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ACRE PROGRAM SEEKS AGRIBUSINESS PITCHES

ARE YOU A SOUTH CAROLINA AGRIBUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR?

BY SCDA

COLUMBIA – The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 2025 Advanced Entrepreneurship program.

South Carolina entrepreneurs selected for the program will have the opportunity to pitch to a panel of judges, competing to earn business mentoring and funding for their agribusiness. The awardees will be granted up to \$25,000 for their company or product.

In the seven years since it was founded, ACRE has awarded more than \$1,412,500 to 131 agricultural entrepreneurs, funded several industry-driven research projects, and led dozens of business workshops throughout the state.

Successful awardees have included:

- Blue Ridge Rabbit Meat Co., a family-run rabbit farm in Wellford (Spartanburg County) that raises and processes rabbits, shipping the high-quality meat to customers across the country.
- Project Victory Gardens, which leads workshops to help veterans transition to careers in agribusiness.
- Pee Dee-based Covered in Cotton, which developed a local supply chain for their award-winning luxury cotton products.

- Vegetable grower Crescent Farm in Laurens County, which used ACRE funding to expand production.

- Regenerative agriculture-based duck producer Vital Mission Farm, based in Wadmalaw Island.

- Crossroads Processing (Lexington County), which expanded from deer into processing livestock to address gaps in the local market.



- Oswego Flowers (Sumter County), which grows unusual cut flower varieties. The 2024 ACRE grant award will help them buy a larger greenhouse to extend the growing season of cut flowers to year-round production and start shifting into wholesale production of cut flowers.
- The Pickled Pepper People (Greenville County), a company that makes spicy slaw from fresh vegetables that are locally and sustainably sourced, using a traditional Haitian family recipe.
- Growing Green Family Farms, which is using ACRE funding to expand their Good Agricultural Practices-certified packing shed and walk-in cooler, with which they can increase their own production and support other farmers in need of a food safety-certified space.

The Advanced Entrepreneurship application requires a business plan and a ready-to-launch prototype or sales history for the applicant's company or product. Applicants' businesses must be located in South Carolina. The application also includes a detailed guide to what ACRE is looking for in a business plan.

Applications are due Friday, March 7th by 11:59 pm.

ACRE has a separate program each fall for beginning innovators who have an agribusiness idea but don't have experience in business.

For more information, visit acre-sc.com/programs or contact Kyle Player at 803-734-2324 or kplayer@scda.sc.gov.



AGRITOURISM IS BOOMING IN SC

This week I had the pleasure of attending part of the South Carolina Agritourism Association's Annual Conference. It was held in Kershaw, Lexington, and Newberry counties this year, with some wonderful hardworking agritourism farms spotlighted during two days of tours:

- Bowers Farm
- Carolina Pride Pastures
- Enoree River Winery
- Farm 1780
- Goat Daddy's Farm
- Lever Farms

The kickoff dinner and other activities were held at Bar Figaro in Newberry. Farmers got many chances during the conference to network and learn. It was truly a celebration of South Carolina places and rural life.

I met up with the group at Lever Farms in Newberry County. My message to them was to use their venues while folks are there to have fun to remind them of what agriculture means to our state.

Agritourism has grown dramatically in this state over the past decade or so. We now have 612 agritourism farms listed on the South Carolina Department of Agriculture website. I can remember years ago when it was about 80.

The Census of Agriculture reports that between 2017 and 2022, farm income from agritourism in South Carolina grew

from \$6.2 million to \$14 million. I think that probably underrepresents the true value and economic impact of this activity, but it's a place to start understanding the importance of agritourism.

The South Carolina Agritourism Association is partly to thank for the growth in the industry. Director Jackie Moore works hard to educate farmers about how to safely start an agritourism venture and profit from it, and she promotes those farms very effectively. If you have an interest, you can join the association and find resources by visiting scagritourism.org.

As a farmer, you don't have to go all-in on agritourism; many farmers dip their toe in the water with some tours or other on-farm activities to find out if agritourism is right for them. This is a business where you have to enjoy being around people.

If you're looking to visit a farm, go to scfarmfun.org. We have listings for hundreds of farms, both association members and otherwise. You can also subscribe to a monthly newsletter listing events on farms across the state. The Agritourism Passport program is a fun way to visit more farms: As you people visit participating South Carolina farms, you can have your passport stamped to earn prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Crops Oyster Roast & Fish Fry

February 13 • 6 – 8 pm

Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber is excited to host this 3rd annual event, gathering agricultural producers and supporters large and small to pray for a bountiful harvest, learn about what's happening in our region's ag sector, and break bread together. Tickets (include dinner & admission): \$20 Chamber Members / Market Vendors; \$30 General Admission; \$350 Table.

