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# SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS FORUM SET FOR MARCH 26

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WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. — Policy considerations, natural resources, technology, valueadded opportunities, and innovations will be discussed during the 2025 South Carolina Agriculture Technology and Business Forum.

The forum is scheduled for March 26 at the Phillips Market Center, 117 Ballard Court. Registration fee is \$10. Seating is limited.

Pre-registration is requested. Online registration and information are available at South Carolina Ag Tech and Business Forum on Eventbrite.

Kendall Kirk, director of the Clemson University Center for Agricultural Technology and an agricultural engineer, said the forum aims to bring together South Carolina crop and livestock production leaders to discuss current and emerging trends.

"This forum is designed to address challenges and shape the future of the state's production agriculture," Kirk said. "It will allow participants to network and learn, as well as foster collaborative relationships with technology providers, research communities and advocacy groups."

The goal is to provide an opportunity for research institutions to hear from agribusiness stakeholders about the challenges they face so the South Carolina agribusiness community can address them together.

"To confront the challenges facing agribusiness, we have to work together," said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "This forum presents an opportunity for the agriculture industry to work with partners in academia and government to assure a bright future for farming in South Carolina."

### FORUM PANELS

Experts from around the country will serve on panels to discuss agricultural



policy, natural resources, innovations and valueadded and agricultural technology.

Serving on the agricultural policy panel are Joe Outlaw from the Texas A&M University Agricultural and Food Policy Center, Kyle Kunkler of the American Soybean Association, and Michael Lalich with Lowcountry Labor LLC.

The natural resources panel will consist of Richard Carr, land manager for the South Carolina Farm Bureau Land Trust; Landrum Weathers, owner of Buck Branch Farms LLC; Danny Kassis, general manager of strategic partnerships and customer solutions for Dominion Energy South Carolina; and Mike Mills, director of sustainability solutions for Reinke Manufacturing.

Serving on the innovations and value-added panel are Fred West, former Amick Farms senior executive and founder of West Resources Consulting Firm; Thomas Hunter, co-president of McCall Farms; and Ben Setzler, farmer and owner of Hi Brau Beef.

The agricultural technology panel includes Rachael Sharp, farm manager for Sharp and Sharp Certified Seed; Ed Barnes, senior director of agricultural and environmental research at Cotton Incorporated; Josh Minor, cotton test lead for John Deere; and Andrew Brooks, business development manager for Cravo Equipment Limited.

Panel moderators are Kirk, Nathan Smith of the Clemson Extension agribusiness team, Ronnie Summers of the Palmetto Agribusiness Council, and Robert Etheridge of Mixon Seed Service.

The forum is organized by the Clemson Center for Agricultural Technology, Mixon Seed Service, Palmetto Agribusiness Council, South Carolina Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Farm Bureau, and South Carolina State University.



# STATE-FEDERAL COOPERATION

've just returned from Washington, DC, where I attended the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Winter Policy Meeting. While I was there, I also had opportunity to speak at the 101st annual **USDA** Agricultural Outlook Forum about the challenges facing agriculture and how states and the federal government can better work together when it comes to agriculture.

It certainly was an interesting time to be in Washington. I've said it before: the more I'm in DC, the more I love SC!

One message at the Outlook Forum:
State departments of agriculture know our farmers and we know our states, and it's essential that the federal government partners with us to regulate food safety and spur on agriculture.
Another: The uncertainty in the farm community can be somewhat paralyzing heading into the 2025 planting season.

One major NASDA priority is to reinforce the value of cooperative agreements. If you don't know, cooperative agreements are the way lots of important food safety and agricultural work gets done. Take our Produce Safety program in South Carolina, for example. We're proud of how our team works to educate farmers about produce safety practices, finds solutions for on-farm improvements,

and works hand-in-hand with farmers to improve food safety.

Across states, there are lots of these partnerships, where Congressional funding supports state-level regulation. This allows for more local control and avoids a DC-led one-size-fits-all approach.

The other big topic was the Farm Bill. Despite all the division in Congress and the country right now, I believe we can find common ground in 2025 on supporting American farmers and the programs that make it possible for them to do their work.

Closer to home: If you haven't already registered for the fourth annual Certified SC Showcase, I urge you to take a look. Held in Columbia on March 27, the Showcase is a trade show-style celebration of Certified South Carolina flavors and innovations. We offer educational sessions focused on market development/industry trends, a buffet luncheon with remarks by yours truly, and an opportunity for buyers and producers to meet face-to-face.

The night before the Showcase, The Taste of South Carolina reception is a great networking opportunity, sponsored by AgSouth and ArborOne, with local bites and drinks. Visit agriculture.sc.gov/showcase for more info and to sign up for both events. The registration deadline is March 17. I hope you'll consider joining us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2025 Clemson Extension Forages Field Day

March 13 • 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Edisto Research and Education Center** 64 Research Road, Blackville

Contact: Liliane Silva lseveri@clemson.edu

### Spring Fling

March 14 & 15 • 9 am - 6 pm (Fri) / 5 pm (Sat) Wingard's Market will host their annual Spring Fling event. The event will have local products, fresh produce, unique Lake Murray gifts, and more. Attendees will receive 25% off all plants excluding Citrus plants and Weeks roses. The Coffee House will be selling coffee both days from 9 am - noon. Author Tom Poland, who writes a weekly column about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and culture, will be signing copies of his book, South *Carolina Reflections*, from I – 4 pm both days.

