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SOUTH CAROLINA FARMER VETERAN WINS NATIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

BY AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION | PHOTO BY JESS YUN

The American Farm Bureau Federation announced the next recipient of an award that recognizes veterans or service members for excellence in farming or agriculture and positively impacting local communities. Retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Rutter of South Carolina is the second recipient of the Veteran Farmer Award of Excellence presented by AFBF with support from Farm Credit. Rutter served 22 years in the Army, where his service included leading intelligence operations across Europe and the Middle East.

Drawing on his extensive experience in strategic planning, personnel development and training operations, Rutter co-founded the nonprofit Project Victory Gardens to help veterans transition to civilian life with renewed purpose and hands-on agricultural skills. He also developed Farmer Bootcamp, a nationally recognized training program for veterans interested in learning about agriculture, in addition to serving as founding president of the South Carolina Farmer Veteran Coalition.

“We’re honored to recognize Sgt. Maj. Matthew Rutter for his dedicated service to our nation and his continued leadership in agriculture and community engagement,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “Veterans and active-duty service members make tremendous sacrifices to protect our freedoms. It’s a privilege to spotlight their vital contributions to American agriculture.”

Rutter views agriculture as a platform for transforming lives and communities. Dozens of new veteran-led farms are scattered throughout South Carolina thanks to his support, encouragement and connections.



“We want to give as much exposure to South Carolina farmer veterans as possible,” Rutter said. “Farmer veterans are thriving, supporting the community, feeding the community and helping people know where their food comes from.” He plans to use part of the \$10,000 cash prize for the award to establish an educational weekly “coffee and chores” program for veterans across the state.

AFBF will present Rutter with the Veteran Farmer Award of Excellence at the organization’s 2026 Convention in January, in Anaheim, California.

SC Programs for Farmer Veterans and Transitioning Service Members

South Carolina Farmer Veteran Coalition | facebook.com/SCFarmVetCo
A platform for veterans interested in agriculture and food system careers

Project Victory Gardens | projectvictorygardens.org
Matt and Kara Rutter’s project and farm to connect veterans with meaningful agricultural opportunities

Farmer Bootcamp | palmettovetsinag.org/farmer-bootcamp
A two-day workshop for veterans, transitioning military service-members, and military family members interested in agribusiness

Homegrown by Heroes | agriculture.sc.gov/homegrown-by-heroes
A distinctive label to help consumers easily identify products that were locally grown or raised by a U.S. military veteran

Farms of the Brave | farmsofthebrave.org
A certification program honoring veteran-led agritourism farms across the country, owned and operated by Project Victory Gardens

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

GIVE THANKS – AND MAYBE MORE

This month we celebrate one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. Like many of you, spending time with my ever-growing family is a great joy of life – I now have eight grandchildren! I love Thanksgiving food, Thanksgiving memories, and the opportunity to sit together around the table.

For many families, including many in South Carolina, Thanksgiving can also be a difficult time. Hunger is always a problem in the fall and winter as families struggle with seasonal costs like heating and holiday gifts. This year, the political tug-of-war over SNAP benefits highlighted just how many of our neighbors are food insecure. I encourage you to do what you can to help, whether that’s donating to the OneSC Fund, volunteering at a food bank, or simply inviting someone in your community to join you at your table.

Despite the hard times, as we approach the end of the harvest and the upcoming holiday season, we have much to be thankful for.

I’m thankful for our farmers. They work hard all year round to grow, tend and harvest the food we eat and to serve their communities.

I’m thankful that the federal government is back open. From lack of harvest data to slowed progress on federal farm programs, the shutdown was bad for business.

I’m thankful for a trade deal with China that has eased many farmers’ concerns. According to the White House, China has committed to buy at least 12 million metric tons of US soybeans during the last two months of 2025 and also purchase at least 25 tons of US soybeans in each of 2026, 2027, and 2028. As we’re in the middle of the soybean harvest here in South Carolina, that’s very good news. Additionally, China will resume purchases of US sorghum and hardwood and softwood logs.

I’m thankful for our consumers. When you buy Certified South Carolina products, visit a farmers market, or eat at a Fresh on the Menu restaurant, you’re supporting farmers and keeping money in your community.

I’m thankful for *Market Bulletin* readers. On page 8 of this issue, you can read about an upcoming change that I think will bring in some new advertisers and make the *Bulletin* vital for the future.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving complete with good food and family time.

MARKET BULLETIN DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Please note:

There will only be one issue in December.

Due to the holidays, the deadline schedule has been adjusted to the following:

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for the December 4 Issue

December 16 Ad Deadline
for the January 1, 2026 Issue

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NOVEMBER 24 • 12:00 PM

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SOUTH CAROLINA

What's
In Season
NOVEMBER

APPLES	GINGER	PEAS (SNAP/SUGAR)
ARUGULA	KALE	PECANS
BEETS	LEEKs	PEPPERS (VARIETY)
BROCCOLI	LETTUCES	RADISHES
CABBAGE	MICROGREENS	RUTABAGAS
CAULIFLOWER	MUSCADINE GRAPES	SQUASH (VARIETY)
CILANTRO	MUSHROOMS	SUN CHOKES
COLLARDS	MUSTARD & TURNIP GREENS	SWEET POTATOES
CUCUMBERS	ONIONS	TURMERIC
EGGPLANT	PARSLEY	TURNIPS
FENNEL		

