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USDA AND SCDA AWARD \$4.1 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

BY SCDA

COLUMBIA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service has partnered with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture to award \$4.1 million for 26 projects through the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Program. The 26 projects consist of four infrastructure projects and 22 equipment projects to build resilience along the middle of the supply chain while strengthening local and regional food systems.

“We’ve learned that the American food supply chain is strongest when it’s diversified, and when local farmers and other business owners have some ‘skin in the game,’” said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. “These RFSI grants will empower South Carolina agribusinesses to help each other serve new markets, scale up their operations, and create an adaptable food system.”

The grants will support expanded capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally and regionally produced food products, including specialty crops, dairy, grains and other row crops for human consumption, aquaculture, and other food products, excluding meat and poultry, and wild-caught seafood.

Projects include:

- The **Catawba Farm and Food Coalition** will support ongoing efforts in rural areas of the Upstate and Piedmont regions of South Carolina through expansion of cold storage facilities and delivery vehicles to aid in the processing, aggregation, and distribution of local products and value-added items through producer partnerships.



Josh Johnson of Old Tyme Bean Co.

- **RobinHood Group** will establish a commercial kitchen in Union, South Carolina, to address the lack of adequate kitchen facilities and equipment for processing local food and creation of value-added products, allowing producers to diversify and gain new market opportunities.
- **Ridgeville Okra Company** in Dorchester County will partner with local producers to increase product distribution into new markets across the state with a refrigerated delivery vehicle, ensuring efficiency and freshness along the supply chain.
- **Old Tyme Bean Co.** will address supply chain issues with storage and processing capacity through processing equipment and cold storage, ultimately helping local Midlands farmers get their crop to market through efficient and sustainable processing operations.

Visit agriculture.sc.gov/rfsi for more information. This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

TOUGH TIMES FOR SC FORESTRY

South Carolina’s agribusiness industry includes both agriculture and forestry. Together, they make up a powerful, storied industry in the state and are a major economic driver.

So, it concerns us all that forestry is experiencing major challenges right now — and it’s important that we work together to solve them.

Two years ago, WestRock announced the closure of its North Charleston mill, which employed 500 people. In December, International Paper announced the closing of its Georgetown pulp and paper mill, which employed nearly 700. All told, 10 mills serving the state announced closures in an 18-month period.

The losses of these jobs are devastating for those communities — and bad news for the South Carolina timber industry. According to a January report by the SC Forest Recovery Task Force (a group made up of the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the Forestry Association of South Carolina, and industry leaders), these closures mean a projected loss of 8.2 million tons of wood markets, or roughly 25 percent of South Carolina’s peak timber product output, primarily in the pulp wood category.

A 25 percent loss of markets in less than two years is shocking. And it means forest owners in South Carolina — many of whom are also farmers,

incidentally — are facing tough times economically.

The forestry crisis has other effects. As the report puts it, “Markets provide an economic incentive for landowners to maintain forests that provide critical benefits like clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat, and flood control. Without strong markets and a stable wood supply chain, the viability, health and productivity of [the state’s] forests are at risk.”

The SC Forest Recovery Task Force has laid out some opportunities for developing new markets. Those solutions include development of bulk shipping port capacity, work on sustainable aviation fuel, and encouragement of markets for wood processing byproducts like biochar. They’re also working to attract new forest products manufacturers to the state, among other efforts.

To help offset these developments, we have used the Growing Agribusiness Fund at the Department to incentivize expansions of several forestry projects in South Carolina to help maintain the market for small diameter wood.

Forestry is also an integral part of the Industry Strategic Planning sessions organized by our agency. As we develop policy priorities, communications strategies, and innovations to focus on, we’re working closely with the forestry industry.

Together, I think we can get through this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Annual Farm Fest

May 23 & 24
Join us for Farm Fest 2025, a celebration of agriculture, community, and country fun! This exciting event features live music and barn dancing, a thrilling Jeep rally, antique tractor and engine displays, a BBQ competition, and the action-packed Carolina Clash Bulls and Barrels Rodeo. Whether you're a country enthusiast or just looking for a fun-filled weekend, there's something for everyone! Let's come together to celebrate our farming heritage, support local vendors, and enjoy an unforgettable weekend!
The FARM Center Seneca
2063 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca
farmcenterseneca@gmail.com • 864-903-1823

Sean Kenney’s Nature POP!® Exhibit

May 23 – August 15 • 9 am – 5 pm
Join us for a day of wonder & curiosity!
Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston
info@magnoliaplantation.com • 843-571-1266
magnoliaplantation.com

Decoration Day

May 24 • 5 pm
Decoration Day is a celebration that recognizes and honors the sacrifice of men and women in our armed services by remembering and recalling their service and decorating their graves.
Morning Glory Homestead
42 Robert and Clara Trail, Saint Helena Island
morninggloryhomestead@gmail.com • 843-812-0344
morninggloryhomestead.com

Summer Kick Off 2025

May 31 • 11 am
Join us for a day of fun jumping around, eating ice cream, getting our face painted, horseback rides, petting animals & so much more! For only \$5 your child gets access to inflatable slides, obstacle course, bounce houses, yard games, face painting and much more! Food trucks will be selling ice cream, coffee, refreshers, fried Oreos, funnel cakes, Italian ice, snow cones, and specialty egg rolls. All participants are to pay the \$5 fee, 2 and under free.
Old McCaskills Farm
377 Cantey Lane, Rembert
oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com • 803-432-9537
oldmccaskillfarm.com

