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2025 DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR AG TAX CREDIT

BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

If your business buys South Carolina agricultural products, it could pay off at tax time. The state provides a possible income tax credit or withholding tax credit to agribusinesses or agricultural packaging operations that increase their purchases of products certified as grown in South Carolina by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The state Agricultural Tax Credit is intended to reward existing companies for buying more agricultural products grown in South Carolina.

To be eligible for this credit, a company must have a base year in which the company purchases more than \$100,000 of agricultural products that have been certified as grown in South Carolina by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and then must increase the number of agricultural units purchased in the following year by at least 15% over base-year unit totals. It's important to note that this doesn't have anything to do with our Certified South Carolina program; the products simply have to be grown here.

Eligible companies may claim an income tax credit or a credit against employee withholding as decided by the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development. An individual taxpayer cannot be awarded a credit in excess of \$100,000 during any calendar year, and the maximum amount of tax credits allowed to all qualifying taxpayers cannot exceed \$2 million.

The application deadline is September 30. For more information, visit scagribusiness.com/agricultural-tax-credit or email aroberson@scda.sc.gov.



Office of Agribusiness Development

In 2015, the state of South Carolina established the Office of Agribusiness Development to serve as an economic development arm of the Department of Agriculture to expand farming and agribusiness opportunities in South Carolina.

The Agricultural Tax Credit is one of many benefits available to agribusinesses in South Carolina. The state offers a variety of competitive and customized incentive programs to meet any company's needs. The state's leadership takes pride in being accessible to companies of any size, which is why small companies and large corporations alike recognize the business climate in South Carolina as one of the best in the nation.

Learn more at scagribusiness.com.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Can you imagine if South Carolina farmers had to export 90 percent of what we produced?

I've gotten the opportunity to visit Ireland a few times as your Commissioner of Agriculture, and there are a lot of parallels between their country and our state. Ireland is the same size as South Carolina, both in land mass and population, yet they have more than six times as many farms. They produce beef, dairy products, and of course some famous whiskies, and the vast majority of it is exported.

To me, that says they're combining efficient production with a trade mindset. It also says that farming in Ireland is a desirable profession that allows people to sustain their families.

South Carolina exports about \$1 billion a year in agricultural products, about a quarter of our output. I'm not saying 90 percent should be South Carolina's goal, but it is interesting as a thought experiment.

I visited Ireland and the UK last month with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, or NASDA. This trade mission was part of some work we've been doing over the past few years to develop relationships and engage on trade as they emerge from Brexit.

Of course, it's a difficult time to be talking

about trade, given the uncertainty over tariffs and country-to-country relationships. What we can do is show that we are good partners and that when the time comes to make a deal we'll stand behind it. Like most business, it's all about relationships.

There are definitely opportunities for South Carolina and US producers to export to the UK and Ireland, such as:

- Wood chips. The UK and Ireland are trying to build a portfolio of energy based on biomass. And we here in SC are looking for new forest product markets.
- Distillers grain. They are reducing ethanol production, which reduces the supply of distillers grain for use as cattle feedstock.
- Beef and beef genetics
- Oysters

We're making some real progress on these conversations.

While visiting Ireland, I had the pleasure of visiting a beef farm, a dairy farm, a food research center, and the Armagh Cider Company. We also visited the Irish National Stud with a focus on horse breeding.

A stop in England followed, where we also toured some farms and had some further productive trade discussion. One takeaway was that farmers across the globe are similar in many ways, and that's an assuring fact.

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You will also need a credit card, debit card, or bank account number.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pics with Chicks

September 12 • 4 – 7 pm
Pics with Chicks is a limited-time mini photo session featuring our adorable baby chicks in a cozy, fall-themed setting. It’s the perfect way to capture autumn memories with the people you love most.
The Farm 1780, LLC
1127 Corley Mill Road, Lexington
803-356-4978
thefarm1780.com

Wild Mushroom Food Safety Certification

September 13 & 14 • 9 am – 5 pm
This 5-year mushroom foraging permit meets the criteria required by the state health departments and formally approved for the foraging and selling of wild mushrooms in the following states: South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island. Signups will receive a study guide and slides 1 month ahead of the class.
Mushroom Mountain
200 Finney Road, Easley
864-859-3080
shop.mushroommountain.com/products/fall-mushroom-cultivation-workshop-sept-2024

Fall Floral Design Workshop

September 13 • 6 – 8 pm
Join us for a delightful hands-on sunset experience at Cascade Farms, where you’ll design a one-of-a-kind ecofriendly floral centerpiece using fresh seasonal blooms thoughtfully harvested from our fields. \$65/ticket includes professional floral instruction, farm-fresh flowers, refreshments, snacks, and a farm tour.
Cascade Farms
984 Cascade Road, Cheraw
843-229-0515
cascadefarmssc.com/event-details/fall-floral-design-workshop