1403 N. Lake Drive, Lexington

office@wingardsmarket.com • 803-359-9091 wingardsmarket.com

### Farm Chores with Macy

March 14, 21, 28 • 3 - 5 pm

This delightful event is designed for kids aged 10 and under, offering them a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience in farm life. Macy will lead young guests through a variety of engaging activities, where they can help with daily farm chores, learn about the animals, and discover the importance of sustainable farming practices. In addition to chores, there will be plenty of time to interact with our friendly farm animals, including goats, chickens, and cows. Cost: \$15.

Outside Inn Camp + Farm 1074 Woolbright Road, Santee

stay@outsideinncampground.com • 803-974-8585

### Free Children's Program

March 15 • 9 - 11 am

Free 30-minute activity at the Farm! Children will learn about marbled paper and how it was used in the past. They'll also use chalk to create their own marbled paper to take home.

L.W. Paul Living History Farm 2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway

calder.marian@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-7861 horrycountymuseum.org

### 15th Annual Sheep Shearing

March 22 • 10 am - 5 pm

Come out to the farm for a day filled with all things sheep! Enjoy sheep wool demos, sheep shearing, farm fresh concessions, border collie demos, horse back rides, hay rides and more. Tickets are \$8 children 2 & under are free.

377 Cantey Lane, Rembert

Contact: Kathy McCaskill

803-432-9537 oldmccaskillfarm.com

### Water Gardening Workshop

March 30 • 2 pm

Learn the basics of water gardening, including submerged plants, marginal plants, and shadeproviding floaters. Take home seeds and cuttings to start your aquatic garden. The \$30 workshop fee includes instructions and materials for your DIY project.

Growing Hobby at Pee Dee State Farmers Market 2513 West Lucas Street, Florence

facebook.com/events/1637918646798881

### Safari Summer Camp

This summer, step into the wild and embark on a journey like no other! Imagine listening to the sounds of exotic birds, tracking the footprints of majestic animals, and exploring untamed landscapes with fellow adventurers. Our Safari Summer Camp is your ticket to thrilling wildlife encounters and up-close experiences with animals from around the world!

**Eudora Wildlife Safari Park** 219 Salem Lane, Salley

Register: eudorasafaripark.com/safaricamp

### SALES & AUCTIONS

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Carolina Angus Futurity Sale

March 15 • 12 pm

Quality Registered Black Angus females from SC, Georgia, and Alabama. We will sale Fall Pairs, Spring Pairs, Bred Heifers, Open Heifers, and Embryo Packages.

T. Ed Garrison Arena and Expo Center 1101 West Queen Street, Pendleton

Contact: Lee Clinton/South Carolina Angus Assoc. leeclinton4798@aol.com • 704-913-6127 scangus.org

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Greenville, SC 29609

864-244-4023

1354 Rutherford Road

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milk cow, bred to same bull, \$1500; 4 m/o bull calf, \$700 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

**2 YNG COWS** 

James Drake

Lancaster

803-804-2230

w/200 lb calves, 1 blk, 1red Baldy, \$2500/pr Terry Gibert Greenwood 864-993-4212

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Anderson 864-352-3774 **REG BLK ANG BULLS** exc EPDs, 14-18 m/o, gentle, Traction & Hoover Dam b'lines, \$2500-3000 **Bobby Baker** 

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2+ y/o, AI sired BSE, \$4000+ David Miller Edgefield 706-840-3709

11 M/O HEFR

dam-full Holstein, sire-Jersey, photo avail, \$700 Sharon Payne Oconee 864-888-7916

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bred to reg Red Ang bull & to reg South Poll bull, calving in Apr, \$2000/head A Williams Edgefield 803-215-8146

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good b'lines, \$1500 obro William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

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\$4500; 2 y/o Bison hefr, \$2500 Billy Wright Abbeville 864-940-0392

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mod 82, \$800; MF 15 portable grinder/mixer, \$1200; JD 8000 grain drill w/cyl, \$3200 Harry Watson Lexington 803-413-2571

**FA SUPER A** 

GC, needs new battery, shed kept, comes w/all plows & cults, \$3000 Henry Mitchell York 803-627-6142

JD 7000 4R PLNTR

dry fert boxes, row markers, FR, \$4500 cash Joseph Rister Lexington 803-920-9153

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\$600; AC 4r No-till plntr, \$500; 3ph dirt pan 36×36×12, \$200 obo; 3 gang 3ph disc plow, \$100; more Dan Alt Chester 803-412-1601

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holds 4×5 bales, \$3500; 5' Bush Hog brand, \$1350 Bennie Smith Edgefield 803-215-2551

**CLAAS 360 BALER** 

GC, \$10,000; Vermeer 504F baler, \$5000; both 4×5 Edward Chav Barnwell 803-671-3108

NH S717 SILAGE CUTTER IR corn head/forage head,

shed kept, \$5900 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887 JD 7' BUSH HOG

HD, GC, \$2000 William Carroll York 803-925-2554

'06 INT 4300 TRUCK

w/24' ref body, unit needs repairs, 285,000 mi, \$18,000 Mike Keisler Lexington 803-730-6528

JD 4840 CAB

AC, pwr shft, 9917 hrs, \$28,000 obo Christian Richburg Clarendon 803-460-4385

JD 4020

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

**IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER** 

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

'58 MF TO35 DELUXE

GRC & GWC, \$4000 obo, lv msg **Cathy Sanders** Darlington 843-383-1958

**2R TRNSPLNTR** 

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15' NO TILL DRILL

Great Plains w/coulter cart, EC, \$13,000; JD 918 flex head, \$12,000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

