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FEDERAL SPECIALTY CROP FUNDING WILL HELP SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS

BY SCDA

In August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced \$603,000 in funding awarded to South Carolina through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Through this program, the South Carolina Department



of Agriculture funds projects that strengthen South Carolina's specialty crop industry through marketing, education, and research. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and nursery crops.

"Each year, we find new ways to use the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to help South Carolina farmers thrive," said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "These grants encourage growers to expand their markets, take informed risks, and grow more local crops. Supporting farmers is what it's all about."

The funded projects include:

SC SPECIALTY CROP GROWERS ASSOCIATION

- Building capacity for the future of the South Carolina specialty crop industry through the promotion and support of on-farm internships at small and mid-sized specialty crop farms, developing the skills and knowledge to produce specialty crops in younger generations

SC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- Trade show cost-share program to expand specialty crop sales by promoting South Carolina grown specialty crops to national and international markets at the Global Produce and Floral Show, and by equipping small and/or beginning farms with the knowledge and skills needed to expand and maintain their farm operations through educational conferences.

SC CUT FLOWER GROWERS MARKETING CO-OP

- Establishment of an online marketplace coupled with a statewide logistics system

ADVENT INNOVATIONS LIMITED COMPANY

- Development of an intelligent agricultural

database and dashboard named "Advent Digi-Farm" to monitor crop health and growth, control soil health by constant monitoring, mitigate specialty crop loss, and predict yield through data collection, storage and processing.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

- Development of a pathogen viability diagnostic tool that allows faster detection of the bacterial blight pathogen in brassica seeds with higher sensitivity and specificity. The project results will contribute to a clean brassica seed stock and improved management of bacterial blight with reduced disease incidence in brassica fields.
- Breeding for bacterial canker tolerance in peach cultivars. Understanding genetic base of peach tolerance to bacterial canker and potential for development of bacterial canker tolerant peach cultivars.
- Development of a price discovery tool in cooperation with specialty crop producers, farmers markets, market managers, and agribusiness stakeholders to benefit fruit and vegetable production in the state.
- Reduce pesticide risk in commercial strawberry production by developing application mixtures with fewer conventional fungicides. These mixtures will be effective against the leading disease problems in conventional strawberry.

SC STATE UNIVERSITY

- A study to determine the best fall planting date and seeding density that will result in optimum growth of desi chickpea as a fall cover crop/spring cash crop.

ELGIE DEBERRY APIARIES LLC

- Collection of honey samples on Daufuskie Island to determine which plants honeybees visit during the year to make honey. The results will be disseminated through a beekeeping class held within the four coastal counties of Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, and Hampton.

The funding to South Carolina is part of a total of \$72.9 million in non-competitive FY 2024 funding awarded to 54 states, territories, and the District of Columbia through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

A full project list is available at ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp.

For more information about Specialty Crop Block Grants in South Carolina, visit agriculture.sc.gov/grants.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

HERE AND THERE

Like some of you, I was in Moultrie, Georgia, for the Sunbelt Ag Expo in October. I want to congratulate Ty and Tracy Woodard of Darlington County for representing the state of South Carolina at Sunbelt. As South Carolina Farmer of the Year, Ty is showing a path forward for South Carolina farmers.

Ty is a third-generation farmer who grows peanuts, cotton, corn, soybeans, timber, and Angus beef cattle on over 5800 acres with his family. He and his wife Tracy also operate an agribusiness called Covered in Cotton that uses a local processing chain to create high-end products using their own cotton. A couple of my grandchildren have come home from the hospital in Covered in Cotton baby blankets. Ty and Tracy are a real South Carolina farming success story, and I have so much respect for their hard work and innovation.

Fall is always a busy time for South Carolina agriculture, but this year we are all dealing with the additional fallout from multiple disasters this summer — Helene, Debby, and the drought.

We've been spending a lot of time working with partner agencies to help farmers recovering from these disasters. We held a listening call in October to which 247 people called in, where we heard from Clemson

Extension; the SC Forestry Commission; USDA FSA, NRCS, and RMA; representatives from the crop insurance world; farm lending, and SC Farm Bureau. We have also set up an email you can use if you have questions about disaster recovery: disaster@scda.sc.gov.

Clemson has projected that these three disasters caused \$427,697,672 in agricultural losses in South Carolina. Helene alone caused more than \$193 million in infrastructure damage. And our forestry partners say Helene did \$46 million in damage to timber in the state.

Parts of South Carolina continue to recover from Helene. Some folks in rural western part of the state were without power for an entire month. I was happy to lend one of our farm generators to a farmer in McCormick County to get water to his cattle.

As we head into late fall, things are looking either pretty good or too dry, depending on what kind of farmer you ask. All the clear, dry, mild weather means row crop harvest is proceeding at a rapid clip. Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest are all far ahead of the five-year average. For those concerned about pasture conditions, though, the dry weather has become a concern. Let's hope we can find a balance as we finish out the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Living-History Day

November 9 • 10 am – 3 pm

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

Foothills Farmstead

435 Farmstead Way, Westminster

Contact: Nicholas Gambrell
info@oldoakway.com • 864-710-1568
foothillsfarmstead.org

Ole Patchwork Gathering

November 9 • 10 am – 3 pm

Join us for a great day of all things handmade, hand baked, and hand crafted! Bring a cooler to take home fresh eggs and milk and meats; plan to stay for lunch from one of our food vendors, and sit a spell to enjoy music at the farmhouse porch. Please, no dogs allowed unless service animals. Parking is \$5 and goes towards community outreach.

