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SOUTH CAROLINA ANNOUNCES FARM AND FOREST AID FOR HELENE RELIEF

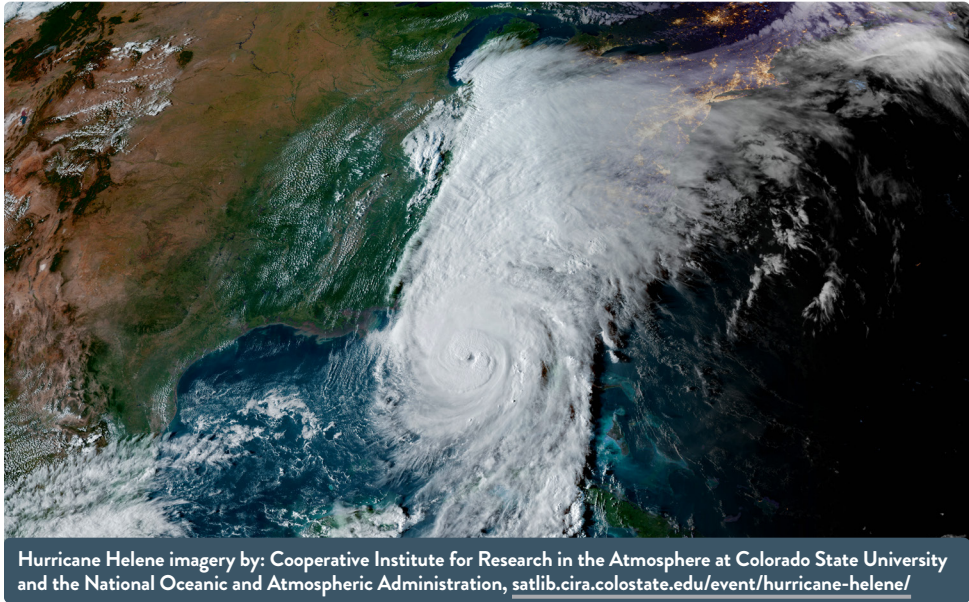
BY EVA MOORE, SCDA

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Department of Agriculture will use federal funding to issue \$38 million in targeted aid to South Carolina farmers and forest landowners who sustained certain losses and damage from Hurricane Helene in 2024.

The South Carolina Disaster Relief Block Grant for Helene, which will roll out later this year, is aimed at production losses not covered by other USDA programs or crop insurance. The program will cover four categories of eligible losses: infrastructure damage, market losses, future economic losses, and timber losses. It will apply to the 33 counties and one tribal area that received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Helene.

“South Carolina’s farmers and forest landowners have worked tirelessly to recover from Helene’s devastation, and this funding will close crucial gaps to assure a future for their businesses,” said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. “A strong agriculture and forestry sector is essential to our state’s economy and security, and we’re committed to distributing this funding quickly. I’d like to thank South Carolina’s farmers and forest landowners who offered information and feedback, and US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and her staff for their collaboration as we work to get this critical aid into the right hands.”

“This USDA block grant is a game-changer,” said State Forester Scott Phillips. “For the first time in



Hurricane Helene imagery by: Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere at Colorado State University and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, satlib.cira.colostate.edu/event/hurricane-helene/

South Carolina, forest landowners impacted by a hurricane will receive financial assistance to help recover a portion of the value of their lost timber. Unlike row crops, timber isn’t typically insured, leaving landowners with few options beyond the IRS casualty loss provisions. We’re grateful to our partners at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and USDA for recognizing the need and working together to bring this long-overdue support to our state’s forestry community.”

To receive funding, certain producers must agree to acquire and maintain USDA Risk Management coverage for a period of two crop years for market loss, future economic loss, plasticulture, and aquaculture claims. Applicants will have to supply documentation of losses, among other requirements, and agriculture producers will be required to provide a USDA Farm Service Agency number.

SCDA is currently creating the program work plan and application in coordination with USDA. As more information about the program is available, it will be posted at agriculture.sc.gov/helene. The page also has a signup link to receive email alerts about the program.

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

RELIEF ON THE HORIZON

For months, our agency has been working with USDA on a program to bring relief to some farmers and timber owners still struggling in the aftermath of 2024’s Hurricane Helene. On Sept. 30, we were proud to announce a state-run block grant to address some outstanding needs. While crop insurance and other federal relief programs have covered some of the losses from that major storm a year ago, there are still some gaps that I look forward to helping fill.

As I write this column, the federal government is shut down, but that doesn’t mean work on the grant has stopped. At the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, we are in the midst of developing a detailed workplan for the grant in cooperation with the South Carolina Forestry Commission. Our workplan will guide our rollout of the application and our outreach efforts. It will have to approved by the USDA, so they need to get back into the office.

We expect to open applications for the grant around the end of the year, but the shutdown could change that.

Please visit agriculture.sc.gov/helene to read more about the grant and who will qualify, as well as what you can do now to prepare. You can also

sign up at that website to receive email updates about the grant so you don’t miss trainings and the application period.

Take a look, and stay in touch. We may not be able to answer all your questions now, but we’ll work to get you an answer.

With USDA shut down, we are without some of the reporting we normally rely on. Anecdotally, harvest has been proceeding well across South Carolina. The dry weather made the early peanut harvest a little difficult, as the dry dirt didn’t want to let go during digging. However, that situation has gotten better with some rain the first week of October.

Cotton is looking gorgeous across our state right now. I love seeing those white fields. It’s one of the reasons I love taking the backroads when I can.

Some soybeans are looking good, but late varieties might be impacted by the dry spell in September.

