.gov. We've also launched a new email address you can use to ask questions and find help related to this and other disasters: disaster@scda.sc.gov.

I pray that you and your families and communities are safe and sound after the storm. We'll be here with you as we get back on our feet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23rd Annual Antique Farm Festival

October 19 • 8 am

Come out to St. Matthews, SC for a fun filled day of Antique Tractor Pulling! We will start out with the Parade of Power. Antique tractor pull starts around 11:30 am, kids' pedal pull and other kids' activities start at 2:00 pm, and food vendors will be around all day long. \$10.00 per person admission and children 12 and under get in for FREE.

150 Old Belleville Road, Saint Matthews

Contact: Sunny Plain Antique Power Association, Charles Horger

803-707-1493

Fall Festival

October 26 • 3 – 7 pm

Hayride, Bounce House, Face Painting, Trick or Treat Trail, Food Trucks, Live Music, Bonfire & S'Mores station!

Barefoot Acres

181 Barefoot Acres Way, Fountain Inn

urcfarmsc@gmail.com • 864-484-3879

[facebook.com/URCFarm](https://www.facebook.com/URCFarm)

Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival

November 1 • 8:30 am – 9 pm

An old fashion event featuring an antique tractor pull and demonstrations of how our forefathers used different equipment to farm. Demonstrations to include: threshing machine, sawmill and big engine, shingle mill, hay baler, cane syrup cooking, blacksmith shop, operating steam engine. Kids events to include; pedal tractor race, pedal tractor pull, corn grinding and petting zoo, and bouncy house and slide. Crafts, food vendors w/bbq, kettle corn, homemade ice cream.

2890 Richland Creek Road, Ward

Contact: Alex Berry/Richland Creek Antique Power Association

alex@goldenhillsgolf.com • 803-834-9076

[richlandcreekantiques.com](https://www.richlandcreekantiques.com)

2nd Annual Living-History Day

November 9 • 10 am – 3 pm

Come experience life in this area from 100 years ago. Demonstrations will include: plowing, woodworking, blacksmithing, weaving, sewing, quilting, churning butter, soap making, flint knapping, axe throwing and lots more! We hope to have lots of Model Ts to show as well! Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

Foothills Farmstead

435 Farmstead Way, Westminster

Contact: Nicholas Gambrell

info@oldoakway.com • 864-710-1568

[foothillsfarmstead.org](https://www.foothillsfarmstead.org)

Sunday at Sans Souci – A Conservation Celebration

November 10 • 11 am – 3:30 pm

Experience the natural and scenic beauty of a conserved CLT property at Sans Souci Farm. This family fun event celebrates the conservation of our natural spaces through an array of outdoor activities, live music, food and more! Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale online.

Sans Souci Farm

1935 Sans Souci Road, Sumter

Contact: Carla Moore/Congaree Land Trust

carla@congarereelt.org • 803-988-0000

[congarereelt.org/#events](https://www.congarereelt.org/#events)

SALES & AUCTIONS

Yon Family Farms - Fall Cattle Sale Weekend

October 25 & 26 • 1 pm Friday, 11 am Saturday

Registered Angus, SimAngus & Ultrablack Cattle.

Friday—Female Sale with over 150 head including cow/calf pairs, bred cows, bred heifers, and open heifers. Saturday—Bull Sale of 200 coming 2 year-old bulls and 100 head of yearling bulls, all fertility tested and ready for service.

Yon Family Farms

Lydia Yon 318 Aiken Road, Ridge Spring

Contact: Lydia Yon

lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com • 803-622-8597

[yonfamilyfarms.com](https://www.yonfamilyfarms.com)

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803-737-4671

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803-253-4052

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NEXT AD DEADLINE

OCTOBER 22 • 12:00 PM

SCDA State Farmers Markets

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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each location

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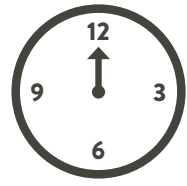
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AQUACULTURE

STERILE GRASS CARP
\$12; Chan Cats, 65¢; 3-5"
BG, \$1.40; 1-3" BG, 65¢;
Threadfin Shad, \$1800/load
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

TROUT
\$3; Tiger Bass, \$3; Bluegill,
50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Carp, \$12;
Bass, \$2; Minnows, \$20/lb
Derek Long
Newberry
803-944-3058