Patchwork Farm LLC

110 Dairy Lane, Saluda

patchworkfarmllc@gmail.com • 803-317-7291
facebook.com/PatchworkFarmSC

Fall Festival

November 9 & 23 • 10 am – 2 pm

We'll have vendors, food, and fun.

A Thrasher's Farm

727 Garrison Road, Pelzer

athrasherfarm@gmail.com • 864-201-3172
facebook.com/AThrashersFarm

Sunday at Sans Souci – A Conservation Celebration

November 10 • 11 am – 3:30 pm

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

Sans Souci Farm

1935 Sans Souci Road, Sumter

Contact: Carla Moore/Congaree Land Trust
carla@congarreelt.org • 803-988-0000
congarreelt.org/#events

Holiday Wrapping Paper Workshop

November 16 • 1 – 3 pm

Each workshop participant will leave with one 12"x18" sheet of wrapping paper AND their hand-carved stamp that can be reused for your future designs and wrapping paper making. Cost: \$45 per person (includes instruction, paper, custom stamp, and holiday refreshments). A wonderful, new holiday tradition is just beginning with this class. We can't wait to see you here!

Farm in the Wildwood

107 Collins Road, Piedmont

farminthewildwood@gmail.com • 864-561-5520

Harvest Feast

November 16 • 6 – 10 pm

This extraordinary event is a result of a seamless collaboration between the renowned The War Mouth restaurant and these exceptional local farms: Fabel Farms, Deckle Edge Farms, and Wild Hope Farms.

Fabel Farms

1208 Hinnants Store Road, Winnsboro

803-718-4574

fabelfarms.com/event-details-registration/harvest-feast

Thanksgiving Farm to Table Event

November 24 • 11 am – 3 pm

Join us for a true farm-to-table experience! We have a limited number of Heritage Breed turkeys (Bourbon Red & Chocolate crosses). You will have the opportunity to join us on the farm and help process your own turkey, dress it out for Thanksgiving, and make an incredible brine to bring out the wonderful flavor. The price includes your turkey, a custom brine mix, a farm-to-table demonstration including the opportunity to taste a turkey expertly prepared in the Farm Kitchen, a custom recipe book with some of our favorite Thanksgiving recipes, and an experience to last a lifetime. Bring your family! If you would rather not participate in the butchering process, we can make other arrangements. They are \$10/lb and every effort will be made to match your desired size. All military and veterans pay half price.

Project Victory Garden

140 Harbor Lane, Townville

projectvictorygardens@gmail.com • 803-522-4703

facebook.com/projectvictorygardens

Tea Farm Tours

Fall is the perfect time to visit the tea farm! Tours are offered Thursday-Sunday, and we are fully stocked for your holiday shopping. Thanks for supporting local. Table Rock Tea Company grows Real American Tea in upstate South Carolina.

Table Rock Tea Company

118 High Hills Lane, Pickens

info@tablerocktea.com • 864-915-0571

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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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 button for more information about
 each location

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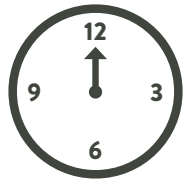
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\$12; Chan Cats, 65¢; 3-5" BG, \$1.40; 1-3" BG, 65¢; Threadfin Shad, \$1800/load
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

TROUT

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

CATTLE

COMM BLK ANG

yr/ig open hefrs, out of CK
Yon Confidence Hazel,
\$2000 ea
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Union
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2 OPEN HEFRS

¾ Ang, ¼ Char, \$1600 ea
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Chester
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REG BLK BRANG & ULTRA BLK

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Fescue resistant, forage
developed, AI sire & solid
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EPDs, \$3500
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8-14 m/o, good EPDs &
b'lines, \$2500
Britton Mccarter
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exc EPDs, 20-28 m/o,
gentle, Viagra, Traction
& Hoover Dam b'lines,
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Lancaster
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803-596-6463

REG ANG BULLS

Jindra Acclaim & Brilliance
lines, easy calving, \$2000 ea
Doug Blake
Greenville
864-918-7480

2 Y/O REG BLK ANG BULL

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

F1 HEFRS

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

2 POLLED HRFRD BULLS

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

BFMSTR REG BULLS

& PB bulls, yr/igs, \$1800+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

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650-850 lbs, \$2/lb firm
Dan Coward
Dillon
843-472-8122

6 Y/O BLK ANG BROOD COW

\$2500; 4 y/o Blk Ang breed
bull, \$3800
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Anderson
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20 POLLED HRFRD BULLS

20 m/o, thick muscle, BSE
done, \$3100+; 35 yr/ig bulls,
Grow Yourself, \$2500+
Norris Fowler
Union
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B-1/7, obligate A2A2 & HomP,
Freedom & Boatwright, exc
b'lines, reg in process, \$2400
David Oser
Dorchester
843-557-5200

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JD 5075E LDR & ATTACHS

\$28,500; Bobcat T650 & attachs,
\$38,000; Bobcat E35i, 2
buckets \$35,500; all VGC
Paul Hammitt
Spartanburg
864-921-2294

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

3PH HAY UNROLLER

HD handles 4' & 5' bales, cyl
hoses & pins, \$1350
Robert Ivey
Spartanburg
864-505-5330

DSL FORK LIFT

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

6R COTTON PKR

Case IH 635, 1800 farm hrs,
2950 eng hrs, \$47,500; IH
1586 tractor, \$8500
Hayne Cullen
Orangeburg
803-534-4293