The Barn at Hutto Farms

417 Hudgins Road, Williston

hello@southernpalmetto.org • 803-259-7446

southernpalmettochamber.org/event/blessing-of-the-crops-oyster-roast-fish-fry

Valentine's Day Dinner

February 14 • 5 pm

Escape to a cozy, romantic evening at our Bistro this Valentine's Day. Enjoy a delicious homemade dinner surrounded by breathtaking views. Treat your special someone to an unforgettable night of love, warmth, and stunning mountain scenery. Limited seats available!

Chattooga Belle Farm

454 Damascus Church Road, Longcreek

864-647-9768

chattoogabellefarm.com

facebook.com/ChattoogaBelleFarm

How to Plant Strawberries 101 with Sal

February 15 • 11 am – 12 pm

Learn to plant eversweet strawberries and take home a kit.

Grow Your Garden with Sal

113 Hilltop Drive, Columbia

803-786-6546

salslocalseed.com

The Animal Experience Tour

February 15 • 2 pm

\$25 per guest, and only 25 spots are available! We will not only visit every sanctuary resident, from Abu the camel to Norris the cow, but also visit the farm's dairy goats and try our hand at milking a goat! We will also have a tasting session with our delicious flavors of goat cheese before touring our goat dairy. There will be a photo shoot session for anyone who wants the PERFECT profile photo cuddling some goats or kissing a pig!

Goat Daddy's Farm

144 Tomahawk Trail, Elgin

goatdaddys@gmail.com

facebook.com/goatdaddys

Museum Matinee: Gullah Roots

February 19 • 1 pm

The 2025 Horry County Museum Documentary Film Series continues with Gullah Roots. This film, part of the Carolina Stories Series by SCETV, explores South Carolina's ties with West Africa, educating viewers about Gullah heritage, including spiritual, musical and artistic traditions.

Horry County Museum

805 Main Street, Conway

hcg.museum@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-5320

horrycountymuseum.org

South Carolina Christmas Tree Association 2025 Winter Meeting

February 22 • 1:30 – 5 pm

Andrew Bosserman, a CPA who specializes in Christmas tree tax filings, will discuss The #1 Way Christmas Tree Growers Save Taxes, an overview of the capital gains method and ways to help determine if a CPA is competent. A Grower Talk and short business meeting will follow. Members: no charge. Non-member farms: \$50. This fee will be credited toward 2025 membership dues if the attendee chooses to join the association in the first month of attendance.

SC Farm Bureau

724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce

To register, contact: Steve Penland

6457 Campbell Road, York, SC 29745

slpenland69@gmail.com

803-366-7605 or 803-417-0239

SALES & AUCTIONS

Yon Family Farms Spring Cattle Sale

February 15 • 11 am

Offering 200 long yearling, reg. Angus bulls, ready for breeding, along with 100 Angus females: pairs, bred cows, and heifers. Select offering of SimAngus & Ultrablacks.

Ridge Spring

Contact: Yon Family Farms

lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com • 803-622-8597

yonfamilyfarms.com

SCDA State Farmers Markets

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

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4 M/O M DONKEY
choc, B-9/2, \$650
Barney Gause
Williamsburg
843-356-1671

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.

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

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

GARDEN

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

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

HOGS / PIGS

YORKSHIRE/DUROC PIGS
30-40 lbs, \$70
Clayton Culler
Orangeburg
803-622-9790

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

MINI MANCHA DOELING
MDGA eligible, B-3/31, F5
breeding, herd tested clean
8.24 for Johnnes & CAE, \$150
Gail Cooley
Anderson
864-947-8880

F NUBIAN GOAT
\$150
Beverly Weatherford
Lee
803-840-1685

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

7 M/O KATAHDIN RAM
gentle, hand raised, \$200
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
803-983-5041

2 PYGMY BUCKS
9 m/o & 4 m/o, healthy,
dewormed, \$25 ea
Melody Steele
Lexington
803-604-7780

**5 DORPER X KATAHDIN
EWES**
1 y/o, bred to Dorper, \$250 ea
Benny Goff
Kershaw
803-269-8189

KATAHDIN RAM
B-4/22, gentle, proven
breeder, \$300
Rebekah Olson
York
803-351-4994

