

MARKET BULLETIN

Vol. 98 • Num. 23

December 5, 2024

Est.

1913



WE'RE NUMBER 1 (IN COLLARDS, TURNIP GREENS AND SOUTHERN PEAS)!

DIGGING INTO THE CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

BY EVA MOORE

South Carolina now leads the nation in collard green, turnip green, and Southern pea acreage, according to the latest Census of Agriculture.

The Census of Agriculture is performed every five years by the US Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. While USDA collects a variety of data throughout each year, the Ag Census is a good source for detailed information about what farmers are growing beyond major commodities like corn and cotton.

In the previous Census, in 2017, South Carolina topped the charts in just one crop: turnip greens.

Ashley Rawl, vice president of Sales, Marketing, and Product Development at Lexington County-based WP Rawl, is thrilled to see South Carolina in the top collard spot. WP Rawl is one of the nation's leading growers of collards and other leafy greens, and he says his company has been on a mission to make consumers love collards. In addition to fresh bagged and bulk greens, they sell collard sauté kits — and they emphasize that collards can be cooked in just 15 minutes.

"For the last several years, we've been trying to get collards the recognition they're due," Rawl says. "Kale went through a boom several years back — and we love kale; we grow a lot of kale. But we are committed to collards having their day."

Over at McCall Farms in the Pee Dee region of the state, collards are also an important line of business. McCall Farms sells canned collards under the Glory Foods and Margaret Holmes brands.

McCall Farms sells collards nationwide, satisfying what co-president Thomas Hunter says is broad demand for the product.

"Collards are a classic Southern staple at the dinner table," Hunter says. "We strive to ensure consumers have the ability to purchase high-quality



collards from their local grocery store to feed their family year-round."

Hunter credits South Carolina farmers for their commitment to growing an exceptional product and Clemson Cooperative Extension researchers with pushing the collard industry forward by developing varieties with good disease resistance and high yields.

So, what does it take to be No. 1? In 2022, South Carolina grew 2,568 acres of collards, 1,980 acres of turnip greens, and 3,617 acres of Southern peas. (The USDA category "Southern peas" is also called cowpeas, and includes blackeyed peas, crowder peas, and various field peas.) However, it's important to understand that while South Carolina grows more of these vegetables than any other state, they are not our top crops. By acreage and production value, crops like corn, soybeans, and cotton top the list. For comparison, in 2022, South Carolina farmers harvested 390,000 acres of soybeans — and the state doesn't rank in the top 20 of soybean-producing states.

The USDA State Statistician for South Carolina, Jacqueline Moore, says the state's surge in collard and Southern pea acreage is part of a larger trend.

"If you look at South Carolina's vegetable acreage overall, we're up 25 percent from five years earlier," she explains.

Some of our competitor states are not seeing the same growth: "Florida is up 12 percent, California is only up 2 percent, and if you look at our neighbors, North Carolina is down and Georgia is down."

Moore says she thinks South Carolina farmers have capitalized on the popularity of local food, as well as the fact that big vegetable-growing states like California are struggling with water and other resources.

Continued on page 8

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Like all of you, I'm looking forward to spending some time with my family this Christmas. And like some of you, I think Christmas of 2023 was only a week ago. It's this time that we also look forward to the New Year — a good time to reflect on the year behind us and make plans for the future. Regardless of good or bad, time keeps marching on!

Not only is Christmas a special time to celebrate, give thanks, and fellowship, it's also a time to enjoy good food. I've mentioned it before that our family enjoys "48 hours of Christmas". Lot of eating, playing, and laughing. For the eating part, I hope you seek out food grown by South Carolina farmers for your holiday table. You can also check out the South Carolina Specialty Food Association members' products on pages 4 and 5 of this issue if you're looking for some gift ideas. We have so many talented, hardworking food producers in this state.

The year 2025 sounds like something out of Star Trek, doesn't it? 2024 is nearly over, and a time for reflecting on the dramatic ups and downs of this year for our state's farmers.

Things started off pretty well in 2024. Prices were starting to come down, and there were no late spring freezes to zap orchard crops. But then came a rapidly developing drought that knocked down a lot of corn yields and made things difficult for cattle producers. Then along came Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene that managed to pummel most of the state between the two of them — floods, wind damage, and power outages. I can't remember a year quite like this, when every part of the state was affected in some way by different things.

Next year, some South Carolina farmers will still be rebuilding fences and replanting trees, while others will be looking to start anew after losing their crops in 2024. One thing I know about farmers is they're always pushing forward, always hopeful for the future. The passion of farmers is always evident.

From Blanche, all 14 of our clan, me, and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, have a Merry Christmas and happy holidays! I wish you the very best in the new year.



MARKET BULLETIN DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Please note:

There is only one issue in December.

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

December 17 Ad Deadline
for the January 2, 2025 Issue

Ads must be received by noon (12 pm) on the deadline date to be included.

Market Bulletin Office

Monday – Friday • 8 AM – 4:30 PM

803-734-2536 • marketbulletin@scda.sc.gov

agriculture.sc.gov/market-bulletin

EDITOR Eva Moore

ADS & CIRCULATION
COORDINATOR Janet Goins

GRAPHIC DESIGNER Stephanie Finnegan

South Carolina Department of Agriculture Contacts

Commissioner's Office
803-734-2190

Certified SC Program
803-734-2207

Market News Recording
803-737-5900

Consumer Protection
803-737-9700

Metrology Laboratory
803-253-4052

Fruit & Vegetable Inspection
803-737-4588

Milk Safety
803-667-1161

Hemp Farming Program
803-734-8339

Produce Safety
803-753-7267

Market News—Fruit & Vegetable
803-737-4671

Retail Food Safety
803-896-0640

Market News—Livestock & Grain
803-737-4491

Wholesale Food Safety
803-737-0147

The South Carolina Market Bulletin

(ISSN 0744-3986)

The *Market Bulletin* is published on the first and third Thursday of each month by the SC Department of Agriculture, Wade Hampton Building, Columbia, SC 29201. Periodicals postage paid at Columbia, SC 29201.

Postmaster, send address changes to:
SC Market Bulletin, PO Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211

POLICIES FOR ADVERTISING

For our full policies, please visit:
agriculture.sc.gov/market-bulletin-policies

Only ads pertaining to the production of agricultural products and related items are published. Ads are accepted for South Carolina items, even if the seller lives out of state, provided the item is in state at the time the ad is published and at the time of sale.

Ads are published free of charge and in good faith. The *Market Bulletin* reserves the right to edit and verify ads but assumes no responsibility for their content.

Ads cannot be accepted from agents, dealers, or commercial businesses, including real estate. Sealed bids, legal notices, or consignment sales are not accepted.

SUBMITTING ADS

No matter the submission method, submissions must include the advertiser's name, complete address with zip code and county, and phone number with area code. While we don't publish the address, we need this information for our records. Do not use all capital letters.

- **Online:** Go to agriculture.sc.gov/market-bulletin. Select "Submit Market Bulletin Ad" and complete the form. If you include your email address, you will receive an automated reminder for a renewal.

- **Mail:** SC Market Bulletin, PO Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211. You must use 8.5 × 11 inch paper.

- **Email:** Send ads to marketbulletin@scda.sc.gov. Put the words "Market Bulletin ad" in the subject line.

- **Fax:** 803-734-0659

The deadline for submitting ads and notices is noon on Tuesday of the week **before** the publication date.

NEXT AD DEADLINE
DECEMBER 17 • 12:00 PM

GIVE THE GIFT OF MARKET BULLETIN

Share the *Market Bulletin*
through a gift subscription.