JD 4020

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

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

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

70'S 3000 FORD DSL

3ph, after-market PS, 80%
rubber all around, \$3900
Judy Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

'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

SINGLE HAY FORK

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

FRANKLIN 595 SKIDDER

& Rome bedding plow, GC,
\$12,000
Samuel Cribb
Williamsburg
843-558-2256

3PH DIRT PAN

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

'83 JD8300 GRAIN DRILL

\$2800; '85 Ford F8000
flatbed w/(2) 1500 gal tanks
& lift gate, \$3000
Carl Brown
Aiken
803-640-0281

ALL METAL HD 5x12 TRL

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

JD 2010 TRACTOR

w/canopy, new tires, w/3r cult &
plntrs, in GC, \$7500; more
Jimmy Wilson
Anderson
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IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER

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

MF 510 COMBINE

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

'85 DSL FORD 2910

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

JD 640 FRT END LDR

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

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading
ramp, new tires, EC, \$8750
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Spartanburg
864-992-3869

TRAILS WEST 3H SL TRL

walk in tack comprt, BP,
stabilizer bars w/hitch, \$6750
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Spartanburg
864-415-9731

'23 JD BAT WING

12' rotary cutter, \$13,500
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LANDPRIDE 6' FINISH MWR

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

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

2R TRNSPLNTR

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

NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE

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

6' BHB BUSH HOG

\$750 obo; 10½' BHB mod
3210, \$8000 obo; Ford 3000
tractor, dsl, new tires/rims
\$6500 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

JD 1630 HD DISC HARROW

13', needs blades, GC, good
for new ground, \$2500
Roger Waltz
Bamberg
843-908-2312

3PH STUMP GRINDER

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

16' GN LIVESTOCK TRL

\$2500; 6' 3ph disc, \$650; 8
whl v rake, \$2000; Hesston
530 fr baler & parts, \$5500
Rickie Evans
Chester
803-209-2714

CHIPPER

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

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

STORM CLEANUP

farm fence installation &
repairs, trenching, water
stations, forestry mulching
& land clearing
Ken Wells
Laurens
864-449-8556

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

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

SKID STEER WORK

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

WILDLIFE MGMT

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

build & repair ponds, demo,
tree removal, land clearing,
roads, free est
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bush hog, bldg pads
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logs from 8-20'L & 36" dia
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Barnwell
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landscaping, grading,
clearing/brush clean up,
drains, sprinklers, sod, etc,
all surrounding cos
Derek Drafts
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up to 52" dia & 16'L
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Pickens
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spray weeds, treat fire ants,
fert & lime, plant pastures,
Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda,
Bahia
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Richland
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specialize in TN, call for prices
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

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

CLEAN UP AFTER STORM

stump removal, brush
clearing, cleaning around
fields & fences
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

TRACTOR WORK

bush hogging, frt end ldr, tree
cutting, box blade, & comm
mower, Lowcountry cos
Harry Floyd
Orangeburg
803-378-7213

EQUINE

THE SELLER MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF A CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST WITH THE AD. SCANNED COPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

ARABIAN MARE

reg PB, gray, 6 y/o, shot UTD, rides alone or w/ others, \$5000

Jerry Rowe
Aiken
803-648-6438

MAMMOTH DONKEYS

sorrel jack, B-8/10/23; 57" choc jennet, B-6/5/23; (2) 58" choc jennets, B-5/15/23, \$4000 ea

Dennis Wall
Edgefield
864-993-6379

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.

WANT TO LEASE PASTURE

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

704-913-6083

132A SUMTER CO

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

803-972-4800

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

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.

PECANS

in shell, \$2/lb Jordan Harris Calhoun

843-709-3239

PUMPKINS

\$4-7 ea; chicken eggs, \$2/dz Joe Culbertson Greenwood

864-229-5254

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

\$3/dz Ron Handley Georgetown

843-896-0829

PECANS

shelled, \$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

SUGAR CANE

cut after storm, use to make syrup, \$2/stalk Jane Clardy Kershaw

803-432-6714

PECANS

you pick, \$7/5 gal bucket Olin Bishop Bamberg

803-824-9990

GARDEN

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

MUSCADINE PLANTS

purple, lrg fruit & hvy bearing, \$5 ea or 5 for \$20 Brian Gray

Greenville
864-908-9777

RABBITEYE BLUEBERRIES

\$2 ea Billy Eddins Chesterfield

843-623-2427

BLUEBERRY BUSHES

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

Barnwell
803-383-4066

HOGS / PIGS

FB BERKSHIRE

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

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8 W/O PIGS

Hampshire/Duroc/ Yorkshire, \$80 ea Robert Turner

Orangeburg
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(4) 2 M/O M PIGLETS

mixed breed, \$60 ea Andrew Rowell Edgefield

803-942-4469

8 W/O PIGLETS

Berkshire/Yorkshire piglets, \$150 ea Michelle Langston Anderson

864-325-0880

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

KATAHDIN EWE

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

803-351-4994

100% NZ KIKO

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

Greenville

843-693-1949

ST CROIX RAM LAMBS

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

864-305-7992

3 REG ND DAIRY GOATS

B-3/6, 2 does, \$250 ea; 1 buck, \$150 Deborah Reed Orangeburg

843-312-5018

2 BILLIES

B-2/7/23, healthy, friendly, (1) ¾ Kiko ¼ Boar, \$200; (1) ½ ND ½ Kiko, \$150 Randy Lawson