SCDA State Farmers Markets

**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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11/20/25

Country Christmas Celebration
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Activities Include

- Christmas Tree Shopping 🌲 Craft Vendors
- DIY Children's Crafts 🧶 Letters to Santa
- Photos with Santa 📷 Music 🎵 Food Trucks

SOUTH CAROLINA State Farmers Market
 3483 Charleston Highway, West Columbia, SC
SCSTATEFARMERSMARKET.COM

FIFTH ANNUAL Christmas Market

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6
 9 AM - 4 PM

- Local arts & crafts vendors
- Large selection of Christmas trees
- Photos with Santa from 9 AM - 12 PM
- Faux snow storms at 10 & 11 AM and 12, 2, & 3 PM
- Choir and Bell Choir performance at 1 PM by the First Baptist Church of Florence
- Cookies and hot chocolate
- Food trucks on-site and Aloha Kitchen open
- Christmas music spreading cheer all day
- Free parking, admission, and EV charging

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
 Bob Sager or Mia Marshall
bsager@scda.sc.gov | mmarshall@scda.sc.gov
 843-665-5154

PEE DEE State Farmers Market
 2513 W. Lucas Street, Florence, SC

CHRISTMAS SATURDAYS AT THE MARKET
DECEMBER 6 / 13 / 20 2025
 8 AM - 1 PM

The Market will come alive with the sounds and smells of Christmas. Trees, wreaths, greenery, and specialty gifts items will be available along with our regular seasonal products such as pecans, fruits, and holiday vegetables.

GREENVILLE State Farmers Market
 1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville, SC
GREENVILLESTATEFARMERSMARKET.COM

The Farmhouse Gallery

Nov. 20, 21, 22, 29 & Dec. 4, 5, 6 • 10 am - 4:30 pm
 As we move into the holiday season, we are happy to share our upcoming Gallery Open Days, where you can visit, browse, and enjoy the beauty of original artwork, prints, and handmade gifts.
Misty Valley Farms/The Farmhouse Gallery
 1075 Misty Valley Drive, Walhalla
farmhousegallery@bellsouth.net • 864-718-7171
thefarmhousegallery.com

Santa's Southern Lights

November 21 + Fridays • 12 - 8 pm
 November 22 + Saturdays • 9 am - 8 pm
 November 23 + Sundays • 9 am - 8 pm
 Celebrate the magic of the season at Sara's Farm — where twinkling lights, tasty treats, and holiday cheer come together for an unforgettable winter experience! From November 21st - January 3rd, the farm transforms into a festive wonderland with attractions the whole family will love.
Sara's Farm Adventure
 100 Greenhouse Road, Trenton
sarasfarmadventure.com

Friday Night Craft: Hiking Stick Decorating

November 21 & 28 • 5:00 pm
 Adventure starts with a little creativity! Join us for a fun and festive Friday evening craft night. We'll gather to decorate hiking sticks—the perfect trail companion and keepsake. We'll provide the sticks and all the supplies (paint, string, beads, and more), so you can design your own one-of-a-kind walking buddy for exploring the farm trails or your next outdoor adventure. When the craft fun wraps up, stick around as the sun sets for a family-friendly outdoor movie under the stars—a cozy way to finish your Friday night. Craft Cost: \$5 per person for Outside Inn campers
Outside Inn Campground
 1074 Woolbright Road, Santee
stay@outsideinncampground.com • 803-974-8585

Post Thanksgiving Hayrides, Fire Pits, and Cider!

November 28 • 10 am - 7 pm
 Come out to the Orchard and enjoy hard cider tastings, hayrides, fire pits and more!
Windy Hill Orchard & Cider Mill
 1860 Black Hwy, York
 803-684-0690
windyhillorchard.com

Red Creek Farm Festival

November 29 • 9 am - 4 pm
 Come and join us for a memorable day of sheep herding, wagon rides, vendors, food and more!
Red Creek Farm
 1394 Ramage Road, Townville
info@redcreekfarm.com • 864-376-5158

Holiday Harmonies: Live Music with Tim Hong

November 29 • 12 - 3 pm
 Kick off the holiday season with an afternoon of live music, wine, and festive cheer! Join us as the talented Tim Hong fills the vineyard with smooth tunes, perfect for pairing with your favorite glass of wine. Gather your friends and family, soak in the cozy holiday vibes, and make the most of this seasonal celebration at the estate.
Laurel Haven Estate
 3341 Taxahaw Road, Lancaster
info@laurelhavenestate.com • 803-203-7565
laurelhavenestate.com

Farm To Table Dinner Party!

November 29 • 6 pm
 Gather up your crew and join us for a woodland themed, mushroom lovers dinner extravaganza! Right on time for a celebratory Friendsgiving party!
Boondock Farms
 755 Foreman Street, Jackson
hello@boondockfarms.com • 706-589-4920
boondockfarms.com

Music Bingo with OGB

Sundays • 4 - 6 pm
 Same fun, new time!
Golden Grove Farm & Brew
 115 Krim Road, Piedmont
brewfarmer1013@gmail.com • 864-356-1097
goldengrovebeer.com