Soap Making

May 31 • 12 pm
You will receive hands-on instruction from Kerrie at Valley River Soap Company, learning how to make amazing soaps of your own. All supplies are provided and you will make a loaf of soap of your own design and fragrance. You will leave with the knowledge of how to make soap and approx. 2.5 pounds of custom fragranced and colored soap in your own soap mold to take home. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook events to see the upcoming classes listed. Space is limited and buying a ticket will reserve your spot in the class.
Boondock Farms
755 Foreman Street, Jackson
hello@boondockfarms.com • 706-589-4920
boondockfarms.com

Free Children’s Program

May 31 • 9 – 11 am (Farm open 9 am – 4 pm)
In this session, we’ll celebrate the warmer weather with a fun, and tasty, science experiment by making ice cream in a bag. Available sessions are 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, or 10:30—please specify which session you would like upon registering.
L.W. Paul Living History Farm
2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
Contact: Marian Calder
calder.marian@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-7861
horrycountymuseum.org

CERTIFIED SOUTH CAROLINA

What's In Season

MAY

Arugula	Cucumbers	Peaches
Asparagus	Fennel	Peas (Snap/ Sugar)
Basil	Green Garlic	Potatoes
Beans (Snap/ Pole/Variety)	Kale	Radishes
Beets	Kohlrabi	Rutabagas
Blueberries	Leeks	Strawberries
Bok Choy	Lettuces	Summer Squash
Broccoli	Microgreens	Sweet Corn
Cabbage	Mushrooms	Swiss Chard
Cauliflower	Mustard & Turnip Greens	Turnips
Cilantro	Onions	Zucchini
Collards	Parsley	

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET 3483 Charleston Highway West Columbia, SC 29172 803-737-4664	GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET 1354 Rutherford Road Greenville, SC 29609 864-244-4023	PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET 2513 W. Lucas Street Florence, SC 29501 843-665-5154	VISIT AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV Click on the State Farmers Markets button for more information about each location
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\$12; 3–5" Ch Cats, 65¢; 1–3" BG, 65¢; Tilapia \$1.25/\$2.25; 1–3" Irgmth Bass, \$3 ea; more Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

BLUEGILL

50¢; bass, \$2.50; catfish, \$1; redear, \$1; tilapia, \$2; grass carp, \$10; crappie, \$2; minnows \$25 Derek Long Newberry 803-944-3058

4–8" KOI FISH

all colors, \$5–10 ea Tommy Sherman Laurens 864-546-2778

CATTLE

8 M/O HRFRD BULL

polled, \$1100 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

REG BLK ANG BULLS

& hefrs , exc EPDs, 13–14 m/o, gentle, Hoover Dam, Yon High Cotton b'lines, \$2500–4000 Bobby Baker Lancaster 803-804-2230

BUCKING BULLS

& calves, Code Blue & Panhandle Slim b'lines, \$800–6500 Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329

REG BLK ANG BULLS

\$3000+; reg Blk Ang hefrs, open, \$2000+; prs, \$3000+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

REG BLK ANG

low input, exc feet & udders, bred cows & open hefrs, \$4000+ Walter Shealy Newberry 803-924-1000

2 FB CHAR HEFRS

B-10/1 & 5/24, no papers, \$1500 ea James Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455

RED ANG BULLS

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

JERSEY MILK COWS

bred to Hrfrd bull, \$1500–2000, depending on size/age Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

CHAR BULLS

low BW & high weaning wts, \$2500 ea Lane Keasler Anderson 864-965-8666

BFMSTR YRLGS

bulls, 12 m/o, red & blk, \$1600+ John Steele Lancaster 803-283-7720

WEANED BEEF CALVES

3–5 m/o, vac/wormed, \$600+ Casey McCarty Newberry 803-924-5239

3 Y/O BLK ANG BULL

1600–1800 lbs, good breeder, \$3400 Edward Perez Orangeburg 843-934-6964

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

NH 54A BALE THROWER

fits Hayliner 268, 269, 273 & 275, \$150 Stan Suchecki Laurens 864-207-1753

COVINGTON TP 46

ir plntr on ir cult frame, VGC, \$500 Carey Wilson Anderson 864-437-9297

H&S 2108 ACTION RAKE

8 whl, pull type, EC, \$4250 obo Talmadge Luker Jr Greenwood 864-993-7064

SELVATICI M1456 SPADER

lever shift 3 spd gearbox, HP min-max 20–35, working width 145 cm, depth 10", \$5000 Rachel Kinard Greenwood 803-429-3943

OLDER COLE SINGLE ROW PLNTR

w/3ph & addl plows, \$500 Reid Bailey Allendale 864-323-6690

JD 4030

gas eng, 80 hp hydraulic remote, \$8000 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

12' TAYLOR-WAY 30 DISC

\$2500; 3ph posthole 6", 9", 12" augers, \$300; 8' cultipacker, pull type, \$800 Kenneth Fleming Chester 803-377-7937

14' DISC HARROW

good blades, \$2500 Gene Weatherford Lee 803-840-4512

SICKLE BAR MOWER

\$250: 3ph Dirt 'Super Pan', \$300; 2r cult, \$650 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

'65 FORD 2000

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

MF 550 GRAIN HDR

GC, \$245 Bobby Zimmerman Lexington 803-317-8681

20'×7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$6250 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