Spartanburg

864-542-4447

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

PURE ND GOATS

all blue eyed & naturally polled, bottle fed billy, \$150; 3 yrlg nannies, \$150 ea or \$5500 for group David Oser

Dorchester

843-557-5200

6 M/O ND GOATS

2 nannies, \$125; 5 billies, \$100 Don Todd Abbeville

864-446-2431

NUBIAN GOATS

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

803-413-2974

(4) 3-4 Y/O BOAR GOATS

all wethers, vac & dewormed, 2 choc, 2 red/white, \$100 ea Louis Chapman Lexington

803-622-4992

KIKO/SAANEN MIX GOAT

3 y/o buck, \$200 Mark Roberts Spartanburg

864-680-4766

BILLY GOAT

Savanna-Spanish cross, B-2/17/23, \$200 Jennifer Helms York

803-372-8331

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HAY & GRAIN

SQ CB

fert & sprayed, barn stored, \$8/bale Austin Cathcart Fairfield

803-603-7346

'24 FALL FESCUE MIX

5x5 rnd, outside, goat & cow qual, \$40 ea Steve Van Patton Spartanburg

864-607-5215

4x4 FESCUE

barn stored, hurricane damaged, \$15/bale Harry Mcmillan Spartanburg

864-327-7369

60' RND CB

p-up only in Lamar, \$50/bale Tammy Copeland Darlington

864-404-0013

'24 4x4 RND MIXED GRASS

outside, \$25/bale; in barn Rye Grass, \$45/bale Ron Jones York

803-526-6308

SQ WHEAT STRAW

\$6.50; rnd, \$45; rnd Fescue, in barn, \$60; Sudgrass & Millet, outside & under tarp, \$45/bale Melvin Barr Pickens

864-360-5176

'24 RND HQ CB

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

803-917-0467

'24 4x5 RND HQ CB

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

803-709-2626

'24 4x5 RND CB

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

843-693-1970

'24 OATS

\$12/bag; Oat straw, \$7/bale, 3000 avail Victor Smith Berkeley

843-870-8522

COW HAY

\$50 ea; Wheat straw, \$40 ea; both 4x5 & net wrap Richard Knight Kershaw

803-427-6440

'24 HQ RND CB

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

843-250-1636

RND BALES

\$65/shed kept, \$60/outside Bobby Zimmerman Lexington

803-317-8681

'24 HQ SQ CB

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

864-314-2111

SQ STRAW BALES

\$4 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield

843-517-0315

'24 4x5 RND MIXED GRASS

no weeds, \$60/bale Quinton Whitener Union

803-923-2036

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS

NR, baled 8/28, \$45/bale Roger Harmon Saluda

803-480-1957

WHEAT

\$10/bu bag Clayton Culler Orangeburg

803-622-9790

STRAW BALES

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

803-793-6867

HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL

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

843-307-8866

'24 4x5 RND CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale Mike Cousins Newberry

803-924-7539

'24 4x5 RND CB

HQ, \$65 ea; GQ cow hay, \$50 ea Carroll Harmon Lexington

803-359-3956

CB

\$70; HQC, \$60, both 4x5 & net wrap; sq \$8/bale, all barn kept Howard McCartha Lexington

803-312-3316

'24 RND HQ COASTAL

\$70/bale; CQ, \$60/bale; all shed kept, limed/fert, del avail Eddie Phillips Sumter

803-486-0081

'24 4x5 FESCUE

net wrap, outside, fert, \$60/bale, vol disc Roger Snyder Spartanburg

864-580-9311

4x5 CB

lime, fert, no weeds, net wrap, stored outside, \$65/bale; CQ Coastal, \$55/bale Alfred Bush Barnwell

803-522-3763

4x5 RND CG HAY

net wrap, \$40/bale Bubba Ramsey York

803-230-0910

SQ CB

barn fresh, \$9 Jennifer Fitch Fairfield

803-718-0422

RYE

cleaned, \$18/bag T E Tyler Aiken

803-507-0609

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS

net wrap, \$45/bale Charles Nichols Saluda

864-992-9292

'24 4x5 FESCUE

net wrap, \$45 Jason Nichols Saluda

864-992-2753

'24 SQ FESCUE

fert, NR, in barn, \$6 Jan Hall Greenville

864-525-9701

MIX GRASS

CQ, \$35; Coastal Fescue mix, \$45; HQ Coastal, \$65 Paul Kicidis Union

864-429-6112

'23 MIXED GRASS

4x5, GTC & CQ, shed kept, \$25/bale F Rowe Newberry

803-271-7768

'24 SQ FESCUE

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

864-697-6343

'24 4x5 RND CB

\$50/bale; CQ, \$35/bale Johnnie Legree Bamberg

803-614-4665

'24 SQ HQ CB

in barn, limed & fert, \$8 ea Heyward Berry Edgefield

803-480-2996

4x5 CB

\$70; CQ \$50; 4x5 mostly Crabgrass, \$40; sq CB, \$9; sq Rye straw, \$6/bale, shed kept Larry McCartha Lexington

803-606-2499

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

2H WAGON

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

STIHL WEED EATER

battery powered, \$125 obo; blk plastic milk crates & 5 gal buckets w/no lids, \$5 ea obo
Lawrence Hoffman
Richland
803-422-3970

CHICKEN LITTER

tractor trl qty, \$500/load w/ in Newberry Co, \$500/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