CATTLE

REG BLK ANG BULLS

& hefrs, vac, 12-16 m/o, \$1500+
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

RED DEXTER HEFR CALF

B-1/7, obligate A2A2 & HP,
Freedom & Boatwright, exc
b'lines, reg in process, \$2400
David Oser
Dorchester
843-557-5200

REG BLK ANG COW

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

POLLED HERFRDS

Hometowne sired, hefr, \$800;
bull, \$1500; both 14 m/o
John Gossett
Spartanburg
803-222-7786

WEANED BEEF CALVES

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

2 REG ANG BULLS

9 m/o, exc b'line, docile,
\$1700-2000
Kinard Holliday
Anderson
864-483-7017

3 DEXTER COWS

2 reg, 1 polled, \$100 ea
Mark Cameron
Florence
843-409-1665

REG BLK ANG BULLS

8-14 m/o, good EPDs &
b'lines, \$2500
Britton Mccarter
York
704-913-6083

SMALL JERSEY COW

bred, gentle, \$1400; PB
Hrfrd bull, 2 y/o, \$3000
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

REG DEXTER BULL CALF

B-3/19, A2/A2 & homo-
polled, exc b'lines, \$2250
James Boatwright
Spartanburg
864-430-9973

2 Y/O REG BLK ANG BULL

docile, easy calf, \$2000
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

BFMSTR REG BULLS

& PB bulls, yrflgs, \$1800+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

18 M/O REG ANG BULL

Fescue resistant, forage
developed, AI sire & solid
dam in herd, Genomic
EPDs, \$3500
Eddie Martin
Anderson
864-305-7992

REG POLLED HRFRD BULL

4/2/23, sire 4013, dam R117/
P606, DNA & GE-EPDs,
call/text, \$4000
Robert Roper
Laurens
864-923-2952

IRISH DEXTER BULL

ADCA reg# 050820, blk,
polled, non-chondro/PHA
papered & shots, \$2800
Jonathan Miller
Richland
803-212-8881

REG BLK ANG BULLS

exc EPDs, 20-28 m/o,
gentle, Viagra, Traction &
Hoover Dam b'lines, \$2800+
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

'49 G ALLIS CHALMERS TRACTOR

w/4 pcs of equip, hand lift,
good tires, \$3250
David Green
Spartanburg
864-804-8090

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

LANDPRIDE 6' FINISH MWR

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

3PH DIRT PAN

\$250; 12' Ponderosa GN trl,
\$1500
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

'19 NH POWER STAR 100

150 hrs, \$56,900
Jeffery Lacey
Aiken
706-840-2666

JD 640 FRT END LDR

easy to connect, \$8000
Victor Smith
Berkeley
843-870-8522

15' NO TILL DRILL

Great Plains, w/coulter cart,
EC, \$14,000; JD 454A row
crop head, EC, \$4000
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

4x6 UTL TRL

Carry On w/steel mesh &
ramp gate, GC, \$600
Carol Elliott
Richland
803-261-1666

NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE

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

'23 JD BAT WING

12' rotary cutter, \$13,500
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

ALL METAL HD 5x12 TRL

8000 lb cap, brakes, 2 axle,
new 8 ply tires, photos avail,
\$4500
Denious Dimery
Lexington
803-796-2995

2 BUSH HOGS

6' BHB \$800; 10 1/2' BHB
mod 3210, \$8250; Ford 3000
tractor, dsl, new tires/rims
\$6500
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

'01 AGRI-VAC

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

'39 JD MOD H TRACTOR

restored, EC, \$4000;
JD 963 wagon running gear,
\$500; Dearborn 2r btm
plow, 3pt, \$300
Jimmy Whittle
Lexington
803-422-9775

QUICK HITCH

Cat 2, \$300; rear-tine tiller,
\$325; 5' bush hog, GC, \$800;
frt end ldr, \$4000
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

3PH STUMP GRINDER

new Baumalight, \$6600
Rowland Alston
Sumter
803-491-7180

JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

JD 454 ROW CROP HDR

\$1000; Whitfield tree plntr
w/cab, \$5000
Buddy Hiers Sr
Hampton
803-943-6609

TRAILS WEST 3H TRL

SL, walk in tack comprt, BP,
stabilizer bars w/hitch, \$8000
Peggy Padgett
Spartanburg
864-415-9731

