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SOUTH CAROLINA HOSTS AG COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS FROM ACROSS THE US

MANY FIRST-TIME VISITORS TO SC WITNESS HELENE AFTERMATH, OFFER SUPPORT

BY CATHERINE DIXON, SCDA

For the first time, the national organization Communication Officers of State Departments of Agriculture (COSDA) hosted its annual conference in South Carolina.

The October meeting came just two weeks after Hurricane Helene devastated parts of the state. While the itinerary had some last-minute tweaks to accommodate farms still dealing with Helene's destruction, the farms and operations that were able welcome the 70+ attendees shared stories

of perseverance over adversity, embodying the conference themes of storytelling and resilience in agriculture.

COSDA brings together communication professionals from state and federal agriculture agencies and is affiliated with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). Its purpose is to provide professional development opportunities and facilitate communication between partner agencies. The COSDA president hosts the annual meeting; South Carolina Department of Agriculture Communications Director Eva Moore served as the 2023-24 president of COSDA.

COSDA members representing 33 states descended upon Columbia with empathy, curiosity, and admiration of our state's tenacity.

Attendees visited agribusinesses across the

Midlands. They toured the cattle operations and pecan orchard at Yon Family Farms, and heard first-hand about Yon's losses from the storm as well as their thriving Angus seedstock operation. The group also visited the flagship City Roots location for a farm-to-table dinner and formal address from Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. The farm visit lineup included stops at Rast Family Farm, a family row crop and specialty crop operation spanning over







1,400 acres, and Manchester Farms, the oldest quail producer in the United States.

The COSDA conference would not be complete without attendees imparting their professional wisdom to colleagues. Maddison Jaureguito, Director of Communications for the Texas Department of Agriculture, shared her expertise in crisis communications during the Texas Wildfires, and Dr. Kathryn MacDonald of Clemson Livestock Poultry Health shared her knowledge in critical communication coordination during emergency contamination incidents. These interactive talks shared best practices that can be easily transferred to communications in the wake of any crisis, although nods to natural disasters were most prevalent in discussions. A panel of distinguished communications professionals discussed the importance of tailoring a message to specific agricultural audiences and overcoming linguistic and cultural barriers by forging face-to-face connections within their communities.

This was the first time South Carolina has hosted the annual COSDA conference, and attendees said it was a memorable event. The unique mixture of communications professionals, event sponsors, and farmers made for some truly riveting conversations. Many first-time visitors to South Carolina were overwhelmed with the hospitality and eager to return for more of South Carolina's cuisine and natural beauty. Most impressive, however, was the generosity exhibited by the COSDA members in attendance. During the conference, members passed a resolution to match donations up to a total of \$5,000 for Helene recovery in South Carolina. Though Helene's devastation was widespread, it is no match for the heartwarmingly genuine desire, even from first-time visitors, to aid in the restoration of South Carolina farmland and farm operations back to their full potential.



FEELING THANKFUL

t's been quite a half-year for South Carolina farmers. We've had on-again-offagain droughts, Tropical Storm Debby, Hurricane Helene, and, most recently, catastrophic flooding in my home county of Orangeburg. For 2024 crops, we've had high input costs. We've had the tumult that comes with an election year and the ongoing uncertainty of not having a new Farm Bill.

But as we approach the end of every harvest and the upcoming holiday season, we always have so much to be thankful for.

For one thing, I am thankful for our veterans. Veterans Day was a few weeks ago, but we should try to honor those who have served our country every day. If you want to support veterans, you can look for the Homegrown by Heroes label. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture and Certified SC are proud partner of this program, which affords veteran South Carolina producers the ability to use the Homegrown by Heroes Logo on their signage and products. There is also a new program, Farms of the Brave, which certifies official agritourism operations operated by veterans, and is administered nationally by South Carolina's Project Victory Gardens. You can visit

projectvictorygardens.
org/farms-of-the-brave to
learn more about that.

Needless to say, I'm thankful for our farmers. They keep working hard and growing our food despite adversity. We're currently working with Gov. McMaster and our congressional delegation to try to get some relief for South Carolina's farmers from the disasters I mentioned earlier. It would go a long way toward ensuring a future for the ag producers in our state.

And I'm thankful for you. People who subscribe to Market Bulletin, who speak up for farmers and agriculture, who try to communicate the importance of this industry we love — you are helping do the important work. When you buy **Certified South Carolina** products, visit a farmers market, or eat at a Fresh on the Menu restaurant, you're supporting farmers and keeping money in your community.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I love spending time with my growing family, as Clarke Edward Weathers arrived a month ago as grandchild number seven. It's a time for reflecting on how fortunate we are to live in this country and pursue something we love.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

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MARKET BULLETIN DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Please note:

There will only be one issue in December.

Due to the holidays, the deadline schedule has been adjusted to the following:

November 19 Ad Deadline for the December 5 Issue

December 17 Ad Deadline for the January 2, 2025 Issue

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GINGER KALE **LEEKS** LETTUCES **MICROGREENS MUSCADINE GRAPES MUSHROOMS** MUSTARD & TURNIP **GREENS ONIONS PARSLEY**

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FENNEL

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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

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NEXT AD DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 19 • 12:00 PM







2024 Christmas Market

November 23 • 10 am - 2 pm Get in the Christmas spirit and check some shopping off your list! We'll have over 40+ local vendors, food trucks, and our tractor train. Free pictures with Santa on the front porch of The Market! Cotton Hills Farm, The Market in Lowrys 2575 Lowrys Hwy, Chester

info@cottonhillsfarm.com • 803-581-4545 facebook.com/cottonhillsfarm

Blythewood Farmers Market's Holiday Artisan Market

November 23 • 10 am – 3 pm Celebrate the holiday season with locally crafted items perfect for gifts and decor. Get in the holiday spirit at our annual event that features artisans, bakers, and crafters. There will also be live music and food trucks to enjoy. Interested in becoming a

vendor? Learn more on our website. **Doko Meadows Park** 100 Alvina Hagood Circle, Blythewood manager@blythewoodfarmersmarket.com 803-402-6864 blythewoodfarmersmarket.com

facebook.com/BlythewoodFarmersMarket

Tinsel and Textiles—A Painting and Indigo **Dyeing Event**

November 23 • 10:30 am - 1:30 pm Get ready for a step-by-step painting and indigo dyeing event offered by Tammy Casa of Brushes Up! and Kelly Fort of Pluff Mudd Farm!

Pluff Mudd Farm

2025 Bentz Road, Wadmalaw Island $farmer@pluff\underline{muddfarm.com} \bullet 843-224-4546$ facebook.com/PluffMuddFiber

The Fairfield Farmers & Artisans Market

November 23 & 30 • 9 am -1 pm Let's celebrate fall at the Fairfield Farmers and Artisans Market! We have fresh locally grown produce, locally raised meats, eggs and honey, and a selection of hand-crafted arts. Come join us!

Behind the Town Clock

117 E Washington Street, Winnsboro

facebook.com/FairfieldFarmersAndArtisansMkt



Sheepdog Trial & Fall Festival

November 30 • 9 am - 4 pm Border Collies herding sheep & geese in competition. Watch these amazing dogs do their job of working with a handler to move sheep, as well as move ducks through obstacles. Farm tour by horse-drawn wagon, meet Beaker the emu and his feathered friends and other animals on this unique farm. Good Food & Sweet Treat vendors will be on site to satisfy your hunger. Craft vendors on site. This event will be rain or shine. Bring a chair or your favorite pet on a leash and enjoy the day on the farm.