4' TUBE GATE

\$40; 7'x3/8 chain hook one end, \$20
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

HDWD LUMBER

boards 1"x12"x8'L, \$4/ bdf, 300 bdf min/del, will custom cut for lrg dls
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
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TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

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

HORSE HAY RING

\$400
Deborah Worth
Aiken
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4 1/2'x7' PORTA HUTS

livestock shelters, \$100+
Cecil Hooks
Marion
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500 GAL OFF-ROAD FUEL TANK

w/elec pump, dispenses 10 gal/min, \$650
David Green
Spartanburg
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SNAPPER ZERO TURN MWR

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

ARIENS RIDING 46" LAWN MWR

B&S eng, 22 hp, new belt & blades, hydro drive, EC, \$800 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

NURSERY POTS

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

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

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

SMALL STEEL GATES

\$5 ea
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

CEDAR

7' rnd posts, \$3 ea; poles, 8'/\$6, 10'/\$8; sq fence post, 4x4x8', \$8; lumber, \$3/bdf; mulch, \$50/p-up load
Andy Morris
Newberry
803-924-0433

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

6500BU 24' GRAIN BIN

w/fan, drying floor, sweep & unloading auger, \$3000
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Aiken
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5 HP ELECTRIC MOTOR

new, bought for grain auger, nvr used, \$750
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Saluda
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5 GAL BUCKETS W/LIDS

\$1.85; wooden pallets, for hay storage, etc, \$1/reg; \$2.50/HD
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

UNVSL POULTRY PEN

24 chicken cap, 8'x8'x4, photo avail, \$500
Harvie Bailey
Aiken
803-218-8980

20 GAL WASH POT

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

OAK FIREWOOD

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

5 MIRAFOUNT AUTO WATERERS

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

3PH TO BTM PLOW

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

2 DUMP BODIES

14' & 16', off trucks, \$7000
Hayne Cullen
Orangeburg
803-534-4293

FIREWOOD

seasoned Oak seasoned, 1/2 cord, \$70 you p/u or \$95 del, 20 mi radius of Woodford or West Columbia/Cayce
Kenneth Long
Lexington
803-603-4007

FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS

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

CYPRESS PLANE LUMBER

76 bf 1x6", \$125
Billy Eddins
Chesterfield
843-623-2427

LRG FARM BELL

dated 1845, \$250
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

SIDELINER HONEYCOMB UNCAPPER

w/tub, uncaps both sides at same time, catalog #795VDV, little use, \$1100
Hugh Williams
Spartanburg
864-457-2013

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

MONKEY GRASS

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

AZALEAS

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

WELSUMMER

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

PIGEONS

Budapest Highflyers, \$15 ea; Saddleback Fantail pigeons, \$75/pr
James Malphrus
Dorchester
843-821-8172

SWEATER/KELSO COCK

2 y/o, \$50; 6 m/o 3/4 Kelso 1/4 Sweater stag, \$1
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

WHT KING PIGEONS

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

SEXLINKS

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

LRG HUBBLE PIGEONS

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

POULTRY

HENS

RIR, Wht Leghorn, Buff Orpington, Dominique, Gold Comet, \$12 ea; bantams, guineas, ducks, \$8 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

DIAMOND DOVES

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

18 M/O LAYING HENS

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

GROWN GUINEAS

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

ROYAL PALMS TURKEYS

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

PIGEONS

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

8 ISA BROWN LAYING HENS

2 y/o, lays ext lrg brn eggs, \$50 for all
Rena Harris
York
985-860-5276

BOBWHITE QUAIL

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

2 M/O BLK SILKIES

\$15/hen, \$10/roo
Ron Handley
Georgetown
843-896-0829

RABBITS

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

RED BACK

Cotton Tail Grey Back, French Silver, \$15-25 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

LA COTTONTAILS

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

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

SOYBEANS

cleaned & bagged, P-99.96%, G-98%, D/HD SD&G-98%, IM-0.04%, \$20/50 lb bag
Kevin Anderson
Barnwell
803-259-6888

WRENS ABRUZZI RYE

P-99.34%, G-80%, more, \$18/bag, pallet disc; Oats, P-99.78%, G-97%, \$15/bag; both in 50 lb bags
Joshua Waters
Lexington
803-429-6114

BLK OATS/COSAQUE

combine run, P-99.60%, IM-0.40%, G-99%, \$8/bu
Trent Jamison
Barnwell
803-300-2255

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

KBH COTTON MODULE PARTS

packing cyl, auto packing parts, whole builders will be considered
John Harshaw
York
803-517-5675

'52 8N CYL HEAD

in crack-free, usable cond
Judy Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

1 BALE HAY BUGGY

to PB p-up
Allen Epps
Greenwood
864-344-7351

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

60" MWR DECK

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

CUSHION EUPHORBIA PLANT

1 gal
Charles West
Greenville
864-915-3756

BLKSMITH ANVILS

any size farm bells, yokes & cradles
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

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

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

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

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

BEEF CATTLE

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



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USDA TO ISSUE MORE THAN \$235 MILLION TO FARMERS HIT BY NATURAL DISASTERS, INCLUDING HURRICANE MILTON

ASSISTANCE INCLUDES \$143 MILLION FOR CROP AND FORESTRY LOSSES DUE TO HURRICANE MILTON, \$92 MILLION TO OFFSET GRAZING LOSSES DUE TO DROUGHT AND WILDFIRE IN 2022

BY USDA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, 2024 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing payments to agricultural producers impacted by natural disasters, including \$143 million in crop insurance indemnities for Florida producers impacted by Hurricane Milton and more than \$92 million for livestock producers, nationwide, who faced increased supplemental feed costs as a result of forage losses due to 2022 qualifying drought and wildfire. The payments for Milton-impacted Florida producers are for those who have Federal crop insurance coverage through the Hurricane Insurance Protection-Wind Index (HIP-WI) endorsement and the Tropical Storm (TS) option. These crop insurance payments are part of USDA's broader support to help producers after Hurricane Milton. The payments for livestock producers are through the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) 2022, and are a second round of payments to producers using remaining funds in the program.