FORD 530 SQ BALER

\$550; Hesston haybine
PT-7 for parts/repair, \$300;
pinestraw rake, \$475
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

JD 4100 TRACTOR

\$7000; mobile feed bin,
2 ton, \$3800
Mike Sheppard
Newberry
803-924-9977

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

Allison trans, Duramax
innovative dsl 6.6, 95,664
actual mis, \$28,500
John Lyons
Chester
803-899-4308

20x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading
ramp, new tires, EC, \$8950
Jerry Comeaux
Spartanburg
864-992-3869

JD 4020

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

2R TRNSPLNTR

3ph w/2 water barrels, LN,
\$8500
Charles Clunan
Anderson
864-245-3803

JD 8000 GRAIN DRILL

w/cyl, \$3000; MF4 btm
plow, no 82 tp, \$750; MF 25
hay rake, \$750; all obo
H Watson
Lexington
803-413-2571

JD 5420 W/521 LDR

81 hp, runs good, needs
clutch, \$10,000
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

FARM LABOR

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

EXCAVATOR MOWING

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

SKID STEER WORK

storm clean-up, shop pads,
ponds, driveways, clearing,
irrig & water lines, serving
all of SC
Joe Leonard
Spartanburg
843-701-6804

LAWN CUTTING

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

HERBICIDE/APPLICATIONS

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

STORM CLEANUP

& farm fence, new install/
repairs, trenching, water
station installs, forestry
mulching & land clearing
Ken Wells
Laurens
864-449-8556

HAY HAULING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

MOBILE SAWMILL SERV

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

LIME SPREADING

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

WILDLIFE MGMT

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

for roads, fence lines, field
edges, Chester & nearby cos
Damon Archie
Chester
803-517-7436

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 TO LEASE PASTURE

for reg Ang cows, no bull; or
cut & bale hay from
Britton Mccarter
York
704-913-6083

FRESH PRODUCE

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

SUGAR CANE

just cut, \$2/stalk
Jane Clardy
Kershaw
803-432-6714

SUGARCANE

Blue Ribbon, \$75/100 stalks
or 10 stalks for \$15
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

PECANS

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

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

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

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; grapevines, \$10
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

CELESTE FIG TREES

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

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

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HOGS / PIGS

FB BERKSHIRE

& Berkshire/Yorkshire cross piglets, \$150 ea
J Painter
Spartanburg
864-641-9855

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

ST CROIX RAM LAMBS

low FEC, well-muscled, no disease, MGS for low FEC, \$425-450
Eddie Martin
Anderson
864-305-7992

2 ND GOAT NANNIES

\$275 for pair
William Yarborough
Colleton
843-708-3665

PURE ND GOATS

all blue eyed & naturally polled, billy, \$150; 3 yrlg nannies, \$175 ea or \$600 for group
David Oser
Dorchester
843-557-5200

KATAHDIN EWE

B-1/23, proven mother, \$250; Katahdin ram, B-4/22, proven breeder, \$300
Rebekah Olson
York
803-351-4994

KIKO BUCKS & DOES

8-26 m/o, \$100+
Henry Stegall
York
803-242-2859

M ND GOAT

on grain & hay, B-9/4, wormed, \$125
Darla Steele
Edgefield
803-645-7211

NUBIAN GOATS

\$150-200/M, \$200/F
Aaron Shirey
Lexington
803-413-2974

3 KATAHDIN RAMS

B-6/23, gentle, proven breeder, \$250; B-2/24 & B-6/24, \$200 ea, all hand raised
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
803-983-5041

3 REG ND GOATS

6 m/o, 2 does, \$250 ea; 1 buck, \$200
Deborah Reed
Orangeburg
843-312-5018

HAY & GRAIN

'24 4x4 MIXED GRASS

barn kept, \$45/roll
Glenn Jones
York
803-367-8420

4x5 CB

lime, fert, no weeds, net wrap, stored outside, \$65/bale
Alfred Bush
Aiken
803-522-3763

'24 4x5 RND HQ CB

barn kept, \$80; field kept, \$65; CQ \$55; net wrap, will del for fee
Tyler Sanderlin
Barnwell
803-709-2626

