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GOVERNOR ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE WATERSC WORKING GROUP

BY SC GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

COLUMBIA, S.C. -Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2024-22, establishing the WaterSC Water Resources Working Group (WaterSC). WaterSC will work across state agencies and with key stakeholders to develop a state water plan that balances South Carolina's economic and environmental interests to ensure the long-term protection of the state's water resources as demand increases from recordbreaking economic

development and population growth.

"South Carolina has been richly blessed with abundant water resources, but with increased demand driven by historic economic development and a booming population, we must take action now to ensure these resources are managed in the best interests of all South Carolinians," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "The formation of WaterSC will unite South Carolina's top minds and key stakeholders to craft a plan that balances our economic and environmental interests, which will ensure that our water resources are plentiful and that our economy remains strong for generations to come."

WaterSC will first create a Stakeholder Engagement Plan by October 31, 2024, to ensure that relevant stakeholders have a voice in shaping the state's water policy. WaterSC is then tasked with providing a report to the General Assembly's Surface Water Study Committee by January 31, 2025, informing the committee of the current state of surface water in South Carolina and recommending changes to current laws to ensure sustainable surface water withdrawal practices.

This collaborative working group will be led by a new gubernatorial cabinet agency, the S.C. Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), which by statute on July 1, 2024, assumed many of the Department of Natural Resources responsibilities regarding water policy, including the completion of an updated state water plan.

The governor's order directs WaterSC to assist and advise SCDES in developing



a comprehensive water resources policy so that the agency may issue an updated State Water Plan on or before December 31, 2025.

SCDES Interim Director Myra Reece will lead WaterSC. The working group will be composed of ex officio participants from across the following state agencies:

- Director of the Office of Resilience, or designee;
- Commissioner of Agriculture, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or designee
- Secretary of Commerce, or designee

In addition, DES will select up to 25 additional participants representing sectors such as academia, public water suppliers, conservation, agriculture, forestry, energy, tourism, and historic preservation. The group will also enlist assistance from experts in engineering, hydrology, environmental protection, or other related fields to provide technical guidance.

"Sustainable management and use of our state's water resources is beyond the scope of any one agency or organization, rather it is a shared role and responsibility among leaders, partners and experts across our state," said Reece. "As the state's new environmental agency, we at the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services are honored and excited to lead this collaborative effort to preserve, sustain, and manage our state's water resources for present and future use."

2022 and 2023 were the best years for economic development in state history. Since Gov. McMaster took office in 2017, South Carolina has announced over 811 economic development projects, totaling more than \$40 billion in new investment and over 90,800 new jobs. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina leads the nation in population growth rate.



20 YEARS LATER

remember the day in 2004 that my friend Marshall
Flowers, who served as Gov. Mark Sanford's Ag Commission Chairman, called to ask if I would be willing to step into the role of Commissioner of Agriculture. Blanche and I talked and prayed about it and, obviously, said yes.

September 14 was the 20th anniversary of my first day in office. Over two decades, I'm proud of the ways we've brought people together in agriculture to help move the industry forward. With a formidable team effort, we:

- Grew the state's agribusiness industry from \$34 billion in 2006 to \$51.8 billion in 2020, exceeding the "50 by 20" goal we set in 2009 to guide industry growth.
- After the Legislature directed the State
 Farmers Market to move to a site in Lexington
 County, led a successful relocation of the market and construction of a state-of-the-art lab facility.
- Created the Certified South Carolina program in 2006. The program now boasts more than 2,100 members and has more than 80% brand recognition among in-state consumers.
- Founded the South
 Carolina Agribusiness
 Center for Research
 and Entrepreneurship
 (ACRE). Since 2018,
 ACRE has given grants
 totaling \$1,250,000
 to 112 entrepreneurs,
 provided intensive
 agribusiness training

- and funded 49 major industry-driven research projects.
- Created the \$40 million Growing Agribusiness Fund to expand in-state processing.

These advances have come through strategic planning, cooperation, and collaboration by the "farm team" that leads South Carolina agriculture.

I've also seen farming change a lot, as South Carolina's dominant crops like tobacco were succeeded by others. In 20 years, the state has grown as a producer of peaches, peanuts, and poultry, while developing its agritourism industry and helping farmers diversify into specialty crops like berries, leafy greens, turf, and more. I can remember as though it was yesterday the devastating flood in the fall of 2015. The despair on farmers' faces made a lasting impression on me. The work by SCDA staff to deliver Farm Aid of over \$36 million to farmers in five months is still my most satisfying accomplishment as Commissioner.

Our agency's role in protecting the public has also evolved. In some activities we've successfully engaged private partners, such as peanut inspections. In other areas we've taken on more responsibility, such as restaurant inspections and produce safety.

Thanks for everyone's support, partnership and prayers over the years. I feel truly blessed to be able to serve you as your Commissioner of Agriculture.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Fall Festival

October 4 – November 2 • Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays Join us for a fantastic celebration of fall with locally grown pumpkins and cornstalks! Enjoy a day filled with friendly Real-Life Unicorns®, free range petting farm, horses, bounce house fun, pony rides, games, and tasty pumpkin treats, get your pumpkins here! Enjoy fun and creative Fall and Halloween décor and activities that will make the whole family smile! Tickets: \$12 each (Ages 3 and up; babies 2 and under are free)

The Unicorn Farm® 108 Unicorn Farm Trail, Fountain Inn

Route 2 Farm Fall Festival

October 5 • 10 am - 4 pm

Come out and shop from our vendors that will have pumpkins, sugar cane, perennial plants, honey, soaps, jewelry, arts & crafts, etc. and some delicious food.

