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SC PORTS, SC DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE WORK WITH INDUSTRY TO BOOST SOYBEAN EXPORTS

BY SC PORTS AND SCDA | PHOTO BY SEAN RAYFORD

CHARLESTON, SC— When a large soybean processing facility in South Carolina suddenly closed this spring, erasing demand for millions of bushels of soybeans from area farmers, SC Ports partnered with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) and private stakeholders to quickly develop export outlets around the world.



As a result of this collaboration, South Carolina farmers were able to quickly work through the surplus, exporting more than three million bushels of soybeans through the Port of Charleston between May and August.

Soybeans were loaded in shipping containers at grain facilities near the coast and around Inland Port Dillon, which moved more than 2,800 export containers, boosting exports at the facility by 35% for the first two months of fiscal year 2026.

“Everyone involved — shippers, traders, grain facilities, logistics service providers—showed great commitment in working through a challenging situation,” said SC Ports President and CEO Phil Padgett. “We’re also grateful to the ocean carriers, including Evergreen, CMA-CGM, Hapag-Lloyd, and ONE, that engaged commercially to support the effort. As the 2025 harvest approaches, we look to build on this momentum into the new season with new soybean export consolidation capacity.”

The SCDA was directly engaged in supporting the program by coordinating with agribusinesses.

“By working together, we were able to quickly develop new soybean markets and make a real difference for South Carolina farmers this year,” said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. “SC Ports’ work to develop the Inland Port Dillon in recent years is a huge benefit to the agribusiness industry. In addition, I thank the General Assembly for authorizing the Growing Agribusiness Fund, which has allowed us to move quickly to bolster our agribusiness industry.”

SCDA is using the Growing Agribusiness Fund, established in 2023, to incentivize other projects in support of soybean farmers, including the expansion of South Carolina Farm Bureau’s Anderson Elevator.

The state’s farmers harvested 390,000 acres of soybeans last year, making it South Carolina’s largest crop by acreage.

SC Ports opened Inland Port Dillon in 2018 to provide importers and exporters with a direct connection to the Port of Charleston via CSX.

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

WORKING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES

I traveled to Arkansas a few weeks ago for the annual meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

NASDA and its members do a good job staying focused on the agriculture issues that affect us all, and this meeting was no exception. Even with the division that we see and hear around us, we can unite around the needs of farmers. I’m grateful for my colleagues in other ag departments and the conversations we shared.

Naturally, the biggest theme of the meeting was the unusually bad economic situation that American farmers are in. Input costs are very high, and commodity prices are low. With the exception of beef cattle, it’s going to be hard to make a profit from farming this year.

From every state, we heard the same thing: farm bankruptcies on the rise, farmers getting out of the business, farmers selling their land, farmers worried about making it to next season.

In Arkansas specifically, farmers have also struggled with weather-related losses following floods in April.

Rest assured that we are making our state and federal leaders aware of what farmers are facing and working on measures

to ease the situation. Whether solutions come from Congress or closer to home, we need action.

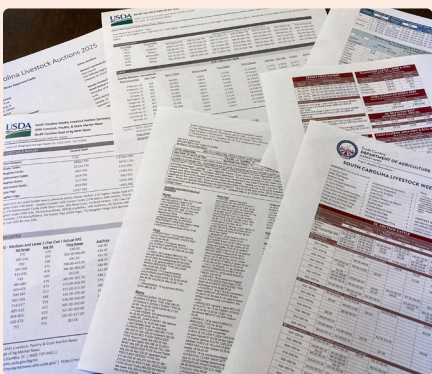
Of course, we also talked a lot about tariffs and trade. As of this writing, China has placed no orders for U.S. soybeans or other fall grains in 2025. We are making some headway with some new markets, fortunately, but without China it’s tough to negotiate.

SASDA, the Southern cohort of NASDA, had a breakout meeting, which was valuable as we work toward releasing state-level relief funding for Helene losses. As soon as we get the OK from USDA, we’ll be announcing South Carolina’s program.