SQ CB

barn fresh, \$9
Jennifer Fitch
Fairfield
803-718-0422

'24 HQ SQ CB

in barn, \$7 ea; 15 rnd CQ CB, under tarp, \$50 ea
Anthony Carroll
Anderson
864-314-2111

HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL

net wrap, no litter used, \$70 in field, \$80 at barn; sq, \$8 in field, \$8.50 in barn
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

WHEAT

\$10/bu bag
Clayton Culler
Orangeburg
803-622-9790

RND BALES

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

'24 HQ RND CB

800-900 lbs, net wrap, can del for fee, \$70
Charles Howle
Darlington
843-250-1636

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'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS

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Union
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'24 4x5 RND CB

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Roger Snyder
Spartanburg
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'24 4x5 RND CB

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CB

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Lexington
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Aiken
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803-924-9039

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA GRAIN AND COTTON PRODUCERS GUARANTY FUND: WHAT TO KNOW

BY SCDA

Under South Carolina state law, the South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund offers state-level protections against loss for cotton and grain producers.

The South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund is not subsidized by tax dollars. Instead, producers pay an assessment fee of 1 cent per bushel for soybeans, ½ cent per bushel for other grains produced and sold, and 50 cents per bale of cotton at place of ginning. These fees are collected by licensed grain dealers, cotton ginners and remitted to the Department to be placed into the South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund. Assessments are not collected once the fund total reaches \$25 million. If the fund drops below \$25 million, however, the assessments will be collected once again.

The South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund operates as an additional insurance policy for grain and cotton producers whose claims exceed the licensed dealer's surety bond. Valid claims against this fund must also be for losses incurred when selling grain or cotton to a dealer licensed under the Dealers and Handlers Law. Claims are limited to two years from date of loss as determined by the department.

Remember, to be protected under the Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products Law and the South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund, grain and cotton producers must do business with a dealer properly licensed under the Dealers and Handlers Law.

- Authorized dealers are issued a license that should be conspicuously displayed in their place of business.
- Also, any person who is an agent for a licensed Dealer and Handler must possess a buyer's card

issued by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture showing the name of the licensed Dealer and Handler.

- Any producer may elect not to participate in the fund for any calendar year by applying for an exemption with the department.
- The election consists of a written, notarized application upon a form designed and provided by the Department of Agriculture. The application must be filed with the Department before April 1 of the year for which the exemption is desired.



- Upon filing of the application, the Department must issue the applicant an exemption certificate specifying the producer, commodity exempted, and period of exemption. Such certificate, when presented to the grain dealer or cotton ginner, entitles the specified producer to an exemption from the dealer's and handler's assessment on the specified commodity.

- Any producer who elects not to participate in the fund is not eligible to be reimbursed for any loss for the commodity exempted for that calendar year.
- It is the producer's responsibility to furnish grain dealer and or cotton ginner with exemption certificate.
- The department cannot furnish grain dealer and or cotton ginner with a copy of an exemption certificate.

To verify that a business is licensed or for more information, call the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Consumer Services department at 803-737-9700 or go online to agriculture.sc.gov/consumer-services and click on "Licensed and Bonded Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products."



BEWARE OF AD SALES SCAMS

Often suspicious buyers are located in another state or country and refuse to meet in person, and may offer to pay with an easily falsifiable payment method like a money order.

Here are some ways to protect yourself:

- Buy and sell in person
- Verify the payment
- Don't give out personal information
- Trust your gut



2024 LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" and the Marketing Order for South Carolina Cotton No. 12 issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina on July 1, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina is seeking nominees for the South Carolina Cotton Board to succeed one member with a term that expires December 31, 2024. Nominees are needed to succeed a member in District I (see counties below).

The individual appointed to the board will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing cotton within the state of South Carolina for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, during that one-year period, candidates will have derived a substantial portion of his/her income from cotton production and shall continue to do so from the production of cotton during their term of office.

As a board member for the South Carolina Cotton Board, your primary focus is to cooperate with agencies and organizations engaging in the support of cotton production, research, and promotion of South Carolina grown cotton. Board members are authorized to plan and establish market development programs which will result in the expansion of existing markets. And lastly, the SC Cotton Board is to plan, prepare, administer, and conduct programs, and expend monies for advertising and sales promotion to promote the sale of cotton in domestic and foreign markets and for the purpose of maintaining existing markets or creating new and/or larger markets for cotton grown in the State of South Carolina. The South Carolina Cotton Board holds approximately 2 to 4 meetings per year to conduct business. Reimbursement for mileage is paid for travel to and from meetings. In addition, a \$50 per diem is paid per meeting attended.