359 Fulmore Drive, Andrews

Contact: Crystal Grant crystalad2@gmail.com • 843-833-0856

Fall Fun-No School!

October 10 & 11 • 11 am - 2 pm

School is out for several counties. Don't stay stuck in the house, get out to the farm and continue to learn! Enjoy free admission when you bring a non-perishable food item like toilet paper, dish/clothing detergent, or dog/cat food. All items will be donated to God's Abundance for All People Food Pantry and the Newberry Animal Shelter. Scavenger hunt and the farm store will be open!

Carolina Pride Pastures

1416 SC Highway 34, Pomaria

<u>alicia@cppastures.com</u> • 803-480-3750 facebook.com/CarolinaPridePastures

Antique Tractor Show

October 12 • 10 am – 5 pm

Kid size corn maze, farm games, wagon ride, farm animals and lots more. You can pick your own pumpkin out of our pumpkin patch or you can select from the pumpkins already picked at our farm stand. \$10 per person

Lever Farms

5057 SC Hwy 34, Pomaria

<u>levers@leverfarms.com</u> • 803-321-5952

Blackberry Jam Fall Festival

October 12 • 4 – 8 pm

Live music, local vendors, trick-or-treat scavenger hunt, petting zoo, chicken races, hiking trails, free crafts for kids, food and treats, photo ops, small bison experiences.

Bison Berry Farms

2425 SC-92, Enoree

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

Sunny Plain Antique Power Association

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 II: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: 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

<u>urcfarmsc@gmail.com</u> • 864-484-3879 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

SALES & AUCTIONS

Yon Family Farms - Fall Cattle Sale Weekend

October 25 & 26 • I pm Friday, II 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

<u>lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com</u> • 803-622-8597 *yonfamilyfarms.com*

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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STERILE CARP

\$12; Chan Cats, 65¢; 3–5" BG, \$1.40; 1–3" BG, 65¢; Mosquitofish, 40¢ Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923 F1 BASS

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

CATTLE

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 & homozygous 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 **REG BRAUNVIEH BULL**

3 y/o, \$3000; yrlg Bran/ Limo bulls, \$1800 James A Langston Pickens 864-859-6794

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

REG BLK ANG BULLS & hefrs, vac, 12–16 m/o

\$1500+ Newberry 803-271-8691 **REG POLLED HRFRD BULL**

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

RED COMPOSITE BULLS

B-10/'23, Red Ang/Sim, Al sired by calving ease bulls, \$2500 Willyne McGill Anderson 864-940-0892 IRISH DEXTER BULL

ADCA reg# 050820, blk, polled, non-chondro/PHA papered & shots, \$3400 Jonathan Miller Richland 803-212-8881

ANG & SIMANG

864-923-0581

& Hrfrd bulls, yrlg & 2 y/o, \$3250+; Hrfrd & SimAng hefrs, \$2500+ Wayne Garber Laurens BFMSTR REG BULLS

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

BUCKING BULLS

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

REG BLK ANG BULLS

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

REG BLK ANG COW

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

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

INTL COMBINE 715

\$1000 obo Johnny Stockman Newberry 803-924-0166

'19 NH POWER STAR 100

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

FORD 3000 TRACTOR

dsl, 8 spd, 3ph, after-market p/s, 80% rubber, flat-top fenders, \$4800 Harold Wright Cherokee 864-838-4763

JD 8000 GRAIN DRILL

w/cyl, \$3000; MF 4 btm plow Mo82 TP, \$750; 3 bin jacks \$200; all obo H Watson Lexington 803-413-2571

DICTEY 20+5' EL AT TD

BIGTEX 30+5' FLAT TRL w/mega ramps, 7000 lbs axles, \$9000, pls text Jack Cann Anderson

864-423-3785 **16' HD FLAT TRL**

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FORD 530 SQ BALER

\$550; Hesston haybine PT-7 for parts/repair, \$500; pinestraw rake, \$475 F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

JD 640 FRT END LDR

easy to connect, \$10,000 Victor Smith Berkeley 843-870-8522 JD OFFSET 20 DISC HARROW

8', EC, \$5000 Ralph Rothrock Greenwood 864-554-0407

FINISH MWR

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

'23 JD BAT WING

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

CASE IH 2366 COMBINE

4 wd, bin extensions, GRC, used in '24 wheat & corn, \$19,500
Brent Hege
Barnwell
803-383-1832

4×6 UTL TRL

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

ROME BEDDING PLOW

\$1000 Samuel Cribb Williamsburg 843-558-2256

3PH DIRT PAN

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

LANDPRIDE 6' FINISH MWR

GC, \$1550 Stephen Bonnette Orangeburg 803-707-5093 **KUBOTA MX4800**

995 hrs, 6' harrow, plntr, bedder, cult & quick disconnect, \$10,500 William Dozier Barnwell 803-671-1393

GREAT PLAINS 15' NO TILL DRILL

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

QUICK HITCH

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

20'×7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$9250 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