We are thankful for the international markets that are buying South Carolina soybeans right now, and hopeful for trade deals that will bring other partners back to the table. We’ll continue working with the port, and with our partners around the state and country, to develop some more ways to move those beans.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Festival
Saturdays in October • 10 am – 5 pm
\$10 + tax per person, children 2 and under free.
Black's Peaches
1800 Black Hwy, York
blackspeaches@aol.com • 803-684-2333
blackspeaches.com

Fall Fun Saturdays
Saturdays through October 25 • 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
\$15 (Ages 1 & under free)
Cotton Hills Farm
The Market
2575 Lowrys Hwy, Lowrys
info@cottonhillsfarm.com • 803-581-4545
cottonhillsfarm.com

Fall Season
October through November 2
Thurs: 12 – 6 pm; Fri – Sat: 12 – 10 pm; Sun: 9 am – 6 pm
There is no admission charge. Please contact us if you have any questions about our fall season.
Hall Family Farm
445 West Rebound Road, Lancaster
info@hallfamilyfarm.com • 704-562-4021 (text)

Fall at the Farm
October through November 8
Tues – Fri: 1 – 5 pm; Sat: 9 am – 5 pm; Sun: 1 – 5 pm
Each year, we celebrate the season with a charitable corn maze, a u-pick pumpkin patch, yard games, and more.
McLeod Farms
29247 Hwy 151, McBee
freshpeaches@macspride.com • 843-335-8335
macspride.com

2025 Fall Season
Weekends through November 9 • 10 am – 4 pm
There is an admission fee to enter the farm.
Creekside Farm of York SC
2238 York Hwy, York
creeksidefarm21@gmail.com • 803-982-8837

Farm Fall Fest
Friday, Saturday & Sundays through November 16
10 am – dark
Cottle Strawberry Farm
9560 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins
cottlefarms@aol.com • 803-695-1714

Pumpkin Fest
Friday, Saturday & Sundays through November 16
10 am – 10 pm
Sara's Farm Adventure
100 Greenhouse Road, Trenton
sarasfarmadventure.com/pumpkin-fest

Farmers Banquet
October 24 • 6:30 pm
Nine courses prepared by chef Andrew Gajadhar, plated and served to guests under an outdoor pavilion.
Blythewood Farmers Market
171 Langford Road, Blythewood
manager@blythewoodfarmersmarket.com
803-402-6864
blythewoodfarmersmarket.com/events/farmers-banquet-2025

Fall Family Fun on the Farm—Country Craft Fair
October 25 • 10 am – 4 pm
\$8 per person online or \$10 per person at the gate.
Lever Farms
5057 SC Hwy 34, Pomaria
Levers@LeverFarms.com • 803-321-5952
LeverFarms.com

Chester Professional Rodeo
October 31 – November 1 • 8 – 10 pm
Brought to you by Chappell Rodeo Productions. Bulls, Broncs, and Goblins will be full of everyone's favorite events such as the bull riding, bronc riding, and barrel racing! We will be giving away buckles to the event winners. We will be having a trunk or treat and a huge costume contest with lots of prizes such as a costume buckle and much more! There will be vendors and lots of fun things to do for the whole family!
Joe Collin's Stadium
100 Brendale Drive, Chester
chester.rodeo803@gmail.com • 864-441-2168

Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival
October 31 – November 2
Antique Tractor Pull, farm demonstrations like sugar cane syrup making, blacksmith, big engine sawmill, peanut thrashing, etc , kids pedal tractor and sled race, petting zoo, crafts, food trucks , homemade ice cream, vendors selling antiques.
Richland Creek Farms
2890 Richland Creek Road, Ward
803-739-0702
richlandcreekantiques.com

SALES & AUCTIONS

Yon Family Farms Fall Cattle Sale
October 24 & 25 • 1 – 4 pm Fri, 11 am – 4 pm Sat
Registered Cattle Sale featuring mainly Angus, some SimAngus, and Ultrablacks.
Friday — 140 head of females, cow/calf pairs, bred cows and heifers, open heifers, and embryos.
Saturday — 175 coming 2-year old bulls and over 100 yearling bulls. Semen tested, ready for service.
Yon Family Farms, Ridge Spring, SC
lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com • 803-622-8597
yonfamilyfarms.com

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

**GREENVILLE
STATE FARMERS MARKET**
1354 Rutherford Road
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023

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

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BLUEGILL

50¢; Bass, \$2.50; Catfish & Redear, \$1; Trout & Crappie, \$2; Grass Carp, \$10; Minnows, \$25 Derek Long Newberry 803-944-3058

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

MAMMOTH JACK DONKEY

B-7/29/24, sorrel wht face/cream belly, \$4500 Dennis Wall Edgefield 864-993-6379

CATTLE

BLK ANG HEFRS

reg & comm, 10-12 m/o, \$2400+; yrlg bulls, \$3000+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

FB CHAR BULL

B-4/4, no papers, photos avail, \$1500 Boyd Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455

7 Y/O BRAHMA BULL

\$3500 Julius Pegues Chesterfield 843-337-8960

BUCKING BULLS

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

REG BLK ANG BULLS

low BW, solid foundation breeding, \$2500-3500 Doug Blake Greenville 864-918-7480

4-6 M/O ANG HFERS

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

REG DEXTER CATTLE

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

2 REG MINI HRFRD BULLS

handled daily, gentle, sire on site (1700 lbs, 40" T), 16 m/o, \$1500; 14 m/o, \$1200 Tiffany Craft Greenville 864-263-8266

REG POLLED HRFRD BULL

exc EPDs, calves on site, 3 y/o, bred by FPH, easy calving, \$3500 Churchill Jenkins Horry 843-450-1136

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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.