Our hosts in Arkansas put together a good program that allowed us to stay focused on what matters. The event was held in Rogers, Arkansas, near where some renowned agribusiness companies are headquartered: Tyson Chicken and Walmart. We had the opportunity to hear from both those companies. Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders welcomed us, and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins addressed our group as well. I feel we’re largely on the same page, and that gives me hope that we’ll get through this rough cycle.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL 2025
Midlands Plant & Flower Festival

OCTOBER 3-5 Fri – Sat 8 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 4 pm

SC State Farmers Market
3483 Charleston Hwy, West Columbia, SC

EVENT CONTACT: Sonia Brazell | 803-737-4664 | sbrazell@scda.sc.gov

South Carolina DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
agriculture.sc.gov/plant-and-flower-festivals

Old McCaskills Farm Fall Farm Day
October 4 • 10 am – 4 pm
Come visit a real working farm in the midlands of SC for our 16th annual Fall Farm Day! Our Farm Day is the perfect experience to see a working farm in action & create memories with friends & family! Whether you're looking for an ole' timey farm feel, fall festival event or a unique experience, join us! You can expect: pumpkin patch, horseback rides, hay rides, bluegrass music, beer & wine, live farm demos, great food, activities for all ages, and so much more!
Old McCaskills Farm
377 Cantey Lane, Rembert
Contact: Kathy McCaskill
oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com • 803-432-9537
oldmccaskillsfarm.com

Dried Flower Pumpkins Workshop
October 10 • 5 – 7:30 pm
You'll create a one-of-a-kind floral-topped pumpkin using a curated selection of dried blooms, textures, and seasonal touches. We'll provide all the materials, guidance, and a cozy, creative atmosphere on the farm.
Helena Hills Farm
577 Bellinger Hill Run Road, Hardeeville
flowers@helenahillsfarm.com • 646-656-1506
helenahillsfarm.com

Route 2 Farm Fall Festival
October 11 • 10 am – 4 pm
Arts & craft vendors, plants, sugar cane, pumpkins, food vendors and jumping house for the kids.
Route 2 Farm, LLC
359 Fulmore Drive, Andrews
crystalad2@gmail.com • 843-833-0856

FALL 2025
Pee Dee Plant & Flower Festival

OCTOBER 10-12 Fri – Sat 8 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 5 pm

Pee Dee State Farmers Market
2513 W. Lucas Street, Florence, SC

EVENT CONTACT: Mia Marshall | 843-665-5263 | mmarshall@scda.sc.gov

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3 Cheeses In Three Hours
October 18 • 1 – 4 pm
Join us as we gather in the heart of our farmhouse kitchen, just steps away from our beloved goats, to craft and savor three unique cheeses that showcase the rich flavors of our gardens and our fresh Grade A goat milk. With a blend of demonstration style instruction and easy to follow techniques, you'll leave not only with a belly full of delicious cheese but also with recipes and newfound tips for making the most of every drop of whey.
Jeremiah Farm & Goat Dairy
3853 Platt Road, Johns Island
jeremiahfarmsc@aol.com • 843-276-3115
jeremiahfarm.com

Historic Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival
October 18 & 19 • 10 am – 5 pm
Celebrate 21 years of tradition with plenty of activities showcasing locally harvested seafood and Lowcountry cuisine while highlighting the rich history and culture of the area. The highlight of the festival has always been the Street Fest. It includes a juried fine art show featuring over 100 artists from ten different states displaying and selling art, delicious food provided by the area's premier culinary spots, along with great music and entertainment.
45 Calhoun St, Bluffton
maryaoneill6@aol.com • 843-815-6278
blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.org

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

SCDA State Farmers Markets

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| SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET 3483 Charleston Highway West Columbia, SC 29172 803-737-4664 | GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET 1354 Rutherford Road Greenville, SC 29609 864-244-4023 | PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET 2513 W. Lucas Street Florence, SC 29501 843-665-5154 | VISIT AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV Click on the State Farmers Markets button for more information about each location |
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weaned, wormed, on feed, \$850+
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9' cut, \$12,000; Wht 252 14' disc harrow, \$5000; Big Tex 25' flatbed w/mega ramps, more, \$9000
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803-532-5063

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Freeman Noles
Barnwell
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PRODUCE MUST BE RAW AND NON-PROCESSED. RAW MILK, BUTTER, AND CHEESE PRODUCTS MUST BE PERMITTED BY SCDA. AN EGG LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ON-FARM POINTS OF SALE.

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100 stalks, \$100
F C Noles
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843-896-0829

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Brian Motley
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kids, bucks, does, B/ mid-late Mar, lots of color & moon spots, \$300-400 ea
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Bethany Moore
Laurens
803-397-1542