32' ELITE GN FLATBED TRL

GVWR 13,700 lb, VGC, \$6500 Addison Livingston Lexington

803-608-0998 ALL METAL HD 5×12 TRL

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

803-796-2995 NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE

GWC, needs new tires & tines, \$3500 obo Lauren Ray-McCarley Aiken 803-508-2581 JD 350 HAY RAKE

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

3 BUSH HOGS

6' BHB, \$800; Covington 6', \$800; 10¹/₂' BHB mod 3210, \$8250; Ford 3000 tractor, dsl, \$6500 Lecil Hembree Spartanburg

864-316-1222 ADAM 20' GN STOCK TR

ADAM 20' GN STOCK TRL w/tack room, \$5500; 2 NH 256 hay rakes, \$550 ea Matt McGinn Lancaster

704-363-1099 '06 CHEV 3500 DUMP

TRUCK Allison trans, Duramax innovative dsl 6.6, 95,664 actual mis, \$28,500 John Lyons Chester

803-899-4308 **24 DISC HARROW**

Taylor way pull type, all new disc & bearings, \$650; 2 spear 3pt bale carrier, \$150 Harry Mcmillan Spartanburg 864-327-7369

'01 AGRI-VAC

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

JD 4020

\$13,500; MF 1105, \$15,000; Cat D7E, \$27,000; Ford 3930, \$13,500 Ronald McGraw Lancaster 980-255-8584 **2R TRANSPLNTR**

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

14' FINISHING HARROW

\$1500; JD 220 12' harrow, \$1800 Clyde Smith Saluda 803-480-1093

JD 5420 W/521 LDR 81 hp, runs good, need

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

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

LS 3400 LINKBELT TRACKHOE

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

'85 DSL FORD 2910

new battery, clutch, pp & rebuilt inj pump, roll bar w/ canopy, 2 owners, owners man, \$6500 M Wilson
Spartanburg
864-595-1136

IH 4R PLNTR

new hoses, GC, \$850; 12' hyd disc, \$800; frt end ldr hay spear, \$175; 4r cult, GC, \$200 Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283 3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

NI 2R CORN PKR

EC, \$3500; 10' hyd finishing disc, \$700; 3ph adj hyd fork lift, needs work, \$200 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

TRAILS WEST 3H TRL

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

864-415-9731 **JD 459 BALER**

\$28,500; Kubota DM 2028 mwr, \$10,500; JD SL 8 whl rake, \$2500; all GC Dargan Etheridge Calhoun 803-238-2122

'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

3PH PALLET FORK

\$300; boom pole, \$200; Ford post hole digger, \$300 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

JD 454 ROW CROP HDR

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

FARM LAND

FARM LAND MUST BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE OWNER, NOT AN AGENT. TRACTS MUST BE AT LEAST 5 ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION, TIMBER, OR PASTURE. OUT-OF-STATE OWNERS—NOT REAL ESTATE AGENTS—MAY SUBMIT ADS FOR LAND IN SC.

132A SUMTER CO

timber, Pocotaligo Swamp, w/gov easement, duck & deer hunting, \$800/A Horace Roberson Sumter

803-972-4800 WANT TO LEASE PASTURE

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

to buy, min of 50A in SC, some pasture preferred Russell Brown Fairfield 803-718-0911

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GARDEN

BLUEBERRY BUSHES 3/\$20; Blkberry plants, 3/\$25; Figs, Pomegranate, Elderberry plants, \$20; grapevines, \$10 Freeman Noles Barnwell

803-383-4066 MULTIPLYING ONION BULBS

Old timey wht, \$15/lb +ship Steve Swaney Abbeville 864-376-3556 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 RABBITEYE BLUEBERRIES

\$2 ea Billy Eddins Chesterfield 843-623-2427

OLD WHT MULT NEST ONIONS

in pots, \$5; muscadine & fox grape plants, lrg plants, \$10 Francis Shiver Kershaw 803-669-1979 HOGS / PIGS

FB BERKSHIRE

& Berkshire/Yorkshire cross piglets, \$150 ea J Painter Spartanburg

864-641-9855

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FARM LABOR

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

FENCE LINE

pond mowing, trenching, water station installs, ag fences, forestry mulching & land clearing Ken Wells Laurens 864-449-8556

WILDLIFE MGMT

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

HERBICIDE/APPLICATIONS

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

HAY HAULING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

SKID STEER WORK

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

EXCAVATOR MOWING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

LIME SPREADING

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

CUSTOM SAWMILL WORK

mobile or my site Roger Mechling Calhoun 803-513-2335

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

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/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

MOBILE SAWMILL SERV

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

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.

