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12 SC ENTREPRENEURS AWARDED FUNDING FOR AGRIBUSINESSES

BY SCDA

COLUMBIA — Thirteen entrepreneurs will share \$200,000 in funding for their agribusiness ventures through the South Carolina Department of Agriculture’s Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE).

Finalists for ACRE’s Advanced Entrepreneurship Program were scored by a panel of judges based on their business plans, a five-minute video presentation and a demonstrated history of business success. They are:



Carolina Bananas



Bushels and Bags Farm

1. **Kindlewood Farms** (Colleton County), a diversified produce farm known for tomatoes, will acquire another high tunnel, helping it better serve its Lowcountry restaurant clients.
2. Veteran-owned **Billue Family Farm** (Aiken County) will develop its hay bale business, which serves small farms.
3. **Relinoca Farms**, a veteran-owned Sumter County farm specializing in native landscaping plants, will build a retail and education facility at the family’s farm.
4. **Old McCaskill’s Farm**, a premier agritourism farm in Sumter County, will develop a line of freeze-dried MRE-style foods grown and processed on the farm.
5. **Livingston Farms**, a sustainable produce farm in Orangeburg County, will build a bathroom facility and procure internet access, allowing the farm to better serve clients.
6. **Bushels and Bags Farm** of Fairfield County, a diversified produce farm serving the Midlands, will use ACRE funds to cover supply costs, including drip irrigation, that will greatly increase organic vegetable production.
7. Anderson County flower farm **Harvest Moon Farm and Flower** will convert an existing yurt to a farm store and add a U-pick flower field to attract visitors.
8. **J&E Homestead**, a fiber mill and farm in Lancaster County,

- will procure new spinning equipment to better serve fiber clients in the region.
9. **Roots and Shoots Nursery** will expand its Charleston County nursery specializing in native landscaping plants.
10. **Set In Stone Sustainability Farm** (Fairfield County) is developing an agriculture education program to teach food literacy and STEM to schoolchildren.
11. **Merry Mixon Christmas Tree Farm**, a family farm in Chesterfield County, will improve its parking area and entry infrastructure.
12. **Carolina Bananas**, a Charleston County banana grower, will extend its production and sale of cold-hardy banana plants.

Under the leadership of Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, SCDA founded ACRE in 2018 to help identify and nurture new ideas and businesses in the Palmetto State’s agribusiness sector.

“South Carolina’s agribusiness entrepreneurs keep finding new ways to surprise and impress me. This year’s entrepreneurs are pushing the agribusiness industry forward in so many ways, from developing new crops for the state to serving new clients, including other farms,” said ACRE Executive Director Kyle Player. “I’m so glad ACRE can shine a spotlight on these agribusinesses.”

In addition to funding research and connecting South Carolina agribusinesses with resources, ACRE also partners with Clemson Cooperative Extension to offer a curriculum program each fall to train and mentor beginning agricultural entrepreneurs and prepare them to seek advanced award funding. To learn more, visit acre-sc.com.



COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
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FARM LEARNING

There’s nothing like spending time around children to remind you that the future of South Carolina is bright. Not long ago I was assistant babysitter for three of our granddaughters in Columbia and I was reminded of that. Of course, I am biased!

Recently, I headed to the Pee Dee to check out The Farm at Florence One at the invitation of Jeff Murrie, the district’s Farm to School Coordinator.

The Farm offers an impressive, immersive farm-to-school experience for Florence One students. It’s a facility where classes can visit, work, eat, and learn about agriculture.

The farm campus includes a teaching kitchen, indoor and outdoor classroom space, two greenhouses, an apiary, fruit trees, a chicken tractor, and an edible garden in raised beds.

In addition, the campus includes four acres that the team is planning to put into production for organic vegetables. Currently, Chartwells, the food service provider for the school district, uses lettuce from the beds in school salads, and expanded production would certainly help put more local food in Florence One cafeterias.

While I was getting the full tour, I visited with some first and second graders who were busy

learning where their food comes from. Time and again, I’ve seen this kind of learning have a direct impact on young people’s eating habits, life plans, and awareness of agriculture.

Florence One has forged a lot of partnerships to support the farm, including with Clemson Cooperative Extension, MUSC Health, South Carolina Farm Bureau, and local businesses.

You can learn more about the Farm at Florence One at farm.fls.org.

While I was making the journey to Florence and back, I saw plenty of corn coming along, and lots of fields being prepared for soybean planting. My prayer is that the weather this year is on our side and we continue to see enough rain and mild temperatures to make some profitable yields.

That mild weather has been good for our fruit crops as well. Strawberry season has been long and strong, and the blueberries might be the tastiest yet. As for those famous South Carolina peaches, I’m hearing from our peach country friends that things are looking good. We dodged any late freezes this year, and as of this writing we haven’t had much strong weather of the sort that can damage peaches.