5 Y/O KIKO BUCK
good breeder, selling to
prevent inbreeding, \$400
John Gilbert
Pickens
864-868-4660

BARBADOS BLKBELLY EWE
w/1-2 lambs at her side, \$300;
Barbados rams, \$200 ea
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

9 LRG KATAHDIN RAMS
13 m/o, dewormed, grain
fed, \$200-225 ea
Barney Gause
Williamsburg
843-356-1671

DAIRY GOATS
wethers & does, mixed
Lamancha, Alpine, Nubian,
not disbudded, \$125+ obo
Beverly Ammons
Berkeley
843-761-2962

HAY & GRAIN

LRG/SM RND CB
\$65+ depending on size &
qual; sm sq, \$8-12
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

**'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS/
FESCUE**
barn stored, NR, no manure
on land, fert only, \$50/bale
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

'24 MIXED GRASS
barn kept, \$35/bale, outside,
\$25/bale; barn kept Rye
Grass, \$45/bale
Ron Jones
York
803-526-6308

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS
net wrap, outside, \$35; 4x5
in barn, \$50
Joe Houston
Chester
803-209-2901

RND FESCUE
\$40
Matt McGinn
Lancaster
704-363-1099

4'x5' CQ RND BALES
net wrap, \$35 ea
Chris Cathcart
Fairfield
803-603-8237

'24 4x5 CQ HAY
net wrap, baled w/o rain,
\$45/roll
Henry Welch
Berkeley
843-709-0488

HQ 5x6 RND COASTAL
wrapped, stored in dry,
\$180/ton, 5 bale min p-up
Sally Harrison
Saluda
803-622-8597

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

'24 4x5 RND HQ CB
barn kept, \$75; field kept,
\$65; CQ, \$55; net wrap, will
del for fee
Tyler Sanderlin
Barnwell
803-709-2626

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

'24 FESCUE/CLOVER MIX
4x5 rnd net wrap, \$45; 4x5
film wrap baleage, \$60
Jonathon Watkins
Saluda
864-980-6877

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

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

'24 4x5 NET CQ
\$50/bale; HQ net, \$60/bale;
HQ silage wrap dry Fescue,
\$75/ea; silage wrap haylage,
\$75/ea
Allen Kellett
Greenville
864-607-7444

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

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

HQ FESCUE
2 1/2 lrg rnd bales, opened
bale on pallet, \$125
Jim Williams
Anderson
864-556-9811

'24 RND HQ COASTAL
\$70/bale; CQ, \$60/bale,
shed kept, limed/fert, \$8/sq,
del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

'24 4x5 FESCUE
net wrap, \$45
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS
net wrap, \$45/bale
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

'24 MIXED GRASS BERMUDA
Fescue & other summer
grasses, 4x5 rnd, no weeds,
\$50/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

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

BULK BAGGED OATS
\$250/50 bu bag; yr 55 gal
filled barrel, \$40/barrel
Josh O'Tuel
Marlboro
843-439-0258

OATS
\$12.50/bag; Wheat, \$9.50/
bag, both cleaned & in 50 lb
bags, 10 bag min purchase
Kevin Yon
Saluda
803-622-4140

'24 4x5 RND CB
\$50/bale
Johnnie Legree
Bamberg
803-614-4665

'24 4x5 RND CB
NR, barn stored, \$70/bale,
buy 6 get & 1 at no chrg
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL
net, no litter used, \$65 field,
\$80 barn; sq, \$8.50 barn;
rnd cow, \$40
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

'24 5x6 CQ HAY
\$55/bale
Mark Rodgers
Saluda
803-522-2329

SQ BALES
\$8; rnd, under shed, \$75-80;
other hay, \$45-65
Alex Nobles
Barnwell
803-793-6867

MIXED FESCUE
in barn, some under tarp,
\$40-45, disc on 100
Richard Blighton
Anderson
864-338-5487

'24 CQ 4x5 CB
net wrap, fert & lime, \$45
Gilbert Small
Lancaster
803-320-9073

CB
rnd CQ, shed kept, \$40; sq
HQ, \$8; rnd HQ, \$70
Warren E Coker
Florence
843-319-1884

'24 CQ CB
4x5 twine, in shed, \$50
Michael F Hallman
Lexington
803-917-9044

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

'24 4x5 RND CB
net wrap, under shed, \$55/
bale, in field, \$50/bale
Josiah Williams
Bamberg
843-693-1970

MISCELLANEOUS

2 REAR WHL CTR DISCRIMS
for older mod Ford tractor,
8 bolt hole w/no bolts, \$175 ea
David Fralix
Dorchester
843-560-1013