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FA M, good tires, \$1000; 2 FAH, for parts, \$500 ea; FA H, needs battery, \$800; FA Cub, \$1000; more John Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389

**OLD FA CUB** 

PB single track disc, modified to 3ph, can text photo, \$200 David Blocker Colleton 843-908-5379

MF 236 FRT END LDR

fit 240 Massey tractor, needs control valve; 10' Intl grain drill, w/fert attach, \$1000 ea Tony Sistare Lancaster 803-235-0704

'65 FORD 2000

gas, w/JD bush hog, EC, shed kept, \$4800 James Oswald Lexington 803-240-6047

**'18 MF 1736 TRACTOR** 

650 hrs, w/MF 1705 mid mount mwr, \$8000 Barbara Stephens Spartanburg 864-680-3748

20'×7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$6995 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

'03 4×4 F250

reg cab, V8, gas, 6 spd man, 162k mi, GC, \$9250 obo Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628

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self-leveling, cab H/A, radio, 700 hrs, more, \$95,000 Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

**8**½ MORRA HAY RAKE

\$1500; 5' Aerator, 14" drum, 2" spikes, \$375; both in EC Bob Morgan Dillon 843-845-7914

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\$800; 18'×7' dual axle trl, \$4100; 1ph carrier, \$300 Leslie Tucker Chesterfield 843-634-7744

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used in '23, needs tire, \$800 obo Carlton Settle Spartanburg 864-316-3791

39 JD MOD H TRACTOR

hand crank, restored, VGC, \$3500; JD 963 wagon running gear, \$500 Jimmy Whittle Lexington 803-422-9775

FORD 3000 DSL

w/6' BHB bushhog, new battery, starter, tires, \$6500 obo; BHB 10' bushhog mod 3210, \$7500 Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

'23 JD BAT WING

12' rotary cutter, \$15,000 obo; 24' triaxle trl, loading ramps, VGC, new tires \$5600 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

'08 HURST GN TANDEM TRL

14,000 gvwr, \$3400 Franklin Lancaster Greenville 864-608-5242

**AC WD45 TRACTOR** 

gas eng, w/manure bucket, \$5000 Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627

**LEINBACH 3PT FORKS** 

\$100; scrape blade, \$60; boom pole, \$50 Jack Lanier Richland 803-730-4861

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\$2900; JD 752 tedder, \$1800; Woods RD72 3pt finish mwr, \$1200 Michael Brown Newberry 803-924-1556

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cash; more Carroll Shealy Laurens 864-872-4184

'85 FORD 8000 TRUCK

w/(2) 1500gl tanks & lift gate, \$2000; 16' Trl, w/ hopper for bagging, \$1800 Carl Brown Aiken 803-640-0281

**150 GAL JD SPRAY TANK** 

on mntg frame, \$300; IH 4r plntr w/seed rings, \$750 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

16' LIVESTOCK TRL

bumper hitch, 6'W, VCG, \$5000 Steve McAlhany Orangeburg 803-682-3834

JD 450C CRAWLER DOZER

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'55 CASE A 5505A **TRACTOR** 

high compression head, new tires, \$4500 obo Lisa Wilson Aiken 803-349-5735

JD 4100 TRACTOR

\$7000 Mike Sheppard Newberry 803-924-9977

3PH DIRT 'SUPER PAN'

\$300; 2r cult, \$650 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

**3PH HAY TETHER** 

2 basket, PTO drive, \$1550; PT-7 Hesston haybine, needs roller, \$800; 6' 3ph pine straw rake, \$750 F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

JD 435

4×6, \$4250; JD 328 sq baler, \$3985; JD 702 rake, Kuhn 18 bale accum & grabber, \$15,250; more Halleck Butts Aiken 803-480-9760

**DISC HARROW** 

2 sets, \$400 & \$500; 5' bush hog, \$350 Don Hammons Greenville 864-419-1699

HITACHI 2X2000LC

excavator w/cold a/c, 2411 hrs, \$57,000 Glenn Risher 843-462-7381

NH TC34DA TRACTOR

35 hp, HST, 4wd, 293 hrs, ldr, quick att bucket, new hyd hoses, mid & rear PTO, EC, \$20,900 **Bob Vickery** Anderson 864-420-1079

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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

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& hay, 1/2 mi lanes w/ hydrants, 60×36' & 50×21' barns, shed, silos, coral, 6A pond, \$7850/A Halleck Butts Aiken 803-480-9760

35+A TO PURCHASE

not recently timbered, in Aiken Co, prefer w/house, cabin or mh Bernadette Belisle Aiken 910-639-3115

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wooded, 2 creeks, big lumber, exc hunting, pond/ home sites, \$5250/A **Bobby Livingston** Richland 803-518-8702

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for roads, fence lines, field edges, up to 26', all surrounding cos Damon Archie Chester 803-517-7436

### **FORESTRY MULCHING**

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

### **SMALL ENGINE**

& tractor repair, no tractors above 55 hp **Bradley Moore** Newberry 803-924-4931

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

### **PASTURE MGMT SERV**

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

### **MOBILE SAWMILLING**

up to 30" dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52" dia & 16'L; & land clearing, more, insured w/ref John Smith **Pickens** 864-982-2249