Tea Farm Tours

Through December
 Thursday - Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm
 Sunday • 1 - 5 pm
 Tours at 10 am (Th-Sat) and 2 pm (Th-Sun)
 Take a tour of a Real American Tea Farm! See how US Grown Tea is made from seed to cup. You'll learn how American grown tea is cultivated, harvested, and produced right here in the upstate. A standard tour lasts 1 hour and can accommodate individuals and groups up to 40. Tours are FREE and limited transportation is available for our tea friends with mobility issues.
Table Rock Tea Company
 118 High Hills Lane, Pickens
info@tablerocktea.com • 864-915-0571
tablerocktea.com

Drive Through the Safari Park

Eudora Wildlife Safari Park is home to over 300 exotic animals. If you are looking for something fun and safe outdoors, we allow you and your family to drive through the farm and see animals you normally do not see every day. All of the animals have their most recent vaccines, and we are USDA inspected and approved.
Eudora Wildlife Safari Park
 219 Salem Lane, Salley
drivethrusafari@gmail.com • 803-564-5358
eudorasafaripark.com

Petting Farm Visit

Visit our Petting Farm for a family-friendly experience with our farm animals. Learn about their care in a fun and interactive setting. Great for kids and animal enthusiasts.
D & S Plantation
 2590 S Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville
dsplantationllc.com

Farm Tours

Saturdays • 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
 Our farm tours give you an up-close and personal view of life on Herd It Here Farm. Tours must be pre-booked. Adult \$10.00; Child (3-10) \$5.00; Child (under 3) free
Herd it Here Farm
 541 Sullivan's Ferry Road, Cottageville
 703-597-4839
herditherefarm.com

Wine Tastings

Thursday - Saturday • 12 - 6 pm
 If you would like to schedule a tasting for Monday - Wednesday, give us a call.
Lazy Bear Winery
 644 Hester Store Road, Easley
 864-608-3114
lazybearwinery.com



South Carolina

Cedar Post Tree Farm

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

AIKEN COUNTY

GURLEY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

65 Williston Road, Beech Island

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Red Cedar, Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Virginia Pine

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day at 10 am

Hours: Mon–Wed by appointment / Thurs–Fri 2 pm–dark / Sat 10 am–dark / Sun 1 pm–dark

706-829-5904

STILL CREEK TREE FARM

442 Pine Log Road, Beech Island

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, White Pine, Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Blue Ice, Carolina Cypress & Fresh Cut Fraser Fir. Trees with roots (B&B) available for replant.

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving at 1 pm

Hours: Sat–Sun 12–5 pm / Weekdays by appointment

706-951-2324

TOM SAWYER'S CHRISTMAS TREES

402 Uncle Duck Road, Monetta

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Murray Cypress, Thuja Green Giant, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sun before Thanksgiving at 1 pm

Hours: Fri after Thanksgiving 10 am–5:30 pm / Sun–Fri 1–5:30 pm / Sat 10 am–5:30 pm

803-673-4520

BEAUFORT COUNTY

A & A CHRISTMAS TREES

42 Old Cooler Circle, Okatie

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sun 10 am–5:30 pm

843-304-4485

aachristmastrees.com

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

MERRY MIXON CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6254 Robinson Road, Hartsville, SC

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day at 10 am

Hours: Sat 10 am–5 pm / Sun 2–5 pm / Other hours by appointment

843-339-7591

COLLETON COUNTY

SMILING BEAR CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

126 Burlington Road, Walterboro

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Red Cedar

Opens: Thanksgiving Day 2–5 pm by appointment only

Hours: Black Fri 10 am–5 pm / Weekends 10 am–5 pm thru Dec 14

703-722-1979

info@smiling-bear.net

DORCHESTER COUNTY

CENTER BEND FARM

236 Center Bend Lane, Harleyville

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Eastern Red Cedar, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving

Hours: Mon–Thurs by appointment only

Fri–Sat 9 am–5:30 pm / Sun 12–5:30 pm

843-462-7466 / 843-830-8837 / 843-560-6654

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

TURKEY CREEK CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

211 Wade Morgan Road, McCormick

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Blue Ice, Murray Cypress

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Fri–Sat 10 am–dark / Sun 1 pm–dark

803-637-3930 / 803-640-3930

turkeycreekchristmastreefarm.com

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

AISLES OF CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6253 Newberry Road, Winnsboro

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Murray Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Thur 3–6 pm / Fri–Sat 9 am–6 pm / Sun 2–6 pm

803-718-2800

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

CABANA CHRISTMAS TREES

27 Coachman Drive, Pawleys Island

Retail Lot – Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving

Hours: Sun–Sat 10 am–7 pm

843-237-8733

cabanachristmastrees.com

GREENVILLE COUNTY

ELVE'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

925 Old Vinland School Road, Easley

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Virginia Pine, Murray Cypress, Blue Sapphire, Thuja Green Giant, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: November 19

Hours: Sun–Fri 1–6 pm / Sat 9 am–6 pm

864-354-0002 / 864-246-6750

elveschristmastrees.com

JIM SMITH CHRISTMAS TREES

9381 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC

Retail Lot – Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving

Hours: Sun–Fri 10 am–8 pm

864-903-3303

jsmithchristmastrees.com

MAY-LAN TREE PLANTATION

156 Cooley Bridge Road, Pelzer

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Fresh Cut NC Frazier Fir

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 12noon

Hours: Sun–Thurs 1–5:30 pm / Fri–Sat 10 am–5:30 pm

864-243-3092

maylanfarms.com

MYSTIC FARM

9029 Old White Horse Road, Greenville

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Weekend before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sat 10 am–7 pm / Sun 12–6 pm