Red Creek Farm 1394 Ramage Road, Townville Contact: Carol Anne Bailey info@redcreekfarm.com • 864-376-5158 redcreekfarm.com

Small Business Saturday Sale

November 30 • 9 am 10% off store-wide sale & free self-tour of the farm. Herd It Here Farm 541 Sullivans Ferry Road, Cottageville

info@herditherefarm.com • 703-597-4839

Holiday Wreath Workshops

November 30, December 1, 7, 8 • 1 – 3 pm Learn how to create your very own Holiday Wreath at one of our popular Wreath Workshops this holiday season! We will host our workshops inside our greenhouse to provide a cozy environment out of the winter weather. Materials include: a handmade scuppernong grapevine base to create your wreath on, lots of foraged evergreens/foliage/ pinecones for you to choose from, dried flowers and seed pods from the farm, tools to use during class, and detailed instruction from Brinton of Boone Fox Farm. No experience is needed — you will leave with a beautiful wreath!

City Roots Property 1005 Airport Blvd, Columbia

boonefoxfarm.com/holiday-wreath-workshops

Friendsgiving in the Vineyard

November 30 • 12 – 7 pm

Enjoy a wine tasting, live acoustic music, delicious Thanksgiving-inspired charcuterie boards, and a cozy bonfire to keep you warm! Whether you're sipping on wine slushies, enjoying mulled wine, or raising a glass for a sunset toast, it's all about making memories with those you're most thankful for.

Laurel Haven Estate

3341 Taxahaw Road, Lancaster

info@laurelhavenestate.com • 803-203-7565 facebook.com/LaurelHavenEstate

Lowcountry Creamery Group Tours

Offered by appointment only. \$15 per person (cash or check only). Great for anyone aged 8+. Groups of at least 10 and no more than 30 people. 1-1.5 hours for general tours, 2 hours for field trips. Available activities depend on the age, day of the week, and weather. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear (closed toed shoes you can get dirty).

Lowcountry Creamery 2714 Landsdowne Road, Bowman lowcountrycreamery.com/tours facebook.com/lowcountrycreamery

Charleston Tea Garden Factory Tour

Here's your chance to tour America's only tea factory. There is no charge for the tour. Please come and enjoy the rare opportunity to learn how tea is made. The Factory tour begins every 15 minutes on the quarter hour and can be accessed at the top of the stairs in the Gift Shop. Groups of 9 or more traveling in a van or bus must make reservations! The cost for large groups does differ so please e-mail us.

Charleston Tea Garden 6617 Maybank Hwy, Wadmalaw Island info@charlestonteagarden.com • 843-559-0383 facebook.com/charlestonteagarden

D & S Plantation Grand Tour

Get an up-close look at our sustainable practices, from the gardens to the animal areas, and learn about our commitment to the environment. Perfect for anyone interested in sustainable living. \$35 and last I hour 30 minutes.

D & S Plantation 2590 S Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville hello@dsplantationllc.com • 843-384-1958 facebook.com/dsplantation?_rdr

LowCo. Farm Tours

The tour takes you through the start to finish of what it looks like to grow and ship oysters from our farm and factory right outside of Charleston. By land and by boat, you'll get to see, smell, touch, and taste one of the culinary backbones of the Lowcountry.

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Lowcountry Oyster Co. 15833 Bennetts Point Road, Green Pond Contact: JB Borgstedt, Eco-Tour Director jb@lowcooysters.com • 843-844-2400 lowcooysters.com/pages/farm-tours facebook.com/lowcooysters



SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

AIKEN COUNTY

GURLEY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

65 Williston Road, Beech Island

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Red Cedar, Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Virginia Pine

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day at 10 am

Hours: Mon-Wed by appointment / Thurs-Fri 2 pm-dark / Sat 10 am-dark / Sun 1 pm-dark

706-829-5904

STILL CREEK TREE FARM

442 Pine Log Road, Beech Island

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, White Pine, Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Blue Ice, Carolina Cypress & Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving

Hours: Sat–Sun 12–5 pm / Weekdays by appointment

706-951-2324

TOM SAWYER'S CHRISTMAS TREES

402 Uncle Duck Road, Monetta

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Murray Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sun before Thanksgiving

Hours: Fri after Thanksgiving 10 am-5:30 pm Sun-Fri 1 pm-5:30 pm / Sat 10 am-5:30 pm

803-673-4520

BEAUFORT COUNTY

A & A CHRISTMAS TREES

42 Old Cooler Circle, Okatie

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sun 10 am–5:30 pm

843-304-4485 aachristmastrees.com



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

MERRY MIXON CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6254 Robinson Rd., Hartsville, SC

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day at 10am

Hours: Sat 10 am-5 pm / Sun 2-5 pm / Other hours by appt

843-339-7591



COLLETON COUNTY

SMILING BEAR CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

126 Burlington Road, Walterboro

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Murray Cypress

Opens: Thanksgiving Day 2–5 pm by appointment only **Hours:** Black Fri 10 am-5 pm / Weekends 10 am-5 pm thru Dec 10

703-722-1979

info@smiling-bear.net



DORCHESTER COUNTY

CENTER BEND FARM

236 Center Bend Lane, Harleyville

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Eastern Red Cedar, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving

Hours: Mon-Thurs by appointment only Fri-Sat 9 am-5:30 pm / Sun 12-5:30 pm 843-462-7466 / 843-830-8837 / 843-560-6654

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

TURKEY CREEK CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

211 Wade Morgan Road, McCormick

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Blue Ice, Murray Cypress

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Fri-Sat 10 am-dark / Sun 1 pm-dark

803-637-3930 / 803-640-3930

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY

AISLES OF CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6253 Newberry Road, Winnsboro

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Murray Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon-Thurs 3-8 pm / Fri-Sat 9 am-8 pm / Sun closed

803-718-2800

CALDWELL TREE FARM

3227 US Hwy 321 N, Winnsboro

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut

Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Fri after Thanksgiving 10 am-5 pm / Sat 10 am-

5 pm / Mon-Fri 2:30-5:30 pm

803-402-0493 caldwelltreefarm.com



GEORGETOWN COUNTY

CABANA CHRISTMAS TREES

27 Coachman Drive, Pawleys Island

Retail Lot - Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut Fraser Fir **Opens:** Wed before Thanksgiving

Hours: Sun-Sat 9 am-7 pm

843-237-8733

cabanachristmastrees.com

GREENVILLE COUNTY

ELVE'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

925 Old Vinland School Road, Easley

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, Blue Sapphire, Green Giant, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: November 18

Hours: Sun-Fri 1-6 pm / Sat 9 am-6 pm

864-354-0002 / 864-246-6750 elveschristmastreessc.com

JIM SMITH CHRISTMAS TREES

9381 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC

Retail Lot - Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut Fraser Fir **Opens:** Sat before Thanksgiving – December 16

Hours: Sun-Fri 10 am-8 pm

864-903-3303

jsmithchristmastrees.com

MAY-LAN TREE PLANTATION

156 Cooley Bridge Road, Pelzer

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut NC Frazier Fir

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 12 pm

Hours: Sun-Thurs 1-5:30 pm / Fri-Sat 10 am-5:30 pm

864-243-3092 maylanfarms.com

MYSTIC FARM

9029 Old White Horse Road, Greenville

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Blue Ice

Opens: Weekend before Thanksgiving Day Hours: Mon-Sat 10 am-7 pm / Sun 12-6 pm

864-380-7636 mystictreefarm.com

GREENWOOD COUNTY

CEDAR POST TREE FARM

2715 Sam Hodges Road, Donalds

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Murry Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Thanksgiving Day or by appointment **Hours:** Mon–Sat 10 am–5 pm / Sun 2–5 pm