WHT OAK LUMBER
2"x6" & 8"Wxup to 20'L,
\$4/bdft; Ariens 46" riding
lawn mwr, B&S 22 hp, EC,
\$700 obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

(3) 7500 BU GRAIN BINS
GC, \$10,000 for all 3
John Till
Orangeburg
803-707-5646

WATER STOCK TANKS
(2) 50 gal, (1) 100 gal & rnd
bale hay feeder, \$250 for all
Frank Stevenson
Anderson
864-226-0947

**PURPLE MARTIN
GOURD RACKS**
hay rake/umbrella design, 12
prong, \$85; 16 prong, \$100
Chance Huckabee
Darlington
843-861-5385

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

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

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS
sold & mailed in lots of 5 for
\$85 ppd
William F Timmerman
Aiken
803-640-6265

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT
\$2/yd
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

18" STEAM WHISTLE
from steam tractor, \$800;
new RR spikes, for mule
drawn drag harrows, \$100 ea
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

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

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

4 1/2x7 PORTA HUTS
livestock shelters, \$100+
Cecil Hooks
Marion
843-430-4906

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

HONEYBEES
5 frame ltal honeybee nucs, \$180
Dale Staners
Lancaster
803-577-7871

HARDEE SPRAY TANK ONLY
200 gal, FC, \$100
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

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

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

GARDEN TRACTOR
Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler,
hydro trans, hyd lift, spare
tire, mwr frame, \$425 obo
Ralph Taylor
Chester
803-789-5110

GOURDS
for Purple Martin houses or
crafting, \$6/lrg, \$4/med, \$2/
small
Glen Clamp
Lexington
803-673-8013

1200 GAL WATER TANK
on SS truck frame, to install
on truck, \$800
Melvin Barr
Pickens
864-360-5176

OAK FIREWOOD
freshly cut & split, \$8/12 pcs
bundle; or \$150/full truck bed
Nolan Harmon
Saluda
864-992-3190

2 CHICKEN TRACTORS
7' & 9' rnd w/mesh wire
attached to welded metal
frame, \$200 & \$280
Jim Williams
Anderson
864-556-9811

HORSE MANURE COMPOST
you load, we will help, \$20/
truck load
Stephanie Scharf
Kershaw
864-992-6131

8' CEDAR RND POSTS
6-3" dia, \$8 ea
Douglass Britt
McCormick
864-391-3334

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

2H WAGON
\$500; plastic barrels, \$10 ea;
more
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

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

LIQUID LICK TANK
\$100; Pecan wood, \$10/bundle
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

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

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

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

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

BROWN TOP MILLET

G-88%, D/HS&G-88%, cleaned, in 50 lb bags, \$35/bag
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

Download the listing of abbreviations

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POULTRY

4 ROOS

raised from var hen types, \$1 ea
Gerald F Barks Jr
Abbeville
864-554-0686

JACOBIN PIGEONS

\$75 ea; Samaritan chickens, \$60/pr
James Malphrus
Dorchester
843-821-8172

4 YNG SILKY CHICKENS

\$10 ea
Wilbur Edgerley
Saluda
803-685-5613

16 GAME ROOSTERS

all breeds, \$5 ea; Game hens, \$8 ea; all 2 y/o
Melody Steele
Lexington
803-687-0921

YNG CHOC TURKEY HENS

begin laying spring, \$25 ea
Tony Brewer
McCormick
864-602-1562

GROWN GUINEAS

\$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochin bantams, \$10+
Philip Poole
Union
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BOBWHT QUAIL

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Jack McCaskill
Kershaw
803-427-3031

BOB WHT & TN RED QUAIL

all flight cond, transport boxes provided, \$6 ea
Dwight Gilliland
Saluda
864-941-0958

WHT KING PIGEONS

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

LAVENDER ORPINGTONS

Sexlinks, Blk Copper Marans & jumbo Coturnix quail, \$5 ea
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Kershaw
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Union
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Raymond Decker
Lexington
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Sumter
803-464-5757

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Ernie Redmond
Orangeburg
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Smittie Smith
Pickens
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JD 4230

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William Griffin
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GN LIVESTOCK TRL

max price \$3000
Glenn Murphey
Aiken
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7' CUT HAY DISC

Krone or Kuhlen, late mod, must be in GC w/history & manual
John Gossett
Spartanburg
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for 140 FA for planting corn & beans in same row, w/1ph
William Kirkland
Kershaw
803-518-4268