864-380-7636

mystictreefarm.com

GREENWOOD COUNTY

CEDAR POST TREE FARM

2715 Sam Hodges Road, Donalds

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Murray Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Thanksgiving Day or by appointment

Hours: Mon–Sat 10 am–5 pm / Sun 2–5 pm

864-992-1142 / 864-377-4256

cedarposttreefarm.weebly.com

DAVENPORT'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

120 W. Deadfall Road, Greenwood

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire

Opens: Wed before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Fri 12:30 pm–dark / Sat 9 am–dark / Sun 1 pm–dark

864-229-2202

davenportfarm.com

HORRY COUNTY

BOOTH'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

5268 Adrian Hwy, Conway

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Clemson Greenspire

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sat 8 am–6 pm / Sun 1–5 pm

843-365-3633

boothschristmastreefarm.com

LANCASTER COUNTY

MOSELY OLD TIME CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

2042 Moseley Private Drive, Lancaster

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties:

Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, White Pine, Blue Ice & Carolina Sapphire

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Fri–Sat 10 am–4 pm

803-289-1683

LAURENS COUNTY

HIDDEN TRAILS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

331 Forget Me Not Drive, Ware Shoals

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Deodar Cedar, & Fresh Cut Fraser Fir. Table top trees also available.

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 2 pm

Hours: Thurs–Fri 3:30–5 pm / Sat 9 am–5 pm / Sun 12–5 pm

864-980-3474 / 864-980-3682



South Carolina Department of Agriculture

Christmas Trees

Gurley's Christmas Tree Farm

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

LEXINGTON COUNTY

BEAR CREEK TREE FARM

564 Amick's Ferry Road, Chapin

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Virginia Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Deodar Cedar, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Thurs–Fri 3–5:30 pm / Sat 9 am–5:30 pm / Sun 1–5:30 pm

803-528-7295

CEDAR RIDGE TREE FARM

2312 Priceville Road, Gilbert

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Deodar Cedar, Leyland Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sat 9 am–5 pm / Sun 1–5 pm

803-730-2569

cedarridgetreefarm.com

HOLLOW CREEK TREE FARM

228 Windmill Road, Gilbert

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, Jingles Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice Cypress, White Pine, Thuja Green Giant, Red Cedar, Deodar Cedar, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: November 23 1–5 pm

Hours: Sun–Thur 1–5:30 pm / Fri–Sat 9:30 am–5:30 pm

803-892-3662

realtreemakescents.com

PRICE'S TREE FARM

228 Maple Road, Lexington

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Carolina Sapphire, Murray Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Closed Thanksgiving Day / Mon–Thurs 3–6:30 pm / Fri–Sat 9 am–6:30 pm / Sun 12–6 pm

803-356-4005

NEWBERRY COUNTY

SHINE AND LEE'S CHRISTMAS TREES

20670 US Hwy. 76, Newberry

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri, November 21

Hours: After opening day, Fri–Sat 9 am–5:30 pm / Sun 1:30–5:30 pm / Mon–Thurs closed but may call to place orders for wreaths & garland

803-276-0161 / 803-924-8542

shineandleeschristmastrees.com

OCONEE COUNTY

FRIENDSHIP VALLEY CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

130 Friendship Valley Road, Seneca

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Sun, Thurs–Fri 12–6 pm / Sat 9 am–6 pm

864-903-0751

SORRELLS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

156 Radisson Road, Seneca

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Murray Cypress

Opens: Weekend before Thanksgiving Day until sold out

Hours: Mon–Sun 10 am–6 pm

We stop cutting in the field at 5:30 pm

864-882-5054

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RICHLAND COUNTY

LAKEWOOD TREE FARM

196 Sid Bickley Road, Chapin

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir

Opens: Fri before Thanksgiving at 9 am

Hours: Mon–Thur 5:30–9:30 pm – Fri–Sun 9 am–9 pm

803-260-1836

SALUDA COUNTY

MATTHEWS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

1458 Spann Road, Batesburg

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Murray Cypress, Clemson Greenspire

Opens: Saturday before Thanksgiving Day at 9 am

Hours: Starting Sun after Thanksgiving, Sun–Fri 2–5:30 pm / Sat 9 am–5:30 pm

803-924-0642 / 803-622-7570 / 803-422-1411

ST. NICK CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

5686 Old Chappells Ferry Road, Saluda

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Murray Cypress, Thuja Green Giant

Opens: Wed before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sat 8 am–5:30 pm / Sun 1–5:30 pm

864-910-0110 / 864-910-5233

WRIGHT'S TREE FARM

255 Christmas Tree Lane, Ward

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties:

Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Blue Ice, Clemson Greenspire, Deodar Cedar

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Wed 3–5:30 pm / Thurs–Sat 10 am–5:30 pm / Sun 1–5:30 pm

803-685-7860 / 803-275-7333

wrightstreefarm.com

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

CHRISTMAS HILL

150 Riverside Drive, Chesnee

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Ball & Burlap or Container Trees

Opens: Thanksgiving Day

Hours: 9 am–dark

864-592-2764 / 864-590-3451

christmashilltreefarm.com

SUMTER COUNTY

COLEMAN FAMILY FARMS

2155 Lloyd Drive, Sumter

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Carolina Sapphire

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving 11 am

Hours: Mon–Sun 11 am–5:30 pm

843-364-1637 / 803-316-2749

YORK COUNTY

LUTZ CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

756 Neelands Road, Clover

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Trees with roots (B&B) available for replanting