Business Friends Family
contacts

To subscribe, visit
agriculture.sc.gov/market-bulletin

CERTIFIED
SOUTH CAROLINA

**What's
In Season**
DECEMBER

APPLES

FENNEL

NAPA CABBAGE

ARUGULA

KALE

PARSLEY

BEETS

LEEKs

PECANS

BROCCOLI

LETTUCES

RADISHES

CAULIFLOWER

MICROGREENS

RUTABAGAS

CILANTRO

MUSHROOMS

SWEET POTATOES

COLLARDS

MUSTARD & TURNIP
GREENS

TURNIPS

SCDA State Farmers Markets

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

VISIT AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV

Click on the State Farmers Markets
button for more information about
each location

SC Market Bulletin Subscription & Renewal Form

Mail completed form with check or money order payable to the SC Department of Agriculture to: SC Market Bulletin, PO Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211
To subscribe with a credit card online, visit agriculture.sc.gov, click on Market Bulletin, select Subscribe to the Market Bulletin, then follow the prompts.
Do not send cash in the mail. Non-refundable. Allow 6 – 8 weeks for processing. Subscriptions may only be purchased for up to 2 years.

Name _____ Paper: \$15 / 1 year Electronic: \$10 / 1 year
*Active email address required

Address _____ Paper & Electronic: \$20 / 1 year
*Active email address required

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ New Renewal

Phone _____ Check # _____ Renewal ID # _____

Email _____ This is a gift 12/5/24



Christmas on the Farm

December 14 • 10 am – 4 pm
We will have plenty of local vendors selling their goods in our event barn. We will also have food trucks and our Belle's Bistro serving lunch during 11-2. And a very special guest will be making an appearance from 11-1 for the kids!

Chattooga Belle Farm
454 Damascus Church Road, Longcreek
864-647-9768
chattoogabellefarm.com
facebook.com/ChattoogaBelleFarm

Holiday Meet & Mingle with Santa Claus and Santa Paws!

December 15 • 1 – 4 pm
Get ready for a festive afternoon filled with joy and laughter at our scenic waterfront Carriage House! Bring the whole family for a Yuletide celebration that promises fun for all ages. Capture the magic with photo opportunities featuring Santa Claus and adorable adoptable dogs from Dorchester Paws—perfect for both kids and pets! While the little ones dive into holiday crafts, parents can relax with a warm cup of holiday cheer. Explore our delightful local vendors to check off everything on your holiday shopping list, all while soaking in the beautiful surroundings. This special event is included with your garden admission for the day, and it's complimentary for Magnolia members! Ready to join in the festivities? Get your tickets by visiting our website and selecting regular admission for December 15. Don't miss this chance to spread holiday cheer and maybe even find your new furry friend! We can't wait to celebrate with you!
Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston
info@magnoliaplantation.com • 843-571-1266
magnoliaplantation.com

Christmas At The Barn

December 15 • 2 – 5 pm
21st Annual Fundraiser to Benefit HAPPY HOOVES Therapeutic Equestrian Center.
Eden Farms
4700 Dacusville Hwy, Marietta
edenfarmssc@aol.com • 864-898-0043
facebook.com/EdenFarmsSC

Volunteer Days

December 21 • 8 – 11 am
Farm friends, this is an opportunity for you to gain skills and experience around gardening and animal husbandry, meet neighbors, and help us accomplish a few tasks. We welcome employers, companies, and organizations looking for a place your employees or group members can participate in community service activities. We will supply the tools, snacks, refreshments, and beverages. This is a great activity for families, groups of friends, clubs, and organizations. Children should be at least 5 years old with a parent or guardian to provide assistance.
Morning Glory Homestead Farm
42 Robert And Clara Trail, St Helena Island
morninggloryhomestead@gmail.com • 843-812-0344
facebook.com/morninggloryhomesteaders

Living History Farm Christmas

December 21 • 9 am – 12 pm
Experience life on the family farm in Horry County from 1900-1955! Join us to see how the farm family would have prepared for the Christmas season.
The L.W. Paul Living History Farm
2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
hcmuseum@horrycounty.org • 843-915-7861
horrycountymuseum.org

Very Merry Market

December 7 • 10 am – 3 pm
Make plans to attend our Very Merry Market to find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list!
McLeod Farms
29247 Hwy 151, McBee
freshpeaches@macspride.com • 843-335-8335

Country Christmas Sip & Shop on the Farm

December 7 • 10 am – 5 pm
To celebrate our 15th year, this year we are offering "sip & shop", Christmas Tree Sale, concessions, tour the bed & breakfast, activities for kids, Christmas dance performance, and so much more!
Old McCaskills Farm
377 Cantey Lane * Rembert
oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com • 803-432-9537
facebook.com/OldMcCaskillsFarm

Hwy 34 Holiday Shopping Crawl

December 7 • 10 am
Shop at 8 locations over 14 miles while traveling on Hwy 34. The 8 local shops and farms participating in this year's shopping crawl are offering unique finds and exclusive deals for a memorable shopping experience!
Enoree River Winery LLC
1650 Dusty Road, Newberry
Lever Farms
5057 SC Hwy 34, Pomaria
Bowers Farm
279 Ringer Road, Pomaria
Carolina Pride Pastures
1416 SC Hwy 34, Pomaria
3B Corner
1287 SC Hwy 34, Pomaria
Gypsy Wind
3005 Buckhead Road, Blair
Da Spott Restaurant
17707 Newberry Road, Blair
Store 34
18438 Newberry Road, Blair

Bramble Buddies Horse Club

December 13 • 5 – 6 pm
Our new program brings kids together with horses every month. You do not have to be a current lesson student at Bramblewood to join us. Pre-registration is required and you can sign up your child on our website.
Bramblewood Stables
175 McConnell Road, Taylors
bramblewoodstables@gmail.com • 864-363-3727
bramblewoodstables.com
facebook.com/bramblewoodstables

Kids Night Out

December 13 • 6 – 8:30 pm
Your children will get to jump into excitement this holiday season with our winter bounce house, get crafty with our wood cookie ornament decoration station, and of course, sweeten the evening with our cookie decorating activity! Kids will love icing and sprinkles galore as they create delicious masterpieces, and you can have the evening free to prep for the holiday festivities! Cost: \$45 per child, \$20 deposit due at registration. Greenway members receive \$5 discount on remaining balance. Drop-off: 5:30-6 pm, Pick-up: 8:30-9 pm
Anne Springs Close Greenway
104 Adventure Road, Fort Mill
803-547-4575
ascgreenway.org
facebook.com/ASCGreenway

Holly Jolly Adventure Day

December 14 • 9 am – 5 pm
This Holly Jolly Adventure Day will feature hot chocolate, ziplines, family fun, lights, and SANTA! Santa will be at the forest for pictures (bring your own camera) from 1-3 pm on a first-come-first-serve basis. Kids Zip times on this day will be 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00. Come early or stay late to zipline while you wait for your picture with Santa (advanced online booking highly recommended)! Other activities available include rock climbing and animal encounters which are available all day. The Santa Experience will cost \$20 per family without the purchase of an activity during the month of December.
Charleston Adventure Forest
1152 Guerins Bridge Road, Awendaw
info@charlestonadventureforest.com • 843-928-3947
facebook.com/charlestonziplineadventures

Hometown Christmas Festival

December 14 • 10 am – 2 pm
Fun on the farm, live music, food trucks, and great crafts + art vendors on site! Come spend the day with us and stop in our farm store for delicious jams, pickles, salsa, and cider. We have toys, gifts, and merch. You are welcome to visit the animals, gardens, and trails.
Boondock Farms
755 Foreman Street, Jackson
hello@boondockfarms.com • 706-589-4920
boondockfarms.com/events
facebook.com/boondockfarmstead





South Carolina Specialty Food Association Members

Beverages

AMETHYST NA SPIRITS LLC

Bluffton
Non-alcoholic spirits
amethystnaspirits.com | 843-872-0158

BURNT CHURCH DISTILLERY

Bluffton
Distilled spirits
burntchurchdistillery.com | 843-872-0158

COASTAL COFFEE ROASTERS

Summerville
Coffee roasting kitchen, co-op kitchen
coastalcoffeeroasters.com | 843-376-4559

GRAASI

Fort Mill
Plant-based immune boost beverages
graasi.com | 803-517-4085

MAMA K'S HOMEMADE, LLC

Greenville
Elderberry syrup, herbal lemonades & tea blends, and tallow balms
mamakshomemade.com | 407-443-3562

OLIVER PLUFF & CO.