(3) 5 Y/O NUBIAN DOES

(3) 4 y/o ND does, 4 y/o wethered ND w/3 legs, no horns, \$200 ea
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| CQ 4x5 RND FESCUE wrapped & baled 9/11, in field, we load, \$30 John C Tribble Anderson 864-369-1645 | '25 4x4 FESCUE MIX stored off-ground on racks, \$30, please text Waitman Dixon Laurens 864-684-4641 | RND CB \$60 Theresa Simmons Lexington 803-730-1407 | SQ BALE STRAW \$4: wheat, \$60; oats, \$40, in your 55 gal drum, also avail in bulk bags Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315 | 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 | 4x4 RND FESCUE \$45; 4x4 Crabgrass, \$40 Jackie Rogers Spartanburg 864-381-5971 |
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| '25 CB HQ, \$7/sq; 4x5 rnd CQ, covered on pallets, \$50; outside, \$45 ea Anthony Carroll Anderson 864-314-2111 | 4x5 RND FESCUE MIX CQ, fert, net wrap, \$50/bale; unfert cow hay, \$30/bale Quinton Whitener Union 803-923-2036 | 4x5 FESCUE NR, net wrap, \$45, will del for fee Neal Patterson Laurens 864-684-6737 | '25 MIXED GRASS net wrap, \$50; grass straw mix, for mulch, \$35 ea; both 4x5 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350 | '25 4x5 RND COASTAL CQ, dry stored, \$50 B E Stevenson Allendale 803-383-2825 | DEER CORN fresh cut, on the cob, Summerville/New Hope area, off Generations Ln, \$9/50 lb bags Daniel Smith Dorchester 843-209-3594 |
| '25 4x5 RND FESCUE \$45 Ralph Grant Saluda 864-445-2439 | '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 | DEER CORN cob & shelled, \$10/bag Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628 | '25 CB 4x5 rnd, HQ, shed kept \$65 ea; GQ cow hay, \$50 ea Carroll Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956 | DEER COB CORN call to schedule p-up, \$8/bag for a pallet of 40 bags J Painter Spartanburg 864-641-9855 | '25 4x5 RND HQ CB net wrap, no chicken litter, NR, well fert, \$75/bale Vernon Bonner Sumter 803-481-4225 |
| HQ FESCUE MIX in barn, \$50/bale; CQ, outside, \$30/bale; both 4x5 rnd Terry Blakely Greenville 864-483-1920 | '25 4x5 FESCUE net wrap, \$50 Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753 | '25 COASTAL limed & fert, shed kept, HQ, \$70/bale; CQ, \$60/bale; sq, \$8/bale, del avail Eddie Phillips Sumter 803-486-0081 | 4x5 MIX GRASS \$45/bale; HQ CB, NR, no weeds, \$65/bale Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112 | '25 4x5 RND CB NR, barn stored, \$70/bale Mike Cousins Newberry 803-924-7539 | |

MISCELLANEOUS

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| FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS hdwd trees on the ground, \$5/load Clyde Bridges Greenville 864-354-7619 | HAY CRADLE for rnd hay bales, \$350 Robert Felker Laurens 864-923-5240 | LRG HYD PRESS plug to your tractor quick coupler, 30T @ 3000 psi, 5'w 7'h w/hoses, valve, \$900 J Griffin Laurens 864-876-0168 | WORM CASTINGS FERT 100% organic, Certified SC, no fillers, 30 lb bags, \$20/bag, \$120 for 10 bags Maryann Little Lexington 803-530-9219 | 5 HP ELEC MOTOR new, bought for grain auger, nvr used, \$750 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292 | 200 GAL MILK TANK w/controller & condensing unit, VGC, \$3600 Mike Buck Saluda 864-445-7399 |
| COMP SET FARRIER TOOLS incl hoof stand, hoof checkers, anvil & stand, \$500 Donald Henson Spartanburg 821-202-9301 | GQF INCUBATORS 3 tray auto setter cabinet, \$600; hatcher cabinet, \$450 Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691 | PURPLE MARTIN GOURD RACKS & poles, 14'T, all alum, easy to operate, holds 16 gourds, \$325 ea Richard King Lexington 803-447-2175 | (3) 7500 BU GRAIN BINS GC, must take down, \$1 John Till Orangeburg 803-707-5646 | OAK FIREWOOD long/bed p/up, cut to size, del & stack, \$150 Ronald Wright Richland 803-606-1616 | POULTRY EQUIP Dickies 5 shelf analog hatcher, not an incubator, \$275; Plucker, \$350; 150° scalders, \$100; more Glenn Murphey Aiken 864-490-0746 |
| FIREWOOD/LOGS hdwd trees on ground, you cut & load, \$1/p-up load Hunter Moorhead Cherokee 864-490-6221 | KRAUT CUTTER \$125; lrg 2 man crosscut saw, \$75 R Long Newberry 803-924-9039 | PRESSURE WASHER JD HR-2800 GH, \$400; 60x60 Utilitech barn fan, \$350; both GC Linda Berger Dorchester 843-832-9233 | USED IBC TOTES held farm chemicals, \$50 ea Keith Gibson Richland 803-360-8424 | TARTER CREEP FEEDER for lambs/goats, holds 600 lbs, \$900 Robert Felker Laurens 864-923-5240 | AQUAPONIC SYSTEM for raising Tilapia & vegetables, \$700 Tomilper Streater Chesterfield 843-634-6092 |
| PLASTIC NURSERY POTS mostly new, \$2 ea/5 gal, \$1.25 ea/3 gal, 25¢ ea/1 gal Carol Elliott Richland 803-261-1666 | 2H WAGON \$500; wash pot, \$150; mule drawn hay rake, \$100; more Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214 | HDWD LUMBER boards 1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels Ryan Anderson Greenville 864-234-2918 | TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT \$2/yd; Walnut log, \$100 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280 | 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 | 4' TUBE GATE \$45; 7'x3/8" chain, hook on one end, \$25 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309 |
| 8x10 WALK IN COOLER w/comp, you disassemble, \$1200 Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711 | 6 KUBOTA L3010 TRACTOR TIRES w/rims, GC, 2 rears 4 frts, \$1600 Scott Grigg Spartanburg 864-590-1720 | | BREWSTER BRUNSON WAGON late mod 1900, bearing whls, lamps, near orig cond, \$3500 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692 | | |