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

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

PECANS

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

SUGARCANE

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

3 NANNIE GOATS

\$75 if all 3 taken; \$100 ea if bought sep Terry Hicks Lexington 803-359-2226

KIKO DOES

some mixed w/Savanna, \$200+ George Phillips Williamsburg 843-992-1964

M ND/BRIAR GOAT MIX wormed, on grain & hay,

B-7/22, \$75 Darla Steele Edgefield 803-645-7211

6 M/O ND GOATS

2 nannies, \$125; 5 billies, \$100 Don Todd Abbeville 864-933-4242

NUBIAN GOATS

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

SAANEN/KIKO MIX

buck & 6 nannies, all tame, downsizing breed stock, \$200 ea Mark Roberts Spartanburg 864-680-4766

MINI LAMANCHA DOELING

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

B-2/22, elig for MDGA reg, herd clean, tested CAE/ Johnes, \$175 Gail Cooley Anderson 864-947-8880

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

ND GOATS

billy, 5 yrlg nannies, 1 wethers, 1 doeling, B-6/24, all blue eyed, most naturally polled, \$1000 for group David Oser Dorchester 843-557-5200

3 REG NGD GOATS

HAY & GRAIN

24 4×5 RND HQ CB

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

HQ 4×5 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

'24 HQ RND CB

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

'24 4×5 MIXED GRASS

\$40/bale Charles Camp Greenville 864-313-6204

RND BRN TOP MILLET \$50; rnd HQ CB, net v

\$70; Rye straw, \$; all shed kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642

'24 4×5 RND CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale Mike Cousins Newberry 803-924-7539

PASTURE GRASS HAY '23 \$20/bale; '24 Ist cut, \$30/

bale; '24 2nd cut, \$40/bale Jerry Crittendon Greenwood 864-321-2427

'24 4×4 RND CB

1st cut, barn kept, string tied, \$45 Chris Humphries Spartanburg 864-909-3578

4×5 WHEAT STRAW

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

WHEAT

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

RND BALES

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

'24 DEER COB CORN

\$10/bag single bags or \$8/bag for pallet of 40, call for p-up Jason Painter Spartanburg 864-641-9855

GC COW HAY

Bermuda w/some fescue, recently baled, NR, fert & limed, can load, \$50 Ashley Riddle Laurens 864-313-8684

SQ STRAW BALES

\$4; Oats, \$40; Wheat, \$60; both in your 55 gal drum Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

4×5 CB

\$70; CQ CB, \$50; sq CB, \$8.50; sq Rye straw, \$5/bale, shed kept Larry McCartha Lexington 803-606-2499

'24 4×5 RND FESCUE

net wrap, \$45/bale or \$47/ bale to del Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363

'24 RND HQ CB

net wrap, in shed, \$70/bale; in field, \$60/bale David Fulmer Orangeburg 803-917-0467

4×54 RND CQ MIXED GRASS

twine tied, baled tight, no del, 200+ avail, baled 8/24, \$35/bale Anthony Harden Greenville 864-354-2365

'24 SQ FESCUE

horse, NR, in barn, \$7 ea; goat hay, \$6 ea Jerry Butler Laurens 864-697-6343

'24 4×5 RND CB

HQ, \$65 ea; GQ cow hay, \$50 ea Carroll Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956

'24 SQ HQ CB

clean, NR, no chicken litter, \$8/bale Vernon Bonner Sumter 803-481-4225

'24 HQ SQ CB

in barn, \$7 ea Anthony Carroll Anderson 864-314-2111

MIXED GRASS HAY

100 bales, \$40/bale, will disc if take all Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112

'24 RND COASTAL

shed kept, limed & fert, HQ, \$70/bale; CQ, \$60/bale; del avail **Eddie Phillips** Sumter 803-486-0081

\$70; HQC, \$65, both 4×5 & net wrap; sq \$8/bale, all barn kept Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

SQ HQ SB

Jennifer Fitch Fairfield 803-718-0422

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

ALFALFA HAY

locally grown, sm sq bales, \$12 ea Kemp Wilson Chester 803-209-0348

'24 4×5 FESCUE

net wrap, outside, fert, \$60/ bale, vol disc Roger Snyder Spartanburg 864-580-9311

'24 OATS

\$12/bag; Oat Straw, \$7/bale, 3000 avail Victor Smith Berkeley 843-870-8522

'24 4×5 RND MIXED GRASS

no weeds, \$60/bale Quinton Whitener Union 803-923-2036

'24 4×5 MIXED GRASS

NR, baled 8/28, \$45/bale Roger Harmon chule 803-480-1957

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

AZALEAS Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$6; Tea Olives, \$8; Crepe Myrtles & Hydrangeas, \$20; Little Gem Magnolia, \$35 Freeman Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

IRISES & DAYLILIES

prize winning, \$1.50 ea or \$8/cluster Linda Lucas Lexington 803-730-1110

CANNA LILIES red, yellow, orange, pink w/ grn leaf, pink w/red leaf, \$1 ea, disc per 100 bulbs Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

MONKEY GRASS

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

AMARYLLIS BULBS

Francis Shiver Kershaw 803-669-1979 LIRIOPE

VA Creeper, Jessamine, Ageratum, Century Plant, Carolina Sweet Shrub, Crinum, \$3, call 9 am - 5 pm Sandra Pound Lexington 803-466-2052

RABBITS

PURE SILVERFOX

Blue buck & 3 unrelated choc does, bred, babies 10/10 & after, \$120 for group David Oser Dorchester 843-557-5200

LA COTTONTAILS

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

BROKEN NZ

13 w/o, 2 litters, 7F, 2M, \$15 Brian Jenk Saluda 803-553-5774 REX

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

BEWARE OF POTENTIAL HAY SCAMS!

Farmers are urged to be cautious when selling hay to new clients, especially those from out of state. If possible, verify the check before sending the hay. Speak to the buyer in person to verify all information.