### **MOBILE SAWMILL SERV**

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

### SKID STEER WORK

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

### **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

### LEARN TO TIMBER FRAME

learn to build your own barn or shed using rough sawn lumber, \$450 Angel Nunez Aiken 786-271-9021

### **CUSTOM SPRIGGING**

CB & Tifton 85 forage grasses, call for pricing & scheduling Timmy Benton Colleton 843-908-3222

### 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

### **EXCAVATOR WORK**

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

### FRESH PRODUCE

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

### **FARM CHICKEN EGGS**

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w/all the cream, \$12/gal Sam Stevens Aiken 803-645-5111

### GARDEN

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

### **BLKBERRY PLANTS**

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

### 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

### GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

### 100% NZ KIKO GOAT

CDT & dewormed, (2) 9 m/o bucks, (1) 7 m/o doe, (1) 20 m/o doe, \$325 ea Jane Cooper Greenville 843-693-9099

### NANNY & 1-2 M/O KID

100% Kiko, \$250 for pr Rickey Gainey Lancaster 803-320-2239

# F NUBIAN GOAT

2 y/o, \$150 Beverly Weatherford 803-840-1685

### **DAIRY GOATS**

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

### **2 INTACT M GOATS**

ı y/o tan Alpine, 3 y/o blk/wht Alpine/Ngn mix, \$180 ea obo Miriam Westbrook Chester 704-298-3021

### **BARBADOS BLKBELLY EWE** w/lambs at side, \$300; Barbados

rams & ewe, \$200 ea Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627

### **NUBIAN BILLIE'S**

B-1/26, \$75 ea or \$100 for 2 Joseph Smith Calhoun 803-878-1337

### 7 M/O KATAHDIN RAM

ı y/o Katahdin ewes, gentle, hand raised, \$200+ Tammy Hodge Sumter 803-983-5041

### **KATAHDIN RAMS**

B-2/'23, \$250 ea Bill Heard Greenwood 864-223-1606

### HOGS / PIGS

### 4 PIGS

mixed breed, meat type, 3F, 1M, 60 lbs ea, \$125 ea Justin Clamp Saluda 864-554-3023

### **AMERICAN GUINEA HOGS**

B-10/9, 3 Boarlings, \$50 ea, 1 gilt, \$100 Kate Peake Kershaw 803-420-0600

### HAY & GRAIN

### LRG/SM RND CB

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

CB 4×5 \$70

bale, all barn kept Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

net wrap; Rye straw, \$5/

### '24 4'×66" CB

net wrap, 60 bales, \$50/bale Halleck Butts 803-480-9760

### **COW HAY**

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

### '24 CB

4×5 rnd HQ, shed kept \$65 ea; CQ, \$50 ea; w/NR Carroll Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956

### **HQ SQ COASTAL**

\$9 ea Paul Smith Sumter 803-968-1026

### '24 4×4 HQ CB

net wrap, fert & lime NR, shed kept, \$75, del avail for fee **Edward Chavis** Barnwell 803-671-3108

### '24 CQ 4×5 RND CB

twine, in shed, \$50 Michael F Hallman Lexington 803-917-9044

### '24 HQ RND CB

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

### '24 RND HQ COASTAL

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

## 4×5 RND COASTAL

\$40 outside; 4×5 rnd Brown Top Millet, \$25 outside Brent Parnell Anderson 864-449-7269

### **HQ SQ CB**

clean, limed & fert to Clemson recom, \$9/bale Henry Glenn Fairfield 803-730-4669

### '24 4×5 CB/MIX GRASS

cow & goat, \$40 ea; \$35/6+; ear corn, 50 lb, \$5, no del Ralph Fairrington Lexington 803-622-0961

### **RND BALES**

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

### '24 4×5 RND

net wrap, outside, \$35; HQ in barn, \$45 Joe Houston Chester 803-209-2901

## **HQCB**

\$11/bale; Oat straw, \$6/bale Victor Smith Berkeley 843-870-8522

### '24 SQ FESCUE

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

### '24 CRABGRASS HAY

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

### '24 4×5 RND CB

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

### '24 4×5 RND CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale, buy 6 & get I more at no chrg Mike Cousins Newberry 803-924-7539

**HQ 5×6 RND COASTAL** wrapped, dry stored, \$180/ ton, 5 bale min p-up Sally Harrison Saluda 803-622-8597

# '24 4×5 MIXED GRASS/

barn stored, NR, no manure on land, fert only, \$50/bale Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

### **RND BALES**

flooded by Helene, good for mulch or composting, \$1 Bayne Brown Greenville 864-380-6460

### 24 4×5 PND FESCUE

fert, net wrap shed stored, \$50 ea James Wood Pickens 864-979-8145

### CB

\$30/bale Tom Thornton Lexington 802-960-4068

### '24 MIXED GRASS **BERMUDA**

Fescue & other summer grasses, 4×5 rnd, no weeds, \$50/bale Quinton Whitener Union 803-923-2036

### '24 4×5 TWINE CB

'24 4×5 Oat & Rye grass mixed, net wrap, all shed kept, \$60/bale Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630

### '24 SQ FESCUE

fert, NR, \$6 ea Jan Hall Greenville 864-525-9701

# 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

### LA COTTONTAILS

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

yng, friendly, \$25 ea

Tirzah Fellows

Aiken 803-443-8572

### REX

RABBITS

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

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### MISCELLANEOUS

### **OLD CULT PARTS**

6 wedge clamps w/tilts, \$20 ea; (2) 12" disc hillers w/ shanks, 2 trip shanks, \$30 ea David Blocker Colleton 843-908-5379