OLD FA CUB DISC

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

NI MOD 485 4×6 RND BALER

\$5000; JD 8000 grain drill w/cyl, \$3000; MF 15 portable grinder/mixer, \$1000 Harry Watson Lexington 803-413-2571

JD 6700 SPRYR

\$33,000; Great Plains w/ coulter cart, EC; & JD 918 flex head, \$10,000 ea Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

NH TC34DA TRACTOR

35 hp, HST, 4wd, 293 hrs, ldr, quick att bucket, new hyd hoses, mid & rear PTO, EC, \$19,900 Bob Vickery Anderson 864-420-1079

NH 273 SQ BALER

good for parts or repair, missing part of PTO shaft, \$500 Wade Parnell Anderson 864-338-5678

24' TRIAXLE TRL

loading ramps, VGC, new tires, \$5600 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

JD 2010 TRACTOR

w/canopy, new tires, w/3r cult & plntrs, in GC, \$7500; more Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

CASE IH 2022 COTTON PKR

JB module builder, CB boll buggy, \$12,500 Randell Wilson Abbeville 864-378-4924

6×12 METAL UTIL TRL

Hardee UT-472, new tires, \$2100 Byron Williams Charleston 843-276-4047

'06 INT 4300 TRUCK

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

8R HOODED SPRYR

\$1200; '85 F7000 truck w/ tanks, runs, \$1800; 4r cult, \$900; more Carl Brown Aiken 803-640-0281

JD 1700 6R MAX EMERGE PLNTR

\$14,500; JD 6500 spryr w/frt fold 60' booms \$25,000 Joe Phillips Jr Lexington 803-600-2928

'79 INTL HARVESTER 1420

Axial Flow combine, last cut 12 yrs ago, hydrostat/motor good, \$2500 John Wren Orangeburg 803-308-0097

JD 963 WAGON RUNNING GEAR

complete but needs restoring, \$500 Jimmy Whittle Lexington 803-422-9775

FORD 600 TRACTOR

w/Sidewinder BH 5', \$3800; BHB 10.5' bush hog mod 3210, \$6500 all for obo Lecil Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER

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

'84 MF MOD 240

2000 hrs, VGC, garage kept, \$12,500 Mike Roach Oconee 864-710-4738

JD 4020

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

MF 165 D

\$7000 obo; 2 Hesston balers, 1 FR & 1 for parts, \$6500 obo; 16' equip trl, \$3500 Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714

3PH 5' SCRAPE BLADE

\$500; rear mount forklift, for tractor, \$200; Ford 3ph reversible rear mount bucket, \$300 John Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389

FARM LABOR

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

up to 30" dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52"; & land clearing, excavator work, Veteran owned/insured John Smith Pickens 864-982-2249

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS

& seeding by ground or UAV, Ag, forestry & aquatic Joel Cox Spartanburg 864-706-1495

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

SERVICE TRUCK FOR HIRE

truck-tractor repair, metal & welding work John Wren Orangeburg 803-308-0097

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

HAY HAULING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

FARM LAND

FARM LAND MUST BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE OWNER, NOT AN AGENT. TRACTS MUST BE AT LEAST 5 ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION, TIMBER, OR PASTURE. OUT-OF-STATE OWNERS–NOT REAL ESTATE AGENTS–MAY SUBMIT ADS FOR LAND IN SC.

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

62.7 A LEXINGTON CO

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

19.8A CLEARED LAND

w/irrig well/sys, SC Hwy frtage, fenced, secured entrance, \$210,000 Michelle Hromyak Aiken 803-507-4112

WANT TO LEASE PASTURE

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

EQUINE

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

21 Y/O BLK TWH

mare, 15.25 h, good trl horse, \$1200 Beverly Weatherford Lee 803-840-1685

HOGS / PIGS

BUTCHERING HOG

\$1+ /lb Earl Watts Lexington 803-917-4794 **YORKSHIRE/HAMPSHIRE** BBQ size, \$150 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

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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.

FRESH CHICKEN EGGS

\$3/dz; duck & guinea eggs, \$5/dz
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

\$4/dz
Ron Handley
Georgetown
843-896-0829

JUMBO QUAIL

& chicken eggs, \$3-4/dz
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

FARM CHICKEN EGGS

\$4/dz
Curtis Peagler
Berkeley
843-412-2999

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; blueberry bushes, 3/\$20
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

TREES

Crabapple, Fig, Pomegranate, Blueberry, Pear, Peach, Cherry, \$8-15 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

MUSCADINE PLANTS

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

6 Y/O REG M ALPACA

drk brn, \$500
Gloria Williams
Anderson
864-903-1856

WHT ND NANNY GOAT

\$75
William Yarborough
Colleton
843-708-3665

FAINTING GOAT KIDS

bucks/does born mid-late Mar, lots of color & moon spots, \$300-400 ea
James Boatwright
Spartanburg
864-430-9943

REG MYOTONIC/F DWARF PYGMY GOATS

breeding age & (3) 6-12 w/o kids, \$100 ea
Joseph Pickett
Chester
704-608-8628

KATAHDIN EWES & RAMS

4 m/o +, gentle, hand raised, vac & wormed, \$200+
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
803-983-5041

KATAHDIN RAMS

B-1/25, dewormed, grain-fed, on pasture, \$250 ea
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