Fall Everlasting Wreaths

September 17 or 20 • 10 am – 12 pm
In this 2-hour session, we will talk about the basics of drying flowers and we will help you build your own custom dried flower wreath. All materials are provided.
The Purple Tuteur Farm
Blythewood
purpletuteur@gmail.com • 803-413-2573
purpletuteur.com/classes/p/fall-wreath-workshop

Oconee County Farm Crawl

September 20 • 9 am – 5 pm
Visit Oconee County’s finest local farms and homesteads connecting with the people who grow your food, raise animals, and steward the land you love. The Farm Crawl is a self-directed event where the participants drive themselves from farm to farm.
oconeefarmcrawl.com

Pumpkin Fest at Sara’s!

September 19 – November 16 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
10 am – 10 pm
Experience 20+ attractions, meet farm animals, pick flowers & so much more!
Sara’s Farm Adventure
100 Greenhouse Road, Trenton
sarasfarmadventure.com/pumpkin-fest

Cottle Strawberry Farm Fall Fest

September 19 – November 16 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
10 am – dark
The all-new Cottle FunPark in Hopkins is chock full of attractions (like the corn maze and wagon rides), family games (like corn hole), activities (like a climbing wall) and lots of super-cute photo props! Admission to the FunPark is inclusive with Fall Festival admission! Farm Admission (age 2+) is \$14 + fees online and \$16 at the farm.
Cottle Strawberry Farm
9560 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins
cottlefarms@aol.com • 803-695-1714

2025 Fall Festival

September 27 – November 9 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
10 am – 10 pm
Whether you're looking for a fun outing with the family, or a unique spot to hang out with some friends, there is something for everyone to enjoy on our farm!
Denver Downs Farm
1515 Denver Road, Anderson
864-556-3394
denverdownsfarm.com



CERTIFIED SOUTH CAROLINA GROWN

What's In Season

Visit
certifiedsc.com/whats-in-season

to see September’s
in-season produce!

| SCDA State Farmers Markets | | | |
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| SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET | GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET | PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET | VISIT AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV |
| 3483 Charleston Highway West Columbia, SC 29172 803-737-4664 | 1354 Rutherford Road Greenville, SC 29609 864-244-4023 | 2513 W. Lucas Street Florence, SC 29501 843-665-5154 | Click on the State Farmers Markets button for more information about each location |

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

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South Carolina Department of Agriculture

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AQUACULTURE

GRASS CARP

\$12; 3-5" Ch Cats, 65¢; 1-3" BG, 65¢; Tilapia \$1.25/\$2.25; 1-3" lrgmth Bass, \$3 ea; more Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

BLUEGILL

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

OPEN ANG HEFR

22 m/o, 800 lbs, good dispo, \$2500 Zach Davick Lexington 803-760-0284

REG DEXTER CATTLE

(1) hefr B-8/24, (2) hefrs B-5/25, \$1700 ea; (2) Bull calves B-5/25, \$1500 ea Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800

2 FB CHAR HEFRS

B-10/1 & 5/24, no papers, \$1800 ea James Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455

2½ Y/O REG BFMSTR BULL

red/wht faced, docile, easy keeper, del can be arranged, \$2850 Chris Smith Union 864-426-3718

4-6 M/O ANG HFRS

weaned, wormed, on feed, \$850 ea Casey McCarty Newberry 803-924-5239

BUCKING BULLS

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

ADCA REG DEXTER HEFRS

B-10/23, polled, PHA-neg, non-chondro, 1 dun, 2 red, open, \$1800 ea Dawn Halbert Laurens 864-918-4507

REG BLK ANG BULLS

low BW & calving ease, 15 m/o, \$3500; 11 m/o, \$2500 Doug Blake Greenville 864-918-7480

BLK ANG HEFRS

Reg & Comm, open, \$2250+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

REG HRFRD BULL

18 m/o, AI bred, Expedition/215Z, dark red, pigmented, dam on site, \$5000 obo, call/text/lv msg Robert Roper Laurens 864-923-2952

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

'53 FA SUPER C FAST HITCH

tiller, disc, 5x5 mwr, platform carrier, 3 pt adapt, \$3500 William Gibson Richland 803-309-1194

VERMEER STRING BALER

new belts, used/serv '24, \$5000; hay rake, new tires, \$2500; Krone cutter, \$5000; more Don Turner Spartanburg 864-706-7990

CASE INTL 1640 COMBINE

4363 hrs, 944 corn head, 1020 platform head, GC, \$15,000 Will Tuten Colleton 843-908-3474