HOGS / PIGS

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| YORKSHIRE/HAMPSHIRE PIGS \$100 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463 |
| 5 PURE KUNEKUNE B-9/10, 3M, 2F, \$150 ea; sow, \$250 Glenn Murphey Aiken 864-490-0746 |

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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| <div>ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.</div> AZALEAS Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$7; Tea Olives, \$8; Banana Shrub & Camellias, Limelight Hydrangeas, \$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 |
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RABBITS

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| PEDIGREED RABBITS for meat/pelt/show/pets, Champagne d'Argent, Holland Lop, Netherland Dwarf, & NZ 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 | LA COTTONTAILS CROSSED on MS cane cutter, \$12 ea Danny Cook Newberry 803-924-6953 |
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POULTRY

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| PEACHICKS \$50+; Royal Palm chicks, \$30 Ernie Redmond Orangeburg 803-535-8038 | COTURNIX QUAIL \$15/hen, \$5/roo Austyn Nickalo York 803-203-5584 | SEX LINK blk Copper Marans, Bob Wht & jumbo Coturnix quail chicks, \$2-5 ea Brian Motley Kershaw 803-315-7598 |
| BOB WHT QUAIL CHICKS \$2 ea; Bob Wht & TN Red Quail, flight cond, \$6 ea Dwight Gilliland Saluda 864-941-0958 | INDIA BLUE PEAFOWL 1 y/o, F & M, \$100 ea C Reynolds Lee 803-428-5455 | GROWN GUINEAS \$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochins bantams, \$10+ Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589 |
| BUFF ORPINGTON PULLETS will start laying in Nov, \$30 ea Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463 | BOBWHT QUAIL chicks to full grown birds, \$2-6 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171 | BANTAMS Barbu de Watermeals, Mille Fleur OE, \$25/pr Tim Boozer Newberry 803-924-3922 |
| 1 Y/O ROO FB Egyptian Fayoumi, healthy, \$10 Elizabeth Pharris Greenville 864-436-5266 | AMBER STAR PULLETS \$20 Mike Sheppard Newberry 803-924-9977 | PIGEONS lrg # of wht Hubble pigeons (raised commercially for squab production), \$15+/make offer for all R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280 |
| FREEDOM RANGERS & Sasso, meat birds for processing, \$15 ea Glenn Murphey Aiken 864-490-0746 | RUNT PIGEONS Guineas, Cornish Bantams, red Sex Link hens, & colored Homers, \$20 ea Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627 | |

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

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

WANT – MISCELLANEOUS

FARM BELLS
blksmith anvils, any size;
also farm bell stand & cradles
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

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

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SOUTH CAROLINA SHELLFISH HARVEST SEASON OPENED OCT. 1

BY SCDNR

The 2025-2026 season for recreational harvest of shellfish (clams and oysters) in South Carolina's coastal waters opened one-half hour before official sunrise on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. The recreational shellfish season will remain open through May 15, 2026 unless conditions warrant extending or shortening the season.

In the event of another hurricane, major rain event, or pollution spill, shellfish beds may be temporarily closed by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES, formerly SCDHEC). It is important for harvesters to check with SCDES to verify whether any closures are in effect. This information is available at 1-800-285-1618 and can be viewed on an interactive map at the SCDES website. SCDES will use these resources and your local newspaper throughout the year to announce temporary closures due to unusual rain events or spills.

Recreational harvesting is permitted on all Public Shellfish Grounds and State Shellfish Grounds within areas of open/approved water quality as noted on shellfish maps. Twenty Public and seven State Shellfish Grounds are managed exclusively for recreational gathering. An additional 58 State Shellfish Grounds are managed for both recreational and commercial harvest.