Here’s to hoping it’s a great year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elf Leaf Farm Lavender You Pick
June 3 – 17 (except Mondays) • 9 am – 4 pm
Step into summer with the sights, scents, and sounds of lavender season at our farm! The fields will be bursting with blooms—and you’re invited to pick your own fragrant bundles straight from the source. Admission is FREE – just \$5 per car for parking. Lavender bundles: \$10 each.
Elf Leaf Farm
141 N. Campbell Road, Landrum
allison@elfleaffarm.com • 864-331-9866
elfleaffarm.com

Blackberry U-Pick Season Opening Event
June 7 • 8 am – 12 pm
Pick blackberries, jump in bounce houses, do crafts, shop our local vendors, walk our trails, take a wagon ride to feed the bison, visit our petting zoo, play tons of games!
Bison Berry Farms
2425 SC-92, Enoree
bisonberryfarms@gmail.com • 864-345-3121
bisonberryfarms.com

SC Sunflower Festival
June 13 – 15 & 20 – 22
Acres of jaw-dropping sunflower varieties, family fun with 30+ attractions, friendly farm animals, yummy eats, and toe-tapping live music daily! Y'all come for a fantastic time and bring your friends, family, and dogs!
Denver Downs Farm
1515 Denver Road, Anderson
catherine@denverdownsfarm.com • 864-556-3394
denverdownsfarm.com/sunflower-festival

Farm & Tractor Day 2025
June 14 • 11 am
Come experience the sights, sounds, and excitement of real farm life. You'll get an up-close look at our John Deere combine harvesting rye, followed by our hay balers and stack liners in action!
The Market in Lowrys
2575 Lowrys Hwy, Chester
info@cottonhillsfarm.com • 803-581-4545
cottonhillsfarm.com

Farm to Table Dinner
June 17 • 7 pm
Join us for a true farm-to-table dinner on the farm under the stars, celebrating the land, the season, and the launch of the Agritourism Incubator Program. This special evening features our local summer bounty, including Rutter's Ranch Mangalitsa Pork and other locally sourced farm products. Limited tickets available: \$100–120 per person. All proceeds support microgrants for veteran farmers in the Agritourism Incubator Program.
Project Victory Gardens
140 Harbor Lane, Townville
projectvictorygardens@gmail.com • 803-522-4703
projectvictorygardens.org

Growing Dahlias On Farm Class
June 18 & 21 • 10 am – 12 pm
The training begins with a presentation, followed by a walkthrough of the dahlia beds on the farm, including a demonstration of some of the growing techniques that will make your dahlias produce their best blooms.
The Purple Tuteur Farm * Blythewood
purpletuteur@gmail.com • 803-413-2573
purpletuteur.com/classes/p/growing-dahlias

2025 SC Christmas Tree Association Summer Meeting
June 20 & 21 • 5:00 pm / 9:00 am
The meeting will start Friday at 5:00 pm with a Hamburger/Hot Dog Social with side items. Members and guest will be able to interact and share the knowledge of the industry. Starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, Mike Ward will give an overview of the Cedar Post Tree Farm operation and farm tour. Janet Steel & Rob Last, Clemson Extension Service, will follow with Pesticide Recertification Training and a distribution of the new updated pamphlet “Growing and Marketing Christmas Trees in SC”. After lunch, there will be field demonstrations on planting & pruning techniques, field layout & spacing, and close with an open panel discussion to answer any attendee's questions. There will be no charge for registration for SCCTA members. Non-member farms are required to pay a \$ 50 registration fee. This fee will be credited toward their 2025 membership dues if the attendee farm chooses to join the association in the first month of attendance.
6457 Campbell Road, York
Contact: Steve Penland
slpenland69@gmail.com • 803-366-7605

Summer Solstice Festival
June 21 • 10 am
Vendors, Arts & Crafts, Local Items, Baked Goods, & so much more. Come hang out with us for the day — our farm store, bistro, & distillery will be open!
Chattooga Belle Farm
454 Damascus Church Road, Longcreek
864-647-9768
chattoogabellefarm.com

Come Eat Some Watermelon In June!
June 28 • 8 am – 1 pm
We will be out in the parking lot on Saturday to celebrate all things Watermelon. We'll see you at the Market!
Greenville State Farmers Market
1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville
864-244-4023
greenvillestatefarmersmarket.com

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

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

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET
2513 W. Lucas Street
Florence, SC 29501
843-665-5154

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\$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

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

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all colors, \$1/small, \$5–10/lgr Tommy Sherman Laurens 864-546-2778

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6–7 m/o, \$1950 ea Gene Crim Calhoun 803-609-4571
BFMSTR YRLGS bulls, 12 m/o, red & blk, \$1600+ John Steele Lancaster 803-283-7720
CHAR BULLS low BW & high weaning wts, \$2500 ea Lane Keasler Anderson 864-965-8666

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9 M/O HRFRD BULL polled, \$1100 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171
5 BFMSTR 1ST CALF HEFRS 4 w/calf, 1 open, \$27,000 Mitchell Davis Chesterfield 843-680-2090

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2 FB CHAR HEFRS

B-10/1 & 5/24, no papers, \$1500 ea James Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455
BUCKING BULLS & calves, Code Blue & Panhandle Slim b/lines, \$800–6500 Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329

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B-10/23, polled, PHA-neg, non-chondro, 1 dun, 2 red, open, \$1800 ea Dawn Halbert Laurens 864-918-4507
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ADS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED BY COMMERCIAL DEALERS. A CURRENT FARM TAG ISSUED BY THE SCDMV IS REQUIRED ON ALL FARM VEHICLES.