ND GOATS

2 y/o M, 1 y/o F, \$225
Bobby Arnold
McCormick
864-602-0437

HAY & GRAIN

RYE STRAW

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

24 HQ RND CB

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

24 HQ CB 4x5

shed kept, net wrap, 800-900 lbs, \$65
Nelson Oswald
Lexington
803-532-4001

24 CQ 4x5 RND CB

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

HQ 5x6 RND COASTAL

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

FESCUE

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

24 HQ SQ FESCUE

well limed & fert, no weeds, barn stored, lv msg or text preferred, \$5 ea
Jason Clinton
Chester
803-366-0663

4x5 RND FESCUE MIX

CQ, net wrap, \$50/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

RND BALES

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

HQ SQ COASTAL

hvy bales, no litter used, in barn, \$8; CQ rnd, \$30
George McCoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

24 4x5 RND HQ CB

shed kept, \$55 ea; good CQ, \$40 ea
Carroll Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

24 HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL

shed kept, \$50, can del for fee
Jerry Harmon
Lexington
803-356-8541

OAT & RYE GRASS BLEND

net wrap; twine CB, all shed kept, 24, 4x5, \$60/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

MIXTURE

MaxQ Fescue, Bermuda Grass & Durana Clover, rnd net wrap, stored inside, forage analysis, \$60/4x5, \$70/4x6
C E Thraillkill
Chester
803-283-7659

Beware of
Potential
Hay Scams

Farmers are urged to be cautious when selling hay to new clients, especially those from out of state. If possible, verify the check before sending the hay. Speak to the buyer in person to verify all information.

MISCELLANEOUS

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

\$2/yd; Walnut log, \$100
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

JD SPROCKETS

old part # T252553, new part # AT417016, \$600 obo
Roger Clark
Aiken
803-646-6036

PLASTIC NURSERY POTS

mostly new, \$2 ea/5 gal, \$1.25 ea/3 gal, 25¢ ea/1 gal
Carol Elliott
Richland
803-261-1666

ALASKAN CHAINSAW MILL

24"W w/14' rails, EC, \$250; chainsaw, Husqvarna 460 Ranch boss, w/24"bar, \$300
James Caldwell
Kershaw
803-438-3455

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

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

8' CEDAR RND POSTS

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

4' TUBE GATE

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

LIQUID LICK TANK

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

GOURDS

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

REG QT CANNING JARS

\$10/dz; 50 gal water tanks, \$100; 4'x25' snow fencing, \$250; more
John Grinstead
Greenville
864-277-3389

REAR TINE TILLER

Troy Bilt, VGC, \$400; belt driven feed mill, 2 sacker w/ dust bowl & 1 screen, \$300
Carey Wilson
Anderson
864-437-9297

HDWD LUMBER

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

GARDEN/LAWN TRACTOR

recently restored Case 224, rebuilt eng, blades, tires, paint, wiring, etc, \$1500
Wayne Krause
Greenville
865-385-4583

GARDEN TRACTOR

Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler (new carb), hydro trans, hyd lift, spare tire, mwr frame, \$375 obo
Ralph Taylor
Chester
803-789-5110

FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS

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

1H BUGGY

rubber on whls, full cut under, horse/donkey pull, \$875
Harry Isbell
Anderson
864-617-2627

6500 BU GRAIN BIN

24' dia w/fan & unloading auger, \$2300
Carl Brown
Aiken
803-640-0281

2H WAGON

\$500; plastic barrels, \$10 ea; more

GARY SEAY

Spartanburg
864-578-8214

IRRIG HOSE

100+', \$65
George Schwab
York
803-983-8021

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

OAK FIREWOOD

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

RND CEDAR POSTS

7' & 8' L, \$4-7 ea; cedar posts, 4"x4"x8', \$7 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

MILLER BOBCAT 225G

welder/gen 8000 KW w/ Onan P216G on trl, \$3400 obo; wht oak lumber, 8-20'L, \$3/bdft obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

EGG INCUBATOR

Brinsea Octagon 20 Advance high performance, auto turn cradle, instr booklet, \$150
Ralph Crossland
Lexington
803-894-3754

HORSE COMPOST

no shavings, \$20/truck load
Mary Stroman
Lexington
803-394-4338

TIRES

11R22.5 & 12R22.5, \$75 ea; 295/75 R22.5, \$100 ea, all tires in GC; blk plastic milk crates, \$3 ea
L Hoffman
Calhoun
803-570-0479

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

5 for \$85, mailed ppd
William F Timmerman
Aiken
803-640-6265

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

DAYLILIES

Triple blossom, orange, \$2/plant; Tiger lilies, \$2/plant; all bareroot, lv msg
Judith Epps
Newberry
803-276-5747

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.

DIXIE LEE PEAS

cleaned, G-91%, D/H S- 1%, D/H S & G, 92%, good for deer food plots, \$50/50 lb bag
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

POULTRY

BANTAMS

Wht Jap, Gold Sebright, BB Red, Silver Duckwing, \$9 ea; Jungle Fowl, Guineas, ducks, roller pigeons, \$15 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254
SILKIES
chicks, \$10; adults, \$20
Wilbur Edgerley
Saluda
803-480-9001

PIGEONS

solid white, Hubble breed is also raised commercially for squab production, \$15+
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280
MIX BREED CHICKS
SR, hatched 4/28, \$4+ ea
Curtis Peagler
Berkeley
843-412-6621

BANTAMS CHICKS

Barbu de Watermael, \$20 ea: OE, Mille Fleur, Silver quill, day old, \$5 ea
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922
BUFF ORPINGTON HENS
laying since Nov, \$40 ea
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