MILLER BOBCAT 225G

welder/8000-watt generator w/Onan motor on trl, \$3500 obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

JD 4230

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

IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER

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

9600 FORD TRACTOR

VGRC, 135 hp, dual remotes, \$12,000, call/text T L Farr Union 864-251-4046

NH 311 SQ BALER

\$4000; MF 33 grain drill, \$2500 Leonard Williams Anderson 864-245-0436

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$7500 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

JD 854 ROW CROP HDR

\$10,000; JD 4020, \$5000; CAT Forklift, w/duals, needs motor rebuilt, \$2000; more Henry Gunter Lexington 803-260-5502

4x8 UTIL TRL

new tires, GC, w/lights, \$700 Dan Kale Chester 704-534-2902

INTL 404 TRACTOR

w/3ph & subsoiler, turn plow, harrow, scrap blade, bush hog, boom pole, \$4000 Byron Stone Greenville 864-313-2754

JD 4020

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

MF 1840 SQ BALER

baled 1500, \$30,000; BHB 2 basket tedder, \$4000; BH 8' scrape blade, \$1200 Ken Hunter Chester 803-374-0448

14' DISC HARROW

w/good blades, \$1200, must be able to load Gene Weatherford Lee 803-840-4512

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

Allison trans, Duramax innovative 6.6 dsl, LN, 96,400 mi, \$28,500 John Lyons Chester 803-899-4308

CASE IH 2022 COTTON PKR

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

JD 8000 GRAIN DRILL

dbl disc & cyl, \$2800; NI 485 rnd baler, \$4500; MF 82TP 4 btm plow, \$600 Harry Watson Lexington 803-413-2571

JD 544 B LDR

GRC, \$10,500 Derwin Shumpert Lexington 803-873-8437

5' BHB GROOMING MWR

antiq/vintage '60-64, cuts well, \$300 Bob White Spartanburg 864-457-2293

JD 850

25 hp, 2 wd, 3ph, PTO, shed kept, \$4900 Mike Buck Saluda 864-445-7399

3PH DIRT 'SUPER PAN'

to fill holes, more, \$300 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280

2 FRT END LDERS

both in GC, w/all mounting hdwe incl, MF L-210, \$4200; MF 236, \$4500; cow trl, \$550 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

JD 385 RND BALER

4x5 twine tie w/bale kicker, shed kept, GC, \$5500; NH 255 side del hay rake, GC, \$900 Johnny Childress Laurens 864-872-9985

1R COLE PLNTR W/CULT

EC, \$700 George Schwab York 803-493-8021

NH TC34DA TRACTOR

35 hp, HST, 4wd, 293 hrs, ldr, quick att bucket, new hyd hoses, mid & rear PTO, EC, \$17,900 obo Bob Vickery Anderson 864-420-1079

ZTR 185 DRUM MWR

LN, \$3000 obo Mary Hartsell Anderson 864-934-4815

20 BLADE DISC

\$1200; (3) 3ph cult frames, \$900; (2) tr cults, \$300; 7' boom pole, \$125; call/text Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711

3PT POST HOLE DIGGER

w/ 9" auger, \$500; 5' Hardee bush hog, \$800; 7' 3pt bush hog, \$1000 Jack Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574

MF 450 RND TWINE BALER

fix or part out, \$900 Calvin Owens Newberry 803-924-2732

8' PLOTMASTER

VGC, \$4500 Mary Ann Laurey Barnwell 803-671-4987

CASE 580B BACKHOE

\$3500; 5' Hardee bush hog, \$800 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

8'x16' ALL STEEL TRL

w/2 ldr pads, 2 axles w/4 tires, \$3500, no text Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

2 COLE 12 MX PLNTRS

w/tool bar, \$4135; Befco 7' sickle bar mwr w/spare blade, \$4700 Gerald Hutto Lexington 803-568-3181

UNIFARM CD 210 DISC MWR

for parts or repair w/PTO shaft, 5 discs w/blades & lift cyl, \$275 Jeff Burkes Greenwood 864-229-4211

13' 4R ROUNDUP WICK BAR

\$400 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692

07 NH 565 BALER

shed kept, LT 10000 bales, last used '14, 3ph rake & tedder, \$9000; more Charles Fairchild Anderson 863-617-1010

6' JCT BRUSH HOG

quick attach, high or low flow, new, \$1800 Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283

3000 FORD TRACTOR

\$6000; btm plow, \$300; 20 disc harrow, \$100; more Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214

KMC BOLL BUGGY

6r w/split chain, \$1200; JD Grain drill, \$2800; 7' Rotary cutter, \$500; Trl w/bin, \$1000 Carl Brown Aiken 803-640-0281

FARM LABOR

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

BEAVER TRAPPING

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

LIME SPREADING

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

CERTIFIED FARRIER

trims horses, donkeys, and goats, serving upstate area, call/text Joe Payne Oconee 864-888-7642

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS

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

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.