Charleston
Teas, toddies, wassails, coffee, and cacao
oliverpluff.com | 843-779-6622

ROTTEN LITTLE BASTARD DISTILLERY (RLB DISTILLERY)

Beaufort
Distilled spirits
rottenlittlebastarddistillery.com | 843-379-5252

SEA ISLAND ORGANICS

Charleston
Elderberry products
seaislandorganics.com

SEASIDE GROWN, LLC

Saint Helena Island
Bloody Mary Mix
seasidegrown.com | 843-377-2602

THE OTHER MARY MIX

Charleston
Non-alcoholic bloody mary mix
theothermarymix.com | 843-603-4447

Flour, Rice, & Grits

ADLUH FLOUR

Columbia
Flour, cornmeal, breaders, bakery mixes, stone ground grits
adluh-store.myshopify.com | 803-779-2460

AUNTIES WAFFLE MIXES

Hopkins
Buttermilk waffle mixes
auntieswafflemixes.com | 803-240-9375

CAROLINA PLANTATION RICE CO.

Darlington
White and brown aromatic rice, grits, cow peas, Charleston or Carolina Gold rice
carolinaplantationrice.com | 843-393-1812

CONGAREE MILLING COMPANY

Columbia
Stone-ground grits, hominy grits, polenta, cornmeal, corn flour, and oats
thecongaareemillingcompany.com | 803-269-3833

FAITHFUL FOODS INC

West Columbia
Southern gourmet mixes, rices, soups, dips, salsas, fudge, pralines, gift baskets
faithfulfoods.com | 803-957-3602

MARSH HEN MILL

Edisto Island
Grits and cornmeal
marshhenmill.com | 843-603-0074

SAVOR THE FLAVOR

Sumter
Gourmet rice and grits mixes
savortheflavor.com | 800-390-8027

Jam + Honey

BLUE TRUCK ORGANICS, LLC

Georgetown
Blueberries, certified organic mushrooms, oranges, elderberries, blackberries, peaches, olives, and jams
bluetruckorganics.com | 704-644-9996

CANEBRAKE FARMS

Saluda
Salsa, relish, pickled vegetables, jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butters.
803-275-7237

MCLEOD FARMS

McBee
Jarred products, fresh baked breads, cakes, and pies
macspride.com | 843-335-8335

POPPA D'S FARM LLC

North Augusta
Southern Style Peach Chutneys and Southern Sauces
803-341-5723

SAKHAR JAMS

Columbia
Small batch jams, jellies, and marmalades
sakharjams.com | 803-200-2118

SALLIE'S GREATEST

Cameron
Herbal jams
salliesgreatest.com | 803-823-9075

TASTEE TREATS

Mount Pleasant
Jams, seasonings, and more
tasteetreats-sc.com | 843-696-9558

Meat + Dairy

FARMERS MARKET FLAVORS

Union
Frozen treats
veggie-icecream.com | 864-427-1530

LOWCOUNTRY CREAMERY, LLC

Bowman
Milk and cultured dairy products
lowcountrycreamery.com

SPLIT CREEK FARM, LLC

Anderson
Artisan goat cheeses, raw goat milk, yogurt
splitcreek.com | 864-287-3921

THE CRAB CAKE LADY

Murrells Inlet
Crab cakes, Low Country Boil Bags, She Crab soup, Char-grilled Oysters, Bacon Wrap Scallops, Conch Fritters, Key Lime Pies and several homemade soups, sauces, and seasonings
localscseafood.com | 843-651-5707

Pet Foods & Treats

KALEIGHS KOOKIES

Darlington
Grain-free dog treats and cakes
facebook.com/kaleighskookies | 973-980-3559

LOWCOUNTRY DOG TREATS

Charleston
Dog treats
lowcountrydogtreats.com | 843-830-8172

Seasonings + Sauces

AEROSAUCE

Georgetown
Sauces
aerosauce.com | 843-461-4438

BLUE MOON SPECIALTY FOODS

Spartanburg
Seasoning blends, sauces and marinades, pimento cheese, salad dressings, frozen quiche, casseroles, and dessert pies
bluemoonsc.com | 864-586-2344

BLUE WREN SPICE & CONDIMENT, LLC

Taylors
Red Head Rub & All-Purpose Seasoning
bluwrenspice.com | 864-484-3949

BOHICA PEPPER HUT, LLC

Mauldin
Hot sauces
bohicapepperhut.com | 864-386-8396

BUB 'N MUTHA'S, INC.

Lexington
Blending spices and rubs
bubnmuthas.com | 803-888-6252

scspecialtyfood.org



Find a Local Gift this Holiday Season!

BURNT AND SALTY

Mount Pleasant
Korean mustard, coconut suka, chili glaze
burntandsalty.com | 843-224-1259

CHARLESTON SPICE COMPANY

Charleston
Organic hand-blended herbs and spices
charlestonspice.com | 843-830-1004

CHEF CECIL'S SPECIALTY FOODS

Columbia
All-natural dry herb seasonings
chefcecil.com | 803-400-8868

ED'S ALL PURPOSE SEASONING AND RUB LLC

Chesnee
Seasonings and rubs
edsallpurposeseasoningandrubllc.wordpress.com | 864-764-9616

FEELIN' SAUCY SIGNATURE SAUCES

Pawleys Island
Sauces
feelinsaucy.com | 843-222-0596

FREEMAN BBQ SAUCE

Denmark
Barbecue sauce
freemansbbqsauce.com | 803-300-1008

GOODDADDY SAUCE

Lexington
Barbecue sauce
gooddaddysauce.com | 803-622-0084

KRAZY K'S LLC

McClellanville
Sauces and salsa
krazyksbbqsauce.com | 843-991-0740

LILLIE'S OF CHARLESTON, LLC

Charleston
Hot sauces, mustard BBQ sauces, spice mixes, and gourmet seasoned popcorn
lilliesofcharleston.com | 843-402-9787

LOWCOUNTRY FLAVOR FACTORY, LLC

Charleston
Sauces
SWAMPtonic.com | 407-312-2996

MAS

Saint Helena Island
Gourmet hot sauces
maspeppers.com | 850-320-5232

MOTHER SHUCKER'S COCKTAIL SAUCE

Columbia
Cocktail sauce
803-261-3802

POPPA D'S FARM LLC

North Augusta
Peach chutneys and sauces
803-341-5723

SMOKE CITY FOODS

Surfside Beach
BBQ sauces, hot sauces, rubs, and seasonings
smokecityfoods.com | 843-999-2618

SMOKIN COALS SAUCE AND RUBS

Greenwood
Sauces and rubs
smokincoals.com | 864-854-9842

SOBREMESA MOLE & SALSAS

Charleston
Mole and salsa
ExperienceSobremesa.com | 843-849-4040

SPLINTERED SAUCE

Fort Mill
Hot sauces
splinteredsauce.com | 803-280-4409

THE GREAT EIGHT

Mauldin
BBQ sauce and dry rub
thegreateightsauce.com | 864-757-2554

THE PICKLED PEPPER PEOPLE

Greenville
Spicy slaw
pickledpepperpeople.com | 864-605-8255

WARRANT MAN PEPPER CO. LLC

North Charleston
Hot sauces and pepper products
warrantmanpepperco.com | 843-580-8993

Sweets + Snacks

CAROLINA BEAN DIP

Pawleys Island
Homemade bean dips
carolinabeandippawleysisland.com | 843-359-6315

ELJAY PRETZELS

Pawleys Island
Artisanal pretzel products
eljaypretzels.com | 843-314-3212

GILLESPIE'S PEANUTS

Hartsville
Peanuts
gillespiespeanuts.com | 843-383-4707

GOLDEN KERNEL PECAN COMPANY, INC.