NON-HYD GRAIN DRILL

older mod for food plots, poss 2 coulter mod JD Van Brunt
Carl Gullede
Richland
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NH 7310 SPEAR

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Clark Roach
Laurens
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WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

SNOWFLAKE BOB WHT

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Barndt Benson
Spartanburg
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MODENA

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Thomas Waters
Colleton
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RINGNECK DOVE HEN

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Lee Steuer
Spartanburg
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BLKSMTH ANVILS

any size farm bells, Enterprise sausage/lard press & stuffer
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

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Greenville
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ANY SIZE WASH POTS

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Greenville
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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA FOLLOWING SEVERE NOVEMBER FLOODING

BY SC GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster announced in January that his December 13, 2024, request for a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration to provide federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts following severe November flooding in Bamberg, Calhoun, and Orangeburg Counties has been approved.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Public Assistance program aid for Bamberg, Calhoun, and Orangeburg Counties. The program provides reimbursement to governmental agencies and certain nonprofits that were affected by the severe storms and flooding of November 6-14, 2024. The assistance can help cover costs for debris removal, emergency protective measures, public buildings and equipment, public utilities, and more. For additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program, visit fema.gov/assistance/public.

The declaration also approves Hazard Mitigation Grant Program assistance, which makes

cost-shared funding available to the state for approved projects that reduce or mitigate future disaster risks. Funds under this program will be available to state agencies, local governments, and certain nonprofit organizations only. A wide variety of potential projects are eligible.

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) will conduct applicant briefings to inform potential applicants of the assistance available and how to apply. Applicants then file a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) and identify damage that resulted from the disaster. FEMA determines eligibility for reimbursement after state review. SCEMD will manage Public Assistance funds received from FEMA. This includes disbursing the funds to the applicant.

The governor's request for FEMA Individual Assistance, which provides help to individuals and households, is still under review.

Our 5th annual *Grown in SC* magazine is now available!

Read it online at agriculture.sc.gov/ magazine or grab a printed copy at upcoming SCDA events this year.



SOUTH CAROLINA FARM TO SCHOOL SUMMIT SET FOR FEB. 21

DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Registration is open for the 2025 South Carolina Farm to School Summit, Bridging the Gap from Farm to School in South Carolina, scheduled for Feb. 21.

The summit begins at 8:30 a.m. at the University of South Carolina Pastides Alumni Center, 900 Senate St., Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. It ends at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30. For tickets, visit scfarmtoschool.com/summit. Deadline is Feb. 10.

Educators, nutrition professionals, farmers and members of community organizations are invited to attend the summit, which aims to explore ways to incorporate fresh, local foods into schools. The event is hosted by the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service, the South Carolina Department of Education, and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

“This is an opportunity for key farm-to-school players to connect, provide resources and support, and empower both educators and farmers to continue the farm-to-school movement,” said Carolyn Lindstrom of the Clemson Extension School and Community Gardening Program. “We invite everyone interested to join us for a day of learning, networking, and bridging the gap between schools and farms in South Carolina.”

During the summit, educators will discover creative ways to integrate local foods into classrooms and

curricula. Nutrition service professionals, farmers, and agricultural producers will have opportunities to build networks and resources to bring local foods to school cafeterias and support local agriculture. Additionally, wellness and public health professionals, Extension agents, Master Gardener volunteers, community organizers, and policymakers will learn how to support farm-to-school initiatives in their areas.

The summit features two educational tracks: the Nutrition Services Track and the Schools and Education Track. Topics covered in the Nutrition Services Track include school foods, micro-purchases and local procurement, implementing a Harvest of the Month program, and food safety and food waste.

The Schools and Education Track will address topics such as growing an agriculture program, building a farm, harvesting healthy habits, working with community partners, aquaponics, developing

future farmers, and creating innovative school gardens.



RODENTICIDE USE TO BE RESTRICTED UNDER NEW STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

NEW RESTRICTIONS TOOK EFFECT FEB. 1, 2025

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University regulators are imposing a statewide, one-year restriction on the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, known as SGARs, after research confirmed the chemicals are affecting non-target wildlife. In some cases, wildlife that feed on rodents have died from exposure to the chemicals.

The decision follows efforts that began in 2020 to reduce SGAR use in sensitive ecological areas through public education and voluntary programs. It also comes after an extended public comment period, which included dialogue with state and national pesticide industry members.

Clemson’s Department of Pesticide Regulation is taking the action under state pesticide regulation Chapter 27-1075, Section B. Under the new restrictions, which took effect Feb. 1, 2025:

- A dealer license will be required to sell SGARs.
- Dealers must maintain records of all SGAR sales.
- Sales of SGARs will be limited to certified applicators, including commercial, noncommercial and private users.
- Verifiably trained technicians may apply RUPs commercially under the supervision of a certified applicator.