Opens: Thanksgiving Day at 9 am

Hours: Mon–Thurs 3 pm–dark / Fri–Sun 10 am–dark

704-860-5604 / 803-627-2392

PENLAND CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6457 Campbell Road, York

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Virginia Pine (Southern Scotch), Leyland Cypress, Murray Cypress (Christmas Mint), Eastern Red Cedar, Carolina Sapphire, Blue Ice, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir (maintained in water), Trees with roots (B&B) available for replanting

Opens: Fri after Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Mon–Sat 9 am–5:30 pm / Sun 1–5:30 pm

803-366-7605 / 803-684-2064

penlandchristmastreefarm.com

NORTH CAROLINA MEMBERS

HELMS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

6345 Christmas Tree Lane, Vale, NC

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Leyland Cypress, White Pine, Carolina Sapphire, Colorado Blue Spruce, Fresh Cut Fraser Fir, Virginia Pine, Green Giant, Red Cedar

Opens: Sat before Thanksgiving Day

Hours: Closed Mon–Tues / Wed–Sun 9 am–6 pm

704-276-1835 / 980-241-7736

helmschristmastreefarm.com

SANDY HOLLAR FARMS

63 Sandy Hollar Lane, Leicester, NC

Choose & Cut – Tree Varieties: Fraser Fir, Turkish Fir, Canaan Fir, White Pine

Opens: November 22 at 9 am

Hours: Nov 22–23, 27–30, Dec 6–7 & 13: 9 am–4 pm

828-683-3645

sandyhollarfarms.com



TREE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- 🌲 Cut at least ¼ inch off the tree trunk.
- 🌲 Display in stand with at least one gallon of water. (Fresh trees will drink a gallon or two per day!)
- 🌲 Check water daily.
- 🌲 Do not place tree near a heat source.

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GRASS CARP

\$12; Bluegill, 1-3", 65¢; Redbreast, 75¢; Chan Catfish, 3-5", 65¢; Gambusia, 40¢ Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

BLUEGILL

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

CATTLE

2 Y/O BULLS

reg SimAng & horned Hfrd, \$5000+; Sim hefrs, \$4000+ Wayne Garber Laurens 864-923-0581

4-6 M/O ANG HEFRS

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

REG ULTRA BLK BULLS

14-24 m/o, good dispo, Fescue raised, BSE tested, \$5000-8000 Henry Mitchell York 803-627-6142

2 OPEN BLK ANG HEFRS

2 y/o, 800 lbs, \$2250 ea Mike Gainey Greenville 864-616-3205

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

BUCKING BULLS

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

2 REG MINI HFRD BULLS

sire on site, handled often, gentle, B-5/2/24, \$1500; B-5/22, \$1000 Tiffany Craft Greenville 864-263-8266

EQUINE

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

17 Y/O 13H QH MARE

12 y/o 15h QH geld, both for \$6000 incl tack Joseph Dyches Allendale 843-812-2138

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER

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

'98 MF 281

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

JD 4020

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

8' DRAG HARROW

3pt, mfg by King Plow Co, \$400 Lois Owens Greenville 864-363-3436

OAK TRL

& small metal trl, \$100 ea; 3ph carry all, \$250; all cash only Randy Orr Anderson 864-201-5666

13' ROUNDUP WICK BAR

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

JD 850

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

20 BLADE DISC

\$1200; (2) 11' cults, \$300; 7' boom pole, \$125; call/text Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$7000 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

SAWMILL ON WOODLAND TRL

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

KUBOTA L1500

w/disc, box scraper, 5' finish mwr, shelter kept, \$5000 Frank Dixon Darlington 843-332-0202

JD 4230

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

FORD 3000 TRACTOR

newly rebuilt eng, 3 cyl gas eng, ERC, PS needs work, \$4500 obo Gene Fickling Barnwell 803-571-6311

18' AMCO DISC HARROW

GC, \$4200 James Linder Colleton 843-908-3193

125 BU GRAVITY WAGON

\$1400 Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

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

5' BHB GROOMING MWR

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

'07 NH 565 BALER

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

8N FORD

new tires, wiring, gauges, \$3000; 11' cult, \$250; post hole digger, \$500; 5' box scrap, \$750; all obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

6' W AERATOR

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

L-210 FRT END LDR

GC, off a MF 240 w/ mounting hdwe & hyd \$3800; Livestock trl, \$475 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

6' JCT BRUSH HOG

quick attach, high or low flow, new, \$1500; Kubota LA1353 frt end ldr, GC, \$2500 obo Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

JD 2010 TRACTOR

w/canopy, new tires, w/2r cult & plntrs, in GC, \$7500; more Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

CASE IH 245 W/LDR

4x4, key doesn't work, starts w/push button, 4 wd doesn't shift out, \$6200 Gary Price Saluda 803-605-6544

JD FLEX 71 2R PLNTR

used to plant corn & sunflowers, GC, \$1200 obo Alvin Powell Pickens 864-979-8218

FARM LABOR

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

LIME SPREADING

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

BEAVER TRAPPING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

FARM LAND

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

140.58A

1/2 mi lanes w/hydrants, 60x36' & 50x21' barns, shed, silos, coral, 6A pond, \$7845/A Halleck Butts Aiken 803-480-9760