Cameron
Pecans
goldenkernel.com | 800-845-2448

GROWERS FOR GRACE PBC

Aiken
Fruit puree
growersforgrace.com | 803-335-5938

MARTHA'S MENNA CHEESE LLC

Columbia
Pimento cheese
marthasmennacheese.com | 803-238-8652

MR. POPPER'S KETTLE KORN & GOURMET POPCORN

North Charleston
Gourmet popcorn
mrpopperskettlekorn.com | 843-732-4288

OLDE COLONY BAKERY

Charleston
Original Charleston Benne Wafers, Benne Cheese Crackers, Pecan Pinches, Carolina Key Lime Cookies, Cream Bread, and Cinnamon Raisin Bread
oldecolonybakery.com | 843-216-3232

SCRATCH COOKIE COMPANY

Charleston
Ready to bake cookie doughs and baking mixes
scratchcookieco.com | 843-478-0780

SOUTHERN SISTERS BAKERY

Charleston
Gourmet tea cookies
southern SISTERSbakery.com | 843-801-2665

SWEET BAY FOODS LLC

Spartanburg
Nut brittles
sweetbayfoods.com | 912-531-2213

THE ISLAND FUDGE SHOPPE

Hilton Head Island
Homemade fudge and hand dipped chocolates
islandfudge.com | 843-842-4280

THE NUT HOUSE AND COUNTRY MARKET

Ridge Spring
Pecans, gourmet pecan candy, and pecan pies and more
nuthouseandcountrymarket.com | 803-685-5335

THE SWEETERY

Anderson
Freshly baked cakes and cookies
thesweetery.com | 864-224-8394

YOUNGS PREMIUM FOODS

Florence
Pecans and specialty foods
youngspremiumfoods.com | 800-729-6003

Services [Associate Members]

CREATIVE FOODS, INC.

Hanahan
Co-Packing Services for Sauces and Drink Mixes
creativefoodinc.com | 843-747-5102

GROWTHSPRING GROUP

Leesville, SC + Atlanta, GA
Growth consulting services
growthspringgroup.com | 803-394-5818

SWAMP FOX AGENCY

Moncks Corner
Insurance provider for food manufacturers
swampfoxagency.com | 843-761-3999

TA-DAH! BGE

White Rock
Gift baskets
tadahbge.com | 803-918-5050

scspecialtyfood.org



Reminder to Advertisers

Ads are due by noon (12 pm) on the Tuesday after the latest published issue. Any ads received after the deadline will be considered for a subsequent issue.

AQUACULTURE

STERILE GRASS CARP

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

TROUT

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

CATTLE

18 M/O REG ANG BULL

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

BFMSTR REG BULLS

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

18 POLLED HRFRD BULLS

20 m/o, thick muscle, BSE done, \$3100+; 35 yrlg bulls, \$2500
Norris Fowler
Union
864-219-0182

11 M/O REG BLK ANG BULLS

low BW, Jindra Acclaim & Brilliance b'lines, \$2000
Doug Blake
Greenville
864-918-7480

REG BLK ANG BULLS

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

REG BLK ANG BULLS

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

WEANED BEEF CALVES

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

2 POLLED HRFRD BULLS

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

BLK ANG BROOD COW

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

HRFRD BULLS

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

YNG BLK BALDY COW

w/sm Blk Baldy hefr calf, \$1800; (4) 7 m/o Blk Ang hefrs, from reg Blk Ang bull, \$5000 for all 4
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4312

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

'00 FORD TRACTOR

harrow, chisel plow, bush hog, scrape blade, cult, \$5000
Carroll Dorn
Saluda
864-980-7483

'23 JD BAT WING

12' rotary cutter, \$13,000
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

'20 BIG TEX SGL AXLE TRL

7x12' w/ramp, VGC, \$2100
Rena Harris
York
985-860-5276

9' HD 3PH DISC HARROW

20" disc, nvr used, mfg by Prime, \$1950 obo
Tommy Hayden
Lexington
803-447-4787

MF 175 W/FRT END LDR

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

200 GAL REDDICK SPRYR

3ph, 20' booms w/elec controls & PTO roller pump, \$3000
Jamie Peeler
Greenwood
864-993-0029

FORD 530 SQ BALER

\$1450; Hesston haybine PT-7, runs, \$550; 3ph pinestraw rake, \$495
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

NH 311 SQ BALER

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

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

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$7950
Jerry Comeaux
Spartanburg
864-992-3869

'17 JD 2WD 5045E

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

DSL FORK LIFT

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

6' BHB BUSH HOG

\$700 obo; 10 1/2' BHB mod 3210, \$7777 obo; Ford 3000 tractor, dsl, new tires/rims \$6500 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

JD 4020

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

'39 JD MOD H TRACTOR

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

IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER

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

5' HOWSE DISC HARROW

16 disc blades, exc teeth, no breaks or welds, shed kept, \$500
James Chastine
Greenville
864-430-6066

ALL METAL HD 5x12 TRL

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

5' WOODS FINISH MWR

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

SINGLE HAY FORK

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

SAWMILL ON TRL W/EXT

new & unused, \$5200; 2r cult, \$650
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

NH 258 ROLLER BAR RAKE

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

CASE IH 496 DISC HARROW

21', rock flex, smooth drag harrow on back, \$10,500 obo
Drake Kinley
Abbeville
864-353-9628

MF 510 COMBINE

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

2R TRNSPLNTR

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

FARM LABOR

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

HAY HAULING

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

EXCAVATOR MOWING

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

LIME SPREADING

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

PORTABLE SAWMILL SERV

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

CUSTOM SPRIGGING CB

& Tifton 85 forage grass, statewide, call for est & schedule planting
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

TRACTOR WORK

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

MOBILE SAWMILL SERV

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

SKID STEER WORK

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

EQUINE

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

14 Y/O BUCKSKIN QH GELD

good trl horse, intermediate rider, requires pasture buddies, easy keeper, \$5000
Aimee McCord
Greenville
864-915-8573

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 50-150A TO LEASE

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

74.8A CALHOUN CO

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

WANT TO LEASE PASTURE

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

LAND LEASE

to reputable Honey Bee keeper, for very small harvest share, land has abundant nectar sources
George Key
Aiken
803-480-0076

FRESH PRODUCE

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

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

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

PECANS

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

SUGARCANE

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

GARDEN

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

BLKBERRY PLANTS

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

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

3 RAM SHEEP

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

100% NZ KIKO

5-6 m/o bucklings & doelings, CDT wormed, \$275-325
Jane Cooper
Greenville
843-693-1949

3 BILLY GOATS

2 nannies, Nubian Spanish cross, B-5/31, \$100/billy, \$125/nanny
Windol Gillian
Lexington
803-687-0556

5 M/O KATAHDIN RAM

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

ST CROIX RAM LAMBS

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

NUBIAN GOATS

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

HOGS / PIGS

YORKSHIRE/DUROC PIGS

30-40 lbs, \$70
Clayton Culler
Orangeburg
803-622-9790

(4) 3 M/O PIGLETS

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

PIGLETS

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

GUINEA HOG FEEDER PIGLETS

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

FB BERKSHIRE

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

**Download
the listing of
abbreviations**

AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV/
MARKET-BULLETIN/
ABBREVIATIONS

HAY & GRAIN

'24 GQ SQ CB

22 avail, \$6 ea
Anthony Carroll
Anderson
864-314-2111

'24 HQ RND CB

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

'24 4x5 RND CB

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

'24 4x5 RND HQ CB

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

SQ CB

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

MIX GRASS

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

'24 RND HQ CB

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

'24 4x5 RND FESCUE MIX

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

CB

\$70; HQC, \$60, both 4x5 & net wrap; Rye straw, \$5/bale, all barn kept
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