MISCELLANEOUS

PLASTIC NURSERY POTS

mostly new, \$2 ea/5 gal, \$1.25 ea/3 gal, 25¢ ea/1 gal Carol Elliott Richland 803-261-1666

HORSE MANURE

\$10/load, pls text Jack Cann Anderson 864-423-3785

GRASSHOPPER ZERO TURN MWR

mod 335B w/72" & 35 hp B&S, 363 hrs, \$8500 Terry Atkins Spartanburg 864-706-3738

4' TUBE GATE

\$40; 7'×3/8 chain hook one end, \$20 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309

HDWD LUMBER

boards 1"×12"×8'L, \$4/ bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels Ryan Anderson Greenville 864-234-2918

HORSE HAY RING

\$400 Deborah Worth Aiken 803-605-4644

NURSERY POTS

1 & 5 gal, all for \$1, lv msg Sue Queen Lexington 803-394-8668

SNAPPER RIDING LAWN MWR

33" cut, was running, not used for over a yr, \$300 Jack Fogle Orangeburg 803-331-6675

GARDEN TRACTOR

Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler, hydro trans, hyd lift, spare frame, tire, mwr frame, \$450 obo Ralph Taylor Chester 803-789-5110

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

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

2H WAGON

\$350; peach baskets, \$2 ea; plastic barrels, \$10 ea Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

SNAPPER ZERO TURN MWR

48" cut, Briggs eng, \$2000 Terry Blakely Greenville 864-483-1920

HONEY BEES

\$160, 5 frames; lrgr colonies & queens, \$45, frames only, must have own box David Gainey Darlington 843-861-2745

4 MIRAFOUNT AUTO WATERERS

2 hole, 20 gal, \$450 ea Clyde Smith Saluda 803-480-1093

WOODEN PEACH BOXES

ıbu, old, \$30 ea Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

SAUSAGE GRINDER

Enterprise #32 w/lrg hand turn or motor driven whl, \$100 R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

BRASS RAINBIRD SPRINKLERS

EC, \$20 ea; yard vacuum, EC, \$185; irrig hose, \$75 George Schwab York 803-493-8021

55 GAL F G DRUMS

metal & plastic open top w/ top & rings, \$20-25 ea; 30 gal plastic, \$20 ea; solid top, 55 gal, \$20 ea Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

CHICKEN LITTER

tractor trl qty, \$500/load w/ in Newberry Co, \$500/load + del fee outside Newberry Co Evan Horne Newberry 803-960-2699

MILLER BOBCAT 225G WELDER

w/trl, \$2500; Ariens Riding 46" lawn mwr, B&S eng, 22 hp, EC, \$850; both obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

OLD COMP FARM BELL

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

(2) 280 GAL FUEL TANKS

ı w/pump, ı w/stand, \$300 ea Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283

POULTRY

GROWN GUINEAS

\$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochin bantams, \$10+ Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

HOMER PIGEONS

wht yng, \$5; mated prs, \$20; mixed colors, \$5+ Smittie Smith Pickens 864-561-5534

SWEATER/KELSO COCK

2 y/o, \$50; 5 m/o 3/4 Kelso 1/4 Sweater stag, \$25 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309

BOBWHT QUAIL

1-3 w/o, \$2; 6 m/o, \$5; Bobwht eggs, \$6/dz; RI roo, 2 m/o, \$5 Lee Erbe Calhoun 843-789-9645

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

TALL FESCUE SEED

P-98.28, G-88%, D/H

\$60/50 lb bag

Perry Simpson

864-993-4788

SD&G-88%, OCS, 0.18%,

IM-1.48%, WS-0.06%, more,

SEXLINKS

& jumbo Coturnix quail, Brian Motley Kershaw 803-315-7598

HOMING PIGEONS

vng birds, wht & other colors, \$3 ea Donald Fisher Chesterfield 843-634-2022

WELSUMMER

& Cochin Bantam roos, 4-6 m/o, \$10 ea Rick Clark Berkeley 843-276-8760

WHT LEGHORN BANTAMS

show qual, \$25+/pr; misc bantams, \$10 ea; more Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

Laurens

864-304-3172

LRG HUBBLE PIGEONS

breed is raised commercially for squab production, solid wht, \$15+ R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

DIAMOND DOVES

\$15 ea Mosco Faulk Sumter 803-494-8499

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

'24 OATS

cleaned in 2 bu bags, G-97%, D/HS&G,-97%, \$14/bag Addison Livingston Lexington 803-608-0998

BEEF CATTLE any age or size Kenneth Satterfield

2 DONKEYS Davis Bell

Clarendon 843-209-1692

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WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

FRT END SUPPORT

for a MF 362 tractor Mack Barton Greenville 864-909-0526

SOYBEANS

\$20/50 lb bag

803-259-6888

Barnwell

Kevin Anderson

cleaned & bagged,

P-99.96%, G-98%, D/HD

SD&G-98%, IM-0.04%,

OLD BACKHOE

in the Upstate, prefer Ford 4500 David Manley Pickens

864-654-1125 FORD 501 SICKLE MWR

SHREDDED CEDAR MULCH

RABBIT HUTCH OR PENS

approx 135 cf, del or p-up,

Rowland Alston Sumter 803-491-7180

call w/price

Lexington

803-638-2159

will take any kind

Bradley Moore

803-924-4931

Newberry

Laurens 864-270-7619

Wavne Hooker

JD LDR

Laurens

for JD 5410; attachs & buckets for Bobcat E42 excavator exch, all in GC Clint Gulledge Chesterfield 843-680-1006