### LIQUID LICK TANK

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

## **CARPENTER BEE TRAPS**

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

### **HONEYBEES**

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

### **MILLER BOBCAT 225G**

welder/gen on trl, \$3500 obo; wht oak lumber, 8-20'L, \$4/bdft obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

### **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

### **GARDEN TRACTOR**

Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler, hydro trans, hyd lift, spare tire, mwr frame, \$400 obo Ralph Taylor Chester 803-789-5110

### (7) 710/70-R38 TIRES

used w/60% tread remaining, \$600 ea John Davis Greenville 864-430-6877

### JD STX38 RIDER MWR

13 hp, hydro trans, 38" cut, GRC, new battery/tires, EC, \$600 obo Tom Williams Greenville 864-423-1854

### **2 REAR WHL CTR DISC** RIMS

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

### HORSE MANURE **COMPOST**

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

### **DOWNED HDWDS**

you cut & haul, \$5/load Henry Moorhead Cherokee 864-490-6221

### 6500 BU GRAIN BIN

24' dia w/fan & unloading auger, \$2500 Carl Brown 803-640-0281

### **HORSE DRAWN TURN PLOW**

made by Oliver, \$150 Carlton Settle Spartanburg 864-316-3791

### HARDEE SPRAY TANK ONLY

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

### **CHICKEN LITTER**

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

### **REDDICK FRT MOUNT**

300 gal w/frame & cradle, VGC, \$2000 Steve McAlhany Orangeburg 803-682-3834

### **HDWD LUMBER**

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

### **3 OIL STORAGE CONTAINERS**

260 gal, \$1500 ea Don Hammons Greenville 864-419-1699

### 8' SHEET METAL BRAKE

EC, \$3900 Bob Morgan Dillon 843-845-7914 **MEAT SAW** 

### GC, needs motor, \$300 Joseph Johnson Berkeley

843-567-7774

### 8' CEDAR RND POSTS

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

### **5 FRAME HONEYBEE NUC**

in waxed cardboard nuc box, \$200 Sam Bolick Fairfield 704-900-4580

### **OAK FIREWOOD**

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

### **2 HORSE BUGGY TONGUES**

single trees, \$1 Perry Simpson Laurens 864-993-4788

### LRG BLKSMITH POST VICE

\$150; Western Auto push reel mwr, \$60; new RR spikes, for drag harrows, \$1 ea R Long Newberry

## 803-924-9039

**GAS HOLE DIGGER** 8" & 10" augers, nvr used, \$350 for all

Randy Orr Anderson 864-295-3736

### FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS

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

### OAK FIREWOOD

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

### **GOURDS**

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

### 4' TUBE GATE

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

### **BLK NURSERY POTS**

3 gals +, .25+ Faye Stabler Lexington 803-917-2843

### **TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT**

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

### **2H WAGON**

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

### **2 WATER TANKS**

300 gal, \$100 ea John Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389

### (3) 7500 BU GRAIN BINS

GC, \$10,000 for all 3 John Till Orangeburg 803-707-5646

### **2 CLAMP-ON RIMS/TIRES**

18-4-34, \$250 Dan Alt Chester 803-412-1601

### **5 HP ELEC MOTOR**

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

### POULTRY

### STARTED PULLETS

sev var avail, 4-16 w/o, \$20 Candice Reble Aiken 303-210-0325

### **HUBBLE PIGEONS**

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

### **JACOBIN PIGEONS**

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

### **5 SAPPHIRE SPLASH** CHICKS

SR, \$3.50 ea Kenneth Marsengill York 803-981-7559

### **GROWN GUINEAS**

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

### **BUFF ORPINGTON**

& Blk Australorp chickens, started laying in Nov, \$40 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

### **3 DOMINIOUE**

& 10 RIR roos, 1 y/o, \$5-8 ea Janice Brewington Laurens 864-981-1357

### LAVENDER ORPINGTONS

Sex Links, Blk Copper Marans & jumbo Coturnix quail, \$5 ea Brian Motley Kershaw 803-315-7598

### **4 PR OF PHOENIX CHICKENS**

5 m/o, \$25/pr Justin Clamp Saluda 864-554-3023

### **BUFF ORPINGTON CHICKS**

1-2 w/o, \$5 ea Lee Erbe Calhoun 843-789-9645

### WHT KING PIGEONS

\$15 ea Benson Ray Georgetown 843-933-5367 **BOB WHT QUAIL** 

flight & weather cond, \$5.75 ea John Reed Sumter 803-464-5757

## WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

### 7' CUT HAY DISC

Krone or Kuhen, late mod, must be in GC w/history & man John Gossett Spartanburg

### 803-222-7786 15' BATWING BUSH HOG

in useable cond F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

### **GRAPPLE TRUCK**

light-med sized w/dump cap, trucks only, no trlrs Ryan Anderson Greenville 864-234-2918

**BOAR GOAT** non-trad colored buck, prefer LT 12 m/o Dennis Childs Richland

any age or size

864-304-3172

Laurens

Kenneth Satterfield

803-429-9054 **BEEF CATTLE** 

# EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

WANT - LIVESTOCK

**MODENA** & wht Homer pigeons Thomas Waters Colleton

# 843-696-6627

**BOAR TO RENT** Berkshire or Red Wattle to breed sow Rebekah Olson York 803-351-4994

# WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

**VELVET BEAN SEED** to plant this spring W D Kirkland Kershaw

### 803-518-4268 **PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER**

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

### **BLKSMTH ANVILS**

any size farm bells, mule drawn corn plntr R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

## **MULTIPLYING ONION**

**SETS** for spring planting Phillip Mullis Lancaster 803-519-7125

# FRESH ON THE MENU ANNOUNCES 2025 AWARD WINNERS

# SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANTS CHAMPION LOCAL INGREDIENTS

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Department of Agriculture is proud to announce the winners of the inaugural Fresh on the Menu People's Choice Awards, recognizing standout restaurants across South Carolina for their commitment to using local ingredients.