'24 SQ HQ CB

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

'24 MIXED GRASS BERMUDA

Fescue & other summer grasses, 4x5 rnd, no weeds, \$50-60/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

4x5 RND CQ HAY

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

'24 SQ FESCUE

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

'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 4x5 RND CD

\$50/bale
Johnnie Legree
Bamberg
803-614-4665

RND BALES

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

'24 RND HQ COASTAL

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

'24 CRABGRASS HAY

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

HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL

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

4x5 CB

\$70; CQ \$50; 4x5 mostly Crabgrass, \$40; sq Rye straw, \$6/bale, shed kept
Larry McCartha
Lexington
803-606-2499

LRG & SM RND CB BALES

\$75+; SQ HQ, \$10, del avail
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS

GTC & CQ, \$25/bale
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

4x5 RND CB

\$60
Hugo Ruiz
Dorchester
803-682-2518

'24 4x4 RND MIXED GRASS

outside, \$25/bale; in barn
Rye Grass, \$45/bale
Ron Jones
York
803-526-6308

COW HAY

\$50 ea; Wheat straw, \$40 ea; both 4x5 & net wrap
Richard Knight
Kershaw
803-427-6440

SQ STRAW BALES

\$4
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

'24 4x5 RND CB

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

MOSTLY CRAB GRASS HAY

4x5 net wrap, 300 bales, \$40
James Livingston
Lexington
803-530-3169

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MEAT SAW

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

WHT OAK LUMBER

2"x6" & 8"x12"L, \$4/bdft; Ariens 46" riding lawn mwr, B&S 22 hp, EC, \$700 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

4' TUBE GATE

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

CHICKEN LITTER

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

HDWD LUMBER

boards 1"x12"x8"L, \$4/bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS

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

LFG BLKSMITH POST VICE

EC, \$175; 200 lb hanging cotton scales, \$50; wooden single tree, for mule/drawn plow, \$30
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

OAK FIREWOOD

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

SEASONED OAK FIREWOOD

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

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

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

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

GARDEN TRACTOR

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

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

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

CEDAR

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

SMALL STEEL GATES

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

4 1/2x7 PORTA HUTS

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

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

AZALEAS

Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$6; Tea Olives, \$8; Camellias & Carolina Sapphire, \$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

PIGEONS

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

ROYAL PALMS TURKEYS

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

WHT KING PIGEONS

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

LRG HUBBLE PIGEONS

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

HOMING PIGEONS

yng & old birds, wht Grizzles & other colors, \$1 ea
Donald Fisher
Chesterfield
843-634-2022

GROWN GUINEAS

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

LAVENDER ORPINGTONS

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

SWEATER/KELSO COCK

2 1/2y/o, \$50; sweater pullets, \$20
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

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

LA COTTONTAILS

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

MARKET BULLETIN

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

**Review our advertising
policies online at**
AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV/
MARKET-BULLETIN-POLICIES

WANT – FARM EQUIPMENT

3PH HD 6-7' HAY RAKE
& pull type fold up 15' bush hog, both in usable cond
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

JD 524 DOZIER BLADE
for JD tractors
Jimmy Sikes
Calhoun
803-707-3049

TERRACE PLOW
calls only
Kenneth Chicos
Union
276-445-5771

FA B
in GRC w/GC sheet metal
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

WANT – LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

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

WANT – MISCELLANEOUS

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

BLKSMITH ANVILS
any size farm bells & parts, lrg setup or scalding pot
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

USED J BUNK
aka concrete cattle feeder
Paul Kicidis
Union
864-429-6112

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

ANY PARTS
for older Tigercat 630; & logging cable that could be used for skidder drum
Andrew Shealy
Spartanburg
864-621-6001

WE'RE NUMBER 1, CONTINUED

"Our farmers are finding advantages where there are opportunities," Moore says.

South Carolina also holds the No. 2 slot for peaches and kale – behind California.

Now that it's November, South Carolina's collard green growers are gearing up for a busy season. Rawl estimates that one-quarter of leafy green sales take place during the six-week span from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Collard greens were declared South Carolina's state vegetable in 2011. Now, Rawl notes, "We have the acres to back it up."

WHERE WE STAND

Here are some of South Carolina's other top fruit and vegetable rankings:

SC'S RANK + COMMODITY

- 1 Collard Greens
- 1 Southern Peas
- 1 Turnip Greens
- 2 Kale
- 2 Peaches
- 5 Asparagus
- 5 Honeydew Melon
- 5 Okra
- 6 Plums
- 7 Non-Bell Peppers
- 7 Sweet Potatoes
- 8 Cantaloupe
- 8 Watermelon
- 8 Nectarines
- 9 Cabbage Mustard
- 9 Cucumbers
- 10 Broccoli
- 10 Tomatoes
- 10 Figs
- 10 Strawberries

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD APPOINTS THOMAS STOWE (TOM) MULLIKIN, PH.D., J.D., AS DIRECTOR OF THE SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY SCDNR

Columbia, S.C. – The seven-member South Carolina Natural Resources Board has unanimously selected retired Maj. Gen. Thomas S. (Tom) Mullikin, Ph.D., J.D., for appointment to serve as the next director of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 48-4-60 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The appointment was made following the announced retirement of Director Robert H. Boyles, Jr. after 32 years of state service, and must be submitted to the South Carolina Senate for confirmation when the General Assembly returns next year. Boyles' retirement is planned for February 2025.

"Dr. Tom Mullikin is precisely the right person to lead SCDNR after Director Boyles' retirement," said Norman Pulliam, chairman of the Natural Resources Board. "He is a seasoned expert on environmental policy, a well-regarded attorney, a college professor and a retired senior military officer. We have accomplished so much under Director Boyles' leadership, and we are certain that Tom Mullikin is the best person to take the baton and keep building upon that success. The SCDNR Board is excited to work with Dr. Mullikin and continue the important work SCDNR does every day to protect and preserve the natural resources of this great state."

"The Natural Resources Board has made an excellent choice in selecting Tom Mullikin as the next director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources," Gov. Henry McMaster said. "I have had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Mullikin on several environmental initiatives, including appointing him as chairman of the highly successful South Carolina Floodwater Commission. His extensive background in environmental law and policy will allow him to bring invaluable expertise to DNR. He has my full support."

Director Robert H. Boyles, Jr. said, "Tom Mullikin will lead our world-class staff to the next level as South Carolina continues to rise as a global leader in natural resources stewardship. I look forward to working together with him to ensure a successful transition."

Mullikin served as chairman of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission, to which he was appointed by Gov. Henry McMaster. He is a seasoned environmental attorney who has studied environmental issues worldwide. In addition, he has a joint appointment as a research professor at the University of South Carolina and Coastal Carolina University's School of Coastal Environment. An avid outdoorsman, he has logged certified scuba dives in every ocean on Earth and has summited more than 20 mountains including peaks on every continent.

"I am honored to be selected for appointment as director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and look forward to working with the amazing staff to continue and advance the important work of SCDNR," Mullikin said. "I thank the board for this incredible opportunity and look forward to earning this position through the Senate confirmation process."

In addition to his environmental and outdoor experiences, Mullikin is a heavily decorated retired senior military officer having served with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, where he was the international legal officer and assistant staff judge advocate attached to an element of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Mullikin retired as major general/ commander of the S.C. State Guard.

Mullikin is a native of Camden, where he and his wife, Virginia Ann, reside. They have four children and five grandchildren.

2024 LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTH CAROLINA TOBACCO BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" of 1968, and as amended, and the Marketing Order No. 13 for South Carolina Tobacco 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 Tobacco 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 3 (see counties below).