BEFCO MOD BSB-007 SICKLE BAR MWR

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee

grinder, old lighting rod w/

balls & weathervane, more

woodenware, boxes, frames,

will pay reasonable price

Perry Masters

864-561-4792

David Gainey

BEE EQUIPMENT

Greenville

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

in GC Rick Clark Berkeley 843-276-8760

L SHAPE CORN **CONVEYOR**

elec motor, in GWC, reasonably priced Adam Anderson Newberry 803-924-8466

INTL FA 100

or 130 tractor, w/good sheet metal & in GRC Robert Yonce 803-685-7240

BLKSMITH ANVILS

cradles

R Long

Newberry

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Upstate cos

Tim Morgan

any size farm bells, yokes &

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

hdwd pine, all types of

thinning or clear cut,

USDA DESIGNATES 3 SC COUNTIES AS PRIMARY NATURAL DISASTER AREAS

EIGHT CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES IN SC ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

BY USDA FSA

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.

Impacted Area: South Carolina

Triggering Disaster: Excessive Moisture, Erosion, Heavy Rainfall, and Tropical Storm.

Application Deadline: 05/27/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Allendale, Barnwell, and Horry.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Carolina: Aiken, Bamberg, Colleton, Dillon, Georgetown, Hampton, Marion, and Orangeburg.

Georgia: Burke and Screven.

North Carolina: Brunswick, Columbus, and Robeson.

Greenville Darlington 60" MWR DECK 843-861-2745 864-420-0251 for a Deutz-Allis, in any cond Curtis Cooper

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MORE RESOURCES

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistanceat-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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SARA'S FARM ADVENTURE OPENS IN RIDGE AREA OF SC

PHOTOS BY BLAKELY ATKINSON

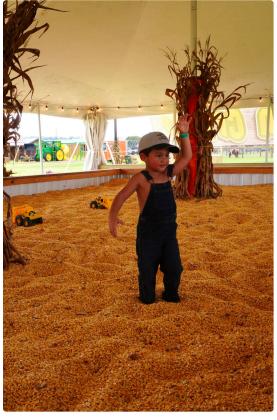
SCDA staff attended the Sept. 20 grand opening of Sara's Farm Adventure, a new agritourism site in Trenton, South Carolina, operated by Ridge Springbased Titan Farms. The farm encompasses more than 100 acres of family-friendly activities.















KEURIG DR PEPPER CONTINUES GROWING SPARTANBURG COUNTY OPERATIONS

\$141 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 84 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP), a leading producer of hot and cold beverages, today announced the continued growth of its state-of-the-art, single serve coffee roasting and manufacturing operations in Spartanburg County. The company's \$141 million investment will create 84 new jobs.

KDP's beverage portfolio consists of 125 iconic brands including carbonated and non-carbonated beverages such as Dr Pepper, Canada Dry, Mott's, Snapple and Core Hydration, as well as the Keurig brewing system, with leading owned brands Green Mountain Coffee Roasters and The Original Donut Shop. The company's existing Spartanburg County facility, which broke ground in 2019 with continued development announced in October 2023, produces K-Cup pods and currently employs approximately 285 people, with additional hiring underway.

KDP's new site, located at 3220 Moore Duncan Highway in Moore, will host production for the company's next-generation K-Rounds, plastic-free coffee pods created from premium coffee beans that are ground, pressed and wrapped in a protective, plant-based coating.

Individuals interested in joining the KDP team should visit the company's careers page.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits related to the project. The council also awarded a \$450,000 Set-Aside grant to Spartanburg County to assist with the costs of building improvements.

"With this new investment, the KDP facility in Spartanburg will remain a key site representing our manufacturing and production innovation. We are grateful for the ongoing, outstanding support we've received from the state of South Carolina and county of Spartanburg as we continue to grow in this area." —Keurig Dr Pepper Chief Supply Chain Officer Roger Johnson

"Keurig Dr Pepper's decision to again expand operations in the Upstate underscores the strength of South Carolina's business climate. Creating 84 new jobs, this \$141 million investment will pave the way for continued economic advancement in Spartanburg County, and we look forward to KDP's continued success." —Gov. Henry McMaster

"We are thrilled Keurig Dr Pepper selected Spartanburg County and South Carolina as the production home of the company's next-generation coffee pods. KDP's expansion, the company's second in less than a year, is further proof that South Carolina is the ideal location for businesses to start, expand and build a legacy." —Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

"In South Carolina, we're all about creating conditions that help agribusinesses innovate and thrive. With this new production facility, Keurig Dr Pepper is looking to the future, and we're thrilled to be a part of it." —South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

"Keurig Dr Pepper has been a tremendous partner since coming to Spartanburg County, and this latest investment solidifies that they've found a great place to do business. On behalf of Spartanburg County, I'm grateful for their partnership and for the opportunities they've created for our residents." —Spartanburg County Council Vice Chairman and Economic Development Committee Chairman David Britt

SHELLFISH HARVESTING SEASON BEGINS OCTOBER 1

BY SCDNR

Oyster lovers, get ready: The 2024-2025 season for recreational harvest of shellfish (clams and oysters) in South Carolina's coastal waters will open one-half hour before official sunrise on Tuesday, October I, 2024. The recreational shellfish season will remain open through May 15, 2025 unless conditions warrant extending or shortening the season.