“We have designed these restrictions so

that certified pest control applicators and the agricultural industry will be minimally impacted. We will provide compliance assistance to all retailers during our visits should they choose to continue selling SGARs, including a window of time to achieve compliance,” said Ryan Okey, assistant director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

The restrictions come as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Nov. 29, 2022, that it will propose new mitigation measures to rodenticides due to environmental concerns. The EPA is expected to release an amended proposed interim decision and final interim decision later in 2025.

Researchers with Clemson University’s Department of Forestry and Wildlife Conservation, along with other published and unpublished scientific data, show that active ingredients in SGARs have a high potential to cause adverse effects to non-target wildlife, even when used correctly under current pesticide label directions. These ingredients include: brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difethialone, and difenacoum.

“Based on the research and coupled with the pending EPA restrictions on similar SGAR products, Clemson DPR believes it makes sense to implement these restrictions,” said Steve Cole, executive director of Clemson Regulatory and Public Service Programs.



SC NEW & BEGINNING FARMER PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Program Dates: April – August 2025, consisting of 9 full day educational workshops and an in-person graduation event for those enrolled in the ‘Certificate program.’

Cost: \$250.00/Person

New ‘Audit’ Option! The 2025 SCNBFP will offer two course options: An ‘Audit’ option for those who may not be able to commit to the full program, and a ‘Certificate’ option for those desiring to earn a certificate, as well as enjoy other benefits

Online Delivery! Training events will be hosted entirely online! (The exception will be Graduation for those enrolled in the ‘Certificate’ program).

Bonus Programming! Full day workshops will be complemented by optional bonus programming covering specialized topics such as Agritourism and E-Commerce. At no extra cost, these will be hosted online over the lunch hour.

Business Plan Contest! Select ‘Certificate program’ participants will have the opportunity to deliver short presentations of their business plans as part of the graduation event ... A total of \$5,000 in cash prizes to be awarded!

Who May Apply: Any current resident of SC, age 18 or older who has been actively farming for less than 10 consecutive years. Current land access not required.

How to Apply: Online applications only at scnewfarmer.org

Deadline to Apply: 11:59 PM, Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025

FISHERIES STUDENTS GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE MANAGING ATHLETICS POND

BY MARLON MORGAN, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Troy Farmer's fisheries management and conservation students are giving a whole new meaning to "catch and release."

During the Fall 2024 semester, Farmer, a Clemson University associate professor of fisheries ecology, and his graduate assistant Jacob Daley, took a group of students from their class to John D. Long Lake in Union County, South Carolina, where they joined fisheries biologists from the Clemson office of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to remove more than 200 largemouth bass. The fish were then transferred to campus where the remainder of the class measured, tagged, and catalogued each one before releasing them into Clemson's athletics pond, which is in dire need of predator fish to combat the over-populated bluegill prey fish.

"Not only do the students get to learn the theory of fisheries management, but they get to get their hands dirty and experience management firsthand and see what it's like," Farmer said.

Farmer's classes have been working with Clemson's athletic department to manage their pond for several years. A class study showed that the pond was overcrowded with bluegills and there were very few predator fish, such as largemouth bass, to keep the number of prey fish down. The recommendation was to add more bass.

Farmer's classes stocked bass twice previously, once with about 150 and then around 120, he said. This time, more than 200 bass were added to the pond.

"It takes a lot of predators in the pond to bring the pond back to balance," Farmer said. "We anticipated a multiyear effort, so we'll continue that effort and every year assess to see where we stand."

At Long Lake, two students joined Farmer and Daley on the University's boat, while two others teamed with William Wood, a fisheries biologist for DNR, on his boat. The specially equipped boats scoured the lake electrofishing primarily for largemouth bass. The fish were temporarily stunned, causing them to rise to the lake's surface where the students netted them and placed them into a tank.

After one pass around the lake, the students unloaded their hauls on a DNR transport truck, switched boats and made another pass around the lake.

"It was my first time going out with DNR," said senior Garrett Van Camp, an agriculture major from Rock Hill, South Carolina. "It was a cool experience to see how they manage lakes around the state. It was nice to see the different structures along the lake and where the fish were held up and what DNR does to manage the overcrowding of their lakes. We've done other experiments like this in class, but it was cool going out in the field with DNR and seeing firsthand how they do things."