The individuals appointed to the board will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing tobacco 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 tobacco production and shall continue to do so from the production of tobacco during their term of office.

As a board member for the South Carolina Tobacco Board, your primary focus is to cooperate with agencies and organizations engaging in support of tobacco production, tobacco production research, tobacco marketing research and dissemination of information on tobacco production and marketing. This board meets two to three times a year. Board members are reimbursed for mileage to and from meetings and paid \$50 per diem per meeting attended.

If you are interested in becoming a SC Tobacco 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 **Thursday, December 19, 2024**. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five tobacco producers from the counties of the district seat you are petitioning for. Petitions received after December 19, 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.

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 tobacco in your name or your farm name).

District 1 includes the County of Horry.

District 3 includes the Counties of Bamberg, Berkeley, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Lexington, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

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

SC STATE WORKS WITH GAMBIAN CITRUS GROWER TO IMPROVE WEST AFRICAN NATION'S FARMING OPERATIONS

BY SC STATE UNIVERSITY

Note: This is the third 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.

BRIKAMA, Gambia – Gambian orchard owner Mamadou Barry is the prime example of what South Carolina State University researchers hope to achieve in his West African nation.

The citrus grower is among the farmers SC State's Public Service and Agriculture division (PSA) is working with to become "master farmers" who offer their knowledge toward improving agriculture and nutrition in Gambia.

Dr. Lamin Drammeh, SC State PSA's associate vice president and director of strategic initiatives, evaluation and engagement, works with Gambian agriculture as the principal investigator of a grant funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the 1890 Universities Foundation Center of Excellence for Global Food Security and Defense (CEGFSD).

"Our Gambian strategy is to empower farmers like him to be able to become master farmers in the Gambia who can provide technical training to beginning farmers, particularly women farmers," Drammeh said, noting that over 70% of the country's farmers are women. "Gambia has seen an upsurge in young women who want to be in the farming business."

Barry's relationship with SC State resulted from the university's 2021 needs assessment of the agriculture sector and food supply chain systems in several African countries via the CEGFSD grant.

The university works with Gambia's National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) to conduct research and increase agricultural extension services.

"After speaking with a colleague, we visited the orchard," Drammeh said. "He showed us how he does grafting and how he sells the grafted trees to other farmers who can now grow and become citrus producers.

"So, he is a distributor, a farmer, a trainer and an extension agent all in one, and he did not have extension agent education and training," Drammeh said. "All his grafting is through his own initiative – his own ideas. He created new knowledge and is transferring that knowledge."

Both Drammeh and Dr. Joshua Idassi, SC State PSA's state program leader for sustainable agriculture and natural resources, have worked with Barry as a master farmer pilot project toward improving his operation as a model for new farmers.

"With the master farming strategy, Mr. Barry will be able to help them. He will be here to support them," Drammeh said. "The Ministry of Agriculture can support him through training.

"From South Carolina State, our role is to share the best ideas we have. We want him to be able to go to the United States and see what happens there. Then, he can come back to grow and thrive," Drammeh said.

Barry grows six varieties of mandarins, six varieties of oranges and two varieties of grapefruit, as well as corn, groundnuts (peanuts), tomatoes, peppers, okra and other vegetables at his orchard south of Brikama.



Dr. Joshua Idassi, SC State PSA's state program leader for sustainable agriculture and natural resources, examines fruit from Gambian citrus grower Mamadou Barry's orchard in the Gambia.



He also lends portions of his land to women farmers to grow their own crops while passing on his knowledge of citrus and vegetable farming.

"It's very important because the women, a lot of them don't have land where they could make a living," Barry said. "They are struggling. We give them a chance to do their farming. I'm 100% committed to help them, and at the same time, it will help the community."

Drammeh said SC State is working with another farmer who has offered garden space to approximately 80 women farmers.

"We are encouraging the Ministry of Agriculture to

adopt this as a policy – encouraging communities and farmers who have big land to help women who need to farm and have no land," Drammeh said. "This will give them access to land."

BENEFITS TO SC STATE FACULTY AND STUDENTS

SC State PSA's work with Barry goes both ways. He is sharing his knowledge of citrus operations with the researchers, and soon, he will do the same with SC State students.

Another element of SC State's work in Gambia is the memorandum of understanding (MOU) the university signed with the University of the Gambia in Banjul on Aug. 7. The agreement will allow for student and faculty exchange between the two universities.

Drammeh said SC State intends to send interns to work at Barry's orchard, as well as students who participate in the cultural exchange.

"For South Carolina State University students in the future, this is one of the facilities they will be visiting to have one to three days of training as part of their cultural immersion experiences," Drammeh said.

Barry appreciated SC State's presence at the orchard.

"Dr. Drammeh, I cannot thank him enough," Barry said. "He is a good guy, and he encourages me a lot. He keeps pushing and pushing because agriculture is the backbone of the nation."

Along with the orchard project and the agreement with UTG, SC State's agricultural extension work in Gambia has included a CEGFSD-funded water pumping system at a farmers' cooperative garden in the North Bank village of Illiassa. On Aug. 6, in conjunction with NARI and the Ministry of Agriculture, SC State handed over the project

to the 400 women who farm at the garden.

ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1896 as a land grant institution with a mission of providing service to the citizens of the state, South Carolina State University has evolved from a small teachers' college into a major University center of learning and research. Located in Orangeburg, S.C., South Carolina State offers more than 50 different fields of study on the undergraduate and graduate levels. South Carolina State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools.

GRAIN AND COTTON PRODUCERS: PROTECT YOURSELVES BY WORKING WITH A LICENSED DEALER

BY SCDA

The South Carolina Dealers and Handlers Law protects farmers and producers who might otherwise be injured financially by dealers who fail to pay. Dealers purchasing agricultural products directly from producers and later reselling those products are required to be licensed by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, complete with a surety bond.

Producers should always verify that they are working with a licensed dealer to ensure that they will be entitled to the protections offered by the Dealers and Handlers Law. 'Agricultural commodity' or 'commodity' means cotton and all agricultural products commonly classed as grain, including corn, wheat, oats, soybeans, barley, and grain sorghum, produced within this State. An agricultural commodity dealer shall include cotton gins if the gin is engaged in above-described activity. Cotton gins that are not purchasing will be registered as a Cotton Ginner Non-Purchaser for the purpose of collection of baled cotton assessments.

However, tobacco, dairy products, and timber products are **not** covered under this law.

In addition, purchasers of some agricultural products **are not required to be licensed**. These include:

1. (Resident farmers or groups of resident farmers in the sale or purchase of agricultural products
2. All persons who buy for cash and pay at the time of delivery with United States currency and maintain on file in the office of the Commissioner an affidavit of this fact which shall be renewed on an annual basis
3. A dealer in agricultural products who operates as a bonded licensee under the Federal Packers and Stockyards Act
4. An operator of a roadside stand doing business within the State who pays for agricultural products by cash or check
5. All persons who buy in small quantities for personal use or consumption
6. Any miller who receives and purchases grains from producers on a cash only delivery basis and

pays by check or draft and posts conspicuously in his place of business a notice to the producer that the miller is

- a. (a) not a licensed dealer;
- b. (b) not bonded as a licensed dealer;
- c. (c) does not collect assessments for, nor offer the protection of the South Carolina Grain Producers Guaranty Fund, and gives the same notice in writing to the producer prior to receipt and purchase of each lot of grain, and registers with the Commissioner an affidavit of this fact which shall be renewed on an annual basis.

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

The **South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund** is not subsidized by tax dollars. Instead, producers pay an assessment fee of 1 cent per bushel for soybeans, 1/2 cent per bushel for other grains produced and sold, and 50 cents per bale of cotton at place of ginning. These fees are collected by licensed grain dealers, cotton ginner and remitted to the Department to be placed into the **South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund**. Assessments are not collected once the fund total reaches \$25 million. If the fund drops below \$25 million, however, the assessments will be collected once again.