132A SUMTER CO

timber, Pocotaligo Swamp, w/gov easement, duck & deer hunting, \$975/A Horace Roberson Sumter 803-972-4800

80.2A EDGEFIELD CO

timber w/small creek, tax #024-00-00-003-000, \$4200/A John Rhodes Hampton 803-346-9473

34 A CLEAR LAND

for livestock, pastured, \$170,000, Mt Gallant Rd to Museum Rd, \$5000/A William Ware York 803-517-8060

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.

BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE

100 stalks, \$100
F C Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

FARM FRESH CHICKEN EGGS

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

JUMBO QUAIL

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

CHICKEN EGGS

from farm, \$4/dz
Dwight Gilliland
Saluda
864-941-0958

BLUEBERRIES

figs, \$10/gal
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

GARDEN

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

BLUBERRY PLANTS

3/\$20; Figs, Pomegranate, Elderberry plants, \$20; grapevines, \$10; Mulberry trees, \$30
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

HOGS / PIGS

5 AMERICAN GUINEA HOG PIGLETS

9 w/o, \$70 ea, lv msg
David Gonshorowski
Aiken
706-726-1569

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

1 Y/O BUCK

blk/wht dapple, \$300
David Robinson
Greenville
864-616-6512

HAIR SHEEP

lambs & adults, \$100-250 ea
George Schwuchow
Edgefield
843-607-4160

REG MYOTONIC/ FAINTING GOATS

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

2 ND DOES

1½ y/o, \$200 ea; 4 m/o ND
doeling w/horns, & polled
ND buckling, \$150 ea
Arie Murphy
Barnwell
803-571-0373

RAMS

'22 Shetland, wht, reg, \$300;
'25 Shetland, can be reg, '25
2 horn, & '25 4 horn Jacob,
\$250 ea
Maria Cromer
Greenville
864-505-3450

KIKO BUCKS

50% & few weathers, \$225 ea
Earl Owens
Laurens
864-684-6993

HAY & GRAIN

4×5 RND FESCUE MIX

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

SHELLED CORN

or wheat, 50 lb bag, \$10/bag
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

SQ FESCUE

NR, barn kept, \$7 ea; sq
orchard grass, \$5 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

'25 MIXED GRASS

net wrap, \$50; grass straw mix,
for mulch, \$35 ea; both 4×5
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

HQ SQ CB

no litter used, \$8; rnd, \$65/
field, \$75/barn; CQ, 16 bales
outside, \$30, take all \$25
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

SQ TIFTON 44 BERMUDA

\$8/HQ, \$6/CQ; sq April Rye
Grass, \$6
Thomas Thain
Lexington
803-920-7023

'25 4×5 RND MIXED GRASS

fert Bahai/Bermuda, net
wrap, \$50/bale, call/text
Jason Sandifer
Richland
803-606-3596

'25 OAT STRAW

4000 bales avail, \$6/bale
Victor Smith
Berkeley
843-870-8522

SQ BALES

for cows, goats & landscape
and/or bedding, \$2
Pamela Frady
Spartanburg
864-441-2277

RND 4×4½' HQ CB

shed kept, net wrap, comm
fert, \$70
Jennifer Fitch
Fairfield
803-718-0422

'25 4×5 RND HAY

net wrap, \$40 ea, can haul for
addl fee if getting 10+ bales
Jerry Crittendon
Greenwood
864-321-2427

'25 SQ HQ CB

shed kept, \$8/bale, del avail
for fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

'24 4×5 RND HQ CB

barn kept, \$75; field kept,
\$65; CQ, \$55; net wrap, will
del for fee
Tyler Sanderlin
Barnwell
803-709-2626

FESCUE MIX

\$50/4×5 rnd, \$5/sq
Stanley McMurray
Chester
803-379-6838

'25 4×5 FESCUE

net wrap, \$50
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

SQ BALE STRAW

\$4: wheat, \$60; oats, \$40, in
your 55 gal drum, also avail
in bulk bags
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

'25 4×5 FESCUE

NR, \$35
Carroll Shealy
Laurens
864-872-4184

'25 HQ 4×5 RND HAY

net, out of field, \$70, can del
Andrew Rice
Allendale
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INLAND PORT GREER EXPANSION COMPLETE,
READY TO MEET MARKET DEMANDS

BY SC PORTS

South Carolina Ports marked the completion of a \$55 million expansion project at Inland Port Greer on Wednesday, strengthening the port’s statewide intermodal capabilities and connectivity from the Port of Charleston to inland markets.