District 1 includes the Counties of Clarendon, Darlington, Georgetown, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

If you are interested in being considered to serve on the South Carolina Cotton Board, you will need to request a petition that must be signed by five cotton farmers who reside in the District 1 counties listed above. This petition can be requested by contacting Ellen Lloyd, Assistant to the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, at (803) 734-9807 or by email at elloyd@scda.sc.gov.

All petitions must be received by Thursday, October 31, 2024. Petitions received after Thursday, October 31, 2024, will not be considered, regardless of date of postmark. Due to recent delays with the U.S. Postal service, candidates are strongly encouraged to return their petitions via email to AgCommission@scda.sc.gov.

Frances Price, Chair
The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
PO Box 11280
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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CLEMSON REGULATORS HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR “PRIDE OF THE RIDGE” TO ENTER MEXICAN MARKET

BY JONATHAN VEIT

Two-thousand miles and seventeen years. That’s the distance and time it took for South Carolina peaches to enter the Mexican import market in a meaningful way and land on the tabletops of Mexican citizens.

After years of fits and starts, jumping through hoops and over hurdles, Titan Farms, Ridge Spring, S.C., exported 64 truckloads amounting to 2.5 million pounds of South Carolina’s iconic fruit to our southern neighbor in 2024.

It’s a victory borne of intense collaboration between Titan, which is the largest peach grower on the East Coast, and the Clemson University Department of Plant Industry (DPI), which protects and serves South Carolina’s agricultural and natural resources industries.

And it’s a long way from 2007 when talks first began and 2011 when Titan exported just two truckloads and about 80,000 pounds to the country.

OPPORTUNITY MEETS PREPARATION

The journey to this milestone was neither quick nor straightforward. It began in 2007, when Clemson DPI joined forces with industry stakeholders to tackle the regulatory hurdles that had barred eastern peaches from entering Mexico. The initial phase focused on data collection and understanding pest populations in the Ridge Spring orchards.

“Clemson DPI was partnered at that point, and it was all about field trapping to get an understanding of what the pest populations in the orchards were so then the pitch — so to speak — to the Mexican Government could take place. Over the course of about four years, there was data collected, a lot of fruit cutting done in the orchards looking for actual pests, inside the fruit,” said Ross Williams, Titan Farms Chief Operating Officer.

By 2013, it became clear that traditional methods were insufficient.

“For whatever reason, there was a pest found here and there, and Mexico closed the border again,” Williams said.

The initial systems approach, which involved trapping and fruit cutting both in the field and at packing facilities, was eventually replaced with a post-harvest treatment using methyl bromide fumigation.

This method aimed to eliminate any potential pests post-harvest. However, the process proved problematic. Requiring the fruit to be warmed and then re-cooled affected quality and shelf life. Despite these challenges, the team persisted, even when the 2013 and 2014 export attempts did not meet expectations.

“The warming of the fruit and the re-cooling of the fruit caused all types of quality issues, and really hurt the shelf life. That year, 2013, there was six or seven loads exported down to Mexico. They didn’t perform well, so in 2014, we kind of rethought the process, and we packed the fruit at field temperature. The quality of the fruit was a little better, but it was just such an overbearing program for Clemson DPI, USDA and Titan staff,” Williams said.

In 2015, Titan Farms took a new approach by using irradiation, leveraging a facility in Gulfport, Mississippi. This method involved placing each peach in a pest-proof bag and irradiating it before export. Although this technique showed promise, it was labor-intensive and presented logistical issues at the Mexican border.

The breakthrough came in 2016 when a new irradiation facility in McAllen, Texas, was established. This facility, equipped with an electron beam or radiation technology, offered a more streamlined solution. The fruit was irradiated in Mexico, reducing the complexity of pre-export

“When it was just data collection Clemson DPI were the ones helping run traps, helping do fruit cuts, helping consolidate all the data in conjunction with entomologists at UGA. But then fast forward to today — we can’t do what we do without them. The flexibility that Ted [Zee, Clemson DPI Nursery Operations Coordinator] and the rest of the team have brought has been incredibly helpful and the willingness to work with operations staff,” Williams said.