WANT 15+/-A FARM

to buy w/in 30 mi of Aiken Franklin Mims Lexington 803-256-0888

9+/-A FARM LAND

for rent, wooded w/2 ponds Samuel Mirabile Kershaw 443-463-2972

WANT LAND LEASE

for Spring turkey hunting w/in 1 1/2 hrs of Greenville James Smith Greenville 864-908-1109

35A LONGLEAF PINE STRAW LEASE

5 yr, \$200/yr George Daniels Orangeburg 803-534-8217

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

FRESH PRODUCE

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

CHICKEN EGGS

farm fresh, blue & brn, \$4/dz Courtney Terry Laurens 814-876-2127

EGGS

\$3/dz; Pumpkins, \$5-10 ea; Pecans, in the shell, \$2/lb Joe Culbertson Greenwood 864-229-5254

BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE

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

CHICKEN EGGS

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

JUMBO QUAIL

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

PECANS

shelled & ready to eat, \$12/lb, p-up in Newberry or Irmo Russell Shealy Newberry 803-944-7316

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TREES

Apple, Pear, Peach, Pomegranate, Fig, Persimmons, Cherry, \$10-20 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

BLUEBERRY PLANTS

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

HOGS / PIGS

YORKSHIRE/ HAMPSHIRE PIGS

\$100 ea
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

5 M/O MINI PIGS

50 lbs, not pot bellies, \$50 ea
Joseph Smith
Calhoun
803-878-1337

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GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

STCROIX HAIR SHEEP RAMS

reg/com, nvr wormed because of resistance, good weight & muscling, no disease, \$425+
Eddie Martin
Anderson
864-305-7992

ND BUCKS

7 m/o, \$50; 2-4 y/o, \$100; Does, 7 m/o, \$150; 2-5 y/o, \$200; buck w/purchase of 2+ does
Deborah Reed
Orangeburg
843-312-5018

KATAHDIN RAMS

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

HIGH % BOAR/BRIAR MIXED

nannies & billies, \$75-150
Ken Evans
Lee
803-464-1370

5 ND & NUBIAN BILLIES

6 m/o, 150 ea
Dora Sturkie
Aiken
803-582-9933

2 BOAR BILLY GOATS

\$175 ea
Gordon Hill
Anderson
864-617-5413

HAY & GRAIN

'25 HQ RND CB

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

'25 4x5 CQ CB

net wrap, 50 bales, \$40/bale; '24 4x66" CB, net wrap, 150 bales, \$42.50/bale
Halleck Butts
Aiken
803-480-9760

'25 MIXED GRASS

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

'25 SPRING FESCUE MIX

5x5 rnd, \$25/bale; late summer, \$35/bale
Luke Berry
Saluda
864-982-6911

'25 4x5 CB

tight warp, \$60/bale
Johnnie Legree
Bamberg
803-614-4665

4x5 RND BALES

net wrap, CQ, \$50/bale, HQ \$65/bale, can del for fee, can load if p-up
Allen Kellett
Greenville
864-607-7444

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

CB

HQ, \$75; CQ, \$55
Darla Steele
Edgefield
803-645-7211

'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, \$9/bag for individual bags
J Painter
Spartanburg
864-641-9855

SUMMER MIX

4x5 rnd, \$35
Mary Riddle
Saluda
803-727-5844

4x5 RND HQ FESCUE

wrap, in barn, \$50; outside, \$45; disc on lrg quant
John Tribble
Anderson
864-958-1645

'25 4x4 FESCUE MIX

stored off-ground on racks, \$30, please text
Waitman Dixon
Laurens
864-684-4641

CRABGRASS/BEMUDA MIX

clean, 4x5 rnd bales, net wrap, 9/25 production, EQ, \$40
Joel Barker
Anderson
706-338-7435

'25 OAT STRAW

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

'25 4x5 RND HQ CB

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

SQ FESCUE

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

4x5 RND FESCUE MIX

CQ, fert, net wrap, \$45/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

SQ BALE STRAW

\$4: Grain Sorghum, \$60, in your 55 gal drum, or \$9 in 50 lb bags; also avail in bulk bags
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

'25 4x5 FESCUE

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

'25 HQ 4x5 RND CB

net wrap, limed & fert, NR, stored outside on individual pallets, \$70 ea
Eddie West
Aiken
803-507-8205

'25 4x5 RND CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale; \$8/sq
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

HIGH QUAL CB

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

'25 HQ 4'x54 CB

net wrap, shed kept, \$70 ea; CQ, \$60; no del
Rickey Meetze
Lexington
803-667-0285

'25 FESCUE

net wrap, \$50; Grass hay, \$45; both 4x5
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

4x5 MIX GRASS

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

'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 CRABGRASS

& mixed grasses, net wrap, \$40 ea; Bahia & Johnsongrass, net wrap, \$35 ea; Crabgrass, sq, \$7.50 ea
Jacob Boozer
Saluda
803-687-3682

ORCHARD/CRABGRASS MIX

sq, \$6.50; 4x4 Rnd Fescue, \$45; 4x4 Crabgrass, \$40; 4x4 Johnson Grass, \$25
Jackie Rogers
Spartanburg
864-381-5971

HQ FESCUE MIX

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

'25 COASTAL

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

SHELLED CORN

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

MISCELLANEOUS

OAK FIREWOOD

long bed p-up load, you haul, \$100
Melvin Abell
Newberry
803-440-0062

RND CEDAR POSTS

7-8'L, \$5-9 ea; Cedar lumber, \$5/bdft
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