Fresh on the Menu, a sister program of Certified South Carolina, highlights restaurants that source at least 25 percent of their ingredients from within the state. From February 3 to February 21, diners cast votes for their favorite restaurants across the four regions of South Carolina. The 2025 People's Choice winners are:

**Upstate:** Southside Smokehouse and Grille

Midlands: The Mediterranean Café

Pee Dee: Rivertown Bistro

Lowcountry: Stono Market and Tomato Shed Cafe and Fleet Landing (tie)

In addition to the regional awards, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is presenting the first-ever Martin L. Eubanks Award to Juniper in recognition of its exceptional commitment to supporting South Carolina farmers. Since opening Juniper in 2005 in the farming community of Ridge Spring, Chef Brandon Velie and his wife Jeanne have consistently celebrated South Carolina farms and seasonal local ingredients.

"I congratulate each of these winners and thank them for their support of South Carolina farmers," said Grace Heins, Fresh on the Menu program manager. "These restaurants' dedication to Certified South Carolina products strengthens our industry and brings delicious dishes to diners across the state."

For more information on the Fresh on the Menu People's Choice Awards and this year's winners, visit FreshOnTheMenu.com/Peoples-Choice-Awards.

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MARKET BULLETIN



# CERTIFIED SC SHOWCASE TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH MARCH 17

BY SCDA

Networking, a trade show focused on agricultural products and specialty foods, educational sessions, and more – and you don't have to visit another state to do it! The South Carolina Department of Agriculture hosts the fourth annual Certified SC Showcase, a celebration of Certified South Carolina flavors and innovations, on March 27, 2025. The Showcase provides an opportunity for buyers and producers to meet face-to-face, with an emphasis on the state's abundant produce, specialty food products, and marketing programs.

Included are innovative educational sessions focused on market development/industry trends, a buffet luncheon with remarks by Commissioner Hugh Weathers, and a trade show featuring South Carolina farmers and producers.

The Taste of South Carolina reception will be hosted the evening before the Showcase, on March 26, at the USC Alumni Center. This event is sponsored by ArborOne and AgSouth Farm Credit and will feature local ingredients and ample networking opportunities. Tickets are sold separately from the Certified SC Showcase.

The agenda, hotel, and registration for the Showcase and the Taste can be found at agriculture.sc.gov/showcase.

# SCDNR'S CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE IS MOVING. HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BY SCDNR

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources customer service team moved from its location at the State Farmers Market to the nearby new SCDNR headquarters building on Feb. 14.

The new building is located at 260 D Epting Lane; West Columbia, SC 29172, next door to the farmers market. Customer service phone numbers remain the same.

The customer service office will not close during the transition, but customers may experience longer than normal phone wait times and in-person lines.

Customers are encouraged during the transition to take advantage of SCDNR's online boat titling and licensing platform at <u>GoOutdoorsSC.com</u>, the GoOutdoors SC app, or to visit one of the agency's other customer service offices.

For any questions regarding hunting and fishing licenses, permits or tags, email <a href="mailto:licensing@dnr.sc.gov">licensing@dnr.sc.gov</a>. Please include your customer ID number or date of birth, along with your name and address. Please allow 2–3 business days for a response.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.



# CAROLINA FARM STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW SERIES

PITTSBORO, N.C. — Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) is pleased to announce our new "Member Meetup" series, a virtual monthly chat for CFSA members to meet, hear from partners from across the local food + farming space, and talk about the latest happenings on your farms & gardens.

Join CFSA on Thursday, March 20 at 4 pm for the March Member Meetup, focused on agricultural policy.

Register: tfaforms.com/5167118

Food, Farms, and Policy: Navigating the Known Changes and How to Stay Empowered

Join the CFSA policy team for a friendly and social gathering about what is going on within the agriculture policy sector and what it may mean for small and mid-sized farms going forward. We invite you to come and share your stories, hear what we are going through, and what you can do to get involved.

Not yet a CFSA member, but want to attend? There's never been a better time to join our network of 3000+ farmers, gardeners, foodies, advocates, and local leaders from across the Carolinas building community and momentum for local, organic agriculture. Become a CFSA member today. 919-542-2402 | info@carolinafarmstewards.org

# KELLY THORVALSON WINS 2024 SC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD

COLUMBIA—A coalition of conservation-minded state agencies hosted the SC Environmental Awareness Award ceremony Friday, Feb. 21.

The 2024 award was presented to Kelly Thorvalson, Senior Manager of Conservation Programs at the South Carolina Aquarium. After starting her career in sea turtle rehabilitation and helping to establish the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Care Center™, Thorvalson now manages the Aquarium's conservation efforts in plastic pollution mitigation, sustainable seafood and resilience.