In the event of another hurricane, major rain event, or pollution spill, shellfish beds may be temporarily closed by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES, formerly SCDHEC). It is important for harvesters to check with SCDES to verify whether any closures are in effect. This information is available at 1-800-285-1618 and can be viewed on an interactive map at the SCDES website. SCDES will use these resources and your local newspaper throughout the year to announce temporary closures due to unusual rain events or spills.

Recreational harvesting is permitted on all Public Shellfish Grounds and State Shellfish Grounds within areas of open/approved water quality as noted on shellfish maps. Twenty Public and seven State Shellfish Grounds are managed exclusively for recreational gathering. An additional 58 State Shellfish Grounds are managed for both recreational and commercial harvest.

Recreational harvesters should obtain updated Public or State Shellfish Ground maps at the beginning of each season, as areas open to harvest



Oyster grounds open to harvest change each season depending on water quality and harvest pressure. Find updated maps for the 2024-2025 harvest season in the release below (photo: E. Weeks/SCDNR).

change from year to year. Maps of designated harvest areas may be downloaded from the SCDNR website or accessed online through the Recreational Map Web Application. Printed maps may also be obtained by calling (843) 953-9854 or writing the Shellfish Management Section, Attn: Andy Hollis, SCDNR, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422-2559. When requesting maps, please specify the general area where you wish to harvest. Maps for the 2024-25 season will be available prior to season opening on October 1, 2023.

Recreational harvesters must have a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License, available from SCDNR, at many fishing supply stores, and online. The recreational limit is two U.S. bushels of oysters and one-half bushel of clams in any one day, limited to two calendar days per seven-day period. One U.S. bushel is equal to eight gallons. There is

a maximum possession of three personal limits per boat or vehicle. Clams must be at least one inch thick.

Additional rules and restrictions may be found in the SCDNR Rules and Regulations, available where licenses are purchased or online.

Commercial harvest of shellfish requires a commercial saltwater license, mandatory harvester training, and other licenses and permits depending on where the harvest will occur. Call the Marine Permitting Office at 843-953-9301 (Opt. 4) for additional information on commercial harvesting requirements.

All harvesters are encouraged to "cull in place," breaking off and leaving dead shell and smaller oysters on the shoreline — and only taking clusters or singles of larger oysters — where they will continue to grow and provide habitat for future generations of oysters.

If you enjoy eating oysters, remember to recycle your shells! Check online or call(843-953-9397 to find locations near you where shell can be dropped off for recycling.

Please note that recycled shell in any SCDNR receptacle is South Carolina state property and is illegal to take. All shell collected by the SCDNR is used to restore shellfish grounds in coastal South Carolina.

NASDA MEMBER RUSSELL REDDING ADVOCATES FOR LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION SECURITY BEFORE SENATE AG SUBCOMMITTEE

BY NASDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Sept. 18, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding testified before the U.S. Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research on behalf of the National Association

of State Departments of Agriculture. His testimony emphasized the critical role of school meal programs in supporting U.S. agriculture, enhancing nutrition security and strengthening local and regional food systems for improved supply chain resilience.

"Across all states, a key focus — in full collaboration with our federal partners — has been on reinforcing the supply chain and creating resiliency at every level," Redding said. "Strengthening our local and regional food systems and expanding processing capacity for

Pennsylvania farmers and agribusinesses has been crucial to our agriculture and nutrition security."

He praised recent USDA initiatives promoting local sourcing in school food procurement, highlighting their potential to drive economic growth while improving nutritional outcomes for students.

"I also want to commend the USDA's rule for its strong emphasis on 'local' foods and a reduction in non-domestic purchases," Redding said. "While this may result in some limitations on the varieties of foods that schools can serve, it will provide

> greater opportunities for U.S. companies to tailor their product lines for school settings and encourage greater connections between the school cafeteria and local farmers. Adding provisions to allow local sourcing in school food contracting procurement will send a strong signal to the marketplace, giving farmers and agribusinesses greater opportunities to make direct and consistent connections with schools."

Redding also spotlighted Pennsylvania's leadership in USDA

commodity food purchases, particularly the National School Lunch Program. He stressed the importance of expanding opportunities for U.S.-grown foods and specialty crops in school meals, noting the benefits to both students and producers.

"Enhancing local sourcing and supporting regional food systems can maximize federal investments and reduce food waste," Redding said.

Redding called for greater USDA regulatory flexibility to address the challenges faced by school districts and supply chains, particularly related to infrastructure, logistics and administrative burdens. He advocated for bolstered support for initiatives such as the Farm to School Grant Program and Local Food Purchase Assistance, which can help strengthen local food procurement and support successful introductions of new foods into school meal settings.

"As we approach the upcoming Farm Bill, it's imperative that federal policies prioritize supply chain resilience, nutrition security and waste reduction," Redding said. "NASDA is eager to collaborate with the committee and our partners to ensure the continued success of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs."

NASDA remains committed to advancing policies that support local agriculture and strengthen the nation's food system.

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



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THE BASICS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

BY SOUTH CAROLINA LAND TRUST NETWORK

WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?

A land trust is a nonprofit organization that, as all or part of its mission, actively works to conserve land by acquiring land or conservation easements. South Carolina Land Trust Network members generally work in geographies defined by watersheds. Some organizations that hold conservation easements also work statewide.