"Florida farmers, livestock producers and forest landowners have been hit hard by hurricanes this year, and we're continuing our efforts to help producers recover following hurricanes like Milton," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We've used a number of flexibilities following hurricanes Debby and Helene, and we're extending those to producers impacted by Hurricane Milton and future named storms. Additionally, today's payments for America's livestock producers serve as another example of how we're leveraging every available resource to help as many people as possible on the road to recovery."

HURRICANE INSURANCE PROTECTION-WIND INDEX

Producers with Federal crop insurance coverage through the Hurricane Insurance Protection-Wind Index (HIP-WI) endorsement and the Tropical Storm (TS) option will see payments from their Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) in the next 30 days. Under this insurance option, producers will receive over \$143 million in indemnities for hurricane-related losses from Hurricane Milton. These payments will directly help farmers and rural communities recover.

In total, over \$776 million in payments have been issued under HIP-WI in 2024. With the payments from Milton, Florida producers will have received about \$340 million since HIP-WI became available in 2020.

Producers do not need to file a claim to receive an indemnity payment under HIP-WI. If a county is triggered, the AIP will issue an indemnity payment in the coming weeks. Triggered counties were identified by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) in Product Management Bulletin 24-069 and will also be available in the county's actuarial documents. Eligible producers will receive a HIP-WI indemnity payment in addition to any applicable indemnity payments due to them through their underlying crop insurance policy.

ADDITIONAL CROP INSURANCE SUPPORT

Producers with crop insurance coverage beyond HIP-WI will see indemnity payments in the coming weeks. If you have Federal crop insurance, contact your crop insurance agent as soon as crop or livestock losses are apparent.



Due to the catastrophic damage that Hurricane Milton caused as well as the continuing impacts in the southeast from hurricanes Debby and Helene, RMA authorized emergency procedures to help producers with hurricane-related losses. RMA is working with crop insurance companies to streamline and accelerate the adjustment of losses and issuance of indemnity payments to crop insurance policyholders in impacted areas. RMA's emergency procedure flexibilities apply to all counties in Florida.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND FLEXIBILITIES

In addition to crop insurance, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offer a wide array of disaster assistance, farm loan and conservation programs. These programs can help producers recover in a number of ways, including land and private forest rehabilitation, fence loss, debris removal, animal mortality disposal and other challenges.

As previously announced following Hurricane Helene, USDA has added flexibilities to a number of disaster assistance programs to help streamline and expedite the recovery process for producers impacted by recent hurricanes.

FSA is providing flexibilities for its programs, including extended signup opportunities and use of waivers and emergency procedures to expedite program delivery. The flexibilities include an extended signup period for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), which is now open and runs through June 1, 2025.

FSA offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary

or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs, livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other farm needs. FSA also offers several loan servicing options, including the

Disaster Set-Aside Program, for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the agency because of reasons beyond their control.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to producers through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help with immediate needs and long-term support to help recover from natural disasters and conserve water resources. The program can assist with restoring livestock infrastructure, emergency animal mortality disposal, and immediate soil erosion protection. Because of the need to dispose of poultry and livestock quickly, NRCS is offering an early-start waiver to producers once they file an initial application. Additionally, NRCS offers help to

communities through its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program that provides assistance to landowners and project sponsors following a natural disaster.

Contact your local FSA county office or your crop insurance agent to report all crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses. Producers can also contact the FSA call center at 877-508-8364.

Visit farmers.gov/hurricane for a full list of available flexibilities, frequently asked questions, webinars and other resources.

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, Loan Assistance Tool, and Natural Disasters and Crop Insurance fact sheet. Additionally, FarmRaise offers an FSA educational hub with Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP) decision tools as well as farm loan resource videos.

EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK RELIEF PROGRAM

ELRP support came from the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328), signed by President Biden that provides financial assistance for agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms and other eligible disasters occurring in calendar year 2022. The more than \$92 million in ELRP payments for 2022 losses build on more than \$465 million in payments made to eligible livestock producers in September 2023 who suffered qualifying losses due to drought or wildfire in 2022. Learn more on the Emergency Relief webpage.

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HORSE IN PICKENS COUNTY CONTRACTS WEST NILE VIRUS

BY JONATHAN VEIT,
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON, S.C. — A 4-year-old horse in Pickens County tested positive for West Nile virus and was euthanized, according to Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health officials.

This was the second known case of the disease in South Carolina this year. The first case was reported in January in Charleston County. Both horses were unvaccinated. The horse had no pasture mates.

“This most likely is an unfortunate side effect of the rain from Debby and Helene, which left long-term standing water in places, allowing mosquitoes to multiply exponentially,” said Sean Eastman, director of field services and equine program lead at Clemson Livestock-Poultry Health.