Throughout her career, Thorvalson has led community-based conservation programs that support marine life and habitats. She was integral to the inception of Plastic-Free Waters, an Aquarium program that mitigates plastic pollution impacts via community outreach, conservation fieldwork and citizen science across the state of South Carolina.

She continues to be a leader in national and international sea turtle conservation efforts. Her contribution to natural resource conservation in South Carolina and around the world make her a very deserving recipient of this award.

The award presentation was held at the Harbison State Forest Environmental Education Center in Columbia.

The SC General Assembly established the SC Environmental Awareness Award during the 1992 legislative session to recognize outstanding contributions made toward the protection, conservation and improvement of South Carolina's natural resources. The SCEAA Selection Committee includes representatives from the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services and the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium.



# EASTERN ENGINEERED WOOD PRODUCTS SELECTS ANDERSON COUNTY TO ESTABLISH FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATION

\$18.7 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 31 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Eastern Engineered Wood Products (Eastern), a wholesale distributor of engineered wood products, today announced it selects Anderson County to establish the company's first South Carolina operation. The \$18.7 million investment will create 31 new jobs.

Founded in Pennsylvania in 1998, Eastern supplies engineered wood products to building materials dealers and lumberyards across the East Coast. The company also provides technical support to customers including product placement drawings, product specification assistance and sales education.

Eastern's new distribution center, to be located at 110 Milliken Drive in Belton, will service lumber dealers and component manufacturers in South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Operations are expected to start later this year with full completion of the project in early 2026. Individuals interested in joining the Eastern team should visit the company's careers page.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded a \$100,000 Set-Aside grant to Anderson County to assist with the costs of site preparation and building construction.

"Establishing this new location in Anderson County, South Carolina is an exciting next step in our growth and expansion strategy. We have long recognized the need for our products and services in the Southeast, and the Upstate of South Carolina is the ideal area from which to support that need. Support from the state and local authorities has been tremendous, and we look forward to working together as we grow our operation."

—Eastern Engineered Wood Products President Todd Lindsey "When companies like Eastern Engineered Wood Products choose to establish operations in South Carolina, it's a win for our people, the community and the entire state. Eastern's \$18.7 million investment is great news for Anderson County, and we congratulate the company on this new distribution operation." —Gov. Henry McMaster

"South Carolina's premier location makes it the perfect place for distribution companies to move products efficiently to customers. Congratulations to Eastern Engineered Wood Products and Anderson County on this announcement and 31 new jobs it will bring to the Upstate. We are proud to welcome Eastern to our business community." —Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

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Eastern Engineered Wood Products announces a new Distribution Center in the Anderson, SC area. The new site is located adjacent to Interstate 85 in Pelzer, SC. and will expand the Company's delivery footprint from Western Connecticut to North Georgia and Eastern Tennessee. The location will service lumber dealers and component manufacturers in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee.

"Congratulations to Eastern Engineered Wood Products on its investment in Anderson County. We are excited and grateful for the job creation and investment that will add to our ever-growing economy. Anderson County is committed to a strong partnership with our industries and will do what we can to help them succeed."

—Anderson County Councilman Greg Elgin

"The city of Belton is proud to welcome Eastern Engineered Wood Products to our community. We are thankful for the opportunities and resources Eastern will bring to our city. We look forward to being a part of Eastern's prosperous future."

City of Belton Mayor Flagner Dorn

—City of Belton Mayor Eleanor Dorn

# PALMETTO AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025

BRYANT SANSBURY, CEO WITH ARBORONE, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

BY PALMETTO AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Palmetto AgriBusiness Council (PABC) recently announced the election of officers for 2025. Bryant Sansbury, CEO with ArborOne, was elected Chairman; Lori Anne Carr, co-owner of Titan Farms, was elected Vice Chair, and Travis Avant, Principal of Compass South, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. PABC represents some of the largest agribusiness employers in the state with a mission to promote the economic viability of South Carolina's largest industry.

Sansbury is the Chief Executive Officer for ArborOne Farm Credit, an agricultural credit association and cooperative headquartered in Florence, South Carolina. ArborOne Farm Credit is part of the Farm Credit System and provides agricultural financing and farm related services in the Pee Dee Area of South Carolina. Sansbury holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Georgia. He is also a graduate of the Southeastern Agricultural Lending School (SEALS). He began his career in the Farm Credit System in 2013. Prior to working for ArborOne Farm Credit, Sansbury acquired over 20 years of commercial banking and real estate experience. Additionally, he serves as a Commissioner for the Florence County Soil & Water Conservation District.

"I'd like to congratulate Sarah Windham on a highly successful two year term as chair of the Palmetto AgriBusiness Council," Sansbury said. "She is a talented leader and did an outstanding job. Looking ahead, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to chair PABC, an organization that I have long admired and appreciated for its great work in promoting agriculture and forestry in South Carolina."

Carr and her husband, Chalmers are co-owners of Titan Farms, located in Edgefield County, South Carolina. Titan Farms is the largest peach grower on the east coast, with over 6,000 acres of peaches, bell pepper, eggplant and broccoli. Titan Farms produces more peaches than the state of Georgia, growing 60 different varieties of the fruit, one of which is named for Carr – Lori Anne Peaches. Carr grew up on a farm between Florence and Sumter, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Clemson University.