Recreational harvesters should obtain updated Public or State Shellfish Ground maps at the beginning of each season, as areas open to harvest change from year to year. Maps of designated harvest areas may be downloaded from the SCDNR

website or accessed online through the Recreational Map Web Application. Printed maps may also be obtained by calling 843-953-9854 or writing the Shellfish Management Section, Attn: Andy Hollis, SCDNR, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422-2559. When requesting maps, please specify the general area where you wish to harvest. Maps for the 2025-26 season were available prior to season opening on October 1, 2025.



Recreational harvesters must have a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License, available from SCDNR, at many fishing supply stores, and online. The recreational limit is two U.S. bushels of oysters and one-half bushel of clams in any one day, limited to two calendar days per seven-day period. One U.S. bushel is equal to eight gallons. There is a maximum possession of three personal limits per boat or vehicle. Clams must be at least one inch thick.

Additional rules and restrictions may be found in the SCDNR Rules and Regulations, available where licenses are purchased, or online at dnr.sc.gov/regulations.html.

Commercial harvest of shellfish requires a commercial saltwater license, mandatory harvester training, and other licenses and permits depending on where the harvest will occur. Call the Marine Permitting Office at 843-953-9301 (Opt. 4) for additional information on commercial harvesting requirements.

SHELLFISH
SEASON BEST
PRACTICES

- All harvesters are encouraged to "cull in place," breaking off and leaving dead shell and smaller oysters on the shoreline, where they will continue to grow and provide habitat for other oysters. Only harvest clusters or singles of larger oysters.
- If you enjoy eating oysters, remember to recycle your shells! Check online or call 843-953-9397 to find locations near you where shell can be dropped off for recycling.
- Please note that recycled shell in any SCDNR receptacle is South Carolina state property and is illegal to take. All shell collected by the SCDNR is used to restore shellfish grounds in coastal South Carolina.

Find an oyster shell recycling location and participating restaurants/caterers near you on our interactive map.

SECRETARY ROLLINS ANNOUNCES
REINVIGORATED FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS

BY USDA

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is delivering on its commitment to support child health and American agriculture by opening applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grants. Through this grant opportunity, USDA will invest up to \$18 million in farm to school projects that connect farmers to USDA’s child nutrition programs through local food procurement, agricultural education, school gardens, and more.

New this year, USDA reimagined the Farm to School Grant program, implementing several improvements, including streamlining the application, removing barriers to innovation, and emphasizing partnerships to give small family farms the best chance at success.

“Yesterday at the MAHA Report announcement, alongside Secretary Kennedy, we announced one of the key actions USDA has already taken to

contribute to making our children healthy again – Farm to School Grants. These initiatives are one of the best ways we can deliver nutritious, high-quality meals to children, while also strengthening local agriculture,” said Secretary Brooke Rollins. “These grants will open new doors for small family farms, expand access to healthy food in schools, and inspire the next generation of Great American Farmers. Under President Trump’s leadership, USDA is proud to streamline this program, so it works better for families, farmers, and communities across our nation. Putting America’s Farmers First starts with putting our children first.”

Since the Farm to School Grant program’s inception in 2013, USDA has awarded a total of \$100 million to more than 1,200 Farm to School Grant projects across the country. This year’s grants represent the largest total amount USDA has offered in Farm to School Grants in a single year.

Farm to School Grants support projects that:

- Incorporate more unprocessed, locally sourced foods into meals served at school, summer sites, and/or by child care providers;
- Provide producers training on procurement requirements and food safety standards to protect child health;
- Integrate agricultural education into career and technical programs to support the longevity of America’s agricultural legacy;
- Encourage increased consumption of fresh, whole fruits and vegetables; and more.

This grant opportunity is open to state and local agencies, Tribes, child nutrition program operators, small- to medium-sized agriculture producers, groups of agricultural producers, and nonprofits. Detailed information about eligibility and application requirements can be found in the request for applications. Applications close on December 5, 2025.

USDA-NRCS IN SOUTH CAROLINA ANNOUNCES FY26 DEADLINE FOR AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP)

BY USDA NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

State Conservationist (Acting), Kellee Melton, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - South Carolina announced that the application deadline for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) is October 31, 2025.

Applications for ACEP are accepted on a year-round basis, interested producers and entities must apply by Oct. 31, 2025, to ensure their operations are considered for FY 2026 funding. Applications received after this date will be considered during the next funding cycle.

ACEP helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands or protect working farms and ranches through conservation easements. Under the Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE) component, NRCS helps American Indian tribes, state and



local governments, and nongovernmental organizations protect working agricultural lands and limit non-agricultural uses of the land. Under the Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE) component, NRCS helps to restore, protect, and enhance enrolled wetlands.