The diagnosis was confirmed after blood samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories and tested positive for the virus on Oct. 18.

“South Carolina is a wet, warm state in normal circumstances, but water remaining from recent storms makes our horses particularly susceptible to mosquito-borne diseases. That’s why it is so important for horse owners to work with a veterinary professional to follow a clear-cut vaccine schedule,” said Michael Neault, South Carolina state veterinarian and director of Clemson Livestock-Poultry Health.

While horse owners can take measures such as bringing horses in at dawn and dusk and using spray repellents, vaccination is the only surefire way to protect horses from Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), West Nile virus, and rabies.

Borne by mosquitoes, EEE and West Nile virus have a high mortality rate in infected, unvaccinated horses — 30 to 40% for West Nile and 90% for EEE. However, widespread vaccination has kept the number of cases comparatively low in South Carolina compared to nearby states.

Mosquito control is also an important precaution. Both EEE and West Nile virus are maintained in nature through a cycle involving the freshwater swamp mosquito, *Culiseta melanura*, commonly known as the black-tailed mosquito.

The EEE and West Nile viruses are fast-acting. Symptoms usually develop two to five days after exposure and include neurologic difficulties such as stumbling, circling, head pressing, depression or apprehension, weakness in the legs, partial paralysis, inability to stand, muscle twitching, or death.

In addition to EEE and West Nile, other neurologic diseases, including rabies and EHV-1, can infect horses. According to state law, any livestock displaying neurologic symptoms — stumbling, circling, head pressing, depression or apprehension — must be reported to the state veterinarian at 803-788-2260 within 48 hours.

A list of reportable diseases and other resources is available on the Livestock-Poultry Health website at clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/reportable-diseases.



NORTH AMERICAN AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS GATHER TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FOOD SECURITY ACROSS THE GLOBE

BY NASDA

ARLINGTON, Va. — Members of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and their provincial counterparts from Canada issued a joint communiqué last month underscoring the role of states and provinces in protecting food security and improving the competitiveness of North American trade during the 33rd annual Tri-National Agricultural Accord. NASDA President, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward hosted the conference for the United States.

“By collaborating as a North American trade alliance, we increase food security for our entire continent and uplift rural communities. We will take action from our discussions this week to better foster trade and engineer solutions to challenges farmers and ranchers face in each of our countries.” Ward said.

Delegates recognized the benefits of USMCA to enhance North American trade in agricultural products and emphasized the importance of the agreement’s 2026 review to further promote free trade across North America. Delegates highlighted the importance of agricultural outreach programs and encourage jurisdictions to seek opportunities for cross-border collaboration to leverage resources

to better reach rural, indigenous and minority communities. Delegates called on their respective federal partners to organize periodic table-top exercises with active involvement of state and provincial agricultural leaders to ensure continuity, communication, and consistency in our response to foreign animal diseases.

In addition to the joint communiqué, a statement from tri-lateral meetings and a statement from the U.S. Canada bilateral meeting were published at the accord. The Tri-National Agricultural Accord is the primary opportunity for senior state and provincial agricultural officials of the United States, Canada and Mexico to work together on agricultural trade and development issues. The accord represents a longstanding commitment to collaboration on trade between the three countries, and the current meeting arrangement dates back to 1992. Mexico will host the 34th Tri-National Agricultural Accord in 2025.

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.



**SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMERCIAL SEAFOOD
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**








May 5 - May 30, 2025

The Program

Are you interested in making a career in the commercial seafood industry? The South Carolina Commercial Seafood Apprenticeship Program is a four-week, full-time program that offers classroom-based and on-the-job training that provides the knowledge and skills needed for an entry-level position in commercial fishing or mariculture (e.g., growing oysters or clams).

The Benefits

In addition to an exciting opportunity to work outdoors in a challenging and rewarding environment on the South Carolina coast, apprentices will also benefit from the following:

-  **Access to Industry Knowledge and Expertise**
Hands-on exposure to both commercial fishing and mariculture.
-  **Lodging, Material and Gear**
Lodging, course materials and gear are provided as part of the program.
-  **Stipend and Support**
After successful completion of the month-long program, apprentices will receive \$1,000 and networking support to find entry-level employment in the seafood industry.

The Ideal Candidate

To participate in the program, you must be 18 or older, able to pass a background check and a drug test, and demonstrate the following traits.

- Hard-working**
 - Prior experience working physical labor jobs
 - Willing to work odd hours of the day and long hours
 - Comfortable working in unfavorable weather conditions
 - Can lift at least 50 lbs
- Self-motivated**
 - Comfortable with a schedule that frequently changes
 - Willing to be away from home/land for extended periods of time
- Dependable**
 - Have a driver's license and a dependable vehicle
 - Financially responsible and able to comply with business and license requirements
 - Enjoy being part of a team

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CLEMSON AIMS TO EASE ORGANIC TRANSITION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS THROUGH USDA AGREEMENT

NATIONWIDE PROGRAM BUILDS SUPPORT NETWORK FOR CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARMERS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY

Juan McAllister, a personal chef from Georgia, owns his grandfather's farm in Effingham, South Carolina. He wants to grow healthy, organic food.

McAllister is considering turning the farm into a certified organic operation. To help him make research-based decisions compliant with National Organic Program (NOP) standards, he recently joined other farmers in Pendleton, South Carolina, for one of Clemson University's Organic Certification Program basics courses.