INCLINE CONVEYOR

by Little Giant, FC, \$300 Doyle Switzer Spartanburg 864-809-2058

BUSH HOG/ROTARY CUTTER

Frontier RC1048, 4', \$600 Cindy Saban Aiken 803-439-4899

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$7250 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

2 FORD 4000 TRACTORS

1 gas, 1 dsl, good for parts, \$1200 for both William Foster Spartanburg 864-316-1475

'86 YANMAR 336D TRACTOR

1700 hrs, 4wd, frt end ldr, bush hog, shuttle shift trans, VGC, \$9600 Buddy Few Spartanburg 864-576-5568

15' BATWING BUSH HOG

for parts only, \$500 Bob Cathey Anderson 864-303-8203

LRG FORD TRACTOR

w/4 cyl dsl eng, closed cab w/AC & rnd hay baler, not running, \$3500 William Housley Greenville 864-714-6241

'04 FORD F750 CREW CAB

Cat C7, Allison 6 spd auto, more, \$21,500; '17 Big Tex trl, GN, mega ramps, \$11,000; photos avail Tim Medlock Aiken 803-507-2466

2 FRT END LDERS

both in GC, w/all mounting hdwe incl, MF L-210, \$3800; MF 236, \$4000; cow trl, \$475 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

6' JCT BRUSH HOG

quick attach, high or low flow, new, \$1800; Kubota LA1353 frt end ldr, GC, \$2500 Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

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

JD 850

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

20 BLADE DISC

\$1200; (3) 3ph cult frames, \$900; (2) 1r cults, \$300; 7' boom pole, \$125; call/text Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711

9600 FORD TRACTOR

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

16' BP CATTLE TRL

\$4800; small metal trl, \$125; Oak trl, \$125; 3ph carry all, \$275, cash Randy Orr Anderson 864-201-5666

DSL MF 165

FR, \$7000 obo; 16' equip trl, \$3500 obo; 2 Hesston 530 balers, 1 FR & 1 for parts, \$6500 obo Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714

IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER

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

13' ROUNDUP WICK BAR

4r, \$400 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692

MORRA 25-6 DISC MWR

needs skid plate & oil seal repair, \$2500 B E Stevenson Allendale 803-383-2825

3PH DIRT 'SUPER PAN'

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

JD 922F GRAIN HEAD

FR, \$9000; 125 bu gravity wagon, \$1400 Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628

JD 4100 TRACTOR

4wd, turf tires, \$6500 Mike Sheppard Newberry 803-924-9977

5' BHB GROOMING MWR

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

JD 3020 DSL TRACTOR

straight sheet metal, good tires, seat & paint, \$9250 Larry Green Spartanburg 864-303-7004

KUBOTA L3901

255 hrs, HST, 4n1 bucket, tiller, bush hog, older disc, EC, \$24,500 Mike Funderburk Orangeburg 803-664-0707

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

JD 4020

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

'07 NH 565 BALER

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

SAWMILL ON WOODLAND TRL

Woodland Mills 130 Max, 30"x23' cut, more, \$11,900 Gerald Hutto Lexington 803-568-3181

FORD TRACTOR 2810

926 hrs, hyd remote, \$7800 Roy Burkett Lexington 803-532-5063

MF 281

'98 mod w/bush hog frt end ldr, \$15,500 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

ZTR 185 DRUM MWR

LN, \$2500 obo Mary Hartsell Anderson 864-934-4815

KRONE AM283S HAY CUTTER

GWC, serviced yearly, new belts, hoses, blades, \$5000 obo Don Turner Spartanburg 864-706-7990

6' W AERATOR

LN, tractor mount, 12" drum, \$1200 Charlie Doyle Florence 843-992-6267

MF4 BTM PLOW MOD 82

trip plow, \$600; flatbed trl, 18x8', 3' DT, 3' ramp, 4' hdbd, 2 & 3/16 hitch, \$3000 Harry Watson Lexington 803-413-2571

JD 9650 STS COMBINE

4wd, duals whls, grain bin ext, 925F hdr, both in GC, \$40,000 Danny Branham Lee 803-428-6278

JD 854 ROW CROP HDR

\$10,000; JD 3020, 5000; CAT Forklift, w/duals, needs motor rebuilt, \$2000; more Henry Gunter Lexington 803-260-5502

JD 4230

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

INTL 510 GRAIN DRILL

12', shed kept, \$1200 Larry Baxley Georgetown 843-325-0900

NH TC34DA TRACTOR

35 hp, HST, 4wd, 294 hrs, ldr, quick att bucket, new hyd hoses, mid & rear PTO, EC \$16,900 obo Bob Vickery Anderson 864-420-1079

FARM LABOR

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

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

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

NEED MOWING/BUSH HOGGING

5+AC of pastures, close to town of Kershaw Kim Hagen Lancaster 803-475-1125

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

34A YORK CO

open land for livestock grazing, \$170,000, b'tween Mt Gallant Rd & Museum Rd, Rock Hill, \$5000/A William Ware York 803-517-8060

80.2A EDGEFIELD CO

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

62.7A LEXINGTON CO

wooded, 2 creeks, big lumber, exc hunting, pond/home sites, \$5000/A Bobby Livingston Richland 803-518-8702

132A SUMTER CO

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

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.

FARM FRESH EGGS
SR/uncaged chickens, \$4/dz
Deborah Norris
Lexington
803-622-0000
JUMBO QUAIL
& chicken eggs, \$3-4/dz
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

QUAIL EGGS
\$15
Austyn Nickalo
York
803-716-4890
PEARS
Kieffer & Orient, \$2/lb
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

FARM FRESH CHICKEN EGGS
blue & brn, \$4/dz
Courtney Terry
Laurens
814-876-2127

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

GARDEN

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

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

ST CROIX HAIR SHEEP RAMS
reg/comm, low FEC, good weight & muscling, no disease, \$425+
Eddie Martin
Anderson
864-305-7992

REG MYOTONIC/ FAINTING GOATS
kids, bucks, does, B/ mid-late Mar, lots of color & moon spots, \$300-400 ea
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Spartanburg
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KATAHDIN RAMS
gentle, hand raised, vac & wormed, \$200+
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
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(3) 4 Y/O ND DOES
4 y/o wethered ND w/3 legs, no horns, \$200 ea
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Lexington
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2 BOAR BILLY GOATS
\$200 ea
Gordon Hill
Anderson
864-617-5413

ND NANNIE GOAT
5 y/o, gentle, \$150
William Yarborough
Colleton
843-835-3953

HAY & GRAIN

4x5 RND FESCUE MIX
CQ, fert, net wrap, \$45/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