864-992-1142 / 864-377-4256 cedarposttreefarm.weebly.com

DAVENPORT'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

120 W. Deadfall Road, Greenwood

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress,

Carolina Sapphire **Opens:** Wed before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon-Fri 12:30 pm-dark / Sat 9 am-dark /

Sun 1 pm-dark 864-229-2202

HORRY COUNTY

BOOTH'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

5268 Adrian Hwy, Conway

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Clemson Greenspire

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day **Hours:** Mon–Sat 8 am–6 pm / Sun 1–5 pm

843-365-3633 boothschristmastreefarm.com

LANCASTER COUNTY

MOSELEY OLD TIME CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

2042 Moseley Private Drive, Lancaster

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Murry Cypress, White

Pine, Blue Ice & Carolina Sapphire Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Fri–Sat 10 am–4 pm 803-289-1683

LAURENS COUNTY

HIDDEN TRAILS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

331 Forget Me Not Drive, Ware Shoals

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Deodar Cedar, & Fresh Cut Fraser Fir. Trees with roots (B&B) for replanting and table top trees also available.

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 2 pm

Hours: Thurs-Fri 3:30-5 pm / Sat 9 am-5 pm / Sun 12-5 pm 864-980-3474 / 864-980-3682

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

LEXINGTON COUNTY

BEAR CREEK TREE FARM

564 Amick's Ferry Road, Chapin

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Virginia Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Deodar Cedar, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Thurs-Fri 3-5:30 pm / Sat 9 am-5:30 pm /

Sun 1-5:30 pm 803-528-7295

CEDAR RIDGE TREE FARM

2300 Priceville Road, Gilbert

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Deodar Cedar, Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day **Hours:** Fri–Sat 9 am–5 pm / Sun 1–5 pm

803-730-2569

cedarridgetreefarm.com

HOLLOW CREEK TREE FARM

228 Windmill Road, Gilbert

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, Jingles Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice Cypress, White Pine, Thuja Green Giant, Red Cedar, Deodar Cedar, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 1–5 pm

Hours: Sun – Thurs 1–5:30 pm / Fri–Sat 9:30 am–5:30 pm

803-892-3662

realtreesmakescents.com

PRICE'S TREE FARM

228 Maple Road, Lexington

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Carolina Sapphire, Murry Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Closed Thanksgiving Day / Mon–Thurs 3–6:30 pm /

Fri–Sat 9 am–6:30 pm / Sun 12–6 pm

803-356-4005

AUKERMAN FARMS

833 Cedar Creek Road, Swansea

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day **Hours:** Fri–Sun 9 am–5 pm

803-673-2547

NEWBERRY COUNTY

SHINE AND LEE'S CHRISTMAS TREES

20670 US Hwy. 76, Newberry

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina

Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri before Thanksgiving Day from 9 am–5:30 pm **Hours:** After opening day, Fri–Sat 9 am–5:30 pm / Sun 1:30-5:30 pm, Mon-Thurs closed but may call to place

orders for wreaths & garland 803-276-0161 / 803-924-8542

shineandleeschristmastrees.com

WICKER'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

940 Mud Creek Road, Newberry

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Murray Cypress

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day 9:30 am-dark Hours: Closed Mon-Thurs / Fri 1:30 pm-dark / Sat 9:30 am-dark / Sun 1:30 pm-dark 803-924-0362 / 803-924-0662

wickerschristmastreefarm.com

OCONEE COUNTY

FRIENDSHIP VALLEY CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

130 Friendship Valley Road, Seneca

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Sun, Thurs-Fri 12-6 pm / Sat 9 am-6 pm

SORRELLS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

156 Radisson Road, Seneca

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Murray Cypress

Opens: Weekend before Thanksgiving Day until sold out **Hours:** Mon–Sun 10 am–6 pm, we stop cutting in the

field at 5:30 pm 864-882-5054

RICHLAND COUNTY

LAKEWOOD TREE FARM

196 Sid Bickley Road, Chapin

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Murry

Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir **Opens:** Fri before Thanksgiving at 12:30 pm

Hours: Mon-Sat 8 am-9 pm / Sun 12:30-9 pm

803-260-1836

lakewoodtreefarm.com

SALUDA COUNTY

MATTHEWS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

1458 Spann Road, Batesburg

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Murray Cypress, Clemson

Opens: Thanksgiving Day thru Sat 9 am-5:30 pm **Hours:** Starting Sun after Thanksgiving, Sun–Fri 2–5:30 pm /

Sat 9 am-5:30 pm

 $803-924-0642 \ / \ 803-622-7570 \ / \ 803-422-1411$

ST. NICK CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

5686 Old Chappells Ferry Road, Saluda

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Murray Cypress, Thuja Green Giant

Opens: Wed before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon-Sat 8 am-5:30 pm / Sun 1-5:30 pm

864-910-0110 / 864-910-5233

WRIGHT'S TREE FARM

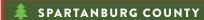
255 Christmas Tree Lane, Ward

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Blue Ice, Clemson Greenspire, Deodar Cedar

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon-Wed 3-5:30 pm / Thurs-Sat 10 am-5:30 pm /

803-685-7860 / 803-275-7333 wrightstreefarm.com



CHRISTMAS HILL

150 Riverside Drive, Chesnee

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Ball & Burlap or Container Trees

Opens: Thanksgiving Day **Hours:** 9 am-dark 864-592-2764 / 864-590-3451

SUMTER COUNTY

COLEMAN FAMILY FARMS

2155 Lloyd Drive, Sumter

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving 11 am Hours: Mon-Sun II am-5:30 pm 843-364-1637

YORK COUNTY

LUTZ CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

756 Neelands Road, Clover

Choose & Cut - Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Trees with roots (B&B) available for replanting

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 9 am

Hours: Mon-Thurs 3 pm-dark / Fri-Sun 10 am-dark 704-860-5604 / 803-627-2392

PENLAND CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6457 Campbell Road, York

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CATTLE

HRFRD BULLS

\$2500+ Jim Drake Anderson 864-933-2790

WEANED BEEF CALVES

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

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34 Ang, 14 Char, \$1600 ea Debbie Wade Chester 803-581-5050

F1 HEFRS

7 red baldy & 4 Blk Baldy hefrs, 13-14 m/o, shots & wormed, \$1800-1850 Travis Cushman Aiken 803-640-1982

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

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exc EPDs, 15-29 m/o, gentle, Niagara, Traction & Hoover Dam b'lines, \$2500-3000 **Bobby Baker** Lancaster 803-804-2230

POLLED HRFRD BULLS

12 m/o, Kneese J-45 & Hometowne, VG & exc markings/color, \$2000 ea John Gossett Spartanburg 803-222-7786

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

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6 y/o, \$2500; 4 y/o Blk Ang breed bull, \$3800 Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363

2 MINI DEXTER COWS

blk 15 m/o F, \$2000; red 2 yrs & 5 m/o bull, \$400 Skip Price Lexington 803-465-1484

REG BLK ANG BULLS

14+ m/o, \$2000+; hefrs, 10-15 m/o, \$1500; more Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

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2 y/o, \$3000 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

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

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

'17 JD 2WD 5045E

LN, 322 hrs, bucket, rear remotes, 45 hp, fresh oil change, \$23,500 William Dozier Barnwell 803-671-1393