Avant leads Compass South's appraisal division and is a Certified General Appraiser in multiple states. He has ample experience appraising income-



producing properties, including office buildings, mixed—use properties, industrial properties, retail properties, ag production, farmland and timberland. He is an Accredited Senior Appraiser with the American Appraisal Society (ASA), a designated Review Appraiser with ASA and serves on the ASA Board of Ethics Committee. He is also a designated Senior Appraiser

with the International Right-A-Way Association. Avant serves on several boards: a local bank board, Palmetto Telecommunications and the SC Broadband. Prior to forming Compass South, Avant retired from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division after serving two terms as Sheriff of Colleton County, South Carolina. A graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, he received his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina.

"The Palmetto AgriBusiness Council is very fortunate to be led by such a well-respected slate of officers," CEO Ronnie Summers said. "Their knowledge and experience will be an asset in continuing PABC's commitment to sustain and grow South Carolina's agriculture and forestry sectors."

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# THE SOUTH CAROLINA GRAIN AND COTTON PRODUCERS GUARANTY FUND

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 I cent per bushel for soybeans, ½ 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 ginners 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 South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Consumer Services department at 803-737-9700 or visit agriculture.sc.gov/consumerservices and click on "Licensed and Bonded Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products."

# USDA INVESTS UP TO \$1 BILLION TO COMBAT AVIAN FLU AND REDUCE EGG PRICES

BY USDA OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Washington, D.C., Feb. 26, 2025—U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins today announced a \$1 billion-dollar comprehensive strategy to curb highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), protect the U.S. poultry industry, and lower egg prices. This is in addition to funding already being provided to indemnify growers for depopulated flocks.

As the Secretary detailed in the Wall Street Journal, the five-pronged strategy includes an additional \$500 million for biosecurity measures, \$400 million in financial relief for affected farmers, and \$100 million for vaccine research, action to reduce regulatory burdens, and exploring temporary import options.

"The Biden administration did little to address the repeated outbreaks and high egg prices that followed. By contrast, the Trump administration is taking the issue seriously," Secretary Rollins wrote. "American farmers need relief, and American consumers need affordable food. To every family struggling to buy eggs: We hear you, we're fighting for you, and help is on the way."

### USDA'S FIVE-PRONGED APPROACH TO ADDRESS AVIAN FLU

# Invest in Gold-Standard Biosecurity Measures for all U.S. Poultry Producers

- USDA will expand its highly successful Wildlife Biosecurity Assessments to producers across the nation, beginning with egg-layer facilities, to safeguard farms from the cause of 83% of HPAI cases: transmission from wild birds. These additional safety measures have proven to minimize flu cases; the approximately 150 facilities that follow these protocols have had only one outbreak.
- Biosecurity audits will be expanded. Free biosecurity audits will continue for all HPAI-affected farms. Shortcomings for HPAI-affected farms must be addressed to remain eligible for indemnification for future infections

within this outbreak. Biosecurity audits will be encouraged and made available to surrounding, non-affected farms.

- USDA will deploy 20 trained epidemiologists as part of its increased biosecurity audits and Wildlife Biosecurity Assessments to provide actionable and timely advice to producers on how to reduce HPAI risk at their facilities. These experts will help improve current biosecurity measures to focus on protecting against spread through wild birds in addition to lateral spread.
- USDA will share up to 75% of the costs to fix the highest risk biosecurity concerns identified by the assessments and audits, with a total available investment of up to \$500 million.

# **Increase Relief to Aid Farmers and Accelerate Repopulation**

- APHIS will continue to indemnify producers whose flocks must be depopulated to control the further spread of HPAI.
- New programs are being explored to aid farmers to accelerate the rate of repopulation, including ways to simplify the approval process to speed recovery.
- Up to \$400 million will be available to support these costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

### Remove Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on the Chicken and Egg Industry to Further Innovation and Reduce Consumer Prices

- USDA is working alongside our partners at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to examine strategies to safely expand supply in the commercial market for eggs.
- USDA will minimize burdens on individual farmers and consumers who harvest homegrown
- USDA will work with farmers and scientists to develop innovative strategies to limit the extent of depopulations in HPAI outbreaks.
- USDA will educate consumers and Congress on the need to fix the problem of geographical price

differences for eggs, such as in California, where recent regulatory burdens, in addition to avian flu, have resulted in the price of eggs being 60% higher than other regions of the country.

# Explore Pathways toward Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Other Strategies for Protecting Egg Laying Chickens to Reduce Instances of Depopulation

- USDA will be hyper-focused on a targeted and thoughtful strategy for potential new generation vaccines, therapeutics, and other innovative solutions to minimize depopulation of egg laying chickens along with increased bio-surveillance and other innovative solutions targeted at egg laying chickens in and around outbreaks. Up to a \$100 million investment will be available for innovation in this area.
- Importantly, USDA will work with trading partners to limit impacts to export trade markets from potential vaccination. Additionally, USDA will work alongside the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to ensure the public health and safety of any such approaches include considerations of tradeoffs between public health and infectious disease strategy.
- USDA will solicit public input on solutions, and will involve Governors, State Departments of Agriculture, state veterinarians, and poultry and dairy farmers on vaccine and therapeutics strategy, logistics, and surveillance. USDA will immediately begin holding biweekly discussions on this and will also brief the public on its progress biweekly until further notice.

# Consider Temporary Import-Export Options to Reduce Costs on Consumers and Evaluate International Best Practices

- USDA will explore options for temporarily increasing egg imports and decreasing exports, if applicable, to supplement the domestic supply, subject to safety reviews.
- USDA will evaluate international best practices in egg production and safety to determine any opportunities to increase domestic supply.