'25 SQ HQ CB
shed kept, \$8/bale, del avail for fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

DEER COB CORN
call to schedule p-up, \$8/ bag for a pallet of 40 bags
J Painter
Spartanburg
864-641-9855

'25 OAT STRAW
4000 bales avail, \$6/bale; '25 Oats, \$12/bag
Victor Smith
Berkeley
843-870-8522

'25 4x4 FESCUE MIX
stored off-ground on racks, \$30, please text
Waitman Dixon
Laurens
864-684-4641

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

'25 FESCUE MIX
1st & 2nd cutting, NR, \$35 ea; '24 hay, \$20 ea
Michael Young
Laurens
864-200-5693

100 COW HAY BALES
4x5 net wrap, you load & haul, \$25 ea
Plato Kneece
Aiken
803-582-8665

'25 CB
HQ, \$7/sq; 4x5 rnd CQ, covered on pallets, \$50; outside, \$45 ea
Anthony Carroll
Anderson
864-314-2111

'25 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS
4x5 rnd, NR, barn stored, no manure, fert only, twine wrap, \$35/bale
Joseph Rister
Newberry
803-920-9153

4x5 MIX GRASS
\$45/bale; HQ CB, NR, no weeds, \$65/bale
Paul Kicidis
Union
864-429-6112

HIGH QUAL CB
\$8/sq, \$70/4x5 rnd
Wallace Wood
Anderson
864-993-5012

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

'25 FESCUE 4x5 BALES
NR, \$35
Carroll Shealy
Laurens
864-872-4184

'25 4x5 RND COASTAL
CQ, dry stored, \$50
B E Stevenson
Allendale
803-383-2825

4x4 RND FESCUE
\$45; 4x4 Crabgrass, \$40
Jackie Rogers
Spartanburg
864-381-5971

'25 MIXED GRASS
4x5 rnd, net wrap, fert, \$50 ea, disc on lrg quant
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

4x4½ CB & TIFTON 85
over edge net wrap, no del, \$50
Ann Furtick
Orangeburg
803-707-4826

COB CORN
\$9/bag
Daniel Smith
Dorchester
843-209-3594

4x5 HQ CB
net, \$100; sq, \$12/bale, barn kept; 4x5 Fescue mix, net, \$45/bale, all fert
John Snead
Greenwood
864-993-4839

'25 4x5 FESCUE
net wrap, \$50
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

'25 MIXED GRASS
net wrap, \$50; grass straw mix, for mulch, \$35 ea; both 4x5
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

SQ FESCUE
barn kept, \$7 ea; sq mixed grass, \$5 ea; both NR
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

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

HQ FESCUE MIX
in barn, \$50/bale; CQ, outside, \$30/bale; both 4x5 rnd
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

DEER CORN
cob & shelled, \$10/bag
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

BERMUDA GRASS
18"x36" sq, baled 9/17, \$6 ea; p-up or del avail for bulk for addl fee
Nicholas Mosher
Marion
912-289-5575

'25 4x5 RND CB
NR, barn stored, \$70/bale
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

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 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS
4x5 rnd, baled w/o rain, barn stored, no manure put on land, fert only, \$50/bale
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

'25 4x5 RND
HQ, CB, net wrap, shed kept, \$80/bale
Carlisle Kinard
Bamberg
803-824-9247

SQ MIXED GRASS
120 bales, fall cutting, recom for goats, \$2 ea
Marshall Collins
Pickens
803-981-4319

SHELLED CORN
\$60/your 55 gal barrel, \$10/50 lb bag
Mike Armstrong
Greenville
864-630-6174

'25 4x5 RYEGRASS
rained on before baled but baled dry, best for straw, \$30
Steve Kinard
Newberry
803-924-0439

'25 HQ 4"x54 CB
net wrap, shed kept, \$70 ea; CQ, \$60; no del
Rickey Meetze
Lexington
803-667-0285

'25 4x5 VOLUNTEER GRASS
string wrap, \$30 ea
Harroll Stockman
Newberry
803-924-7878

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

HOGS / PIGS

BOARS
3 Yorkshire, \$300 ea; 2 Yorkshire x Duroc, \$275 ea; all ready to breed
Thomas Mouzon
Williamsburg
803-473-0628

5 PURE KUNEKUNE
B-9/10, 3M, 2F, \$150 ea; sow, \$250
Glenn Murphey
Aiken
864-490-0746

YORKSHIRE/ HAMPSHIRE PIGS
\$100 ea
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

AZALEAS
Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$7; Tea Olives, \$8; Banana Shrub, Camellias, Carolina Sapphire, \$20
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

MONKEY GRASS
aka Liriope, Hosta, \$4 ea; Iris, Daylily, \$5 ea; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$10 ea
Woody Ellenburg
Pickens
864-855-2565

POULTRY

INDIA BLUE PEAFOWL
1 y/o, F & M, \$100 ea
C Reynolds
Lee
803-428-5455

BUFF ORP PULLETS
will start laying in Nov, \$30 ea
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

RED COMET LAYING HENS
2 y/o, laying lrg brn eggs, \$20
Bridgett Schumpert
Lexington
803-796-8365

COTURNIX QUAIL
\$15/hen, \$5/roo
Austyn Nickalo
York
803-203-5584

WHT LEGHORN BANTAMS
Single comb & Rosecomb, \$30+ for prs or trios
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

ROYAL PALM TURKEYS
'25 Spring hatched, 3 gobblers, 2 hens, \$60 ea
Glen Knox
Berkeley
513-374-4614

38 HENS
Ideal 236 & Production red, \$25 ea, \$100/5 hens, \$700/ all; 3 roos, \$15 ea
Maggie Zampogna
Richland
803-206-7495

7 M/O HENS
RIR, Wht Leghorn, Buff Orp, Barred Rock, \$15 ea; Bantams, Wheaton, Blue & Blk Quail, more, \$15/pr
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

ROOS
hatched 5/25, hvy breed mixed Lavender Orp, \$7 ea
Elizabeth Pharris
Greenville
864-436-5626