REGULATION THROUGH COLLABORATION

Most Americans equate the word “regulation” with faceless nameless badge-wearing government bureaucrats throwing sand in the smooth-running gears of business by telling industries what they can’t do rather than what they can do.

But Clemson DPI, which is a unit of the Clemson University Regulatory Services Division, takes a partnership approach to its regulatory role whenever possible.



The Division protects the state from exotic and invasive species, ensures that pesticides are used safely, regulates the structural pest control industry, verifies that fertilizer and lime meet standards and labeled guarantees, conducts programs for seed and organic certification, provides diagnosis of plant pests, and ensures readiness to respond to a catastrophic event impacting the state’s agriculture.

It’s a big and important job, that touches the lives of all South Carolinians whether or not they notice, and it sometimes requires difficult decisions

treatment. Despite the advancements, logistical challenges, such as mishandling at the border, still plagued the process.

The turning point arrived in 2023, driven by a shift in the stone fruit market. With the largest peach grower in California going bankrupt, opportunities emerged for Titan. Renewed negotiations with Clemson DPI, USDA, and Mexican officials culminated in the adoption of a new treatment protocol at the McAllen facility. This state-of-the-art facility, previously focused on treating mangoes, provided a less cumbersome process for ensuring pest-free peaches.

“So, we said, ‘Hey, there might be an opportunity down in Mexico again.’ So, we fired up the conversations again with Clemson DPI, USDA, and the Mexican officials and worked hard to get a new protocol in place,” Williams said.

The downfall of the California grower coupled with the new treatment protocol and a bumper crop of South Carolina peaches all came together to result in 64 truckloads amounting to 2.5 million pounds of South Carolina’s hitting Mexican store shelves.

to protect the state’s agricultural and natural resources industries from threats to its viability, but helping smooth the way for Titan to export “The Pride of the Ridge” to Mexico is the essence of regulation, says Steve Cole, Executive Director of PSA Regulatory Services.

“Regulation is most successful when it’s collaborative in nature. It’s very gratifying to be able to help an innovative and ambitious producer like Titan Farms enter a new market, so that people in other countries get to experience the best peaches in the world,” Cole said.

Today Clemson DPI in collaboration with USDA APHIS supports Titan’s peach exports to Mexico through continued orchard survey efforts and data collection and by the careful inspection of the fruit before it leaves for the McAllen radiation facility.

Clemson DPI and USDA officials also spend hours at a workstation inside the Titan packinghouse, first visually inspecting the pre-export peaches for blemishes that could signal trouble, then slowly slicing a subset of the peaches into slivers.

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“PRIDE OF THE RIDGE” , CONTINUED

The inspection process helps ensure that the inside of the fruit is free from the larvae of Oriental Fruit Moths and Plum Curculio, both common orchard pests.

If exported fruit was ever found to be infested with these pests, it could risk exports from all South Carolina agricultural producers and the U.S. export market.

“While Clemson DPI is focused on keeping devastating pests out of South Carolina, and, once they are with us, minimizing their damaging impact, we must also ensure that pests don’t tag along for their trip to international markets,” said Steven Long, Assistant Director of Clemson DPI.

Williams says the export of Titan peaches to Mexico isn’t just about its own growth.

“It’s also good for the U.S as a whole, you know, helping to contribute to our net export goals and offset the trade imbalance with Mexico,” Williams said.

The peaches that reach Mexican grocery stores are marketed as South Carolina peaches and market research has determined that the Mexican public is brand loyal.

“Here in the U.S., we expect high quality all the time, even the generic store brands. But in Mexico, there’s still very much a willingness to pay additional money for higher quality. So, if you can get your brand recognized as a high-quality brand, there’s a greater demand. We’ve found that South Carolina peaches are selling and in high demand. In Mexico City, our fruit is outselling California peaches by 12 to 14 a box,” Williams said.



USDA OFFERS DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, USDA staff is available to assist when you are ready. USDA is working diligently to implement program flexibilities and waivers, to help streamline your recovery process. We are regularly reviewing our programs so please check in periodically with your local USDA office for updates.