HOW TO APPLY

To enroll in ACEP for FY26, interested producers and entities must submit application documents to the South Carolina State Office by October 31, 2025. Application documents are available online at the USDA-NRCS Applications and Forms webpage.

More information on USDA conservation programs is available online at farmers.gov/conservation or sc.nrcs.usda.gov.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners make critical investments in their operations and local communities by providing the financial and technical assistance needed to harness America's wealth of natural resources to feed and clothe a growing world. Our voluntary, locally driven, science-based conservation solutions are tailored to individual operations — helping hardworking farmers implement proven practices to ensure all of America's farms, ranches, and private lands are economically viable and thriving. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

CLEMSON OFFICIALS FIND ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE IN MOUNT PLEASANT

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Officials with the Clemson University Department of Plant Industry (DPI) are asking residents, arborists, construction site contractors and debris management companies to refrain from moving certain hardwood tree debris, including maple, from Mount Pleasant after inspectors detected Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) on the grounds of a commercial shopping center in the town.

Clemson DPI and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Plant and Animal Inspection Service are collaborating to determine the extent of the infestation. They will announce an official quarantine area in the coming weeks.

Officials are asking home and business owners to cooperate by giving the DPI and USDA inspectors property access as they conduct surveys to determine the extent of the infestation.

Private contractors working within Mount Pleasant should coordinate with the South Carolina Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program to determine how hardwoods can be properly deregulated and disposed of to ensure infested material doesn't spread and eradication efforts remain effective.

The infestation was detected on August 24 by two off-duty DPI inspectors who saw suspicious insect damage on maple trees consistent with ALB and followed up.

The Mount Pleasant detection comes amid a five-year, multifront battle against the insect in Hollywood, S.C.

"It's difficult to know how the insects ended up in Mt. Pleasant," said Steven Long, assistant director of Clemson Regulatory Services, who oversees DPI. "It's frustrating that invasive insects can move in several ways, including on humans, vehicles, equipment, firewood, woody debris or on packing material from international goods."

The Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*, is a wood-boring beetle that threatens various hardwood trees, including maple, elm, willow, sycamore, poplar and birch. It is not a pest of the oak or pine species that are more abundant in South Carolina.

As the beetle bores into the tree, it interrupts the flow of life-giving sap and weakens it, ultimately killing it. Infested trees can also become safety hazards, since branches can drop and trees can fall over, especially during storms.



Asian longhorned beetles are pests of certain hardwood trees, such as maples.

South Carolina was the sixth state to detect an Asian longhorned beetle infestation. The pest has been eradicated from New Jersey and Illinois; eradication efforts are ongoing in New York, Massachusetts and Ohio with guidance from the APHIS Asian Longhorned Beetle Eradication Program.

In addition to allowing state and federal inspectors access to property to survey for the pest, residents in the town of Mount Pleasant and in surrounding Charleston County communities are encouraged to also help by looking for the beetle and examining the trees on their property for damage that the beetles may cause.

"The number one thing we need is access to property in the inspection area," Long said. "Survey

crews will be operating in the area as we determine the extent of the infestation. Landowners' cooperation ensures this pest doesn't establish a foothold.

"The second thing we need is for people to help us look," he said. "Our inspectors are experienced in examining the tree for signs of the beetles' presence, but the more eyes we have looking for the insect and the more obvious damage it causes, the more likely we are to find it."

The Asian longhorned beetle is shiny black with small, white spots on its body and abnormally long antennae. Adult beetles can grow an inch and a half long.

The beetle's larvae feed by tunneling under the tree bark, where they live through the winter, forming feeding galleries in the trunk and branches. They chew their way out when mature, creating round holes about 3/8 inch in diameter.

Signs of infestation could include:

- Large, round exit holes — About the size of a pencil, created when adult beetles emerge from the tree.
- Sap oozing down the bark —

Often appearing as dark streaks or wet spots below exit holes or wounds.

- Shallow, discolored depressions — Where female beetles chew into the bark to lay eggs.
- Sawdust or wood shavings — Accumulating at the base of the tree or caught in branch crotches, caused by larval feeding inside the wood.

South Carolinians who believe they have found infested trees may report it online at clemson.edu/alb, by email at stopalb@clemson.edu or by calling DPI at 843-973-8329.

They may also make a report by calling the USDA's Asian longhorned beetle hotline at 866-702-9938 or report online at AsianLonghornedBeetle.com.