RUNT PIGEONS
Guineas, Cornish Bantams, & colored Homers, \$20 ea
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

SEX LINK
Lavender Orp & jumbo Coturnix quail chicks, \$2-5 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

PIGEONS
lrg # of wht Hubble pigeons (raised commercially for squab production), \$15+, obo for all
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

BOBWHT QUAIL
chicks to full grown birds, \$2-6
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

LAVENDER ORP
(8) 10 m/o roos, \$18 ea or \$120 for all
Janice Brewington
Laurens
864-981-1357

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

COTURNIX QUAIL
\$2-5, depending on age; eggs, \$5/dz
Tony Sears
Spartanburg
864-603-0185

AMBER STAR PULLETS
\$20
Mike Sheppard
Newberry
803-924-9977

PEACHICKS
\$100; Royal Palm chicks, \$30
Ernie Redmond
Orangeburg
803-535-8038

BANTAMS
Barbu de Watermals, Mille Fleur OE, \$25/pr
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEAF VACCUM
w/mulcher, \$1900
Frank Prewitt
Richland
803-354-0141

55 GAL DRUMS
plastic open top, \$5
Varnette Mixon
Sumter
803-775-3897

BLACK WALNUT
370 bdf, cut 1", mostly 8"W,
8'L, air drying, \$1480
Joseph Rister
Lexington
803-920-9153

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

200 GAL MILK TANK
w/controller & condensing
unit, VGC, \$3600
Mike Buck
Saluda
864-445-7399

PRESSURE WASHER
JD HR-2800 GH, \$400;
60x60 Utiltech barn fan,
\$350; both GC
Linda Berger
Dorchester
843-832-9233

WORM CASTINGS FERT
100% organic, Certified SC,
no fillers, 30 lb bags, \$20/
bag, \$120 for 10 bags
Maryann Little
Lexington
803-530-9219

LUMBER
Red Cedar, 1", 1¼", 2" thick,
6" W, 8' L, \$2/bdf; Spalted
Maple, 1¼" thick, 6-13" W,
8' L, \$3/bdf
Robert L McCrary
Spartanburg
864-285-8994

GAS IRRIG/TRASH PUMP
some pipe & fittings, needs
tune up, \$250; oil & skid
tanks, \$225 ea; cash
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-201-5666

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

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

BREWSTER BRUNSON WAGON
late mod 1900, bearing whls,
lamps, near orig cond, \$3500
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

QUAD RANGE TRANS
W/T 466 motor, from '82
JD 4440 tractor, both in
GC, \$1000 for both
John Wren
Orangeburg
803-308-0097

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

(3) 7500 BU GRAIN BINS
GC, must take down, \$1
John Till
Orangeburg
803-707-5646

4' TUBE GATE
\$45; 7'x¾" chain, hook on
one end, \$25
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

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

8x10 WALK IN COOLER
w/comp, you disassemble,
\$1200
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

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

OAK FIREWOOD
long/bed p/up, cut to size,
del & stack, \$150
Ronald Wright
Richland
803-606-1616

CIRCULAR SAWMILL BLADE
6' W, \$225; kraut cutter,
\$125; blksmith vice, \$150
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

1200 GAL NURSERY TANK
needs motor, \$1450
John Parker
Dorchester
843-670-2941

2H WAGON
\$500; wash pot, \$150; mule
drawn hay rake, \$100; more
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

OLD 95LB ANVIL
\$275; lrg farm bell, \$375
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

EGG FLATS
\$7.50/dz
Austyn Nickalo
York
803-716-4890

STEEL WHL PUSH GARDEN PLOW
incl several diff plow
attachs, EC, \$125
William Gibson
Richland
803-309-1194

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

JD 180 RIDING LAWN MWR
46" cut, use for parts, \$100
James Brewington
Laurens
864-981-2284

16' AUTO GATE OPENER
nvr used still in box, bought
4/22, \$275
Thomas Nettles
Orangeburg
803-707-1589

PURPLE MARTIN GOURD RACKS
& poles, 14"T, all alum, easy
to operate, holds 16 gourds,
\$325 ea
Richard King
Lexington
803-447-2175

PLASTIC MILK CRATES
\$3 ea; Super single 445/50
Michelin tire on alum rim,
\$350 obo; 5 gal buckets w/
lids, \$5 ea; more
L Hoffman
Calhoun
803-570-0479

COMP TURBO KIT
for JD 4020, \$2500
Ronnie Judy
Dorchester
843-701-6394

USED IBC TOTES
held farm chemicals, \$50 ea
Keith Gibson
Richland
803-360-8424

POULTRY EQUIP
Dickies 5 shelf analog
hatcher, not an incubator,
\$275; Plucker, \$350; 150°
scaldr, \$100; more
Glenn Murphey
Aiken
864-490-0746

RABBITS

PEDIGREED
Champagne d'Argent,
Holland Lop, Netherland
Dwarf & NZ, for meat/pelt/
show/pets, \$40-200
Austyn Nickalo
York
803-203-5584

REX
all colors, yng, \$15-20 ea;
grown bucks, \$20 ea; does,
\$25 ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

HOLLAND LOPS
Lionhead, NZ Wht,
Cottontail, Flemish Giant,
\$20-35 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

LA COTTONTAILS CROSSED
on MS cane cutter, \$12 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

YNG MINI REX
friendly, mixed colors, \$25 ea
Tirzah Fellows
Aiken
803-443-8572

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY
A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

TRITICALE
G-88%, D/HS&G-88%,
cleaned in bulk bags or 50 lb
bags, \$15/50 lb bulk bags or
\$16/50 lb bags
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

CASE IH 5400 NO TILL DRILL
15' w/Coulter cart
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
843-739-9110

3 BTM PLOW
in GWC w/3ph
John Parker
Dorchester
843-670-2941

JD 3020-4020
dsl; JD 158/ ldr
Ronnie Judy
Dorchester
843-701-6394

12' LIVESTOCK TRL
& 2h trl, w/no tack room,
both BP, used in GC
Charlie Doyle
Florence
843-992-6267

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

BUGGY HORSE
broke good, must be sound
& safe
Harry Isbell
Anderson
864-617-2627

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

USED EXMARK LAWNMWR
bad motor or other problems,
prefer 60", call w/details
Curtis Cooper
Laurens
864-270-7619

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

FARM BELLS
blksmith anvils, any size; also
farm bell stands & cradles
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’S PEELER COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MOVES FORWARD

BY STACIA HARRIS, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON, S.C. — The Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine (PCVM) is moving steadily toward welcoming its first class in fall 2026, pending accreditation. While details continue to take shape, the college is committed to preparing future veterinarians to serve South Carolina and beyond. Below are important updates for prospective students, families, and stakeholders as we prepare for this historic launch.