Upgrades include an expanded container yard to increase cargo capacity by 50%, 9,000 feet of additional rail to quickly handle longer trains, an expanded chassis lot, and new terminal operations and maintenance buildings.

With these enhancements, Inland Port Greer can handle 300,000 rail lifts annually and meet projected customer demand through 2040.

“This critical project not only supports the needs of our existing customers, but also positions the region to attract more cargo and new business,” SC Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin said. “South Carolina is among the states with the fastest-growing population and GDP in the nation, and SC Ports stands ready with ample capacity and infrastructure to meet the growing demand for reliable port service.”

Customer demand drove the need for an expanded footprint. Inland Port Greer saw 355% cargo growth from 2014 to 2024, representing an average annual growth rate of 16%.

“We have seen tremendous growth at Inland Port Greer since operations began, and this expansion and investment will allow us to continue providing excellent service as our customers grow,” Melvin said.

The project was funded in part by a \$25 million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage

Development (BUILD) grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in 2018. SC Ports received \$13.75 million of the grant, which was administered by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

SC Ports, SCDOT, Norfolk Southern, and BMW partnered together for the grant application.

“We are grateful for the support of our Congressional delegation, state leaders, USDOT and SCDOT,” Melvin said. “Their continued recognition of SC Ports as an economic driver for South Carolina and the broader Southeast allows us to make bold investments that keep our state competitive.”

The completion of the Inland Port Greer expansion comes as SC Ports prepares to bring the Navy Base Intermodal Facility (NBIF) online later in 2025, enhancing South Carolina’s rail access to key markets like Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, Louisville and beyond.

Inland Port Greer’s strategic location along the I-85 corridor between Atlanta and Charlotte allows cargo to efficiently move between the Port of Charleston and inland population centers, with Norfolk Southern providing daily rail service.

Inland Port Greer moves goods for advanced manufacturers, mega retailers and consumer goods industries across the Southeast. Many of these companies have invested in Upstate operations to take advantage of the inland port.

SC Ports generates a \$44 billion economic impact in the Upstate each year, with port operations directly and indirectly supporting 132,000 jobs in the region.

"Smart investments in port infrastructure drive new business and economic prosperity for our state. Inland Port Greer has been a catalyst for the Upstate's economy, bringing with it new opportunities for our people. This project will serve as a boost to South Carolina's port-dependent businesses, and continue to promote our business-friendly reputation around the world." — Governor Henry McMaster

“The expansion of Inland Port Greer is great news for the shippers who depend on the Port of Charleston. The additional capacity and rail capabilities will generate even more investment and jobs in the Upstate, helping our companies grow. I am proud to have joined my South Carolina colleagues in supporting this important project that will pay dividends for American companies in the years to come.” — US Senator Lindsey Graham

“South Carolina Ports serves as a huge economic engine for our state. This expansion of Inland Port Greer will further economic growth in the Upstate and across the Southeast. I am proud of the work Team South Carolina has done to make this project possible, and I look forward to seeing port investments further support the growth of South Carolina companies.” — US Senator Tim Scott

“Many Upstate companies depend on SC Ports to handle their imports and exports. This supply chain activity generates economic benefits and jobs for South Carolinians. The expansion of Inland Port Greer will further help our existing companies grow and bring new business to the region, creating more economic opportunities in the Upstate.” — Congressman William Timmons

SPECIALTY CROP GROWERS CAN APPLY FOR 2025 ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION EXPENSES

BY USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds specialty crop producers that the application period for the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) program for program year 2025 opened Jan. 1, 2025, and runs through Jan. 31, 2026. The program has been expanded to include medium-sized businesses in addition to small businesses. Eligible specialty crop growers can apply for assistance for expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification.

PROGRAM DETAILS

FSCSC covers a percentage of the specialty crop operation’s cost of obtaining or renewing its on-farm food safety certification, as well as a portion of related expenses.

Eligible FSCSC applicants must be a specialty crop operation; meet the definition of a small or medium-size business and have paid eligible expenses related to certification.

- A small business has an average annual monetary value of specialty crops sold by the applicant during the three-year period preceding the program year of no more than \$500,000.
- A medium size business has an average annual monetary value of specialty crops the applicant sold during the three-year period preceding the program year of at least \$500,001 but no more than \$1,000,000.

Specialty crop operations can receive the following cost assistance:

- Developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification.
- Maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan.

- Food safety certification.
- Certification upload fees.
- Microbiological testing for products, soil amendments and water.
- Training.