COLE PLNTR W/CULT

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

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w/bucket, O/C blade, doesn't twist, as is, \$9000 obo; 7' boom pole, \$125; more Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711

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

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

'84 JD 950

680 actual mis, GC, \$7000 David Huguenin Jasper 706-836-6719

TOBACCO BALER

& Powell tobacco tipper, both GC, \$500 ea Edward Johnston Horry 843-246-4555

JD 535 BALER

GC, string wrap, \$5500; NH 411 discbine, 10' cut, 1000 PTO, \$2500 Caleb Hallman Lexington 803-730-4673

JD 42230

\$18,000; JD 3020, \$15,000; IHC 385, \$5500 Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

BHB GROOMING MWR

antiq/vintage '60–64, 5', cuts good, lrg 18¾" spoke whl on deck, more, photos avail, \$300 Bob White Spartanburg 864-457-2293

3PH DIRT 'SUPER PAN'

\$300 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

'79 INTL HARVESTER 1420

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

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

OLD FA CUB DISC

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

24' TRIAXLE TRL

loading ramps, VGC, new tires, \$5000 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490

14' DISC HARROW

good blades, \$2200 Gene Weatherford Lee 803-840-4512

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

FORD 600 TRACTOR

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

CASE IH 2022 COTTON PKR

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

8R HOODED SPRYR

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

DBL DUMP GN TRL

holds (14) 4×5 bales, \$11,000 Robert Ivey Spartanburg 864-505-5330

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

JD 4030

gas eng, 80 hp hyd remote, \$7000; JD 5065 M, 65 hp, rollbar canopy, 2049 hrs, \$27,000 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

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& exclusion, Aiken Co & surrounding area Joe Leonard Aiken 803-507-4940

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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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.	
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GARDEN	
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BLUBERRY PLANTS 3/\$20; Figs, Pomegranate, Elderberry plants, \$20; grapevines, \$10; Mulberry trees, \$30 Freeman Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066	PECAN SEEDLINGS \$12; sunchokes, \$4; ever-bearing strawberries \$3; French marigolds, Egyptian walking onions, \$2 Rebekah Olson York 803-351-4994
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HOGS / PIGS
18 M/O BLK KUNEKUNE SOW recently bred, \$250 obo, text preferred Glenn Murphey Aiken 864-490-0746

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

F DWARF PYGMY GOATS breeding age & (3) 6-12 w/o kids, \$100 ea Joseph Pickett Chester 704-608-8628	6 Y/O REG M ALPACA drk brn, \$500 Gloria Williams Anderson 864-903-1856	KATAHDIN EWES & RAMS 4 m/o +, gentle, hand raised, vac & wormed, \$200+ Tammy Hodge Sumter 803-983-5041	REG MYOTONIC/ FAINTING GOAT KIDS bucks/does born mid-late Mar, lots of color & moon spots, \$300-400 ea James Boatwright Spartanburg 864-430-9943	6 GOATS M stud, \$300; (2) 8 m/o M, \$200 ea; (3) bred F, 6 y/o, \$175; 2 & 3 y/o, \$200 ea John Leigh Laurens 828-371-0987	KATAHDIN RAMS B-1/25, dewormed, grain-fed, on pasture, \$225 ea Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630
'25 JACOB LAMBS rams & ewes, 4 & 2 horned avail, \$150, call or text Allan Clark Abbeville 864-314-5226	100% NZ KIKO GOATS CDT & wormed, 3 m/o doe, (2) 1 y/o bucks, \$275 ea Jane Cooper Greenville 843-693-1949	6 M/O KATAHDIN rams & ewes, \$175 Francis Black Barnwell 803-259-8428			

HAY & GRAIN

OAT & RYE GRASS BLEND net wrap; twine CB, all shed kept, '24, 4x5, \$60/bale Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630	'25 SPRING HAY 4x5 rnd, \$35/bale Mary A Riddle Saluda 803-727-5844	HQ CB 4x5 shed kept, net wrap, 800-900 lbs, \$65 Nelson Oswald Lexington 803-532-4001	'24 HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL shed kept, \$50, can del for fee Jerry Harmon Lexington 803-356-8541
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RND BALES \$65/shed kept, \$60/outside Bobby Zimmerman Lexington 803-317-8681	HQ 5x6 RND COASTAL wrapped, dry stored, \$180/ton, 5 bale min p-up Sally Harrison Saluda 803-622-8597	'24 4x5 RND HQ CB shed kept, \$55 ea; good CQ, \$40 ea Carroll Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956	'24 CQ 4x5 RND CB twine, in shed, \$50 Michael F Hallman Lexington 803-917-9044