"The farm was my grandfather's," McAllister said. "I don't know everything that was grown there or what fertilizers were used. I like to eat healthy and cook healthy organic cuisine. I'm participating in this class because I want to better understand what's involved with getting a farm certified organic."

The class was one of three sessions on organic certification offered by Clemson's Department of Plant Industry (DPI) Organic Certification Program. The first session was held in West Columbia, South Carolina, as a full-day workshop with presentations and agency resource booths. Half-day mock inspections were held in Pendleton and West Ashley, South Carolina. About 60 farmers and ag-service providers participated.

"Our program held these sessions to make sure farmers in the state have basic certification information and access to resources," said Gavin Berry, Clemson DPI Regulatory Programs assistant manager. "We hope to demystify some of the challenges involved in getting certified."

There are about 120 certified organic operations in South Carolina.

"We want to see that community grow, but I think many farmers are concerned they wouldn't be able to comply, or the standards are too challenging, which discourages them from pursuing a transition from traditional farming to organic growing," Berry said.

The organic certification classes are funded through a cooperative agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the USDA

Agricultural Marketing Service Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP). Clemson is using this opportunity to fund a five-year program with direct farmer training, education and outreach activities.



David Robb, farm manager, talks with TOPP participants about how research conducted at Clemson's Organic Research Center benefits South Carolina farmers.

TOPP is designed to build a support network for existing and transitioning farmers to become certified organic across the country.

TRANSITIONING TO ORGANIC FARMING

Part of a broader \$300 million Organic Transition Initiative, TOPP represents an investment of up to \$100 million nationally over five years in cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations partnering with others to provide technical assistance and support for transitioning and existing organic farmers.

"Farmers face challenging technical, cultural and market shifts while transitioning to organic production and even during the first years after successful organic certification," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "Through this multi-phased, multi-agency initiative, we are expanding USDA's support of organic farmers to help them with every step of their transition as they work to become certified and secure markets for their products."

Topics and training covered during the Clemson program are designed to help participants succeed.

"We want to let them know that we're here to help with their questions related to organic certification," said Catherine McGuinn,

Clemson DPI organic certification coordinator. "Participating in this opportunity not only enriches farmers' experiences while transitioning to organic, but it also increases our program's exposure throughout the southeastern TOPP region."

Clemson's USDA AMS NOP accreditation allows DPI to certify organic operations in all four categories — crop, livestock, handling and wild crop. Currently, the program is one of about 80 accredited certifying bodies worldwide.

Organic certification is essential not only because it is protected by law — the USDA organic label is the only government-backed marketing claim for organic food sold in the U.S. — but also because the USDA strictly enforces standards that specify which practices and inputs

can and cannot be used in organic production and handling.

"Clemson strives to offer efficient and thorough certification services to South Carolina at a reasonable price as a public service to the state's agricultural industry," said Steven Long, assistant director of Clemson DPI. "Our program is designed with the state's farmers in mind. We know our agricultural producers put a great deal of work into delivering high-quality organic products to the public and we want to make the certification process as effortless for them as possible."

On a broader scale, DPI works to protect the state from the introduction and spread of exotic and invasive species, provides inspection and certification services for nursery stock and organic industries, offers plant pest diagnosis, and ensures readiness to respond to catastrophic events impacting the state's agriculture.

"We have a motto in our division — 'Regulation through Education,'" Berry said. "This is one of the many opportunities we are proud to offer that increases industry knowledge of the regulations while protecting organic certification integrity."

The TOPP program began in 2023 and will run through 2028. For more information about TOPP outreach events or organic certification transition, contact the organic certification program at organic@clemson.edu.

RABID SKUNK CONFIRMED IN LAURENS COUNTY; FOUR PETS EXPOSED

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed that a skunk found near Graden and Calf Barn roads in Ware Shoals, S.C., has tested positive for rabies. No people are known to have been exposed at this time. Four dogs were exposed and will be quarantined as required in the South Carolina Rabies Control Act.

The skunk was submitted to DPH's laboratory for testing on Oct. 25, 2024, and was confirmed to have rabies on Oct. 28, 2024.

If you believe you, someone you know, or your pets have come in contact with this raccoon or another animal that potentially has rabies, please call DPH's Columbia office at 803-896-4680 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday–Friday) or after hours and on holidays at 888-847-0902

(Select Option 2).

"Keeping your pets up to date on their rabies vaccination is the easiest way to protect you and your family from this deadly virus," said Terri McCollister, Rabies Program director. "Any mammal has the ability to carry and transmit the disease to people or pets. Therefore, give wild and stray animals plenty of space."

If you see an animal in need, avoid touching it and contact someone trained in handling animals, such as your local animal control officer, wildlife control operator, or a wildlife rehabilitator. An exposure is defined as direct contact (such as through broken skin or mucous membranes in the eyes, nose, or mouth) with saliva or brain/nervous system tissue from an infected animal.

This skunk is the third animal in Laurens County to test positive for rabies in 2024. There have been 68 cases of rabid animals statewide this year. Since 2002, South Carolina has averaged approximately 148 positive cases a year. In 2023, one of the 78 confirmed rabies cases in South Carolina was in Laurens County.

Contact information for local Public Health offices is available at dph.sc.gov/RabiesContacts. For more information on rabies, visit dph.sc.gov/rabies or cdc.gov/rabies.

To report an animal bite or incident between 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., find your county office on the Rabies Contacts and Reporting page. On nights, weekends, or holidays, call 1-888-847-0902 (option 2).