The college is awaiting accreditation approval from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The PCVM will notify students and stakeholders as soon as the Letter of Reasonable Assurance is received and the application window is open.

For the inaugural Class of 2030, the PCVM will use an independent application that will be posted on the homepage, student page and LinkTree. Beginning in

January 2026, applicants for admission in 2027 (Class of 2031) will apply through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS).

The program will prioritize South Carolina residents, with 60 of the 80 inaugural seats reserved for in-state students. Residency is determined by permanent address, not current college or university enrollment. Twenty seats will be available to at-large students from outside the state.

While South Carolina has a particular need for large animal veterinarians, the PCVM will admit students interested in all areas of veterinary medicine.

Construction of the new veterinary medicine campus remains on track. Facilities are scheduled to be ready to welcome students in fall 2026, pending accreditation approval.

Clemson hopes to provide partial scholarship support for all 60 in-state students.

Applicants meeting minimum requirements will receive an asynchronous interview link with instructions for recording and submitting their responses.

Follow @ClemsonVetMed on social media for news and updates, or sign up online to join our mailing list.

Clemson University hopes to provide partial scholarship support for all 80 incoming students. Click here to learn how you can invest in future veterinarians through scholarship support.

TWO-SPOTTED LEAFHOPPER THREATENS SC OKRA CROPS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

South Carolina okra growers are facing an unexpected challenge this season: a significant infestation of the two-spotted leafhopper.

The outbreak has affected farms across eastern counties, resulting in yellowing leaves, reduced yields and, in some cases, complete crop loss.

Zack Snipes, a Clemson Cooperative Extension Service area horticulture agent, noted that while okra is typically resilient against pests, this year’s infestation has been “uniquely different.”

“The insect has also been spotted on eggplant and sunflower crops, though the damage there has been less severe,” Snipes said.

Also referred to as the “cotton jassid,” the insect migrated north from Florida, where it was initially detected in the U.S. It affects multiple crops, including cotton, okra, sunflowers, eggplants, and others.

Chris Sumter, a seasoned okra grower from Sumter County, shares his firsthand experience.

“This is the first time I’ve seen anything like this,” he said. “We’re learning in real-time how to detect and control this insect.”

Sumter, who has grown okra for more than a decade, is preparing transplants for next season. He is considering greenhouse cultivation to protect young plants.

“I also plan to physically space plantings,” Sumter said. “I believe this may help slow the spread of the pest.”

Growers and Extension agents are currently using Beleaf, a Group 29 insecticide labeled for vegetables and effective against sucking and piercing insects.

However, concerns about resistance have prompted discussions about rotational partners and the active ingredients in Group 29 insecticides — a category of selective feeding blockers classified by the Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC). These insecticides prevent certain insects, particularly phloem-feeding ones like aphids and whiteflies, from feeding on plants.

Charleston County leads the state in okra production, followed by smaller operations in Sumter. As the season progresses, Clemson Extension experts are working closely with growers to gather data, monitor pest activity, and explore management strategies.

Sumter is interested in using both chemical and holistic pest management strategies.

“This is where land-grant university research becomes critical,” Sumter said. “We need to understand this insect better to help us prepare for next year. Clemson provides the research, and Extension agents share this research with growers.”

The two-spotted leafhopper is a small, pale green insect with transparent wings that have a distinctive black spot near the tip of each forewing. Both adults and nymphs feed on plant leaves. The main symptom of okra is hopperburn, characterized by yellowing, reddening and eventually browning of the leaves, especially along the veins.

Affected leaves may also curl and eventually fall off, leading to reduced growth and yield.

Figures from 2024 show that okra was grown in 25 counties with an estimated value of \$2,417,040 in South Carolina. For more information on okra production and pest management strategies, visit Clemson Farmgate Reports.



Adult two-spotted leafhoppers have transparent wings with a black spot near the tip of each forewing.

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. SCIENTISTS LAUNCH CALENDAR TO HELP MANAGE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Now that the invasive spotted lanternfly (SLF) has been detected in South Carolina, Clemson University is offering a tool to help ornamental growers detect and manage this pest early.

The seasonal spotted lanternfly management calendar was developed by a team of entomologists from leading Southeastern U.S. universities.

The calendar is available at zeeahmed.org/spotted-lanternfly-checklist-for-growers-printable/L

This initiative is led by Zee Ahmed stationed at the Clemson University Pee Dee Research and Education Center, in collaboration with Shimat Joseph of the University of Georgia, Midhula Gireesh of the University of Tennessee, Karla Adesso of Tennessee State University and Alejandro Del Pozo-Valdivia of Virginia Tech.

“This calendar is a proactive tool designed to guide growers through the seasonal stages of SLF activity,” Ahmed said. “By aligning management strategies with the pest’s life cycle, we can improve early detection and reduce the impact on ornamental crops.”

The calendar outlines key monitoring and control actions, offering practical, science-based recommendations tailored to the southeastern climate and growing conditions. It emphasizes early identification, targeted pesticide applications and cultural practices to limit SLF spread.

The spotted lanternfly was spotted on July 10th, 2025. This insect poses a significant threat to agriculture and horticulture, feeding on a variety of plants including grapes, fruit trees and ornamentals. Its presence can lead to reduced crop yields, plant stress and economic losses for growers.