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

- Authorized dealers are issued a license that should be conspicuously displayed in their place of business.

- Also, any person who is an agent for a licensed Dealer and Handler must possess a buyer's card issued by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture showing the name of the licensed Dealer and Handler.
- To verify that a business is licensed or for more information, call the Consumer Protection Division of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture at 803-737-9700 or go online to agriculture.sc.gov/consumer-services and click on "Licensed and Bonded Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products."
- Any producer may elect not to participate in the fund for any calendar year by applying for an exemption with the department.
- The election consists of a written, notarized application upon a form designed and provided by the Department of Agriculture. The application must be filed with the Department before April 1 of the year for which the exemption is desired.
- Upon filing of the application, the Department must issue the applicant an exemption certificate specifying the producer, commodity exempted, and period of exemption. Such certificate, when presented to the grain dealer or cotton ginner, entitles the specified producer to an exemption from the dealer's and handler's assessment on the specified commodity.
- Any producer who elects not to participate in the fund is not eligible to be reimbursed for any loss for the commodity exempted for that calendar year.
- It is the producer's responsibility to furnish grain dealer and or cotton ginner with exemption certificate.
- The department cannot furnish grain dealer and or cotton ginner with a copy of an exemption certificate.

Finally, to make a valid claim against the Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products Law or the **South Carolina Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund**, producers/farmers must have delivered their farm products to a dealer licensed under the Dealers and Handlers Law.

To verify that a business is licensed or for more information, call the Consumer Services Division of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture at 803-737-9700.

CLEMSON CENTER FOR AG TECHNOLOGY LAUNCHES PODCAST

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BLACKVILLE, S.C. – Clemson University's Center for Agricultural Technology (CU-CAT) has launched a podcast, *CULTivate Ag*, designed to provide South Carolina residents with the latest research-based information on agricultural technology and Clemson Extension topics.

The podcast features experts from the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service discussing developments in agriculture. Hannah Mikell, a Clemson Extension row crops agent in Clarendon and Williamsburg counties, said the podcast was developed to expand outreach efforts.

"We got the idea after hearing from people who couldn't attend field days or other meetings," Mikell said. "They wanted to know what was discussed, and we decided a podcast would help deliver this information. People can listen when it's convenient."

Hosted by Kevin Royal, a precision agriculture specialist, *CULTivate Ag* is available online and offers segments like "Spotlight on Ag Technology," featuring interviews with industry representatives, Clemson researchers, Extension personnel, and farmers. Topics focus on seasonal technologies.

Another segment, "Extension Talks," features Clemson Extension personnel covering various topics, including statewide and regional commodity meetings and field day presentations.

Future segments being considered include "Industry Collaboration" and "Undergraduate Student Research." A "Spotlights" segment highlighting each Clemson Extension program team is also under consideration. Topics outside these categories will appear in "Special Topics."

"We envisioned the podcast channel to include multiple segments or episode types," Royal said.

"Having multiple segments allows us to provide a variety of information so that this podcast becomes a go-to source for the latest research-based information on South Carolina agriculture."

New episodes are scheduled for periodic release, with production managed by Royal and Trey McAlhany.

Kendall Kirk, CU-CAT director, said *CULTivate Ag* arrives at a time when many people prefer information via podcasts.

"This platform is one of many ways to supplement existing outreach programming," Kirk said. "In no way do we intend for this to replace current efforts. We see this as a great opportunity for CU-CAT, Clemson Extension and agricultural education."

For more information about the Clemson University Center for Agricultural Technology, visit clemson.edu/cafts/cu-cat.

FRUIT AND VEGGIE SQUAD

HOW SC'S PRODUCE SAFETY TEAM WORKS TO PROTECT FARMERS AND EATERS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CADE M^CCONNELL

This story first appeared in the 2024 issue of *Grown in SC*, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's annual magazine. *Grown in SC* is available at:

- South Carolina Welcome Centers
- The South Carolina State House Gift Shop
- State Farmers Markets
- SCDA events

To inquire about advertising, please contact editor Eva Moore at emoore@scda.sc.gov.

Keep an eye out for the 2025 issue in February.

Shortly after sunrise, the scent of tomato foliage hung thick in the mid-summer humidity at Seaside Farm on South Carolina's St. Helena Island. Shannon Lowe, a produce safety inspector for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, and Bobby Donato, who supervises the inspection team, pulled up and stepped out of their department trucks. They donned boots and sprayed them with disinfectant to ensure no outside contaminants entered the fields or processing facility. My shoes were sprayed, too, and Bobby briefed me on what the day had in store.

On January 4, 2011, President Obama signed the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. Part of this act, the Produce Safety Rule, set the first-ever federal regulatory standards for fruit and vegetable production and handling. The Rule is intended to make food safer for consumption and to make it easier for authorities and farms to track and eliminate foodborne illnesses when they do happen. Enforcing the Produce Safety Rule isn't glamorous work, but it's done in some of the most beautiful parts of the state.

This would be Shannon's first time leading an inspection. Bobby was there to answer any questions and provide backup. We anticipated the day going smoothly, beginning in the office before heading out to the field and the packing facility. With the gameplan established, we headed inside to meet the farmers.

Seaside Farm is a sixth-generation farm that has been growing tomatoes since 1903. Its season peaks in June, when the farm harvests and ships 24 million pounds of fresh tomatoes up and down the East Coast.

We were met inside by Fletcher Sanders, Seaside's Food Safety Manager. We caught up on the year's tomato harvest and the state of tomato farming before beginning the day's work. Today, they were picking for a large fast-casual restaurant chain. The first order of business was an audit of food safety certifications and practices.

Shannon and Fletcher filled out pre-inspection paperwork before Sanders brought out stacks of binders to go through. The contents ranged from

detailed produce safety plans to bathroom and food contact surface cleaning schedules and checklists. To ensure the farm follows Produce Safety Rule regulations, the produce safety team combed through the documents checking water tests, produce packing, cleaning, and training records. The process felt less like an audit and more like a collaboration. There was constructive input from the farm and the inspectors on the challenges of compliance and how to make safety measures more effective and accessible for farmers.

order by opening every door, turning on every faucet, pressing every soap pump, and pulling every paper towel dispenser. The meticulous inspection continued into the irrigation pump houses. The inspectors carefully followed every pipe and electrical line, checking for cracks and leaks and analyzing fertilizer runoff risk.

The processing facility and packhouse marked our last stop on the inspection. Seaside had processed a load of tomatoes the day prior, so the team would have to return the next day to inspect the

packing process. We walked through the loading area where trucks deliver tomatoes from the field and looked for signs of bird nests and droppings. Acknowledging there is only so much you can do to prevent birds in an outdoor facility, we saw no trace of them.

The packhouse was immaculate. The conveyor belts and tanks that run millions of tomatoes looked brand new.

"We have to run inspection-ready," said Fletcher. The season is only 23 days long, so they don't have room for anything to go wrong. From my layman's perspective, it almost felt redundant to inspect. Nevertheless, Shannon combed

through the complex machinery. From belts to box makers, she looked for signs of contamination or malfunction.

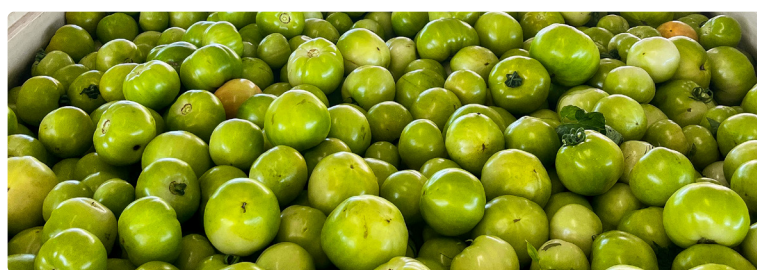
While that day's inspection of Seaside Farm found no significant issues, SCDA inspectors do encounter produce safety violations and risks at farms they inspect.