FSCSC payments are calculated separately for each eligible cost category. Details about payment rates and limitations are available at farmers.gov/food-safety.

APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

For program year 2025, the application period began Jan. 1, 2025, and runs through Jan. 31, 2026. FSA will issue 50% of the calculated payment for program year 2025 following application approval, with the remaining amount to be paid after the application deadline. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be prorated.

Specialty crop producers can apply by completing the FSA-888-1, Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program (FSCSC) for Program Years 2024 and 2025 application. The application, along with the AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet and SF-3881, ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form, if not already on file with FSA, can be submitted to the FSA county office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. Producers with an eAuthentication account can apply for FSCSC online. Producers interested in creating an eAuthentication account should visit farmers.gov/sign-in.

Visit farmers.gov/food-safety for additional program details, eligibility information and application forms.

CLEMSON ANNOUNCES 2025-26 GOING ORGANIC WEBINAR SERIES

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The Clemson University Organic Plant Breeding Institute continues its “Going Organic” webinar series to teach growers how to produce nutritional legumes and save money.

The free webinars will be held monthly through May 2026, featuring presentations by world-renowned researchers. This series is part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food and Agriculture-funded grant project.

Registration is required. For information, contact Dil Thavarajah at dthavar@clemson.edu.

Speakers, topics, and registration links are listed below.

10 a.m., Sept. 10 – Are drones and phenomics a good investment for crop improvement? A Texas maize breeder’s perspective
—Seth Murray, plant breeding and genetics, Texas A&M University
Register: bit.ly/45j2vW4

10 a.m., Oct. 8 – Lessons learned from modeling genomic selection in common bean
—Valerio Hoyos-Villegas, plant breeding and genetics, Michigan State University
Register: bit.ly/45vXyYJ

10 a.m., Nov. 12 – A multi-omic approach for genetic mapping and prediction of antagonistic traits
—Nonoy Bandillo, small grains breeding and genetics, NC State University
Register: bit.ly/4mEHKtH

10 a.m., Jan. 14, 2026 – Organic pulse crop nutritional breeding update for South Carolina
—Dil Thavarajah, professor, pulse quality and nutritional breeding, Clemson University
Register: bit.ly/4lrZ4RE

10 a.m., Feb. 11, 2026 – Next generation collards
—Phillip D. Griffiths, associate professor, horticulture, Cornell University
Register: bit.ly/4fCDSav

11 a.m., March 11, 2026 – Organic integrated management of root rot pathogens on pulses
—Lyndon Porter, plant pathologist, USDA-ARS
Register: bit.ly/45R6qJS

10 a.m., April 15, 2026 – Agronomic management of disease in pulse crops
—Audrey Kalil, plant pathologist, North Dakota State University
Register: bit.ly/45hbJlJ

10 a.m., May 6, 2026 – Graduate student presentations
—Chamodi Senarathna, Flavor chemistry toward the palatability of dry pea-based foods
—Nathan Windsor, The responsibility of genetics for dry pea quality and quantity
Register: bit.ly/4i3WnyC



South Carolina Department of Agriculture



SC WOMEN OWNING WOODLANDS TO HOLD ONLINE FALL WORKSHOPS

The Clemson Extension program Women Owning Woodlands (WOW) engages and educates women in stewardship of land by connecting them to resources, trusted professionals, and a community of other like-minded land managers and owners.

Registration for our fall 2025 webinar series is now open.

Join us this fall for the 2025 Fall WOW (Women Owning Woodlands) Webinar Series:

Know Your Land: Wild Harvests, Wildlife & Healthy Ecosystems

Whether you're foraging in the forest or tackling invasive species, this series will give you the knowledge and tools to care for your land and its resources.

When: Tuesday evenings
Sept. 23, 30 | Oct. 7, 14
7–8 pm
Zoom Webinar

Only \$15 for the entire 4-part series

- Topics include:
- Forest Foraging
 - Managing Nuisance Wildlife
 - Creating Unique Ecosystems
 - Controlling Invasive Species

Open to all—regardless of gender!

This series is designed with women landowners in mind, but everyone is welcome to attend and learn.

Reserve your spot now: bit.ly/SCWOWFall2025

Questions? Contact Janet Steele at jmwatt@clemson.edu

Presented by Women Owning Woodlands – South Carolina, a Clemson Extension program.

Let’s grow together—naturally!

For more information and to be added to SC WOW communications, please contact Janet Steele at jmwatt@clemson.edu or 803-534-6280. You can also follow Women Owning Woodlands–South Carolina on Facebook.