SEX LINK

blk Copper Marans, Bob Whites & jumbo Coturnix quail chicks, \$2-5 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598
MALLARD DUCKLINGS
\$6 ea
Shane Sease
Bamberg
803-824-9124

CHICKS

RI Wht, RIR, Cinnamon Queen, \$15 ea
John Moore
Abbeville
864-321-0300
GROWN GUINEAS
\$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochin bantams, \$10+
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

5' OR 6' ROCK/ROOT RAKE
for 3ph
Judy Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

28' DU-AL
Jeff Millen
Chester
803-209-0893

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

BEEF CATTLE

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

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

REAR RIM FOR JD A
(1) steel center or (2) cast center
Gary Moore
Chester
803-517-6255

CANNING JARS

64 oz, 1/2 gal, standard neck (narrow), Mason/Ball/Atlas, lv msg
Adam Finkelstein
Anderson
864-348-3026

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

BLK SMITH ANVILS

any size farm bells & bell parts
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039



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KIRBY PLAYER RECEIVES SOUTH CAROLINA'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR

BY MARLON MORGAN, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

An unsuspecting Kirby Player was just enjoying the fellowship at Clemson University's 26th annual CAFLS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament when College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences dean Matt Holt gathered everyone around for a surprise announcement.

Holt presented Player with the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the State of South Carolina.

“There could be no more fitting recipient than Dr. Kirby Player,” Holt said. “Kirby has dedicated his entire life to promoting, advancing and strengthening agriculture in South Carolina. From his early years growing up on his family’s farm in Lee County, to his many decades of service here at Clemson University, Kirby’s passion for agriculture — and his commitment to developing leaders across agriculture, forestry and natural resources — have been unmatched.”

Player, lecturer and coordinator of the Palmetto Leadership Program for the Environment, Agriculture and Forestry, was caught off guard. A three-time graduate of Clemson and employee of the University for 37 years, Player was honored. It was even more special to receive the honor at the golf tournament in front of former students, alums, and agricultural leaders that he worked with.

“I had absolutely no idea,” Player said. “And then when (Holt) said the Order of the Palmetto, it was a moment of disbelief because so many of my heroes and agricultural icons have received that award. The idea that it was something that I could receive was the furthest thing from my mind at this point and time in my life.

“I was just so humbled that people would think of me to nominate. I’m a man of faith so gratitude



Kirby Player (left), lecturer and coordinator of Clemson's Palmetto Leadership Program for the Environment, Agriculture and Forestry, received South Carolina's Order of the Palmetto from Matt Holt, dean of the University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

to God and all of those who helped me to get there. Just that aspect of thinking of my parents, my family, my teachers, my faculty, my incredible coworkers, all the deans. I’ve had 14 deans and interim deans in my whole career. So much of what I’ve done has been a function of other people and what they’ve asked me to do. All of that went through my mind at one time.”

It was a childhood friend, Curt Spencer, who nominated Player. The two have known each other since high school. Spencer was in Player’s second cohort of Palmetto LEAF and now serves as a commissioner for the South Carolina Department of Transportation representing the 5th congressional district.

In his letter to South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, Spencer explained how Player convinced him to participate in Palmetto LEAF. He wrote, “This course has given me and so many others a firm foundation and broad knowledge of business and experiences revolving around our state’s agriculture and forestry resources, all the while including the most worthy goal of protecting

our environment and ensuring the protection of our most valued assets for generations to come. His unbridled enthusiasm for PLEAF and all things agriculture, and of course Clemson, has become contagious to many students and leaders of our beautiful South Carolina.”

It was Jean Bertrand, CAFLS associate provost, who approached Player about setting up Palmetto LEAF. With his love for agriculture, forestry and natural resources, Player welcomed the opportunity. Palmetto LEAF became the 40th such program in the country and the eighth in the world. This May, it will begin recruiting for its fourth cohort.

“I can think of no one more deserving of the Order of the Palmetto than Dr. Kirby Player,” said Thomas Dobbins, professor and director of Clemson’s Cooperative Extension Service. “His unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of CAFLS students, alumni, and friends is truly commendable. Through his work with the South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Board, he has made significant contributions to conservation practices that benefit all of South Carolina.”

Player received his bachelor’s degree in agricultural education in 1983, his master’s in parks, recreation and tourism management in 1987 and his doctorate in therapeutic recreation in 2015.

“Dr. Player is an incredible leader, teacher, researcher, and mentor,” said University President Jim Clements. “He has dedicated his life to advancing agriculture and elevating Clemson University’s land-grant mission of education, research and service. I am thrilled that Dr. Player has been awarded the Order of the Palmetto and I am proud of his significant impact on agriculture in the great state of South Carolina and beyond.”

DROUGHT EXPANDS ACROSS SC AMID DRY SPRING CONDITIONS

BELOW-NORMAL RAINFALL, CONTINUED CONCERN FOR WILDFIRES

BY SCDNR

COLUMBIA — The entire state of South Carolina has entered drought conditions amid below-average rainfall this season.

As of the first week of May, the S.C. Drought Response Committee (DRC) met and evaluated drought indicators to determine drought severity in each of the state’s counties. Below-normal rainfall, continued concern for wildfires and declining streamflow levels were the key factors guiding their decisions.