DOCUMENTING LOSS

We encourage you to document damages and losses your operation has sustained as best you can, including gathering farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses. Livestock producers are advised to document livestock numbers by taking time and date-stamped video or pictures of injury or loss, to the extent possible. Please know that we recognize these are extremely extenuating and stressful circumstances and there may be instances where documentation is lost, destroyed or unattainable. Regardless, please contact us and we will do whatever we can to help you access the assistance you need.

REPORTING LOSS

Once you are able to safely evaluate the impact on your operation, be sure to contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or your crop insurance agent to report all crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses. For producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance, the USDA Risk Management Agency has authorized Approved Insurance Providers to provide flexibility on reporting requirements for those who are unable to report losses due the disaster.

AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses.

Additionally, FSA offers several loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the agency because of reasons beyond their control.

Meanwhile, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides financial resources through its Environmental Quality Incentives

Program to help with immediate needs and long-term support to help recover from natural disasters and conserve water resources. Assistance may also be available for emergency animal mortality disposal from natural disasters and other causes.

ONLINE RESOURCES AND TOOLS

To learn more about programs available to producers here are some resources on farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Assistance Tool can help you determine program or loan options. Additionally, FarmRaise offers an FSA educational hub with livestock disaster assistance decision tools as well as farm loan resource videos.

DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAMS: FLEXIBILITIES AND WAIVERS

USDA has issued program delivery flexibilities and waivers. We know this is a lot of information, but we want you to know what’s available as quickly as possible. As the recovery process progresses, there may be more flexibilities and waivers needed. Updated information will be timely shared as details unfold.

The information below describes some of the current program flexibilities and waivers, as of Oct. 3, 2024, available for producers impacted by Hurricane Helene. To learn about benefits available through our recovery programs including those listed below, please view the Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP) AND EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM (EFRP)

- Extended ECP and EFRP signup that begins Oct. 15, 2024, and runs through June 1, 2025, in states affected by Hurricane Helene.
- Waiver of onsite inspection requirement for non-engineering practices for ECP and EFRP.
- Executed Emergency Response (ER-850) authorization of emergency National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) circumstances to expedite FSA approval of practices involving surface debris removal, fence restoration, and non-ground disturbing activities.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

- Guidance to FSA County Committees and local staff to exercise maximum flexibility in determining acceptable loss documentation and to ensure LIP applications are acted on timely.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEYBEES, AND FARM-RAISED FISH (ELAP)

- Assistance to help cover above normal costs to transport livestock to feed and/or transport feed/forage to livestock in hurricane-impacted states.
- Assistance to help cover above normal costs to haul water to livestock in hurricane-impacted states.

TREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

- Extension of TAP assistance to trees/bushes/vines that have not died but are no longer capable of production (not economically viable).

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

- Waiver of 72-hour notification requirement on hand harvested crops.
- Extended deadline to file a Notice of Loss with FSA.
- Flexibility for FSA staff to perform loss adjustment activities and/or waive field inspections in cases where the cause of loss can be verified through other means.

MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS (MAL)

- Additional time for producers to deliver commodities to a buyer to repay MALs with sale proceeds.
- Postponement of MAL foreclosure letters applicable to losses or damages due to hurricanes for up to 90 calendar days.

CONTACT USDA

When you’re ready, we’re ready. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local USDA Service Center.

USDA has resources available through the FSA call center at 877-508-8364, the USDA hotline at 833-ONE-USDA (663-8732), or producers can access program information online at farmers.gov.

84 LUMBER GROWS SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTPRINT WITH NEW OPERATION IN CLARENDON COUNTY

\$13.4 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 78 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – 84 Lumber, included on Forbes list of America's largest private companies, announced it had selected Clarendon County to establish the company's second component plant in South Carolina. The \$13.4 million investment will create 78 new jobs.

84 Lumber's new operation, located at 2678 Ram Bay Road in Manning, will be used as a floor and roof truss manufacturing facility.

Founded in 1956, 84 Lumber is a provider of building materials, manufactured components, and industry-leading services for single and multifamily residences and commercial buildings.

The company operates 320 facilities nationwide and offers installation services for framing, insulation, siding, windows, roofings, decking, and drywall.

The new operation will be the company's second truss plant in South Carolina, focusing on coastal Carolina markets in Savannah, Charleston, Myrtle Beach, and the surrounding areas.