CLEMSON WRAPS UP SOCIAL STUDIES ACADEMY WITH AGRICULTURAL CURRICULUM TRAINING

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY



South Carolina eighth-grade teachers spent part of their summer participating in the final Clemson University SOCIAL Studies Academy, where they learned about agricultural concepts and careers.

SOCIAL stands for Studies of Occupations, Culture and Innovations toward Agricultural Literacy.

In its fourth and final year, the goal of the Academy is to provide teachers with tools to integrate agriculture and history in their curricula to help improve students’ agricultural literacy while exposing them to careers in the food and agricultural sciences.

Led by Dale Layfield, associate professor of agricultural education, the program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

“This program is designed to show teachers how they can integrate history and agriculture in their social studies curricula,” Layfield said. “It provides teachers with a variety of lessons and activities designed to improve their knowledge of careers in food and agricultural sciences.”

During the program, participants tour Clemson research stations and other facilities, highlighting modern agricultural production. They also take an online graduate course to learn how to develop lesson plans and use other tools to integrate agriculture and history into their social studies curricula that align with one of the state standards.

“What’s exciting about today’s agriculture and natural resources industry is the wide array of opportunities available beyond the farm and field, such as precision agriculture, computing, engineering, communications and even finance,” Layfield said. “Robots, sensors, drones, gene editing technology, GPS, GIS and supercomputers are all part of how college graduates in agriculture are helping tackle challenges associated with sustainably feeding, clothing and sheltering a growing South Carolina and global population.”

Because technology is becoming more widely used in agriculture, the program also includes a session dedicated to technologies. One session this year focused on the CASE AgXplore (AgX) Middle School Curriculum. It was led by Chris

Eck, an agricultural education associate professor at Oklahoma State University and a CASE affiliate professor. The session included both social studies teachers and agriculture teachers.

“The CASE curriculum provides teachers with meaningful professional development and access to engaging, hands-on curriculum,” Eck said.

Providing teachers with curriculum and resources is essential to help them deliver effective instruction in their classrooms, ultimately improving career satisfaction and teacher retention.

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Trainings such as this are pivotal.

“Teaching the AgX curriculum helps to improve students’ agricultural literacy and introduce them to agricultural experiences,” Eck said. “This curriculum works great in middle school agriculture classrooms. It also serves as a cross-disciplinary curriculum to use agriculture as a context to teach a variety of content areas.”

In addition to Layfield, others who worked on the project include Beatrice Bailey, a Clemson professor in the College of Education, and Joseph Donaldson from North Carolina State University.

PROGRAM BENEFITS STUDENTS, TEACHERS

Teachers participating in the 2025 Academy said the information they learned was valuable. One teacher is Rose Marie Craft of the Orangeburg Preparatory School, who will use what she learned from the Academy to teach the students in her geography and history classes.

“What we learned applies directly to the agriculture chapter in my AP Human Geography class,” Craft said. “It also applies to much of the South Carolina history I teach. My students will learn that agriculture is very much needed for us to live. They will also learn about careers available in agriculture and about how research leads to new discoveries that benefit everyone.”

Teachers’ voices

Teachers from all over South Carolina participated in the SOCIAL Studies Academy. Here are some of their comments.

What we’ve done and learned during this (Academy) has given me a lot of great ideas to use in my program. I have learned a lot of great ideas for hands-on instruction that I can use even on a budget.
– Ashton Myrick, first year ag teacher at Guinyard-Butler Middle School

This information will allow my students to connect agriculture to the world around them. This hands-on approach will allow them to participate in activities that are different from traditional classes.
– Kelly Rauch, Gilbert Middle School

I will definitely use the hands-on activities to engage students. These activities will help students better understand the importance of agriculture and how it affects their daily lives.
– Aaron Temples, Langston Charter Middle School

My students will benefit from my using the AgX curriculum. This curriculum will expose them to the many areas of the agriculture industry and give them opportunities to participate in real-world activities.
– Patricia Moseley, J-E-T Middle School

My students will benefit because these activities will help them further develop their critical thinking skills.
– Edward “Eddie” Williams, Landrum Middle School

Agricultural programs are offered at our Applied Technology Center. I will use this information to promote the program and share career opportunities with our students.
– Paul Johnson, Dutchman Creek Middle School

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– Rose Marie Craft, Orangeburg Preparatory School

This (information and material) will help me teach students about opportunities available in the agriculture field. It will help get them excited about learning.
– Crystal Coleman, Ridge-Spring Monetta Middle/High School

USDA ANNOUNCES SWEEPING PLANS TO PROTECT THE UNITED STATES FROM NEW WORLD SCREWORM

BY USDA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today at the Texas State Capitol alongside Governor Greg Abbott and stakeholders from across the country announced the largest initiative yet in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) plan to combat the New World Screwworm (NWS). This announcement builds upon USDA’s five-pronged plan issued in June to combat the northward spread of NWS from Mexico into the United States.