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

10 FRAME BEE HIVES \$250 ea Nathan McDaniel Saluda 864-341-6710	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	HDWD air dried 2-5 yrs, wide boards 1"-3" thick, 8'-16'L, \$2-3/bdft; Walnut & Cherry, \$3-7/bdft Luther Wilson Lancaster 803-448-4477	8' CEDAR RND POSTS 6-3" dia, \$8 ea Douglass Britt McCormick 864-391-3334	IRRIG HOSE 100+', \$65 George Schwab York 803-983-8021	OLD COMP FARM BELL old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 ea; #15, \$150; more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792
(2) 1H BUGGY restored to new cond, \$825 ea Harry Isbell Anderson 864-617-2627	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	4' TUBE GATE \$40; 7'x3/8" chain, hook on one end, \$20 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309	TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT \$2/yd; Walnut log, \$100 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280	6500 BU GRAIN BIN 24' dia w/fan & unloading auger, \$2300 Carl Brown Aiken 803-640-0281	125 GAL FUEL DRUM w/pump & stand, GC, \$125, call after 12 pm Smittie Smith Pickens 864-561-5534
WORM CASTINGS FERT 100% organic, SC Certified, no fillers, 30 lb bags, \$20/bag, \$120 for 10 bags Maryann Little Lexington 803-530-9219	PLASTIC NURSERY POTS mostly new, \$2 ea/5 gal, \$1.25 ea/3 gal, 25¢ ea/1 gal Carol Elliott Richland 803-261-1666	LIQUID LICK TANK \$100; Pecan wood, \$10/bundle Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171	CARPENTER BEE TRAPS 5 for \$85, mailed ppd William F Timmerman Aiken 803-640-6265	5 HP ELEC MOTOR new, bought for grain auger, nvr used, \$750 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292	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
2 TRUCK TIRES Dayton whls, 11R22.5, VGC, \$250 ea; 5 gal buckets, used, GC, \$2 ea Caleb Hallman Lexington 803-730-4673	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	FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS hdwd trees on the ground, \$5/load Clyde Bridges Greenville 864-354-7619	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	COTTON/CORN OAK BASKET & mule drawn single row 2 whl cotton plntr, \$75 ea R Long Newberry 803-924-9039	
COMP TURBO KIT for JD 4020, \$2500 Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394		8x10 WALK IN COOLER w/comp, \$1400 Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711	OAK FIREWOOD long bed p/up, del & stack, cut to size, \$150 Ronald Wright Richland 803-606-1666		

PLANTS & FLOWERS

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.	
AZALEAS Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$6; Tea Olives, \$8; Camellias & angel trumpets, lime light hydrangeas \$20; Freeman Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066	DAYLILIES Triple blossom, orange, \$2/plant; Tiger lilies, \$2/plant; all bareroot, lv msg Judith Epps Newberry 803-276-5747
MONKEY GRASS aka Liriope, Hosta, \$4 ea; Iris, Daylily, \$5 ea; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$10 ea Woody Ellenburg Pickens 864-855-2565	LRG POLONIA TREES standing, live, makes knot-free wht lumber, \$200/tree, call for appt to view Cecil Fulmer Lexington 803-238-1465

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
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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

ROYAL PALM TURKEY CHICKS

5 d/o, \$20 ea firm, lv msg
David Macijewski
Oconee
864-309-9472

PIGEONS

Blk Eagles, wht Homers &
other colors, \$10 ea; Pepper,
\$5 ea; long neck Chinese
goose, \$100 obro
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

BANTAMS

yng adults & chicks,
Rosecomb, OE, modern
game, barn yard mix,
Maylay &, Indigo Game, \$8+
S Reis
Lee
803-243-5097

MALLARD DUCKLINGS

\$6 ea
Shane Sease
Bamberg
803-824-9124

GROWN GUINEAS

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

PIGEONS

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

SEX LINK

blk Copper Marans, Bob
Wht & jumbo Coturnix
quail chicks, \$2-5 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

GUINEA KEETS

many colors, \$10+ ea;
Bobwht quail chicks, \$5+ ea
Mary Jane Vivas
Edgefield
803-480-1574

MIX BREED CHICKS

SR, H-4/28, \$6+ ea;
Cockerels, Buff Orp, H-5/13,
\$3+ ea & Barred Rock,
H-3/12, \$7+ ea
Curtis Peagler
Berkeley
843-900-0333

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 3020-4020

dsl; JD 158/ldr
Ronnie Judy
Dorchester
843-701-6394

28' DU-AL

Jeff Millen
Chester
803-209-0893

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

MINI JENNY

multicolored, 1-3 y/o, text
w/photo
Harold Turner
Newberry
803-768-6055

BEEF CATTLE

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

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

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

CANNING JARS

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

FARM BELLS

syrup kettle, any size
blksmith anvils
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

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

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CLEMSON OFFERS FREE DIGITAL TOOLS TO SUPPORT SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BLACKVILLE, S.C. As the 2025 growing season kicks off, the Clemson Extension Precision Agriculture Program offers free web apps to help farmers boost productivity and make informed decisions.