Anyone who believes they may have seen a spotted lanternfly is asked to report this to Clemson University Regulatory Services.

As with many invasive insects and plant diseases, this species arrived in the U.S. from overseas. It continues to spread throughout the country by hitching rides on vehicles, shipping containers, pallets and other materials.

“We’re urging ornamental growers, landscapers and forestry professionals to inspect incoming vehicles, equipment, and cargo—especially those moving between nurseries, planting sites, or forested areas—to help prevent further introduction and protect both cultivated and natural ecosystems,” said Dave Coyle, Clemon Extension forestry specialist and associate professor of forest health and invasive species.

An identification tool and field guide are available on the Pee Dee REC Turf and Ornamental Entomology Lab website. More information about the spotted lanternfly is available from the Clemson Home and Garden Information Center Spotted Lanternfly factsheet and Grower Talks magazine.





Clemson's WU+D Institute will help develop new wood-based products.

CLEMSON INSTITUTE WORKS WITH INDUSTRY ON NEW MARKETS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

With South Carolina’s forestry and forest products industries facing significant headwinds, Clemson University’s Wood Utilization + Design Institute (WU+D) convened industry, government and academic leaders Sept. 24 at the Madren Conference Center to explore new products and markets for the state’s abundant timber.

The meeting took place amid a series of high-profile mill closures, including those of International Paper in Georgetown, the WestRock plant in Charleston, International Paper in Savannah, and the Containerboard Mill in Riceboro, which have reduced market capacity and disrupted the wood supply chain.

“This has been a tough few years for forestry,” said Guy Sabin, vice president of the Forestry Association of South Carolina. “It seems like in the past few years we’ve had decades of change. There have been changes in manufacturing, changes in demand. In fact, we’ve probably lost somewhere in the ballpark of 10 million tons of wood from our wood markets and productive capacity. It affects our entire wood supply chain.”

South Carolina State Forester Scott Phillips said the losses impact all 46 counties.

“The loss of a paper mill is catastrophic, especially when you look at southern silviculture and how we grow trees in the South,” Phillips said. “Losing the markets for small-diameter wood is devastating. Those paper mills are very high-paying jobs. In Georgetown, it was a loss of 750 jobs. The economic impact of that mill was right at \$1 billion. And then you have the impacts on the individual landowners and the entire forestry supply chain.”

RENEWED MISSION

WU+D was launched in 2013 to support the state’s forestry industry by increasing the use of wood in sustainable and resilient building construction through cross-disciplinary collaboration among Clemson experts in forestry, architecture and construction science.

WU+D Director Soledad Peresin presented her plans for the future of the institute.

Since then, the institute has forged public-private partnerships, secured grants, designed and tested innovative wood-based building materials such as cross-laminated timber, and educated builders and architects nationwide on the environmental and construction benefits of wood.

At the open house, institute leaders highlighted a refreshed mission to drive innovation in wood and renewable bio-based materials through research, design and industry collaboration—aiming to make South Carolina “the Finland of the Southeast” in sustainable timber, bio-based products, and circular economy systems.

WU+D EXPANDS ITS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

M. Soledad Peresin, who was named to WU+D’s Patricia “Pat” Layton Endowed Directorship in July 2025, described her role as the convergence of her passions for sustainable innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and industry engagement. She outlined strategic priorities for WU+D that include:

- Driving research and innovation in wood-based materials such as high-performance polymers, hybrid composites, coatings and adhesives
- Building strategic partnerships across academia, government and industry to accelerate innovation and commercialization
- Expanding stakeholder engagement and growing the institute’s endowment to support research, infrastructure and outreach
- Investing in workforce development and experiential learning through hands-on student training and interdisciplinary collaboration
- Promoting a sustainable and inclusive bioeconomy by integrating life-cycle thinking into every facet of the institute’s work

“WU+D is uniquely positioned at the intersection of research, material design and real-world application, an ecosystem I have thrived in throughout my career,” Peresin said. “With Clemson’s tremendous breadth of expertise, WU+D can build functional, market-ready solutions while cultivating the next generation of scientists and engineers. By marrying materials innovation, supply-chain development and education, WU+D can reconnect South Carolina’s forests to a thriving market, revitalizing rural economies, landowner returns and the state’s broader forestry sector.”

Peresin earned her Licenciante (Masters’) degree in Analytical Chemistry with a focus on Pulp and Paper Engineering from Universidad Nacional del Litoral in Argentina and her Ph.D. in Forest Biomaterials from North Carolina State University. She also spent six years as a senior scientist at VTT, the Technical Research Centre of Finland, where she advanced high-performance fiber-based products and the surface chemistry of lignocellulosic substrates in close collaboration with industry.

TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

The open house showcased how WU+D and its partners hope to transform wood side-streams, which are by-products from pulp mills and sawmills once considered waste, into valuable materials such as lignin-based asphalt binders, advanced wood pulp adjuvants for agriculture, multifunctional bio-based coatings for mass timber and high-performance oriented strand board.

Clemson faculty are also expanding into intelligent packaging, water and air remediation and bio-based crop protection polymers by targeting \$4.4 million in federal funding.

The institute is collaborating with USDA, industry and multiple Clemson colleges on affordable housing, sustainable building materials and testing programs. Regional and global initiatives highlighted at the open house include the \$160 million NSF Regional Engine “BRIDGES” to make the Southeast a world leader in sustainable biobased manufacturing and ECO-LOOP, an international network enhancing circular economy opportunities for lignocellulosic products in 22 countries.

LOOKING AHEAD

State forester Phillips praised WU+D for anticipating industry needs and convening partners to solve them.

“The WU+D Institute has been, from the very beginning, a forward-leaning organization that is very good at defining strategic issues that we’re dealing with in the wood industry and then coalescing partners around those issues to create a path forward,” he said. “Clemson University and WU+D have led the nation in bringing people together to talk about mass timber, and there’s an opportunity for us here at Clemson going forward.”