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

This is the first human case of EEE virus to be reported in South Carolina since 2020, and the first fatality from the virus in the state since 2003. EEE virus is spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito and is not transmissible from person to person. Infection by the virus can cause a febrile illness without neurological symptoms or can cause neurological symptoms and disease due to inflammation and damage to the brain (encephalitis) or lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis).

Approximately 30% of people who develop severe eastern equine encephalitis die, and many survivors have ongoing neurologic problems, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The best way to reduce your risk of infection with EEE virus is by preventing mosquito bites. The American Mosquito Control Association recommends wearing long sleeves, long pants

DPH doesn't perform mosquito control — the agency's role is to provide information that helps individuals, communities and local mosquito control programs take actions to reduce mosquito populations to protect people and animals from mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquito control programs are managed locally by city or county governments.

The county will also set mosquito traps in the area for the purpose of EEE virus testing. Beaufort County's closest routine surveillance trap to the site was approximately 2.5 miles away, but no EEE-virus positive mosquitoes have been detected thus far in 2025. The county will continue to monitor the mosquito population with increased trapping in the area and will conduct more mosquito spray missions based on that surveillance data.

DPH works in partnership with the CDC to monitor mosquitoes for diseases that can be spread to humans. DPH's mosquito-borne disease surveillance program includes trapping and testing

So far in 2025, we have detected 10 EEE-virus positive horses in Aiken County (3), Colleton County (2), Horry County (1), Jasper County (1), Orangeburg County (1), and Sumter County (2) from mid-July through August.

- **TIP** over anything that can hold water, such as toys, plant saucers or vases. To disrupt mosquito breeding cycles, change water often, even daily, in items like dog bowls and bird baths.
- **TOSS** or recycle any unwanted yard items that may collect water, such as old tires, junk, or trash.
- **TURN** over items that can hold water like children's pools, wheelbarrows, or buckets.
- **TIGHTEN** tarps over items like boats, wood piles, grills, and pools.
- **TAKE CARE** of your property. Clean out debris from ditches, drains, and gutters. Keep grass cut low and trim or remove overgrown plants.
- **TREAT** items that can't be drained or emptied with appropriate mosquito control products.
- **TEAM UP** and talk with neighbors about reducing mosquitoes in and around your home and neighborhood.

DPH offers educational materials and tips for mosquito prevention, bite prevention and more via its website at dph.sc.gov/vbdoutreach.

Any site where water stands for 5 days or more may breed mosquitoes.

Containers

- **Drain or get rid of containers** that hold water.
- **Pack sand or cement into natural containers** like tree holes.
- **Flush out or treat water-holding plants** with a small amount of food-grade oil or a safe mosquito control product.

Standing Water

- **Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquitoes**, such as “mosquito fish” (*Gambusia*) or small goldfish.
- **Keep shallow pond edges cleared** of plants and weeds.
- **Clean weeds, dirt, and debris from ditches** so water flows freely.
- **Treat small areas that can't be drained** with safe mosquito control products.
- **Fill low places** with dirt or cement.
- **Repair outdoor leaky pipes or faucets and failing septic tanks** that pool water.

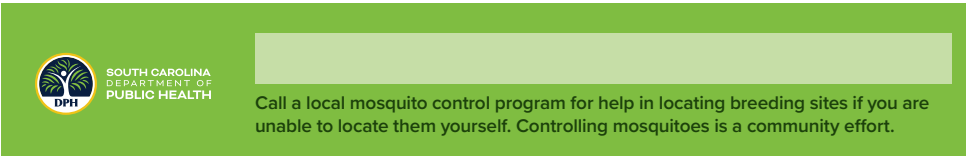
Protect from Biting Mosquitoes

- **Properly apply an EPA-registered repellent** such as catnip oil, citronella oil, DEET, IR 3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, picaridin, IR 3535, or 2-undecanone.
- **Avoid mosquitoes when and where they are most active** at dawn, dusk, twilight hours, and night or in shady areas during the day.
- **Avoid wearing fruity or floral scented products.**
- **Wear protective clothing**, such as a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and/or permethrin-treated clothing.
- **Wear light-colored clothing** because mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors.
- **Use mosquito coils and heated repellent pads** to repel mosquitoes in small areas.
- **Install and maintain screens** to keep mosquitoes out.
- **Trim overgrown plants** that provide resting areas for adult mosquitoes, such as shrubs, grass, weeds, vines, and ground cover.
- **Use yellow light bulbs or sodium-vapor orange lights outside** to prevent attracting mosquitoes.
- **Apply a pesticidal fog with a hand-held fogger** to provide temporary relief outdoors.
- **Protect your cat or dog from heartworms** by asking your veterinarian for preventative medicine.