Five coastal counties are now in moderate drought, the second level of drought severity based on South Carolina’s Drought Response Program (Berkeley, Charleston, Georgetown, Horry and Marion counties). Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Calhoun, Clarendon, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Sumter counties moved into incipient drought, the first stage of drought. The incipient drought designation was maintained for all other counties.

The DRC is the state’s major drought decision-making entity and determines drought severity as defined by the S.C. Drought Response Act to protect the State’s water resources. For more information about the DRC and the SC Drought Response Program visit scdrought.com.

Most of the state has recorded below normal rainfall since late last fall, with some stations in the Coastal Plain and Pee Dee regions receiving less than 60% of normal rainfall throughout winter and spring.

Example rainfall totals: January 1 – April 30, 2025

Station	2025 Total Rainfall	January to April Normal Rainfall	Percent of Normal
Conway 5.6 N	7.84”	13.41”	58%
Hilton Head Island 4.0 N	6.07”	12.98”	47%
Moncks Corner 0.8 ESE	7.38”	13.47”	55%
North Charleston 3.1 ESE	5.52”	13.11”	42%
Ridgeland 5.8 ESE	8.14”	13.50”	60%

The S.C. Department of Environmental Services provided an update on streamflow, groundwater and lake levels. Persistent, below-normal streamflow conditions in the counties of the upstate provided support for maintaining an Incipient drought status for this area. Counties in the central Santee River Basin are also experiencing declining streamflow and groundwater levels, which supported an upgrade to Incipient status for these counties, while below normal groundwater levels in Berkeley and Charleston counties supported an upgrade to Moderate status for these two counties. In the Northeast, below-normal streamflow levels in the Pee Dee region supported maintaining Incipient drought status in most counties and an upgrade to Moderate status for Marion and Horry counties, with 14-day average flows in the Waccamaw River near Longs reaching a two-percentile flow.

During the meeting the S.C. Forestry Commission (SCFC) discussed the very active spring fire season. For the month of March, the SCFC responded to 301 fires that burned 7,264 acres. On March 1 alone, they responded to 104 wildfires. Since the beginning of the year there has been 21.4% more fires compared with the 10-year normal (1,418 fires this year, 10-year average is 1,168).

While the number of fires has been significant, the number that really stands out is the acres burned. South Carolina has seen 176.5% greater-than-normal acreage burned this year compared with the 10-year average (30,965 acres this year, 10-year average is 11,200).

The SCFC continues to staff the Covington Drive Wildfire in the Carolina Forest area of Myrtle Beach. The fire is 90% contained; however, it continues to experience smoldering deep in the organic soils of the bays and reburn as dead/dry fuels fall into the smoldering areas. The fire area has received some rainfall over the last few weeks, but it will take high amounts of precipitation to fully extinguish this fire.

The Drought Response Committee is closely monitoring conditions and will reconvene May 22, 2025.

HORSE OWNERS TO VACCINATE FOR MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

CLEMSON OFFICIALS VACCINATE AGAINST WNV & EEE

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As spring brings warmer, wetter weather and mosquitoes begin to emerge, Clemson University animal health officials are encouraging horse owners across South Carolina to vaccinate their animals against West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus.

“Now is the time for horse owners to vaccinate, before mosquito season hits full swing,” said State Veterinarian Michael Neault, director of Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health.

In 2024, 39 equines were tested for both EEE and WNV in South Carolina. Of those, six tested positive for EEE and one for WNV. While the overall number of confirmed cases was low, the first detection occurred as early as Jan. 22.

“That’s quite early,” Neault said. “But South Carolina is a warm, wet state. It highlights just how important it is to stay current with vaccinations.”



EEE and WNV, both transmitted by mosquitoes, have high mortality rates in unvaccinated horses — approximately 90% for EEE and 30–40% for WNV. Thanks to widespread vaccination, South Carolina typically reports fewer cases than neighboring states.

Mosquito control is also crucial. Both viruses are maintained in nature through a cycle involving the freshwater swamp mosquito, *Culiseta melanura*,

commonly known as the black-tailed mosquito.

Symptoms of EEE typically appear two to five days after exposure and may include stumbling, circling, head pressing, depression or anxiety, leg weakness, partial paralysis, muscle twitching, inability to stand, or death.

In addition to EEE and WNV, other neurologic diseases — including rabies and equine herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) — can affect horses. State law requires that any livestock exhibiting

neurologic symptoms be reported to the state veterinarian within 48 hours by calling 803-788-2260. A list of reportable diseases and additional resources is available on the Livestock-Poultry Health website at clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/reportable-diseases.

RICHLAND COUNTY AG + ART TOUR CELEBRATES LOCAL FARMS, ART, AND CULTURE

EXPLORE RICHLAND COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE AND ARTISTIC COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER.

The Richland County Ag + Art Tour is returning for its highly anticipated annual event, offering residents and visitors a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of agriculture and art in the heart of Richland County. The tour will take place on Saturday, June 7, 9AM – 4PM and Sunday, June 8, 12PM – 4PM, showcasing local farms, vibrant art studios, and community markets across the county.

This free, family-friendly event invites attendees to discover the diverse agricultural tradition of Richland County, with opportunities to tour working farms, meet local artisans, and witness the creativity that thrives within the region. From handcrafted pottery and paintings to fresh produce and farm animals, the Ag + Art Tour offers something for everyone.