“Many of these tools were developed in collaboration with Extension team members and Clemson professors after South Carolina growers expressed concerns related to applying the proper amounts of inputs needed for their crops to grow,” said Kendall Kirk, director of the Clemson University Center for Agricultural Technology (CU-CAT). “We realized we could make people’s lives easier by automating some of these calculations.”

Each web app includes clear operating instructions, is mobile-friendly and easy to use. Available tools are:

DRIP FERTIGATION

This app calculates daily and weekly fertilizer rates for drip fertigation and includes recommendations for many horticulture crops. Drip Fertigation Calculator tutorial video.

FERTILIZER BLEND

This app evaluates different cost-effective fertilizer blends for meeting nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (NPK) fertilizer application requirements. It includes a worksheet for manure application and other deductions.

INJECTION PUMP SETTINGS

This app determines injection pump settings for chemigation and fertigation. It includes parameters for many popular injection pump models.

LIME RATES

One of the more popular tools, this app calculates lime requirements based on soil test results and target soil pH.

REVERSE LIME RATES

This app determines soil pH resulting from applying a particular rate and source of agricultural lime.

LIQUID FERTILIZER SOLUTIONS

This tool calculates nutrient compositions of liquid solutions from soluble fertilizers.



Photo by Stephanie Finnegan, SCDA

SOIL ACIDIFICATION

This app is helpful if lowering soil pH is required for a field, such as recommended for some horticultural crops, especially blueberries.

NPK RECOMMENDATIONS (NITROGEN, PHOSPHORUS, POTASSIUM)

Developed in collaboration with the Clemson Ag Service Laboratory, this app provides Clemson NPK fertilizer recommendations based on soil test fertility labels.

APPS FOR PEANUT FARMERS

Peanut farmers can use specialized apps to calculate digger conveyor speeds, estimate yields and determine loan rates. With the U.S. Department of Agriculture reporting 82,000 acres of peanuts were planted in South Carolina in 2024, worth more than \$75 million, these tools offer critical support.

APPS FOR GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Additional apps serve grain and livestock producers. The EMC Calculator, developed with Aaron Turner, an agricultural mechanization and business assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Sciences, forecasts equilibrium moisture content for stored grain based on local weather conditions. Many producers use this as a decision aid for grain bin fan operation.

Livestock producers can use the Feed Ration Calculator and Feed Ration Optimizer to balance custom feed mixes and cut costs while meeting nutritional goals.

Precision Agriculture is a CU-CAT program, based at Clemson’s Edisto Research and Education Center in Blackville, South Carolina. CU-CAT scientists constantly work on new tools like software, sensors, drones and robots to help make farming easier and more environmentally efficient.

To access all the web tools listed in this article, visit clemson.edu/extension/precision-agriculture/calculators/index.html.

Download the list of abbreviations used in the Market Bulletin

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ARE YOU GATORWISE?

ALLIGATOR INFORMATION PROJECT GOES LIVE WITH MEMBERS FROM WILDLIFE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST US

BY SCDNR

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources announces the release of GatorWise.

The GatorWise project is intended to promote realistic public perceptions about alligators and to provide guidance on responsible human behavior to minimize conflict between people and alligators.

GatorWise is composed of members representing the state fish and wildlife agencies of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas, all states within the range of the American Alligator.

“The introduction of GatorWise is important because information about how humans should behave around alligators is similar across the southeast, but until now, each state has had to manage their own outreach sites and information.” said Morgan Hart, SCDNR Alligator Biologist. “We hope that being able to reference a central place for information will help people and alligators coexist safely”.

Significant human development is projected to continue in southeastern states in areas of alligator habitat. Alligators are a robust species that can thrive in areas where development occurs, as long as the people in these areas understand how to responsibly coexist with them.

As warm weather returns, GatorWise and SCDNR would like to remind people that it's normal to see alligators moving around and basking in our rivers, ponds, and lakes. Alligators are native to South Carolina and are critical to the health and balance of our ecosystems. Be GatorWise: Admire them from a distance, never feed alligators, and learn more at gatorwise.org.

SECRETARY ROLLINS ANNOUNCES NEW STATE DIRECTORS FOR THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

BY USDA OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

(Washington, D.C., May 2, 2025) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins today announced the latest slate of presidential appointments for key Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Rural Development (RD) State Director roles.

“When America’s farming communities prosper, the entire nation thrives. This new group of USDA appointees will ensure President Trump’s America First agenda is a reality in rural areas across the country. I am grateful for the leadership of these new state directors and look forward to their work reorienting the agency to put Farmers First again,” said Secretary Rollins.

FSA State Directors help implement President Trump’s America First agenda and execute the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) policies in planning, organizing, and administering FSA programs through state offices across the country. RD State Directors help affirm the mission of the Trump Administration by focusing on finding ways to empower rural America and unleash economic prosperity.

JACOB FRENCH APPOINTED AS STATE DIRECTOR, SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Jacob French serves as the State Director for Rural Development in South Carolina. He previously held positions in President Trump’s first term, initially at the Office of Food Safety and later at U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Trade Relations. Most recently, Jacob served as the Growth and Outreach Manager for Tyler Technologies in South Carolina.