Man-Made Containers

Natural Containers

Standing Water



CLEMSON EXPERTS WARN PUBLIC ABOUT NEW WORLD SCREWORM THREAT

CLEMSON LIVESTOCK POULTRY HEALTH WORKING WITH STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson animal health experts are educating South Carolina livestock producers, veterinarians, meat processors and pet owners about the New World screwworm (NWS), a parasitic blowfly whose larvae feed on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals and could threaten the state’s agriculture industry.

Although no animal cases have been reported in the United States, the Mexico National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) on Sunday confirmed a new case of NWS in Sabinas Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, less than 70 miles (113 km) from the U.S.-Mexico border, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said.

“USDA is analyzing all new information related to the recent case in Nuevo Leon and will pursue all options to release sterile flies in this region as necessary,” USDA said.

The risk to humans is considered low, but public health officials urge caution. On August 4, a Maryland resident who had traveled to El Salvador was diagnosed with an NWS infestation, the first confirmed human case in the United States in years. The patient has since recovered, and no further spread has been identified.

South Carolina State Veterinarian Michael Neault, director of Clemson Livestock Poultry Health, said his agency is working with state and federal officials to monitor NWS, create trapping protocols and educate the public.

“We are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and animal health agencies in other states to monitor the movement of NWS and prevent its spread should it enter the U.S.,” Neault said. “But we can’t be everywhere at once, so that’s why we are educating the public and asking them to report any suspicious findings. Also, it’s important for the public to understand that NWS is treatable and animals can make a full recovery if it is detected early.”

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF NEW WORLD SCREWORM

- Visible maggots in or around wounds, nostrils, eyes, ears, mouth or umbilical cords of newborn animals
- Foul-smelling discharge from wounds due to tissue destruction
- Rapidly enlarging wounds that do not heal normally and may deepen with time
- Restlessness or irritation in affected animals, including rubbing or scratching at wounds
- Loss of appetite or reduced weight gain in livestock due to pain and infection
- Lethargy and weakness as infestations progress
- Secondary infections around the wound site, often with swelling and redness
- Behavioral changes, such as isolation from the herd or reduced mobility

- In severe cases, death from untreated infestations

REPORT SUSPICIOUS CASES IMMEDIATELY

Suspected cases of NWS should be reported to:

- If you suspect a case in a person: Report immediately to South Carolina Department of Public Health via the regional epidemiology office or the statewide emergency number (1-888-847-0902).
- If case is in deer and wildlife: S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater

- Recognize that human cases are rare, but those with open wounds or frequent animal contact should exercise caution.
- Stay informed about ongoing federal prevention efforts, including sterile-insect releases, border surveillance and emergency treatment protocols.

MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS IS STRICTLY REGULATED

- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs): Federal regulations require accredited veterinarians to issue CVIs for interstate animal transport, enforcing quarantine, sanitation and animal identification protocols.
- Prohibition on Transport of Diseased Animals: Animals infected with exotic diseases, such as NWS, cannot be moved interstate under federal law.
- Suspension of Imports from Mexico: In response to NWS detection in southern Mexico in 2024, USDA suspended imports of live cattle, horses and bison.

FEDERAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS

The United States relies on the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) to prevent NWS spread. In this program, millions of male screwworm flies are reared in specialized facilities, sterilized with radiation and released into the environment. When sterile males mate with wild females, no offspring result, reducing the population and breaking the cycle of infestation. USDA and its partners

maintain ongoing sterile-fly releases along the southern border, creating a protective barrier against reintroduction. This program is recognized as one of the most effective and environmentally safe pest control strategies in modern agriculture.

HISTORY OF THE LAST OUTBREAK

The screwworm was once widespread across the southern U.S., causing severe losses in livestock. After SIT was introduced, the pest was declared eradicated

from the country in 1966, with programs extended southward through Mexico and Central America.

The most recent U.S. outbreak occurred in 2016 in the Florida Keys, affecting endangered Key deer and domestic animals. Hundreds of deer died before state and federal agencies launched an emergency SIT program, releasing 150 million sterile flies over several months. By March 2017, the outbreak was declared eradicated. Since then, continuous surveillance and sterile fly releases along the Panama-Colombia border have served as a protective barrier until NWS broke through the protective barrier and moved over 1,600 miles from southern Panama to southern Mexico in about two years.



- Fisheries Division, 803-734-3886
- If suspected in domestic animals: Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health, 803-788-2260

STEPS TO PREVENT INFESTATION

While no NWS cases have been reported in South Carolina, vigilance is essential if outbreaks escalate in nearby regions. Livestock and pet owners are urged to:

- Monitor animals for suspicious wounds, visible maggots or behavioral changes, and report concerns immediately.
- Clean and cover wounds promptly and use appropriate repellents on animals and people, especially outdoors.