KEY FEATURES OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY AG + ART TOUR

- **Farm Visits:** Take a self-guided tour through working farms, where visitors can interact with farmers, learn about sustainable agriculture practices, and enjoy farm fun including, guided tours, hands-on workshops, and even chicken races!
- **Art Stops:** Explore local artists' studios and galleries, as well as artisans at each tour site. Discover a wide range of artwork, from fine art to handmade crafts. Many artists will demonstrate their creative processes, allowing attendees to gain a deeper appreciation for their work.
- **Dine on the Tour:** Throughout the tour, enjoy food trucks, bakers, and local cuisine that highlight the county's culinary heritage.
- **Interactive Experiences for Families:** Special events for children, including farm animal interactions, scavenger hunts, and more, will make this an ideal outing for families.

"The Ag + Art Tour is a wonderful way to connect with our community and experience the rich agricultural and artistic talents that make Richland County unique," said Amanda Jones, Richland County Ag + Art Tour Coordinator. "This event brings people together in celebration of local farming, art, and culture, and we are excited to welcome guests of all ages."

The tour is entirely free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to plan their visit by using the official Ag + Art Tour map, which will guide them to participating farms and artists' studios. Maps and additional information can be found at [AgAndArtTour.com/Richland](https://www.AgAndArtTour.com/Richland) or by following @AgAndArtTourRichlandCounty on social media.

With suggested tour routes (Blythewood, East of Assembly, West of Assembly, and Lower Richland) it is so easy to choose and explore your favorite tour sites and make the most of your day.

RICHLAND COUNTY AG + ART TOUR 2025 TOUR SITES

- AA Farms
- Blossom Plant & Produce
- Cottle Strawberry Farm
- Crooked Cedar Farm
- Doko Farm
- Fable Farms
- Gardener's Outpost
- Grow Your Garden with Sal
- Lakewood Tree Farm
- Lewis+Clark
- Mr. Bunky's Market
- One Hubcap Farm
- Paradise Cay Plantation
- Purple Tuteur Farm
- Stormwater Studios
- The Living Wright Foundation's Farm at Senate's End
- The Purple Mushroom

GET INVOLVED

- **Take the tour:** Plan your tour at [AgAndArtTour.com/Richland](https://www.AgAndArtTour.com/Richland). There you will find an interactive map, and tour site descriptions, including schedules of events.
- **Call For Artisans:** Apply to be an artisan on the Richland County Ag + Art Tour. Applications can be found at www.AgAndArtTour.com/for-artisans. Deadline to apply is April 25th.
- **Volunteer:** Our tour sites are looking for volunteers to help staff the sign in tables during the tour weekend. Choose from 17 tour sites and time slots. Join the fun and get your invite to our Volunteer Appreciation party and your free Richland County Ag + Art Tour t-shirt when you sign up before April 26th. We are so grateful for your help! Volunteers can register at <https://tinyurl.com/RCAATVolunteer25>.

ABOUT THE RICHLAND COUNTY AG + ART TOUR

The Richland County Ag + Art Tour is an annual event designed to celebrate the intersection of agriculture and art in the local community. The tour features a mix of working farms and local artists, showcasing the rich agricultural heritage and creative spirit of Richland County. The event is family-friendly and free to attend, offering an educational and entertaining experience for visitors of all ages.

For more information, visit [AgAndArtTour.com/Richland](https://www.AgAndArtTour.com/Richland) or follow the Ag + Art Tour on social media @AgAndArtTourRichlandCounty.



USDA TO ISSUE \$1.3 BILLION TO SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS THROUGH SECOND MARKETING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENT

BY USDA

(College Station, T.X., April 29, 2025) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins today announced a second round of payments coming this week for specialty crop producers through the Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) program, providing up to \$1.3 billion in additional program assistance. U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) already delivered just under \$900 million in first round payments to eligible producers.

"President Trump is again putting farmers first. After a thorough review of USDA funding for certain programs to ensure they align with the President's policies and uphold our commitment to responsible distribution of American taxpayer dollars, USDA resumed MASC payments. I am happy to announce this second round of support for specialty crop producers today and we are thankful for the work they do to produce the safest, most abundant food supply for our families and the world," said Secretary Rollins.

First announced in December 2024, MASC authorized \$2 billion in Commodity Credit Corporation funds to assist specialty crop growers with rising input costs and aid in the expansion of domestic markets. In January 2025, in response to stakeholder feedback and program demand, funding for MASC was increased to \$2.65 billion. The MASC application period closed on Jan. 10, 2025.

MASC is designed to help specialty crop producers meet higher marketing costs related to:

- perishability of specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops and herbs;
- specialized handling and transport equipment with temperature and humidity control;
- packaging to prevent damage;
- moving perishables to market quickly; and
- higher labor costs.

MASC covers the following commercially marketed specialty crops:

- fruits (fresh, dried);
- vegetables (including dry edible beans and peas, mushrooms, and vegetable seed);
- tree nuts;
- and other specialty crops



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DPH OBSERVES SC HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COLUMBIA, S.C. — In advance of the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season, which officially begins on June 1, the South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) is joining partners in observing South Carolina Hurricane Preparedness Month.

“South Carolina is particularly vulnerable to hurricanes and their impacts, and as we learned last year, no matter where you live in South Carolina, hurricanes can pose a serious threat to your safety,” said Dr. Edward Simmer, interim DPH director. “We encourage all South Carolinians to update their plans and make the necessary preparations in advance of each hurricane season to ensure they are not caught off guard if or when we experience severe weather events.”