One of the most frequent issues is a simple failure to keep adequate records. Farms are required to keep logs of visitors to the farm, for example. When things go wrong in the produce safety world, people can get sick or die. So, traceability is extremely important.

At the end of the day, Shannon gave some perspective on her relationship with this work.

"I'm the daughter and granddaughter of farmers. I still work the land my grandfather worked, and my father after him. Farmers have a special place in my heart, and I, along with my team, respect the hard work that they do. The days are early and who knows when the evenings end.

"Yes, we are part of the regulatory side of agricultural practices, and sometimes it can create a level of tension. I have noticed that once we start the inspection process, our farmers realize that we are there for them. We are there to make sure that they are carrying out practices in a manner that keeps them doing what they love. Our presence is helping to protect the crops that they have invested so much into, while also protecting the consumers that they are growing produce for."



The gravity of this work is never far from Shannon's mind.

"Produce safety is important because its practice looks out for the farmer, the harvesting companies, the food processors, and the manufacturing companies," she said. "We take our work very seriously. Our own families are consumers of the very same produce we inspect."

After the paperwork, Hunter Squires, Seaside's farm manager, showed us on a satellite map where we'd be going and we loaded up in her Jeep to inspect the field.

In the field, we were surrounded by tomatoes. The fields of deep green foliage stretched out in every direction. The spicy, herbal scent of freshly snapped tomato vines accompanied the hollow thunks of green tomatoes landing in large plastic buckets. We stood to the side and watched field workers file through the rows toting 17-gallon tubs of tomatoes.

Shannon watched intently as the workers threw their buckets to men standing on the back of a tractor-trailer, who dumped them in larger bins and tossed the tubs back down. She made note of glove use and food contact surfaces and made sure that anything that fell to the ground stayed there.

After the fieldwork observation, the inspectors moved on to facilities. We drove to each of the portable restroom facilities positioned in the fields. Shannon verified the restrooms were in working

CLEMSON BREAKS GROUND ON HARVEY S. PEELER JR. COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

BY CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University officials and state leaders broke ground Friday, November 22, 2024, on the Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine, marking a historic moment for Clemson University and the state of South Carolina as the only college of veterinary medicine in the state continues to take shape.

Earlier on Friday, Clemson's Board of Trustees approved the name of the new college, which honors Harvey S. Peeler Jr., a 1970 graduate of the University who has served as a senator in the South Carolina General Assembly since 1980.

"Senator Peeler has passionately supported the development of a college of veterinary medicine for more than 20 years, and his efforts throughout the process have been instrumental in developing this new college at Clemson," Clemson Board Chair Kim Wilkerson said. "In recognition of his contributions to this historic development for Clemson and the entire state, our board is excited to name this new college in his honor."

Peeler, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a cattle farmer in his hometown of Gaffney, has experienced firsthand the need for large and small animal veterinarians in the state.

"Today marks a historic milestone for our state as we break ground on the new College of Veterinary Medicine — a dream that's been a long time in the making," Peeler said. "This is not just about education — it is about taking care of our animals, supporting our farmers, growing our economy and filling the need for veterinarians in South Carolina."

The groundbreaking was held on the site of the new complex. Speakers included Clemson University President Jim Clements, Founding Dean Steven Marks, current pre-veterinary student Ashlee Romp and Sen. Peeler.

"The Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine will be an incredible asset not only for Clemson University but for the entire state of

South Carolina, our region and beyond," said University President Jim Clements. "Today's historic groundbreaking is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the South Carolina General Assembly, the Clemson University Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students and champions

goal is to create day-one-prepared veterinarians to serve communities around South Carolina. Animal and human health are directly connected, and we are so proud to be a part of creating the next generation of veterinarians."



Harvey S. Peeler, Jr



Rendering provided by LS3P + Flad

like Senator Harvey Peeler. Together, we are further elevating our land-grant mission and continuing to meet the needs of our communities through education, research and service."

The complex is located across the street from Clemson University's Equine Center on West Queen Street in Pendleton. Nestled adjacent to the Clemson Experimental Forest, the College will prepare highly skilled and caring veterinarians to address a critical shortage in the state. The complex comprises six buildings* designed to provide students with spaces for collaboration, hands-on learning and personal growth.

"What an amazing time for this University and our state," said Founding Dean Steven Marks. "Our

The College will help address the shortage of veterinarians in the state. A third of South Carolina counties have fewer than five veterinarians, and 48 percent of the state's counties have fewer than 10 veterinarians. While qualified candidates are applying to veterinary colleges, 500–1,000 are not admitted due to a capacity shortage at existing colleges.

The Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine continues the process of earning accreditation. It's expected to welcome its first class of 80 students in Fall 2026. The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and curriculum have all been approved by the Board of Trustees, and the hiring of faculty and staff will continue in earnest for the next two years.

More information about the College and updates on its progress can be found on social media at @ClemsonVetMed or online at clemson.edu/cvm.

The Hub will be a vibrant center where students can attend classes, study and engage with each other. The Clinical Teaching Building will house several labs and serve as the home for the Peeler College of Veterinary Medicine Community Clinic, where the public can access veterinary care. The Research Building will house faculty and graduate student offices, as well as research labs dedicated to advancing veterinary science. The Ambulatory Service Building will have a significant impact on the Upstate region, providing fourth-year students with vital clinical rotation experience on area farms as mobile veterinarians. The Equine Teaching Building will offer students a dedicated space to practice and learn about equine health in a safe and controlled environment. The Farm Animal Teaching Building will include specialized spaces essential for training students in farm animal care.

LOW TIDE BREWING EXPANDS CHARLESTON COUNTY OPERATIONS

\$22.2 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 33 NEW JOBS

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Low Tide Brewing, a craft beer manufacturer, announced it is expanding its operations in Charleston County. The company's \$22.2 million investment will create 33 new jobs.

Founded on Johns Island in 2016, Low Tide Brewing produces award-winning craft beers from quality ingredients.

- The company's brewery and taproom also offer a variety of one-of-a-kind experiences for the community.
- Low Tide Brewing will expand into a 26,800-square-foot facility, located at o Beer Garden Way on Johns Island, which will include a state-of-the-art brewing system and event space.
- The new facility will expand the company's manufacturing operations to meet demand for its wholesale products and increase capacity for visitors.
- Operations are expected to be online in mid-2026.
- Hiring will begin two months before opening.

- Individuals interested in joining the Low Tide Brewing team should email careers@lowtidebrewing.com.

"Low Tide Brewing is thrilled to expand our brewing operations in Charleston County. Demand for our products has grown steadily as we continue to strengthen our reputation in the community. We are excited to expand our capabilities so we can support our community even more while producing plenty of tasty brews." —Low Tide Brewing Founder Mike Fielding

"Low Tide Brewing is making a strong impact on Charleston County's economy with this \$22.2 million investment that will create 33 new jobs. This expansion reflects our state's thriving business environment, and we're proud to see a South Carolina-founded company continue to find success." —Gov. Henry McMaster

"Today's announcement by Low Tide Brewing showcases that South Carolina and Charleston

County have the resources businesses need to thrive. We congratulate this South Carolina-based company on its success in the Lowcountry and look forward to watching Low Tide Brewing continue to grow for years to come." —Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

"The expansion of a homegrown South Carolina agribusiness is a cause for celebration. I thank Low Tide Brewing for their commitment to our state, its workers and to making a great product." —Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

"Charleston County is thrilled to see Low Tide Brewing expanding its operations. This homegrown success story perfectly exemplifies the innovative spirit that drives our local economy. Their commitment to quality and community aligns perfectly with our vision. Creating 33 new jobs and expanding their unique visitor experiences will be a bonus for Johns Island and the entire county." —Charleston County Council Chairman Herbert Ravenel Sass III