6" BUSH HOG

Phillip Mullis Lancaster 803-519-7125

NH 54A BALE THROWER

fits Hayliner mods 268, 269, 273, 275, \$200 Stan Suchecki Laurens 978-857-7889

IH 820 COMBINE HDR

15', \$400; 3pt Scoop pan, \$125 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292

JD 4020

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

3PH STUMP GRINDER

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

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& dbl plow, both LN & \$100 ea Smittie Smith Pickens 864-561-5534

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

'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

MF 510 COMBINE

\$2500; MF 14' leveling harrow, \$1000 Arthur Hall Aiken 803-334-5357

SAWMILL ON TRL W/EXT

new & unused, \$5200; JD 350 hay rake, \$700; 2r cult, \$650 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

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

20'×7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$8250 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

150 GAL JD SPRAY TANK

w/frt mounting brackets, GC, \$400 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

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Echo Bear Cat CH5540, EC, \$4800 Jennifer Helms York 803-372-8331

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hyd steering, air brakes, shop built, 3500 lb cap, \$4500 obo Stanley Taylor Chester 803-789-5236

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

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

2R TRNSPLNTR

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

6' BHB BUSH HOG

\$700 obo; 10½' BHB mod 3210, \$7777 obo; Ford 3000 tractor, dsl, new tires/rims \$6500 obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

MF 175 W/FRT END LDR

mod 236 w/3ph, \$6700 Tommy Knight Calhoun 803-206-2097

3PH BEAM POLE

\$75 Keith Hyatt Spartanburg 864-680-1446 3PH TO BTM PLOW

\$200; 3ph 1 btm plow, \$80 Kenneth Mack Orangeburg 803-534-8100 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

8'×16' ALL STEEL TRL

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

OLIVER SUPERIOR GRAIN DRILL

steel whls, used, \$1100 Darlene Eargle Lexington 803-728-7597

NH 311 SQ BALER

VGC, \$3500; 8 bale accumltr & grapple, \$6000 Vernon Bonner Sumter 803-481-4225

JD 2755

short block, \$1200; 3ph post hole digger, \$300; pallet fork, \$300; 3ph Leinbach post hole digger, \$300 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

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

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land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging Jay Lowder Clarendon

HERBICIDE/APPLS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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for down trees due to storm damage, sawn into lumber Roger Mechling Calhoun 803-513-2335

HAY HAULING

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

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clean up after storm, stump removal, brush clearing, cleaning around fields & fences lason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753

SKID STEER WORK

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EXCAVATOR MOWING

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

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-

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

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for mature hunter in Saluda, Newberry or Fairfield cos Ted Brewer Lexington 803-238-8888

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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.

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\$3/dz Ron Handley

Georgetown

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

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

PECANS

in shell, \$2/lb Jordan Harris Calhoun 843-709-3239 **PECANS**

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

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3/\$25; Figs, Pmgrnt, Elderberry plants, \$20; grapevines, \$10 Freeman Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

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South Carolina Department of Agriculture

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

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2 y/o, 8 m/o & 5 m/o, \$475 for all Dan Coward Dillon 843-472-8122

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hvy muscled, proven sire, \$750 Susan Duckett Anderson 864-933-6286

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

100% NZ KIKO

5-6 m/o bucklings & doelings, CDT wormed, \$325-375 Jane Cooper Greenville 843-693-1949

2 ND GOAT NANNIES

\$275/pr William Yarborough Colleton 843-708-3665

5 M/O KATAHDIN RAM

gentle, hand raised, \$200 Tammy Hodge Sumter 803-983-5041

2 BILLIE GOATS

Savanna-Spanish cross, B-2/17/23, \$200; PB Koy Spanish, B-12/21, \$400 lennifer Helms York

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B-3/6, 2 does, \$250 ea; 1 buck, \$150, or will trade for 2 Spanish or Myotonic doelings Deborah Reed Orangeburg 843-312-5018

ST CROIX RAM LAMBS

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

KATAHDIN EWE

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

GUINEA HOG FEEDER PIGLETS

fixed M & F, \$50+, disc on 4+ Phillip Porter Chester 803-558-7470

(4) 2 M/O M PIGLETS

mixed breed, \$60 ea Andrew Rowell Edgefield 803-942-4469

8 W/O PIGLETS

Berkshire/Yorkshire, \$150 ea Michelle Langston Anderson 864-325-0880

FB BERKSHIRE

HOGS / PIGS

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

8 W/O PIGS

Hampshire/Duroc/ Yorkshire, \$80 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

HAY & GRAIN

'24 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, under shed, \$55/ bale, in field, \$50/bale Josiah Williams Bamberg 843-693-1970

SQ STRAW BALES

Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

'24 SQ HQ CB

in barn, limed & fert, \$8 ea Heyward Berry Edgefield 803-480-2996

COW HAY

\$50 ea; Wheat straw, \$40 ea; both 4×5 & net wrap Richard Knight Kershaw 803-427-6440

'24 SQ FESCUE

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

SQ CB

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

MOSTLY CRAB GRASS HAY

4×5 net wrap, 300 bales, \$40 James Livingston Lexington 803-530-3169

'24 4×5 FESCUE

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

'24 RND HQ CB

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

'24 SO FESCUE

fert, NR, in barn, \$6 Ian Hall Greenville 864-525-9701

'24 CRABGRASS HAY

\$45/lrg rnd, \$30/sm rnd Joseph Johnson Berkeley 843-567-7774

SQ CB

fert & sprayed, barn stored, \$8/bale Austin Cathcart Fairfield 803-603-7346

'24 4×5 FESCUE

net wrap, \$45 Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753

MIX GRASS

CQ, \$35; Coastal Fescue mix, \$45; HQ Coastal, \$65 Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112

4×5 RND CG HAY

net wrap, \$40/bale **Bubba Ramsey** York 803-230-0910

RND BALES

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

'24 4×5 RND MIXED GRASS

no weeds, \$50-60/bale Quinton Whitener Union 803-923-2036

'24 RND HQ COASTAL

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

'24 4×5 CQ FESCUE

\$50/bale; '24 wrapped haylage, \$70/bale; '24 4×5 plastic wrap dry HQ Fescue, \$70/bale, can load Allen Kellett Greenville 864-607-7444

'24 RND FESCUE MIX

4×5, located in Honea Path, \$42/bale or \$47/bale to del Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363

'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

'24 4×5 MIXED GRASS

net wrap, \$45/bale Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292

RND HQ CB

\$70/net wrap, \$50/twine wrap; Rye straw, \$4; all shed kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642

24 COASTAL/TIFTON 44 MIX

4×5 net wrap, CQ & GTQ, \$40 ea William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485 CB

\$70; HQC, \$60, both 4×5 & net wrap; sq \$8/bale; Rye

straw, \$5/bale, all barn kept Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

'24 MIXED GRASS

4×5, GTC & CQ, shed kept, \$25/bale F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

'24 HQ RND CB

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

HQ 4×5 RND COASTAL

net wrap, no litter used, \$65 in field, \$80 at barn; sq, \$8.50 in barn George Mccoy Chesterfield 843-307-8866

FESCUE/MIXED GRASS

4×5 rnd, barn stored, NR, no manure, fert only, \$50/bale Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

STRAW BALES

rnd/\$35, sq/\$4.50; rnd hay, shed kept, \$75; sq/\$8 Alex Nobles Barnwell 803-793-6867

WHEAT

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

'24 GQ SQ CB

22 avail, \$6 ea Anthony Carroll Anderson 864-314-2111 '24 4×5 RND CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale

Mike Cousins Newberry 803-924-7539

'24 4×5 MIXED GRASS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

2H WAGON

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

FRT MOUNT 55 GAL TANK

& rack off of 5000 series JD, \$150 Sidney Livingston Orangeburg 803-730-2683

CHICKEN LITTER

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

SEASONED OAK **FIREWOOD**

& green Oak, \$80/ truckload; 14.9-26 used tractor tires, \$300 Marty Black Lexington 803-921-3100

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

new, bought for grain auger, nvr used, \$750 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292

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

55 GAL FG DRUMS

metal & plastic open top w/top & rings, \$20+; solid top 55 gal, \$20 ea; 275 gal portow tanks, \$60 ea Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

GAS HOLE DIGGER

w/8" & 10" torsion protection augers, new in boxes, \$335 cash only; more Randy Orr Calhoun 864-295-3736

SMALL STEEL GATES

\$5 ea Smittie Smith Pickens

864-561-5534 4' TUBE GATE

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

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

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

FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS

hdwd trees on the ground, \$5/load Clyde Bridges Greenville 864-354-7619

HARDEE SPRAY TANK ONLY

200 gal, FC, \$100 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

GARDEN TRACTOR

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

OAK FIREWOOD

803-789-5110

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

5 MIDAEOUNT AUTO **WATERERS**

2 hole, 20 gal, \$375 ea Clyde Smith Saluda 803-480-1093

ARIENS RIDING 46" LAWN MWR

B&S eng, 22 hp, new belt & blades, hydro drive, EC, \$750 obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

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%,

4½×7 PORTA HUTS

livestock shelters, \$100+ Cecil Hooks Marion 843-430-4906

500 GAL OFF-ROAD

FUEL TANK w/elec pump, dispenses 10 gal/min, \$650 David Green Spartanburg

864-804-8090 **PECAN WOOD**

\$10/bundle; liq lick tank, \$100 old tractor tires us for water troughs or flower beds, \$20 ea Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

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

HORSE HAY RING

\$400 Deborah Worth Aiken 803-605-4644

2 SEARS SUBURBAN'S

deck, plow, harrow, more, \$250 Keith Hyatt Spartanburg 864-680-1446

20 GAL WASH POT

\$150; cotton/corn oak basket, \$75 R Long 803-924-9039

BODY SPRING for 1-2h wagon, fits b'tween

bolster & bed, \$250 Harry Isbell Anderson 864-617-2627 **MEAT SAW**

GC, needs motor, \$300 Joseph Johnson Berkeley 843-567-7774

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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AZALEAS

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

MONKEY GRASS

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

PEACH TREES

wht & yellow flesh free stone, \$20 ea Kenneth Marsengill York 803-981-7559

WRENS ABRUZZI RYE P-99.34%, G-80%, \$18/bag Oats, P-99.78%, G-97%, pallet disc Joshua Waters Lexington

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

SEED

\$15/bag; both in 50lb bags, 803-429-6114

WRENS ABRUZZI RYE

cleaned & bagged, G-91%, PS-99.80%, IM-.20%, \$16/50 lb bag Thomas Brady Barnwell 843-687-8406

POULTRY

ROYAL PALMS TURKEYS

\$70/pr Pete Bostic Whitmire 803-940-1827

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 – FARM EQUIPMENT

2 REAR 24" RIMS

for FA 140, in GC, with or w/out tires; and drawbar for FA 140 Rick Burgess Cherokee 864-809-3238

GROWN GUINEAS

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

WELSUMMER

& Cochin Bantam roos, 6–8 m/o, \$10 ea Rick Clark Berkeley 843-276-8760

SWEATER/KELSO COCK

2 y/o, \$50; sweater pullets, \$20 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309

WANT -LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

PEA COMBED

Spangle game chickens will consider others Brian Baldwin Fairfield 803-337-6070

BEEF CATTLE

any age or size Kenneth Satterfield Laurens 864-304-3172

COTURNIX OUAIL

mixed colors, qty disc, \$2 Nelson Brawley Union

864-426-1634 **18 M/O LAYING HENS**

Buff Orpington, \$25 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

(10) 7 W/O CHICKS

34 Dominique & 1/4 Game, \$5 ea; 5 grown hens, 1/2 Dominique & 1/2 Game, \$7 ea Ronald Dowey Kershaw 803-669-9352

BOBWHITE QUAIL

flight cond, \$6 Dwight Gilliland Saluda 864-941-0958

WHT KING PIGEONS

\$15 ea; Toulouse & Emden geese, \$100/mated prs Benson Ray Georgetown 843-933-5367

LAVENDER ORPINGTONS

& jumbo Coturnix quail, \$3–5 ea Brian Motley Kershaw 803-315-7598

BANTAMS

Single Comb, Rosecomb; Wht Leghorns, Blk Rosecomb, Silver Sebrights, show qual, prs/trios, \$40+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

PIGEONS

Blk Eagles, \$10 ea; Wht Racers, Blue Bars & Blue Checks, \$5 ea; Made it Wht prs, \$20 Smittie Smith Pickens 864-561-5534

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

RABBITS

LA COTTONTAILS

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

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES

Steve Tallon Darlington 843-326-5258

1-2 H FARM WAGON

w/wood spoke whls Harry Isbell Anderson 864-617-2627

USED J BUNK

aka concrete cattle feeder Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112

BLKSMITH ANVILS

any size farm bells, Enterprise sausage stuffer R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, Upstate cos Tim Morgan Greenville 864-420-0251

60" MWR DECK

for a Deutz-Allis, in any cond Curtis Cooper Laurens 864-270-7619

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls & weathervane, more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792

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ABBREVIATIONS

USDA ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF D-SNAP FOR SOUTH CAROLINA DISASTER AREAS

FOUR MORE COUNTIES IN FLORIDA ALSO NOW ELIGIBLE FOR D-SNAP, INCREASING COVERAGE AREA PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED ON OCT. 21

BY USDA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, 2024 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that people recovering from Hurricane Helene may be eligible for food assistance through USDA's Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP). Approximately 357,291 households in 28 South Carolina counties and one Tribe are estimated to be eligible for this relief to help with grocery expenses.

Through this program, which USDA makes available through states in the aftermath of disasters, people who may not be eligible for SNAP in normal circumstances can participate if they meet specific criteria, including disaster income limits and qualifying disaster-related expenses.

USDA recently announced that residents in parts of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee may be eligible for D-SNAP. USDA is also announcing that four more counties in Florida — Desoto, Flagler, Lake, and Polk — are now eligible, bringing the total area where D-SNAP is offered to 144 eligible counties and two Tribes across the states impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. USDA continues to work with states to offer D-SNAP to their residents.

"USDA is committed to making sure that families, farmers and communities impacted by recent hurricanes get the support they need, including help with grocery expenses as people grapple with significant disruption to their lives," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The Biden-Harris Administration, including USDA, will do everything in our power to help you respond, recover and rebuild — no matter how long it takes."

South Carolina will operate its virtual and in-person D-SNAP application period Nov. 12 through Nov. 21, 2024, and Dec. 2 through Dec. 13, 2024, respectively. Eligible areas include the counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union and York and the Catawba Indian Reservation. South Carolina will share additional information about D-SNAP application dates and locations through local media.