W.R. “CODY” SIMPSON, III APPOINTED AS STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTH CAROLINA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

W.R. “Cody” Simpson, III, serves as State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency in South Carolina. A fifth-generation South Carolina farmer, Simpson is a member of the National Governors Association’s Land Management, Agriculture, Wildlife, and Rural Communities Advisory Network and the S.C. Forest Recovery Task Force. Simpson also serves as a major in the S.C. State Guard.



USDA SERVES UP FOOD SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SUMMER COOKOUT

BY USDA

WASHINGTON, May 13, 2025 – As friends and families get ready to kick off summer by firing up the grill and serving foods at a cookout, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) shares some tips to keep your celebrations safe.

“Food safety is a year-round priority, but it’s especially important during summer months when we’re cooking outdoors and handling food in warmer temperatures,” said FSIS Administrator Dr. Denise Eblen. “We have simple but effective steps that can keep you and your family safe while enjoying those outdoor meals.”

Here are some key recommendations.

CLEAN YOUR GRILL

- Grill surfaces should be washed with soap and water. Ensure old residue is scraped off.
- If you don’t have access to a faucet, carry bottled water, soap and paper towels.
- After washing, start your grill and allow the heat to kill any remaining bacteria before cooking.

PREVENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION

- Pack raw meats in sealed containers at the bottom of the cooler to prevent juices from contaminating other items.
- When grilling, use separate plates, cutting boards, and utensils for raw and cooked foods.
- Never place cooked food on plates that held raw meat, poultry or seafood.

COOK TO SAFE TEMPERATURES

- Remember that color is not a reliable indicator of doneness.
- Use a food thermometer to ensure foods reach a safe minimum internal temperature:
 - » Beef, pork, lamb, and veal steaks, chops and roasts: 145°F
 - » Seafood (fish and shellfish): 145°F
 - » Ground beef, pork, lamb and veal: 160°F
 - » Poultry (whole and ground): 165°F

AVOID THE DANGER ZONE

- The bacteria that can cause foodborne illness grow between 40°F and 140°F — also known as the Danger Zone.
- If you plan to keep perishable foods on the table for more than two hours (or one hour in temperatures above 90°F), keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold to avoid the Danger Zone.
 - » Keep hot foods heated at or above 140°F with chafing dishes or preheated grill.
 - » Keep cold foods chilled at or below 40°F by placing them on bowls of ice or keeping them inside a cooler near the picnic table.

For more information about food safety, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or email MPHotline@usda.gov.

Access news releases and other information at USDA FSIS’ website at www.fsis.usda.gov/newsroom. Follow FSIS on X at [@usdafoodsafety](https://twitter.com/usdafoodsafety) and USDA on Instagram at [@usdagov](https://www.instagram.com/usdagov) and Facebook at [@usda](https://www.facebook.com/usda).

FINDYOURFUTURE.SC.GOV LAUNCHES NEW FEATURES BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM SOUTH CAROLINIANS AND EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE PARTNERS

BY SC COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Columbia, S.C. – FindYourFuture.sc.gov was launched in February 2025 as a pilot website to connect South Carolina jobseekers with information and programs that guide them on their education and career pathways, as well as provide students, parents, employers, educators, and workforce development partners across the state with a convenient repository of links to the breadth of employment resources available to them. As part of the launch, individuals visiting the site were encouraged to complete a survey with ideas on increasing and improving the resources on the platform. Feedback from the surveys were collected and the updates to FindYourFuture.sc.gov include dozens of recommendations that have been implemented over the past few months.

FindYourFuture.sc.gov is a virtual platform developed by the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD) with the participation of more than 30 organizations, state agencies, and businesses. It represents a significant step in aligning individual organizations’ efforts to create a connected education and workforce system that is easy to access, highly effective, and simple to understand.

New pages published on FindYourFuture.sc.gov include a section devoted to education and career initiatives for veterans and their spouses. Whether they are still in the military, transitioning to civilian life and looking for work, or interested in starting a business in South Carolina, relevant information and links are easily accessible and organized in this part of the website. The S.C. Department of Veterans Affairs (SCDVA) collaborated closely with CCWD members to build these initial pages alongside other Coordinating Council members, and the Council now has a Veterans Committee that will be contributing additional links and resources to future versions of the pages.

“South Carolina does an incredible job of welcoming, honoring, and supporting its veterans. Many organizations offer programs, resources, and opportunities for these individuals and their families. It can almost be overwhelming,” stated David Rozelle, Director of Operations at the SCDVA. “We have worked closely with Coordinating Council for Workforce Development, that is leading the Find Your Future SC campaign, to develop web pages where all these resources can be housed. If users know that organizations have posted their information in this section of FindYourFuture.sc.gov by military experience, such as still in service, starting a business, looking for education, and looking for work, then finding the organizations and the programs you need is much easier. Not only that, you can access all of the other education and workforce links in the state throughout the rest of the site.”