COMP TURBO KIT

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

OAK FIREWOOD

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

CUB CADET 1862

garden tractor w/deck, SN#: 000827483, spare whl, owners man, \$400
Samuel Mirabile
Kershaw
443-463-2972

¾" IRRIG TUBE

24,000', new, \$6000
George Daniels
Orangeburg
803-534-8217

250 GAL FUEL TANK

portable w/manual hand pump, 2" ball, \$750 obo
Debbie Wade
Chester
803-581-5050

BREWSTER BRUNSON WAGON

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

WORM CASTINGS FERT

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

45' L WALNUT LOG

14" dia heart at stump, \$400
Ben Choate
Lancaster
803-288-0037

GAS IRRIG/TRASH PUMP

pipe & fittings, needs tune up, \$250; oil & skid tanks, \$225 ea
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-201-5666

GALVALUME TIN

24 sheets, 3'x14', unused, \$650; hdwd trees, on the ground, \$5/load
Clyde Bridges
Greenville
864-354-7619

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

WHT OAK TRL FLOORING

1-2"Dx6-10"W x 8-21'L, \$2.50/bdft; Red Oak barn siding, 1"Dx6-12Wx8-12L, \$2/bdft
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

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

HDWD TIMBER

on +/-3A, mostly 60-80"T Oaks, thick, \$1000
James Littlefield
Spartanburg
964-978-2374

PLASTIC NURSERY POTS

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

HDWD

air dried 2-5 yrs, wide boards 1"-3" thick, 8'-16'L, \$2-3/bdft; Walnut & Cherry, \$3-7/bdft
Luther Wilson
Lancaster
803-448-4477

SHOP HEATER

nvr used, \$150, call after 5 pm
Dan Coward
Dillon
843-472-8122

PURPLE MARTIN GOURD RACKS

& poles, 14'T, all alum, easy to operate, holds 16 gourds, \$325 ea
Richard King
Lexington
803-447-2175

HDWD LUMBER

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

4' TUBE GATE

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

PRESSURE WASHER

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

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POULTRY

AFRICAN BUFF PILGRIM GEESE

& Wood Mandarin ducks, \$55 ea; Bourbon Red Royal Plam turkeys, \$75 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

LAYING HENS

Golden Comets, \$6 ea;
Roos, several breeds, \$5 ea
Dan Hallman
Lexington
803-206-4230

WATERFOWL

Ring Teal, \$100/pr; extra
drakes, \$50 ea
Dan Geddings
Sumter
803-938-2793

BUFF ORP PULLETS

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

FLIGHT COND QUAIL

Bob Wht & TN Red, \$6 ea
Dwight Gilliland
Saluda
864-941-0958

PEACOCKS

\$125 ea
Ernie Redmond
Orangeburg
803-535-8038

BUFF ORP ROOS

\$5
S R Pound
Lexington
803-466-2052

SEX LINK

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

GROWN GUINEAS

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

BOBWHT QUAIL

full grown birds, \$6
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

3 ROOSTERS (2) 8 M/O

(1) 2 y/o, \$15 ea
Ted Tallman
Pickens
864-918-2075

8 LAVENDER ORP ROOS

10 m/o, \$10 ea, or \$60 for all
Janice Brewington
Laurens
864-981-1357

TURKEYS

\$75 ea; Runt pigeons,
Guineas, Cornish Bantams,
& colored Homers, \$20 ea
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

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MONKEY GRASS

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

AZALEAS

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

5-6' MURRAY CYPRESS

\$30; 3' Thuja Green Giants,
3-4' Carolina Sapphires,
\$15 ea
Lindsey Barksdale
Laurens
864-420-3956

RABBITS

REX

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

LACOTTONTAILS CROSSED

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

TAMUK RABBITS

\$75 ea
Courtney Terry
Laurens
814-876-2127

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WE'RE EXPANDING MARKET BULLETIN ACCESS

ANYONE CAN READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE STARTING FEB. 5, 2026

BY EVA MOORE, SCDA

COLUMBIA — Beginning February 5, 2026, the *South Carolina Market Bulletin* will be accessible online without a subscription.

We will continue to print and mail the *Bulletin* to print subscribers for \$15 a year.

The *Bulletin* has been published continuously since 1913 — first as a section in The State newspaper, then as a standalone publication. This change will support the continued viability and relevance of the *South Carolina Market Bulletin*.

Why are we making this change?

- **Fresh advertisers:** For the *Bulletin* to continue to be relevant, farmers must be able to find items and services they need. Expanding access means a larger pool of potential classified advertisers.
- **Ease of access:** The current electronic subscription login is cumbersome. Opening access will free up staff time spent on technical support and be easier for our readers.
- **SCATE education:** We are introducing a new *Bulletin* section to educate South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) cardholders. Expanded *Bulletin* access is being funded partially by SCATE fees.

Can I still subscribe to the print edition?

Yes. We will continue to print and mail the *Bulletin* to print subscribers for \$15 per year.

What will happen to my current subscription?

If you are a print-only subscriber: You will continue to receive the print *Bulletin* in the mail, and can renew at the same \$15 annual rate.