HOW TO APPLY FOR D-SNAP

To be eligible for D-SNAP, a household must live in an identified disaster area, have been affected by the disaster, and meet certain D-SNAP eligibility criteria. Eligible households will receive one month of benefits – equal to the maximum monthly amount for a SNAP household of their size – that they can use to purchase groceries at SNAP-authorized stores or from select retailers online to meet their temporary food needs as they settle back home following the disaster. For more information about South Carolina SNAP, visit South Carolina's Department of Social Services. For more information about this and other available aid, callers from South Carolina can dial 2-1-1.

The D-SNAP announcement today is the latest in a battery of USDA actions taken to help South Carolina residents cope with Hurricane Helene and its aftermath, which also include:

• Approving waivers for the 10-day reporting requirement for food purchased with SNAP benefits

- lost due to power outages in the affected counties.
- Approving a mass replacements waiver for SNAP participants in affected counties, allowing households to receive replacement benefits lost due to power outages.
- Approving statewide waivers that provide administrative and operational flexibilities in multiple nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program and the Summer Food Service Program.
- Approving statewide waivers for the Maximum Monthly Allowance for WIC food packages
 I, II and III and the medical documentation requirement for WIC Food Packages I and II.

The timing of D-SNAP varies with the unique circumstances of each disaster, but always begins after commercial channels of food distribution have been restored and families are able to purchase and prepare food at home. Before operating a D-SNAP, a state must ensure that the proper public information, staffing, and resources are in place.

Although current SNAP households are not eligible for D-SNAP, USDA has also approved South Carolina to automatically issue supplemental SNAP benefits to current SNAP households in 27 counties (Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union and York) to bring their allotment up to the maximum amount for their household size if they don't already receive that amount. SNAP households in Kershaw County may request supplemental benefits from their state SNAP agency.

SC STATE LINKS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE GAMBIA FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE, RESEARCH AND AG EXTENSION

BY SC STATE UNIVERSITY

Note: This is the second in a series of articles regarding South Carolina State University's academic exchange and agricultural extension partnership in the developing West African nation of The Gambia.

BANJUL, Gambia - South Carolina State University and the University of the Gambia (UTG) have entered a historic partnership for mutual research, student and faculty exchange opportunities and agricultural extension services.

"We are delighted to enter a formal strategic partnership with the University of the Gambia to provide sustainable solutions for food security and safety challenges," said Dr. Lamin Drammeh, associate vice president for SC State Public Service and Agriculture (PSA), who coordinated the agreement for SC State. "Our alliance strengthens our capacities to better address the research, academic and extension education needs of our students, our faculty and the communities we serve."

On Aug. 7, SC State President Alexander Conyers and College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer

Sciences Dean Ralph Noble signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with UTG Vice Chancellor Herbert Robinson and School of Agriculture and **Environmental Sciences** Dean Sidat Yaffa at the UGT's Dr. Musa Sowe Climate Change Building.

number of graduates produced by the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

"This country must feed itself, and the only way you feed yourself is to make sure our School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences is well equipped," Robinson said. "It's clear that there are huge capacity gaps, but there are opportunities, as well, and this is why we are here signing this MOU to begin to put these ideas into action."

According to the MOU, the universities will cooperate and collaborate in the following areas of mutual interest:

- Faculty exchanges.
- Student experiential learning.
- Educational administration and leadership.
- Food and agriculture systems.
- Climate change and climate-smart agriculture.
- Artificial intelligence and data science.
- Innovative research.

"The experiential learning opportunities for students open the doors to immersive cultural





breed of goat in hopes of mitigating stunting in the country's children.

Ag students will first get experience at SC State PSA's Research and Demonstration Farm in Olar, South Carolina, before taking their expertise to Gambia. UTG also hopes to develop a demonstration farm with SC State's guidance.

"We have our university farm in place now, and we are making plans for a segment of that farm to accommodate beef cattle, hair sheep and meat goats," Noble said. "That's where we will give our students hands-on experiences. So, they understand how those applications they learn in class will fit in when they go into extension work and international work."

INCREASING GAMBIAN FARMERS' ACCESS TO EXTENSION AGENTS

Yaffa, Noble's equivalent at UTG, looked forward to SC State's assistance with extension development,

> as the West African nation has a ratio of one extension agent per 1,000 farmers.

"Extension services are very challenging in our country. South Carolina State has a lot of experience in different aspects of agricultural extension services," Yaffa said. "They can teach

us so we can close the gap between the number of farmers and the number of agents in this country.

"With the help of South Carolina State University, we should be able to achieve that in three to five years," he said.

Along with Conyers, Noble and Drammeh, SC State's delegation to Gambia included Dr. Louis Whitesides, vice president of research and PSA; Dr. Edoe Agbodjan, associate extension administrator for PSA; and Dr. Joshua Idassi, SC State PSA's state program leader for sustainable agriculture and natural resources, all of whom will contribute to the agricultural work in Gambia.

"The MOU with the University of Gambia symbolizes a shared commitment to advancing research and educational opportunities that will address local issues for Gambians and ultimately serve as model solutions for global agricultural challenges," Whitesides said. "Through this partnership, we aim to cultivate innovation and sustainability that will benefit both institutions and most importantly, the communities we serve while developing the next leaders in agriculture."

After the MOU was signed, Whitesides delivered a presentation to the Gambians about how using artificial intelligence and other technology can enhance agriculture.

Yaffa said UTG students who visit South Carolina will gain from SC State's expertise, particularly in technological applications for agriculture.

"It will expand their knowledge about how a bigger country like the United States of America does agriculture," he said. "Hopefully when they come back, they will replicate some of those new technologies they learn about while they are there."

The MOU is among a series of ongoing initiatives between SC State and the West African nation, which also include a solar-powered water system aiding 400 women farmers and a project supporting a citrus growing operation.

SC State PSA's extension work in Gambia is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the 1890 Universities Foundation Center of Excellence for Global Food Security and Defense (GFSD) housed at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Drammeh is the grant's principal investigator.

SC State President Alexander Conyers discusses the university's agriculture capabilities with UTG Vice Chancellor Herbert Robinson on Aug. 7, 2024.

Convers said SC State is best positioned among U.S. institutions for the relationship with UTG, given its status as an HBCU (historically Black college or university) with agricultural education, research and extension programs.

"We were founded more than 125 years ago in 1896 specifically with the mission of agriculture for African American students," Conyers told the UTG representatives at the MOU signing ceremony. "So, we know this business -- we know this business well.

"We look forward to sharing what we have learned over the past 100 years of educating and elevating African American students so that they can empower their families and their communities sharing that with you," Conyers said.

STRENGTHENING GAMBIA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WITH **MORE GRADS**

Robinson said Gambia's agricultural sector needs to be stimulated, so UTG has a goal to increase the experiences and prepare students for global leadership opportunities in many sectors, foremost in agriculture," Drammeh said. "The faculty exchange and joint research components will deepen connections between faculty members thus expanding diversity in ideas and creating opportunities for new knowledge.

"Extension support will help train and develop agents who deliver applied research and innovative solutions to smallholder farmers, families and communities that can easily apply them in business or their everyday lives," he said.

HOW WILL SC STATE STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM THE MOU?

Noble said SC State College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences students who study in Gambia will be more attractive to employers.

"One thing that's being encouraged for new graduates in the United States is that they get some international experience," Noble said. "Some of the primary companies located in the U.S. are really international companies.

"When a student has any type of international experience on their resume, it raises up their qualifications in their field. Anytime our students get a chance to travel, they get opportunities they would not see anywhere else," he said.