The company's first component plant in the state was announced in December 2023 and is located in Lugoff.

Individuals interested in joining the 84 Lumber team should visit the company's career pages.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits related to the project. The council also awarded a \$200,000 Rural Infrastructure Fund grant to Clarendon County to assist with the costs of building improvements.

"We're thrilled to be opening our new component plant in Manning, South Carolina. This facility is an investment in both the future of the company and the local community. We're bringing a dedicated workforce and cutting-edge technology. We're excited for the bright future as we continue to grow."—84 Lumber Vice President of Installed Sales and Manufacturing Ken Kucera

"84 Lumber's decision to invest \$13.4 million in South Carolina is another victory for our state's thriving business community. We are proud to welcome the company to Clarendon County and look forward to the positive impact it will have in the years ahead."—Gov. Henry McMaster

"Congratulations to 84 Lumber and Clarendon County on this announcement that will bring 78 new jobs to South Carolina. This investment will contribute greatly to the local economy, and we are excited about the company's expansion in our state."—Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

"84 Lumber's sizable reinvestment in South Carolina represents a strong vote of confidence in the state's healthy and abundant forest resource. Our record level of timber supports exactly this kind of forest-based economic development, which is a testament to the private landowners whose sustainably managed forestlands power one of the state's leading industries."—State Forester Scott Phillips

"There's no better way to mark the end of summer than by welcoming a new business to Clarendon County. The arrival of 84 Lumber not only bolsters our manufacturing sector but also reinforces our forestry industry."—Clarendon County Council Chairman Dwight L. Stewart Jr.

"Having grown up in Pennsylvania and witnessed 84 Lumber's positive local impact and growth over the years, I am thrilled to welcome them to Clarendon County as they establish their first operations in our central region. This exciting development is a testament to the momentum we've built, creating a business-friendly environment where companies thrive and residents enjoy an outstanding quality of life. This investment by 84 Lumber not only strengthens our industrial base but also demonstrates that our region continues to be a prime destination for industry growth and opportunity."—Central SC Alliance Chairman Matthew Shaffer

REVISED PRODUCE SAFETY AGRICULTURAL WATER RULE FINALIZED

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has published a final rule that revises pre-harvest agricultural water provisions in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule. The rule replaces the previous microbial quality criteria and testing requirements with systems-based, pre-harvest agricultural water assessments.

Under the revised rule, covered farms using pre-harvest agricultural water for covered produce must conduct annual agricultural water assessments and assess factors such as water source, distribution system, protection from contamination sources, application methods, time interval between water application and harvest, crop characteristics, environmental conditions, and other relevant factors.

Based on the assessments, farms must determine if corrective or mitigation measures are necessary to minimize contamination risks. Prompt action is required for hazards related to animal activity, biological soil amendments of animal origin (BSAAOs), or untreated/improperly treated human waste. Mitigation measures should be implemented as soon as practicable for other hazards, or testing may be conducted.

The final rule also requires supervisory review of the written assessment and determinations made. Covered farms may be exempt from assessments if they meet specific requirements for their pre-harvest agricultural water.

Compliance dates for the pre-harvest agricultural water provisions are as follows:

Business Size	Pre-harvest Agricultural Water Related Compliance Dates
All other businesses (>\$500K)	April 7, 2025
Small businesses (>\$250K–500K)	April 6, 2026
Very small businesses (>\$25K–250K)	April 5, 2027

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture is committed to providing support for farms that may be affected by this rule change.

Additional education regarding these requirements will be provided as necessary to meet the needs of the produce farmers in South Carolina.

We highly encourage all fruit and vegetable producers to take advantage of the produce safety training opportunities provided. Farms that have already received this training may benefit from taking a refresher course to better understand the new rule requirements.

Sign-up today for a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training: bit.ly/SC2024PSR

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We are available to help assess Produce Safety Rule compliance, including the new ag water requirements, on your farm with a free On-Farm Readiness Review.

Additional Resources:

agriculture.sc.gov/produce-safety

fda.gov/food/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma/fsma-final-rule-pre-harvest-agricultural-water-ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-1/subchapter-B/part-112

Annual Agricultural Water Assessments and Risk-Based Outcomes



Pre-harvest agricultural water for non-sprout covered produce.