HOW LAND TRUSTS PROTECT LAND

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS & FEE SIMPLE ACQUISITION

Land protection is a deeply personal decision for landowners. The reasons for exploring a lasting conservation solution are as diverse as the properties themselves. Whether you seek to define your personal land legacy, desire to protect a special place for future appreciation, capture tax benefits, or a combination of all three, it's important to thoroughly explore options and find the best partner to help you achieve your desired outcomes.

Conservation easements are the most commonly used tool for land protection in South Carolina. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified land trust that permanently limits undesirable uses on a property in order to protect specific conservation values identified in the easement.

Conservation easements typically prevent land uses such as residential subdivisions, commercial or industrial operations, and mining, while allowing you to continue to use your land for traditional rural uses, such as farming, grazing, hunting, and timbering. The terms of a conservation easement are negotiable, based on your intentions for your property and the conservation values being protected. A conservation easement only allows public access if you desire it and include it in the easement terms. You may sell, gift, or will your property to heirs – the agreement is a permanent part of the deed and remains with the land.

Some landowners prefer to sell or to donate their land for long-term conservation use. In those cases, the landowner negotiates a sales price with the land trust or conservation organization. This is referred to as a fee simple acquisition. This approach is most often used when a landowner decides they do not want to own the property and they prefer it to be protected. Commonly, properties that adjoin state parks, wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges or other publicly held land are great options for this type of acquisition.

EXAMPLES OF RETAINED RIGHTS

The landowner retains all rights and responsibilities that are not specifically prohibited or restricted by the conservation easement.

- Agricultural activities
- Timber management including harvesting
- Hunting, fishing
- Limited number of subdivisions
- Limited number of homes or outbuildings

CONSERVATION EASEMENT STAGES

Every land trust has its own set of internal processes & timelines. In general, you can expect these five stages for a conservation easement:

1. INITIAL STEPS

During your initial meeting, or often — several meetings, your land trust representative will seek to get to know you better, understand your property's current uses, and conservation values and your personal long-term goals for your property including what uses or management you want to see continue. This is a good time to consult with your trusted advisors including participating family members, tax accountants, and appraisers. The land trust will also discuss the long-term stewardship of the terms of your conservation easement and how to support that relationship through a stewardship gift. Based on your input, the land trust staff will translate your interests into conservation easement terms and begin to draft the easement.



2. DUE DILIGENCE

As with any real estate transaction, conservation easements require steps that are collectively referred to as "due diligence." You, as the landowner, are responsible for providing a current survey, a written appraisal, and working with an attorney to complete a title search. If there is a mortgage, lien, or other special circumstances, you may be responsible for additional due diligence. Your land trust partner will work with you to ensure that your due diligence is thorough and will stand the tests of time.

3. FINAL DRAFTING AND APPROVALS

The final easement is prepared by land trust staff and approved by landowners. A baseline documentation report, or BDR, will also be prepared to memorialize the current details of your property such as structures and improvements, natural features, vegetation, and conservation values.

4. CLOSING

The closing is the culmination of many months of work and the beginning of a new relationship with your land trust! You and the land trust will sign the conservation easement and baseline report and the documents will be recorded

5. ONGOING MONITORING

The land trust is now responsible for annual property visits to ensure the terms of the conservation easement are upheld and to document any changes to the property.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The donation of a conservation easement or bargain sale of a fee simple acquisition may provide substantial tax benefits through the reduction of federal income and estate taxes, and South Carolina income and property taxes. Federal and South Carolina tax laws allow the donor of a qualified easement to claim the value of the easement as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes. A landowner gets no deduction for selling the easement for fair market value.

For charitable contribution purposes, the easement value is generally based on the difference between the fair market value of the property before the easement and the value of the property after granting of the easement (except in instances where there is a substantial record of sales of easements comparable to the donated easement). The difference between the "before" value and the "after" value is the amount that may be treated as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes.

For example, suppose that an individual owns a 1,000-acre property valued at \$2 million ("before" value) and places a qualified easement on the property, relinquishing rights such as a residential subdivision development. Suppose that when the property is reappraised considering the conservation easement terms, the value is reduced to \$800,000 ("after" value). The difference in the values with and without the conservation easement represent a charitable donation, in this hypothetical case \$1.2 million.

The decrease in property value associated with a conservation easement may also provide estate tax and property tax relief.

Tax laws are complex and subject to change. It's critical that you enlist the assistance of a certified public accountant knowledgeable in conservation easements to understand how these opportunities apply to your specific financial situation.

To qualify for a federal income tax deduction, an easement must provide a public benefit through permanent protection of at least one of the following important conservation resources:

- I. The protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife or plants, or a similar ecosystem
- 2. The preservation of open space, including farm and forestland, for the scenic enjoyment of the general public or pursuant to an adopted governmental conservation policy
- 3. The preservation of an historically significant land or building
- 4. The preservation of land for public outdoor recreation or education.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT GRANT FUNDING

The South Carolina Conservation Bank, county/ local conservation funds, private foundations, and federal organizations have limited funding available to pay for a portion of the conservation easement value. This funding is highly competitive and incentivizes the protection of unique or rare habitats, historical sites, geological features, and public accessibility. Your land trust is knowledgeable about grant opportunities that may apply to your situation.

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