The Gambian experience will be especially important for the College of Agriculture as it develops new animal science degree programs. SC State's next major grant-funded extension effort in Gambia will be a small ruminant project intended to improve nutrition. Ruminants are cattle, sheep, goats and other mammals that chew regurgitated cuds. The project will introduce a new



MIX IT UP

NEW IDEAS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY TABLE

Roasted Pork Loin and Sweet Potato Grits

BY CHEF AMBASSADOR JESSICA SHILLATO

Looking for an alternate protein to turkey or ham for your Thanksgiving table? This recipe was developed by South Carolina Chef Ambassador Jessica Shillato and first published in the 2023 issue of Grown in SC magazine (agriculture.sc.gov/ magazine).

Incorporating sweet potatoes into grits makes for a rich, creamy base for roasted pork. Shillato says using fresh stone-ground grits is essential.

INGREDIENTS

GRITS

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups whole milk
- I tablespoon kosher salt
- I cup stone-ground grits

PORK

- ½ cup balsamic vinegar
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup olive oil, plus more for the pans
- 4 teaspoons dried oregano

- 2 large sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled and mashed
- Kosher salt to taste
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more to taste if desired
- 1 ½ teaspoons black pepper
- 1 pork loin (2–3 lbs)
- 2 large yellow onions

Butter Braised Cabbage and Radicchio

BY CHEF AMETHYST GANAWAY

This recipe was developed by Chef Amethyst Ganaway, a Lowcountry chef and food writer, for Certified South Carolina, with funding from a Specialty Crop Block Grant on consumer education. For more recipe content and ideas on how to use fresh local produce, visit certifiedsc.com or follow Certified South Carolina on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

Braised cabbage is a South Carolina favorite side dish, but often it can be made with fatty and salted meats like bacon, ham hocks, or sausage to help flavor it. This recipe is meatless but full of flavor. The cabbage is sweet and mild on its own, but the radicchio adds a bit of bitterness (which can be neutralized by adding a cap full of apple cider vinegar if you'd like) and color, and the butter adds richness and fat as the meat would have. This recipe could also easily be halved if you'd like a smaller portion.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small head of green cabbage (about 1-2 pounds)
- 1 small head of radicchio (about ½-1 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter
- 4-5 sprigs of fresh thyme removed from stem (or I teaspoon dried thyme) + more
- Kosher salt to taste

- for garnish
- Black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Cut both the cabbage and radicchio in half, and carefully remove their hard cores and toss in the trash or compost.

Chop the cabbage into bite sized pieces, and place into a bowl. Repeat this step for the radicchio, and place it in its own bowl.

In a pot or deep frying pan or skillet, heat the 2 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Once the butter has melted and begins to form bubbles, add the chopped green cabbage. Stir to coat the cabbage in the butter and let cook for about 3-5 minutes or until the cabbage begins to soften before adding the radicchio, stirring often so that the vegetables soften and get some browned pieces. Add the thyme and stir.

Let cook for about 5–7 minutes until the vegetables have wilted, but still have some bite. Season to taste with salt and pepper and garnish with fresh thyme before serving.

Servings: 4

Spicy Collard Dip

This recipe is from WP Rawl, a Lexington County producer well known for their collards and other dark leafy greens. While it calls for their brand, any Certified South Carolina collard would be suitable!

INGREDIENTS

- 16 oz. Nature's Greens® collard greens
- 14 oz. vegetable broth
- 2 c. water
- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 6 oz. diced green pepper
- 4 oz. diced yellow onion
- 2 tsp. garlic, chopped
- 8 oz. cream cheese, cubed and softened
- ½ c. colby cheese, shredded
- I c. sour cream
- 1 tsp. Cajun seasoning
- Sliced Certified SC Grown vegetables for dipping

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Cook collards in vegetable broth and water for 20 minutes or until desired tenderness. Drain well, set aside to cool, and chop into small pieces.

Brown the green pepper, onion, and garlic in olive oil. Drain well.

Combine cheeses with sour cream and seasoning. Stir in collards and veggies and add mixture to a lightly oiled 1 1/2-quart casserole dish. Bake uncovered for at least 20 minutes or until warmed thoroughly. Serve with sliced vegetables.

Roasted pork loin and sweet potato grits

DIRECTIONS

If not using previously cooked sweet potatoes: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake sweet potatoes for about an hour, then cool, peel and mash.

Bring milk and water to a boil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Gradually whisk in grits. Reduce heat to low, and simmer, stirring frequently, 30-45 minutes or until thickened. Stir in sweet potatoes, butter and any extra salt to taste.

While grits are simmering, make pork:

Whisk the balsamic vinegar, garlic, 1/3 cup olive oil, oregano and salt and pepper in a small bowl. Rub into pork.

Position racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven and preheat to 450°.

Lightly oil 2 sheet pans. Put pork on a pan and season lightly with salt. Arrange the onion around the pork.

Roast, rotating the pans halfway through and shaking them to loosen the onion, until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the meat registers 140° to 145° – 20 to 30 minutes. Slice the pork and serve with the grits.

Servings: 4-6





KEEP FOOD SAFETY IN MIND THIS THANKSGIVING

BY USDA

Turkey is the most popular dish during Thanksgiving celebrations, yet there are many inexperienced cooks who will be in the kitchen. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is encouraging consumers to practice food safety throughout the entire Thanksgiving process, from the grocery store to the dining table.

"On the most popular food holiday of the year, we're reminding consumers to follow safe food handling practices starting at the grocery store and going all the way through enjoying your leftovers," said Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. "Following these basic steps can help keep your family and friends safe this holiday season."

To keep your Thanksgiving food safe, follow this guide:

SHOPPING

- Bacteria can multiply to dangerous levels if perishables, like turkey, are left in the Danger Zone (temperatures between 40 F and 140 F) for too long. Pick up your turkey and other perishable products at the end of your grocery shopping so they stay cold as long as possible. Pack perishables in insulated bags with cold sources if the commute home is longer than an hour
- and place them in the refrigerator as soon as you get home.
- Make sure the packaging of your turkey is not torn or leaking. Juices from raw poultry can cause cross-contamination of harmful bacteria that can get you sick. Place turkey, and other raw meat products, in plastic bags and in a separate part of your shopping cart to prevent harmful bacteria from spreading.

THAWING

A frozen turkey can be safely thawed in the refrigerator or in cold water:

 When thawing in a refrigerator at 40 F or below, allow roughly 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds.
 Consider putting the turkey in a container or dish to contain juices that may leak. • When thawing in cold water, allow roughly 30 minutes per pound. Submerge the wrapped turkey into the cold water and change the water every 30 minutes until the turkey is fully thawed. Once thawed, cook the turkey immediately.

PREPARING

When it is time to prepare the turkey, keep in mind that turkeys may contain bacteria that cause foodborne illness. Keep the turkey and its juices separate from foods that won't be cooked and fully clean and sanitize surfaces that come into contact with the turkey and its juices. A USDA study found that about 30% of consumers did not successfully clean and sanitize kitchen surfaces around meal preparation.



Washing a turkey is risky because it can spread bacteria to your sink and other nearby surfaces. If you choose to wash it, make sure to fully clean surfaces with soap and water afterwards and then sanitize using a sanitizing solution.

COOKING

There are many ways to cook a turkey, but one thing remains consistent: the turkey needs to reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F, as measured by a food thermometer, in three places — the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh, and the innermost part of the wing. Always use a thermometer to make sure the turkey is fully cooked even if the turkey has a pop-up temperature indicator. If stuffing your turkey, the stuffing must also reach 165 F in the center of the stuffing.