Another update to the site is within its education sector. The first phase of FindYourFuture.sc.gov launched with approximately 20 educational links. Based on the feedback from the surveys, Coordinating Council members and partners, and the contributions of education stakeholders in South Carolina, the second phase of the website now includes an updated, more user-friendly education section that has been reformatted with improved submenus, more than two dozen new links, and clearer sectional titles to help parents, students, and educators find the information they may need quickly and efficiently.

Since the launch of the site earlier this year, more than 1,800 individuals across the state have registered for a free account and explored the Future Finder tool, which recommends learning



and employment opportunities based on each user's profile and career aspirations. There are as many users ages 50 and above as there are under 20, with backgrounds ranging from business operations and sales to hospitality, healthcare, and manufacturing — showing that there are a wide range of workers in South Carolina considering a job or career change. With more than 1,000 career profiles and 50,000 active jobs listings, you're sure to find the opportunity that's right for you.

With the new sections come other updates from the website surveys, including links to some local chamber resources, industry programs for training and internships, dashboards, video resources, and more. These are just a few of the enhanced features that the Coordinating Council added to FindYourFuture.sc.gov that were sourced directly from survey responses. As the site continues to grow, ongoing suggestions from the survey are key to ensuring that the platform is continuously refined to improve the user experience.

The Coordinating Council is committed to responding to the needs of South Carolina’s employers, jobseekers, students and their parents, educators, and workforce leaders. Any member of the public is encouraged to peruse the website and submit their feedback through the survey, linked in the main navigation menu on every page, as well as visit the platform frequently to discover newly added information and resources. Every survey submission is looked at and appreciated. This site reflects the hard work and collaboration across multiple agencies and many teams that will continue as future phases of the site and the wonderful impact it has on South Carolinians going forward.

HOMANIT SELECTS CLARENDON COUNTY TO ESTABLISH US MANUFACTURING OPERATION \$250 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 300 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Homanit, a leading manufacturer of wood materials, selected Clarendon County to establish the company’s U.S. manufacturing operation. The \$250 million investment will create 300 new jobs.

Headquartered in Germany, Homanit is a leading European manufacturer of medium- and high-density wood fiberboards for furniture, automotive, door, and coating industries worldwide. The company currently operates production facilities in Germany, Lithuania, and Poland.

Homanit’s new facility, located at 1200 Spigner Road in Alcolu, will produce its fiberboards for U.S.-based customers. Operations are expected to be online in 2028.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits related to the project.

“South Carolina’s workforce has proven itself to be one of the best in the world and continues attracting major investments to our state. Homanit’s decision to invest in Clarendon County and create an impressive 300 new jobs in the community will greatly benefit our state and our people for many years to come.” —Gov. Henry McMaster

“I’m pleased to welcome Homanit as the newest member of South Carolina’s thriving agribusiness industry. This company will support our state’s timber farmers at a critical time and offer quality jobs in a rural part of our state.” —Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

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SECRETARY ROLLINS SUSPENDS LIVE ANIMAL IMPORTS THROUGH PORTS OF ENTRY ALONG SOUTHERN BORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

BY USDA

On May 11, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the suspension of live cattle, horse, and bison imports through U.S. ports of entry along the southern border due to the continued and rapid northward spread of New World Screwworm (NWS) in Mexico, effective immediately. NWS has been recently detected in remote farms with minimal cattle movement as far north as Oaxaca and Veracruz, about 700 miles away from the U.S. border.

The United States and Mexico continue efforts to interdict and eradicate NWS in Mexico and work in good faith. However, despite these efforts and the economic impact on both countries due to this action, there has been unacceptable northward advancement of NWS and additional action must be taken to slow the northern progression of this deadly parasitic fly. As such, effective immediately, the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in conjunction with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will restrict the importation of live animal commodities originating from, or transiting Mexico. This import suspension will persist on a month-by-month basis, until a significant window of containment is achieved. USDA will continue constant collaboration with Mexico, including a review of latest data and metrics in two weeks. Our teams have been in daily communication discussing how we can build on the good work that has been accomplished to improve our strategy toward eradication. Any livestock currently in holding for entry into the United States will be processed normally, this includes an APHIS port Veterinary Medical Officer inspection exam and treatment to ensure they are not carrying NWS.

“The United States has ordered the suspension of livestock imports through ports of entry along our southern border after the continued spread of

the New World Screwworm in Mexico. Secretary Berdegué and I have worked closely on the NWS response; however, it is my duty to take all steps within my control to protect the livestock industry in the United States from this devastating pest,” said Secretary Rollins. “The protection of our animals and safety of our nation’s food supply is a national security issue of the utmost importance. Once we see increased surveillance and eradication efforts, and the positive results of those actions, we remain committed to opening the border for livestock trade. This is not about politics or punishment of Mexico, rather it is about food and animal safety.”