Peresin called on stakeholders to join her ambitious plan to diversify South Carolina’s forest products industry.

“Clemson is a land-grant institution, and we owe it to our stakeholders to come up with solutions to help our struggling forest products industry,” she said. “I have a plan, and it’s very ambitious, and I need you all to start thinking about how you can play a role in this plan.”

SC STATE TO INTRODUCE THREE NEW AGRICULTURE DEGREES

\$15M NANCE HALL OVERHAUL WILL PROVIDE LAB SPACE FOR TWO NEW UNDERGRAD PROGRAMS, NEW MASTER’S DEGREE

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ORANGEBURG, S.C. – The South Carolina State University Board of Trustees on Thursday approved three new agriculture degree programs designed to strengthen the university’s academic offerings in the state’s largest industry.

President Alexander Conyers said the new programs are directly tied to a \$15 million state-funded renovation of Nance Hall.

“The renovation of Nance Hall is critical as we launch our new agriculture degree programs in agricultural and natural resource management, animal and veterinary science, and natural resource management,” he said. “The \$15 million provided by the state will allow us to create modern laboratories and teaching spaces that bring these programs to life.

“This investment ensures our students will have access to the advanced facilities they need to develop the skills that agriculture and related industries demand,” Conyers said.

The new programs include two undergraduate degrees and a graduate degree:

- A Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary science.
- A Bachelor of Science in natural resource management.
- A Master of Science in agricultural and natural resource management. The graduate program will have two options: one in animal science and one in natural resource management.

Dr. Ralph Noble, dean of SC State’s College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, said the programs are part of the return of agricultural studies to the university after more than 50 years.

“As you may know, agriculture was one of the initial academic programs at the school when it began back in 1896,” Noble said. “But unfortunately, after 75 years in 1971, the program closed.

“Then in 2021, some 50 years later, we were fortunate enough to have the College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences come back and be visible in a state where agriculture is the No. 1 industry,” he said.

Noble told trustees the new programs would prepare graduates for careers in food production, animal science, resource management, and related industries that face a shortage of trained professionals.

The new programs will complement SC State’s bachelor’s degree in agribusiness, which blends core business training with agricultural-sector coursework. Students gain hands-on and experiential learning opportunities, including internships and applied projects in farm, processing, or agribusiness settings.

“The approval of these new academic programs marks an exciting step forward for SC State University,” said Dr. Frederick Evans, provost and vice president of academic affairs. “The B.S. in natural resource management, M.S. in agricultural and natural resource management, and B.S. in animal and veterinary sciences will provide our students with the knowledge and skills to tackle some of today’s most pressing challenges in agriculture, sustainability, and animal health.

“These programs also strengthen our commitment to preparing graduates who are ready to lead in industries critical to South Carolina’s economy and to the global community,” Evans said.

Noble said graduates will be prepared for positions with agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, agribusiness companies, public health organizations and graduate schools across the country.

NATIONAL DEMAND FOR ANIMAL SCIENCE

Noble said the Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Science will align SC State with one of the fastest-growing agricultural fields nationwide.

“The animal and veterinary science degree program is one of the most popular ones in the country at all of the 100 or so land-grant universities,” Noble said. “It is the most popular major in agriculture across the country, both at the 1890 institutions as well as majority schools.”

He noted that the new program will also complement the creation of South Carolina’s first veterinary school at Clemson University.

“Because we’re trying to piggyback off this opportunity to join efforts with Clemson University’s new veterinary school, we have met with them. We’re starting some recruitment activities jointly with students who are currently here that may be residing in biology or in other areas on campus to help the profession,” Noble said.

Noble explained that the animal and veterinary science program would include both a pre-veterinary option with rigorous science coursework and an animal industry option focused on agribusiness careers.

A MODERN APPROACH TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The dean explained that natural resource management encompasses traditional agricultural disciplines.

“This degree program is a summation to some extent of soil science, plant science, water culture and agronomy, but it will include such things as controlled environment agriculture and vertical farming,” Noble said. “Some of the new practices that we see taking place in urban areas — we think about things like food deserts — we have practices that will help address that.”

He added that natural resource management also involves sustainable methods tied to food and environmental security, including the quality of water, air and soils — “the basis of what we grow for both food and animals ourselves.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

The programs will involve new faculty members with dual appointments in Academic Affairs and SC State Public Service and Agriculture’s 1890 Research and Extension. Faculty members will be involved in agricultural technology – drones, robots and sensors – and sustainable, regenerative

and agricultural practices that focus on soil health skills required by various industries.

Students also will have access to research opportunities and practical experiences at SC State Public Service and Agriculture’s Research and Demonstration Farm in Olar, South Carolina.

Noble emphasized that the new degrees would help connect SC State’s students directly with faculty research, advancing the university’s Carnegie R2 status as a high research activity institution.

“The graduate program is designed to support the R2 status and also to take advantage of 1890 Research and Extension for cutting-edge research currently being done,” Noble said.

SC State Public Service and Agriculture’s grant-funded programs in the developing West African nation of The Gambia provide a natural bridge to its new animal science degrees. Through partnerships focused on improving goat breeds and advancing livestock management, SC State faculty and students are helping address global nutrition and food security challenges.

These international projects give students hands-on experiences that complement their classroom studies, while reinforcing the global relevance of the new animal and veterinary science programs.

Trustees unanimously approved the new degrees. The programs are expected to begin enrolling students for Fall Semester 2026, pending approval by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

“This is, I think, an exciting time to be at South Carolina State — an exciting time to be a part of the College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, and I am looking forward to getting the programs started,” Noble said.

ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1896 as South Carolina’s only public historically Black land-grant institution, South Carolina State University has grown from a teachers’ college into a comprehensive hub for education and research. Located in Orangeburg, S.C., SC State offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. SC State is the only Research 2 (R2) university in South Carolina, reflecting its expanding research activity and advanced degree offerings. SC State is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools.