SERVING

- When serving food to groups, remember the two-hour rule. Perishable foods that have sat out at room temperature for more than two hours are unsafe, due to bacterial growth, and must be discarded. When you are serving food, keep your hot food hot and cold food cold. This will keep it from developing harmful bacteria. Hot foods such as turkey, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy must be kept at or above 140 F and you can do so by serving them in warming trays, chafing dishes, slow cookers, etc.
- Cold foods such as salad, cranberry relish, deviled eggs and cold dips must be kept below 40 F

and you can do so by serving them in trays or bowls nestled over ice. Remember to replace the ice as it melts. You can also serve cold foods by dividing them in small portions and serving them a portion at a time, keeping the remainder in the refrigerator.

LEFTOVERS

Leftovers are arguably one of the best parts of Thanksgiving. For leftovers to be safe to keep, they must be refrigerated within two hours of serving or have been kept hot at or above 140 F or cold below 40 F. Discard any

foods that sat out for more than two hours at room temperature because bacteria that cause foodborne illness could have reached dangerous levels. If you have turkey leftovers, carve the bird into smaller pieces and place them into small, shallow containers so the meat can cool evenly and quickly.

If you have food safety questions while planning and preparing your Thanksgiving feast, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at I-888-MPHotline (I-888-674-6854), email MPHotline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov/s/IO am to 6 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday to reach a food safety specialist in English or Spanish. The Meat and Poultry Hotline is also open on Thanksgiving Day from 8 am to 2 pm EST.



FARM AND FOREST RECOVERY RESOURCE DAYS

Did your farm or agribusiness experience losses due to Hurricane Helene?

Farm and Forest Recovery Resource Days are informative resource fairs for farmers, foresters, and agribusinesses who were impacted by Hurricane Helene in South Carolina. Hosted by Governor Henry McMaster and Lieutenant Governor Pamela S. Evette, over 20 state and federal agencies and private organizations will attend events across South Carolina to provide information about programs and resources that can support recovery.

When/Where:

Friday, November 15, 2024 | 2 – 7 pm University of South Carolina–Aiken Campus 488 Scholar Loop, Aiken, SC 29801

Thursday, November 21, 2024 | 2 – 7 pm Greenville Technical College 506 S Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607

Friday, December 6, 2024 | 9 am - 4 pm SC Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting 9800 Queensway Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

*Meals and refreshments provided by AgSouth Farm Credit.

Farm and Forest Recovery Resource Days included representation from the following agencies:

AgSouth — Providing information on loans, crop insurance, and leases for farms, equipment, timber industry, and agribusiness.

Clemson University Extension — Assisting people in finding resources to support farm-related business decisions during storm recovery.

Farmer Veteran Coalition of S.C. — Connecting Veteran farmers to technical resources, grants, and educational opportunities.

Federal Emergency Management Agency — Providing information on registering for financial assistance related to the storm.

Internal Revenue Services — Providing information on available federal tax law disaster relief provisions.

Small Business Administration — Providing assistance regarding Business Start-Up, SBA Lending, and Federal Contracting.

- **S.C. Conservation Bank** Providing information on agriculture land grants.
- **S.C. Department of Agriculture** Will be on-site for support and discussion.
- **S.C. Department of Commerce** Providing companies with information on services like small business resources, innovation, trade, recycling, industry support, and emergency management.
- S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce Providing information on housing inspections on any storm-damaged employer-owned housing in advance of Foreign Labor Application Gateway applications and on unemployment benefits, including Disaster Unemployment Assistance and employer services.
- S.C. Department of Environmental Services Assisting farms and tree producers with options for storm debris management, well water sampling, and regulated dam issues.
- **S.C. Department of Insurance** Information on insurance claims, coverage, and fraud prevention.
- **S.C. Department of Mental Health** Providing information on available mental health services.
- **S.C. Department of Natural Resources** Supports local Soil and Water Conservation Districts who provide conservation technical assistance to South Carolina farmers and tree producers and helping identify funding opportunities.

S.C. Department of Veterans' Affairs — Providing referrals for identified Veterans and their families that are available through the South Carolina Veteran Coalition.

S.C. Emergency Management Division — Providing information on state-level planning for recovery and grant and assistance program availability and eligibility.

- **S.C. Forestry Commission** Providing forest landowners management support, including timber damage assessment, salvage harvesting, replanting guidance, information on financial assistance for repairs, and fee-based services like firebreak plowing and prescribed burning.
- **S.C.** Office of Resilience Providing case managers to assist eligible citizens with disaster-caused unmet needs.
- **S.C. Small Business Development Centers** Providing no-fee private consulting to help small and mid-sized farm businesses impacted by disasters with recovery planning, financing, damage assessment, and other recovery needs.
- **S.C. State University** Providing technical services, support, and guidance on recovery in areas like agriculture, forestry, health, families, natural resources, youth development and more.

USDA Farm Services Agency — Providing information on disaster programs offering cost-share assistance and emergency loans to help farmers and producers recover from land, crop, and livestock losses due to a natural disaster.

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services — Providing financial and technical assistance information to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners.

Other federal, state, and local nonprofit organizations.

AARON WOOD HONORED BY NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Agriculture Assistant Commissioner Aaron Wood received the Honorary American FFA Degree at the 2024 National FFA Convention.

This award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment. The National FFA Organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve the success that, in

turn, contributes directly to the overall well-being of the nation.

The honorary American FFA degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists. Members of the National FFA

organization's Board of Directors approved the nomination.

Wood received the award during the 97th National

FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis on Friday, October 25, 2024. All recipients received a plaque and medal, and their names are permanently recorded as recipients of the highest FFA honor.

The National FFA
Organization is a
school based National
Youth Leadership
Development
Organization of more

than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at ffa.org, and on Facebook and Twitter.

2024 LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SC WATERMELON BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" and the Marketing Order for South Carolina Watermelon No. 7 issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina is seeking nominees for the South Carolina Watermelon Board to succeed two members with terms expiring December 31, 2024. Nominees are needed to succeed one member in District 1 and one member in District 2 (see counties below).

The individuals appointed to the board will serve a three-year term beginning January I, 2025, and ending December 3I, 2027. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing watermelons 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 watermelon production and shall continue to do so from the production of watermelon during their term of office

As a board member for the South Carolina Watermelon Board, you will be involved in watermelon advertising and sales promotion, research, prevention of unfair trade practices, cooperation with other agencies, market development programs, educational programs and determining the grades of acceptable watermelons in South Carolina. The South Carolina Watermelon 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.

If you are interested in becoming a SC Watermelon Board Member, you will need to request a petition. This petition can be requested by calling (803) 734-9807 or by emailing elloyd@scda.sc.gov. All petitions must be received by Friday, November 29, 2024. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five watermelon producers from the counties of the district seat you are petitioning for. Additionally, along with the submission of the petition, nominees will need to provide proof of producer verification (example: a receipt from a 1st purchaser showing the sale of watermelons in your name or your farm name). Petitions received after November 29, 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.

District I includes the following counties: Darlington, Cherokee, Spartanburg, York, Lancaster, Chester, Union, Fairfield, Berkeley, Charleston, Richland, Florence, Marion, Clarendon, Sumter, Kershaw, Lee, Williamsburg, Georgetown, Horry, Dillon, Marlboro, Chesterfield, Aiken, Bamberg, Calhoun, Colleton, Dorchester, Lexington, Orangeburg, Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, Laurens, Greenwood, Edgefield, Saluda, and Newberry.

District 2 includes the following counties: Allendale, Barnwell, Beaufort, Hampton, and Jasper.

All petitions must be received by Friday, November 29, 2024.

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