NWS is a devastating pest. 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. It is not only a threat to our ranching community — but it is a threat to our food supply and our national security.

While USDA is coordinating efforts to combat NWS, it will require continued collaboration between Federal agencies, State governments, and the private sector. That is why USDA is working alongside the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to encourage animal drug development and prioritize approvals for prevention and treatment of the pest, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy on new innovations to enhance our ability to combat the pest with technologies, and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to protect the United States border. The United States government will also work alongside Governors, State Agriculture Commissioners, State veterinarians, and others to combat this pest.

As part of this comprehensive approach, USDA is taking the following immediate actions:

1.) Innovate Our Way to Eradication

While sterile flies are currently the most effective way to prevent the spread of NWS, technology continues to evolve and as such USDA will provide up to \$100 million to invest in viable innovations which could show rapid advancement of promising

technologies that will augment the United States facility and accelerate the pace of sterile fly production if proven successful. USDA will support proven concepts that only require funding to scale and implement as well as a number of longer-term research projects focused on: new sterile NWS production techniques, novel NWS traps and lures, NWS therapeutics that could be stockpiled and used should NWS reach the United States, and any other



tools to bolster preparedness or response to NWS.

2.) Protect the United States Border – Construction of a Domestic Sterile Screwworm Production Facility

USDA will construct a sterile fly production facility in Edinburg, TX, at Moore Air Force Base, an ideal location due to the existing infrastructure and proximity to the United States-Mexico border. Built with the Army Corps of Engineers, the facility will produce up to 300 million sterile flies per week to combat NWS. This will be the only United States-based sterile fly facility and will work in tandem with facilities in Panama and Mexico to help eradicate the pest and protect American agriculture.

3.) Wildlife Migration Prevention

Animals don’t know borders, and that leaves the U.S potentially vulnerable to NWS from wildlife migrating across the border. USDA is working aggressively to ramp up the hiring of USDA-employed mounted patrol officers, known as “Tick Riders,” and other staff who will focus

on border surveillance. The Tick Riders, who are mounted on horseback, will be complemented by other animal health experts who will patrol the border in vehicles and will provide the first line of defense against an NWS outbreak along the United States-Mexico border.

USDA will also begin training detector dogs to detect screwworm infestations in livestock and other animals along our border and at various ports of entry. These dogs will be essential to help control the spread of the NWS. USDA is working closely with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S Customs and Border Protection to monitor the border for NWS-infected wildlife that could pose a threat to the United States.

4.) Stop the Pest from Spreading in Mexico and Ensure We Are Full Partners in Eradication

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is working in collaboration with the National Service of Agri-Food Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) in Mexico to help them contain the pest south of the United States border by enhancing United States oversight, surveillance, improving case reporting, locking down animal movement to prevent further spread, providing traps, lures, training, and verification of Mexican NWS activities. Successful implementation will inform any future trade decisions impacting cattle movements on the southern border including the potential reopening of border areas.

5.) United States Food Safety is of Utmost Importance

To date, NWS has not been reported or detected in the United States in animals. USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service inspects animals and carcasses at slaughter, including for NWS to keep the food supply safe.

Learn more about USDA’s activities in response to New World Screwworm at aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cattle/ticks/screwworm.

FARMERS AND HOMEOWNERS CAN DISPOSE OF WASTE PESTICIDES SEPT. 16

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is offering the opportunity to safely dispose of outdated, unusable, or unwanted pesticides at an upcoming event:

September 16, 2025
9 am – 2 pm
Carolina Fresh Farms
1335 E Pine Log Rd
Aiken, SC 29803

The pesticide and chemical program is only open to farmers and homeowners. SCDA staff will be on site to monitor pesticide collection and disposal and will have final authority on acceptance of products. No products will be accepted from

businesses, dealers, commercial applicators, non-commercial applicators, manufacturers, or distributors.

Chemical and pesticide quantities accepted will be limited to 2500 pounds of solid and 300 gallons of liquid at no charge.

Pesticide products accepted include herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, fungicides, and similar products used in agricultural production or around the home.

Rinsate will not be accepted. Rinsate is pesticide-containing water that results from rinsing containers.

Fertilizer will not be accepted unless it is combined or co-packed with a pesticide such as weed and feed.

No compressed gas cylinders (metal cylinder with a valve) or empty pesticide containers will be collected.

Collection events may be cancelled due to inclement weather, with the cancellation posted on SCDA’s website, agriculture.sc.gov. Possible makeup dates will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact John Stokes at 803-737-9696 or jstokes@scda.sc.gov.