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DNR transported the fish to Clemson where the rest of Farmer's class measured and catalogued them before inserting passive integrated transponder tags to identify them and let them know which ones are surviving.

Mahnoor Qazi, a sophomore architecture major from Greenville, South Carolina, found the outdoor lab work interesting, even if it wasn't what she originally meant to sign up for.

"I thought this class was for my sustainability minor," she said. "I didn't find out it wasn't until I was registering for winter semester and my counselor asked why I was taking this class. I'm so happy I took it because it's so interesting. It's cool being outside and learning instead of being behind a board and learning the information. We get the actual experience here. And now it's going to count for my minor."

First and foremost, the class allowed the students to see how fisheries management works in the real world.

"My goal out of the project is that the students get a hands-on learning opportunity to really be the fisheries manager for the pond," Farmer said. "The athletics department has been great to work with."

They allowed us to come in and sample the pond. DNR has been a great cooperator. They provide resources to assist us and help us in training our students. It's great also that the students get to meet some of the biologists and have some back-and-forth and see what a DNR fish biologist's life is like.

"But my goal is that the students get to collect the data, analyze the data, make some recommendations and at the end of the semester

we get to implement those recommendations. They get to see the whole process, from data collection and analysis, to making a recommendation, to achieving management objective, which is hopefully balancing the pond so there's good fishing for both largemouth bass and bluegill."

Not only is the project beneficial to the students, but it is helping Daley, who is studying for his doctorate in wildlife and fisheries biology.

"This gives me a lot of practice," Daley said. "Dr. Farmer takes the lead, but I get to see how to interact with students, what works with students, how I should act in a professional environment in the classroom. I get to see how my communication methods work and what doesn't work."

Finally, DNR gets assistance in managing Long Lake, which is overpopulated with bass, share their knowledge with students, and get an early peek at what could be some of their future employees.

"This helps us by removing some of the bass so we can allow the bass that are still there a more abundant food source because it's not trying to feed so many mouths," Wood said. "That way, hopefully we can continue to improve the fishing in that lake."

"It's awesome for us to have the University right here. It gives us an opportunity to pass on some of the knowledge we get as resource managers to the students. It gives them an opportunity to see a little bit of what we get to do in our jobs. I hope it helps them to decide is this what's good for me or do I need to look at something else. Generally, whenever students do come out and help us, they all are motivated to learn, which is a wonderful thing for us to see. That's what we want in our future staff members."

Farmer said they may do a spring assessment to see if another restocking is needed at that time.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SC COMMISSIONER'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE

The South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture (SCCSA) provides challenging and enriching college-based experiences for a limited number of rising 11th and 12th grade students. The 2025 session will be held July 19-25.

SCCSA is designed to inform, inspire and challenge student participants to consider a career in the agricultural, natural resource and life science industries as well as to be model citizens of leadership and influence for these industries as they embrace an agriculturalist philosophy.

Commissioner's School students declare an emphasis in plant sciences, livestock production, or forestry and natural resources, and spend sessions exploring this specific field through hands-on activities led by professionals in the field. Students also attend educational sessions led by Clemson staff on topics such as packaging science, athletic turfgrass, and precision agriculture and safety. Industry tours and a variety of enrichment activities round out the weeklong session.

SCCSA is a partnership between the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and Clemson University College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Currently a high school student in 10th or 11th grade on track to enter 11th or 12th grade. (Homeschooled students are eligible)
- Genuine interest in pursuing a college degree related to agriculture and natural resources.
- Must not have previously attended the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture.

Applications are available at clemson.edu/cafls/scsa. The application deadline is March 13, 2025.

GOVERNOR NAMES 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CHEF AMBASSADORS

BY SCDA AND SCPRT

Governor Henry McMaster announced chefs from Greenville, Conway, and North Charleston will represent South Carolina as 2025 Chef Ambassadors. He was joined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Hugh Weathers, and the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director, Duane Parrish.

“Food is an important part of our state’s history, culture, and economy, and it’s where two of our largest industries – tourism and agriculture – overlap and excel,” said McMaster. “Our world-class culinary talent is highlighted and celebrated through the Chef Ambassador program, showcasing the best of South Carolina chefs, farmers, and locally grown products. I congratulate the 2025 class on this tremendous culinary honor.”



L-R: Chef Darren Smith, Chef Shuai Wang, and Chef Jeanne Koenigsberg

Chef Ambassadors represent the state through food festivals and other promotional opportunities, sharing South Carolina’s culinary traditions, agricultural heritage, and undiscovered places with the world. They support our state’s farmers by using Certified South Carolina produce, meats, dairy, seafood, and other farm-fresh foods.