To prepare for a hurricane, DPH recommends all South Carolinians take the following steps:

1. Develop or review your family’s evacuation plan. If you and your family had to evacuate your home, do you know where you would go and how you would get there? What will you do about your pets? Remember that emergency services may not be able to reach you during a storm, and hospitals and other facilities may be closed, so evacuating when directed by officials is the safest course.
2. Stock up on disaster supplies like non-perishable food, water, batteries and medicine now, before these items become in short supply. Current guidance recommends maintaining at least a three-day supply of food, water and medicine for each member of the family. Don’t overlook the pet food too! Visit the DPH’s Make Your Emergency Kit webpage at dph.sc.gov/public/stormhurricane-preparedness/make-your-emergency-kit for additional suggestions.
3. Document your significant possessions. Photographs and serial numbers may be useful in event you have to file an insurance claim. If you reside in a flood prone area, you may wish to

consider purchasing flood insurance and be mindful of the 30-day waiting period.

4. Create or review your family’s communication plan. Remember that the internet and wireless networks may not be accessible during or after a storm, so ensure that your family has another means of connecting with one another. Visit FEMA’s Make a Plan webpage at ready.gov/plan for additional guidance.
5. Ensure your home is ready to withstand hurricane impacts. Trim tree branches that could break windows or damage your roof. Seal any gaps and cracks in outside walls. While you need not board the windows up now, you may wish to consider purchasing a few sheets of plywood or aluminum panels to keep on hand. You can find additional tips for preparing the home on FEMA’s website.

While the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) serves as the primary coordinating agency during a weather emergency, DPH and other state agencies , as part of the State Emergency Response Team, perform critical roles that help protect residents and help the state recover from hurricanes and other disasters as quickly as possible.

For those with medical equipment requiring electricity, or who need space for a hospital bed, DPH offers Medical Equipment Power Shelters (MEPS) — formerly known as Medical Needs Shelters — with generator power and extra space. Access these shelters by calling 833-351-9990, where



transport arrangements can be made if needed.

DPH also assists with pre-storm evacuation support and active monitoring of health care facilities during severe weather events and post-event recovery operations. In addition, DPH is part of the South Carolina Emergency Operations Center before, during and after emergencies, supporting a comprehensive emergency response.

Residents are encouraged to download SCEMD’s official mobile app, SC Emergency Manager, on the Apple App Store or on Google Play. The mobile app contains links to many of the websites listed above as well as other useful tools and resources, and coastal residents can determine their evacuation zone based off their phone’s location or by entering an address.

SCEMD also has a website dedicated to hurricane preparedness with additional information and resources at hurricane.sc and recently released its 2025 South Carolina Hurricane Guide.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, including steps to take before, during and after a hurricane, visit DPH’s Hurricanes and Floods webpage at dph.sc.gov/public/stormhurricane-preparedness/hurricanes-floods.

TECHO-BLOC SELECTS LEXINGTON COUNTY TO ESTABLISH FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATION

\$45 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 46 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Techo-Bloc, a landscaping products supplier, announced it selects Lexington County to establish the company's first South Carolina operation. The \$45 million investment will create 46 new jobs.

With factories in Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania, Techo-Bloc specializes in manufacturing high-quality hardscape products for residential and commercial outdoor spaces.

- The company has more than 850 employees and distributes products to over 900 stores across the United States and Canada.
- Techo-Bloc will construct a new facility, located on Dixiana Road in Cayce, to manufacture hardscape products including pavers, slabs and retaining walls.
- Operations are expected to be online in the fall of 2026.
- Individuals interested in joining the Techo-Bloc team should visit the company’s careers page.

“Establishing a manufacturing facility in South Carolina marks a significant step in Techo-Bloc’s strategy to expand our national footprint. The Southeast is experiencing dynamic growth, and this investment reflects both our confidence in the region’s potential and our dedication to contributing to its continued prosperity. By building locally, we’re not only strengthening our supply chain — we’re creating quality jobs and improving access to the high-end landscaping products that define our brand. We’re proud to be part of South Carolina’s vibrant growth story and look forward to serving our Southeastern customers with even greater speed, service and innovation.” —Techo-Bloc President Charles Ciccarello

“Manufacturing companies like Techo-Bloc recognize that South Carolina offers the workforce, business climate and support they need to succeed. The \$45 million investment and 46 new jobs are a win for the community and our entire state, and we are proud to welcome Techo-Bloc to Lexington County.” —Gov. Henry McMaster

“Techo-Bloc’s decision to invest \$45 million in South Carolina is another big win for our state’s growing business community. We are pleased to

welcome the company to Lexington County and look forward to building a strong partnership with Techo-Bloc in the years ahead.” —Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

“Techo-Bloc’s decision to make a significant \$45 million investment into Lexington County is a powerful testament to the strength of our community and the opportunities we offer to world-class companies. This announcement not only brings quality jobs and new economic activity but also highlights the confidence industry leaders have in our county’s future. We are excited to welcome Techo-Bloc and look forward to building a lasting partnership that supports continued growth and shared success.” —Lexington County Council Chairman M. Todd Cullum

“Techo-Bloc's decision to invest \$45 million and create 46 new jobs in Lexington County is a testament to the strength and appeal of our community. This exciting addition not only enhances our economic landscape but reinforces our region's role as a leader in shaping the future of the U.S. economy. We're proud to welcome Techo-Bloc and look forward to the success they'll achieve here.” —Central SC Alliance Chairman Matthew Shaffer