Effective eradication, which remains our shared goal and best interest of both the U.S. and Mexico, requires a three-pronged approach: robust active field surveillance with education and outreach to ensure prevention, treatment, and early detection; controlled animal movement to limit spread; and sustained sterile insect dispersal. Suspending livestock transport through southern ports of entry will assist in the effort to limit northbound transport of NWS through livestock commerce, and will allow the U.S. to reassess whether current mitigation standards remain sufficient. It is important to note the northward spread of NWS is possible through natural wildlife movements, including wildlife that transit the border region without impediment.

USDA is taking all possible actions to monitor for, and limit, the northward movement of NWS, including the utilization of the USDA Tick Riders to monitor livestock and wildlife along the southern border region, between the ports of entry, for the presence of NWS.

The U.S. previously and successfully led the eradication of NWS in the U.S. and Mexico,

however this cost billions of dollars and took decades. Unfortunately, these recent detections in Mexico show that this dangerous pest is back and remains a serious threat to the health of our animals, our food supply, and the security of our country.

BACKGROUND

- The first case of NWS in Mexico was reported to the U.S. in November 2024. When NWS fly larvae (maggots) burrow into the flesh of a living animal, they cause serious, often deadly damage to the animal. NWS can infest livestock, pets, wildlife, occasionally birds, and in rare cases, people.
- In November 2024, after a positive detection of NWS in southern Mexico, USDA shut down the border for live animal trade.
- In February 2025, USDA resumed imports after APHIS and Mexico agreed to and implemented a comprehensive pre-clearance inspection and treatment protocol to ensure safe movement and steps to mitigate the threat of NWS.
- Over the last two years, screwworm has spread north throughout Panama and into Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, and now Mexico.
- APHIS is releasing sterile flies through aerial and ground release at strategic locations, focusing on Southern Mexico and other areas throughout Central America. A complete list of regions APHIS recognizes as affected by NWS as well as more detailed information on trade restrictions can be found on the USDA APHIS Animal Health Status of Regions website.

MAY RAIN RELIEVES DROUGHT CONDITIONS FOR MOST OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MOST LOCATIONS ACROSS STATE RECEIVED 4-7 INCHES OF RAIN OVER LAST 30 DAYS

BY SCDNR

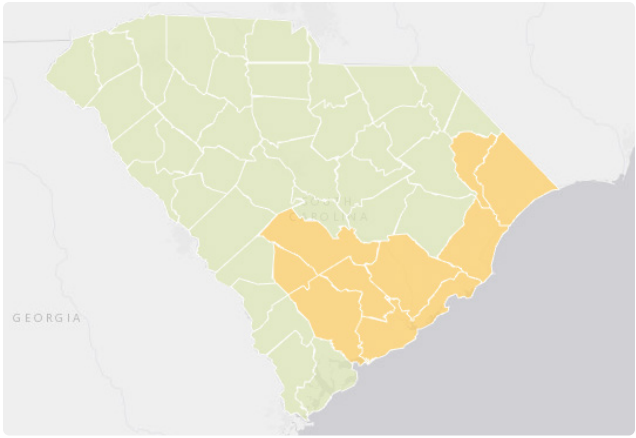
COLUMBIA, S.C. — The SC Drought Response Committee (DRC) met May 22, 2025, to evaluate drought conditions statewide. The DRC is the state’s major drought decision-making entity and determines drought severity as defined by the S.C. Drought Response Act to protect the state’s water resources. The act establishes four levels of drought — incipient, moderate, severe, and extreme. For more information about the DRC and the SC Drought Response Program visit scdrought.com.

The discussion during the meeting today focused on whether May’s rain was sufficient to lower the drought threat and the answer was “yes” for most of the state.

The five counties (Berkely, Charleston, Georgetown, Horry, and Marion) upgraded to moderate drought during the April committee meeting were downgraded today to incipient. The committee did not feel the recent rain was sufficient to lower the incipient drought designation for Bamberg, Colleton, Dorchester and Orangeburg counties. All other counties returned to normal conditions based on the committee evaluation.

more rain during May than February, March and April combined.

The S.C. Department of Environmental Services provided an update on streamflow, groundwater and lake levels. Rainfall totals over the past several weeks have greatly improved streamflow conditions across the entire state with many sites experiencing 14-day average flow percentiles above the 75th percentile. The improved streamflow conditions supported removing all counties out of drought in the west and central drought management areas as well as most counties in the northeast. Groundwater levels remain below normal for several counties in the southern drought management area which supported retaining an incipient drought status for these counties.



Normal	<div></div>	37
Incipient	<div></div>	9
Moderate	<div></div>	0
Severe	<div></div>	0
Extreme	<div></div>	0

anyone that does outdoor burning to make sure they are doing it safely and that they have the proper precautions in place.

The Drought Response Committee is closely monitoring conditions and will reconvene June 26, 2025.

According to the S.C. Forestry Commission (SCFC), recent rains and new vegetation growing this spring with high moisture content have reduced the wildfire threat across the state. The Forestry Commission was able to fully contain the 2,059-acre Covington Drive Fire in Horry County on May 21, 82 days after it started on March 1, and wildfire occurrence statewide has moderated. Even with more frequent thunderstorms and a few rain events, we do want to encourage