“Our Chef Ambassadors help people learn about the roots of their food – how it’s grown and who grows it. Food and agriculture are part of who we are in the Palmetto State,” Weathers said. “On behalf of South Carolina’s farmers, I’m pleased to welcome the 2025 class of Chef Ambassadors to showcase their talents and represent their communities throughout this year and beyond.”

Now in its 11th year, the South Carolina Chef Ambassador program launched in 2014, unifying the major industries of tourism and agriculture,

which collectively contribute tens of billions of dollars to the state’s economy and account for hundreds of thousands of jobs statewide.

“Today’s travelers are looking for authentic experiences, and they see food as an essential pathway to getting a true taste of a destination,”

Parrish said. “Countless vacation itineraries are planned around reservations at the destination’s top-rated restaurants, or in some cases, having a meal at the backroad barbecue joint you saw on social media is actually the inspiration for the entire weekend getaway. Chef Ambassadors are an essential ingredient in our state’s recipe for tourism success, helping fuel our tourism industry and boost our economy. The 2025 class will add their own flavors and perspectives to the rich culinary story we share with the world as we invite visitors to discover South Carolina.”

Chefs are appointed by the Governor, and the program is run through a collaborative effort between the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT) and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA).

The 2025 South Carolina Chef Ambassadors are:

Jeanne Koenigsberg, executive chef and kitchen general manager of Swamp Rabbit Cafe and Grocery, Greenville

“I’m humbled to accept this nomination in a non-traditional food service establishment. It reminds us that the work we are doing is important to our community and surrounding communities.”

Darren Smith, owner and executive chef of Rivertown Bistro and Bonfire, Conway

“I have been cooking professionally for 36 years and have had the privilege of owning Rivertown Bistro for 30 of those years. Throughout my career, I’ve been committed to showcasing the incredible bounty of South Carolina, from the rich harvests of

local farms to the fresh seafood from our coastline just miles away.”

Shuai Wang, chef and owner of Jackrabbit Filly and King BBQ, North Charleston

“This opportunity is a great way for me to showcase just how easy it is to support your local farmers and fishermen, and that any cuisine is able to utilize what is locally grown seasonally. I grew up in New York, and I never thought I would live anywhere in the South when I was young. When I came down to Charleston to visit one year, I completely fell in love. I worked with some local farms in New York, but not nearly as many or with this amount of variety that is available in Charleston.”

Learn more about the program and meet past Chef Ambassadors at discoversouthcarolina.com/chef-ambassadors.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE SETS ITS FEDERAL POLICY FOCUS FOR 2025

BY NASDA

NASDA’s members-led Board of Directors chose five issues to serve as the organization’s primary policy focus for 2025. They include the farm bill, food systems, pesticide regulations, PFAS and state cooperative agreement funding. NASDA CEO Ted McKinney remarked on the significance of these issues for 2025.

“NASDA members have specified these areas as necessary to work on to best support farmers, ranchers and communities nationwide,” said McKinney. “Further, we believe these areas represent critical opportunities where state departments of agriculture can lead impactful change and champion effective policy solutions this year.”

NASDA has published one-pagers offering background and insight for each policy priority.

FARM BILL

The upcoming farm bill must be dedicated to supporting American agriculture and essential food and nutrition assistance programs. This bill shapes agricultural policy, supports farmers, ensures food

security and promotes sustainable natural resource management.

FOOD SYSTEMS

NASDA will advocate for policies and programs that fortify U.S. food systems, enhance supply chain resilience, and improve reliable access to nutritious foods.

PESTICIDE REGULATIONS

NASDA will engage with EPA to ensure science-based standards and state input are incorporated in regulatory initiatives such as the Endangered Species Act Workplan.

PFAS

NASDA will continue to work with federal agencies to develop strategies associated with the risk of per-and-poly-fluoralkyl substances (PFAS) on agricultural land. NASDA will advocate for federal programs that will support farmers and ranchers in maintaining the health and productivity of their land and livestock.

STATE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FUNDING

NASDA will advocate for Congress to restore and increase funding for cooperative agreements. Cooperative agreements are designed to increase coordination when addressing complex regulatory issues and sharing resources between state and federal governments. NASDA is focused on three cooperative agreements that require immediate attention: FDA’s State and Local Food Safety Programs, USDA’s State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs, and USDA’s Animal Disease Protection Program.

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 and its 2025 policy advocacy, please visit nasda.org/policy.