If you are an electronic-only subscriber: Closer to Feb. 5, 2026, we will email you an optional link to sign up for email notifications when a new *Bulletin* issue is published. We will also post the email sign-up link on the *Market Bulletin* website. After Feb. 5, no login/privacy code will be required to view the *Bulletin* online, and you will not need to maintain a subscription.

If you are a combo subscriber (both print and online access): Your print subscription will continue as before. When you reach your renewal date, you can renew at the print rate of \$15 per year. Closer to Feb. 5, 2026, we will email you an optional link to sign up for email notifications when a new *Bulletin* issue is published. We will also post the email sign-up link on the *Market Bulletin* website. After Feb. 5, no login/privacy code will be required to view the *Bulletin* online.

Will you issue partial refunds to current electronic subscribers?

No. The logistical difficulty of prorating \$10 annual subscription fees, contacting subscribers, and issuing payments will not allow us to issue refunds. We appreciate our subscribers' support as we improve the *Bulletin* for the future.

Why wait until February 5?

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture will be launching an updated website in early 2026. Shifting our subscription model at the same time will minimize the impact on our readers.

How can I learn more about your advertising policies?

Placing classified ads in the *Bulletin* is free. The *Bulletin* only publishes ads related to agriculture. We do not accept ads from agents, dealers, or commercial businesses, and we limit the number of ads that one person can place. Certain ad categories may require documentation — for example, a tag number for farm vehicles, or a Coggins certificate to show that a horse has tested negative for equine infectious anemia. Visit agriculture.sc.gov/market-bulletin to review the policies for each ad category.



DROUGHT STATUS DOWNGRADED FOR 13 COUNTIES

BY SCDNR

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Drought Response Committee (DRC) met on October 28, 2025, to evaluate drought conditions statewide. The DRC is the state's major drought decision-making entity and determines drought severity as defined by the SC Drought Response Act to protect the state's water resources. The act establishes four levels of drought: incipient, moderate, severe, and extreme. For more information about the DRC and the SC Drought Response Program, visit scdrought.com.

The Committee decided the rain from the coastal low earlier this October, in combination with [late-October] rain, was enough to remove the drought declaration for 13 counties. These counties include Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg. Thirty-day rainfall totals for these counties ranged from five to 10 inches, with isolated amounts up to 15 inches. These counties joined six others which were already in no drought status (Abbeville, Anderson, Beaufort, McCormick, Oconee, and Pickens).

The Committee decided to maintain the incipient drought declaration for all other counties. Even though conditions have brought rain across much of these counties over the few days before the meeting, it was the first steady and heavy rain in over six weeks. The Committee decided that the rain was very beneficial, but rainfall accumulation was not enough to update all the triggers to

necessitate a move from incipient drought. The Committee will continue to monitor these conditions, with hope that the remaining counties in incipient drought will receive enough rainfall to support a status downgrade at the next meeting.

The SC Department of Environmental Services reported that due to adequate rainfall across much of the east and northeast portions of the Coastal Plain, streamflow and groundwater levels have improved. This supported the upgrade in drought status from Incipient to Normal conditions for counties along, or near the coast, in the Central, Northeast, and Southern Drought Management Areas.

According to the SC Forestry Commission (SCFC), the rain helped reduce wildfire concerns, particularly in the mountains and Piedmont, as leaves start to drop. While some areas did not get as much rain, the wildfire threat statewide has been reduced for the short term. If we enter a dry period again, fuels will take some time to dry out. SCFC encourages everyone to be careful and stay aware of high winds and dry conditions when doing any outdoor burning.

The SC Department of Agriculture provided an update on crop and pasture conditions. This year's drought has affected late hay crops and forages. South Carolina's soybean, peanut, cotton, and late corn will see some yield losses due to the timeliness of drought combined with excessive temperatures. While the recent rains will help with winter forage

establishment, farmers will be feeling drought's effects through harvest and as hay resources are being utilized to feed livestock herds across the state.

The Drought Response Committee will reconvene on December 10, 2025.

ABOUT SCDNR

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is the state agency responsible for protecting and managing the state's natural and cultural resources, from fish and wildlife to plants and special places. With over 1,100 employees working across all 46 counties, our mission is to serve as the principal advocate for and steward of South Carolina's natural resources. We are technicians, biologists, game wardens, educators, scientists and administrators working diligently to balance sound science, strong conservation ethics, and the public's best interests. Our agency enforces hunting, fishing, boating, and other state and federal laws to protect the resources and those enjoying them. We research solutions to new challenges, study the breadth of our resources, and advocate for science-based decisions. We provide outdoor recreational opportunities on hundreds of thousands of acres of well-managed public lands for the benefit of current and future generations. Our passion is keeping South Carolina a great place to live life outdoors.



SPECIALTY CROP FUNDING WILL HELP SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS

BY SCDA

COLUMBIA — In September, the US Department of Agriculture announced \$648,631 in funding awarded to South Carolina through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

Through this program, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture funds projects that strengthen South Carolina's specialty crop industry through marketing, education, and research. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and nursery crops.

"Our state's specialty crop farmers grow the food we eat, and they're always adapting and innovating to push the industry forward," said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "This funding will help farmers navigate changing markets, find new customers, and sustain their farming operations for future generations."

The funded projects include:

- Cost-share grants to help farmers with costs related to cold storage and value-added packaging.

- A South Carolina Food Systems Network program to foster stronger relationships between specialty crop farmers and chefs through regional conferences and gatherings to enhance consumption and awareness of specialty crops in the state.
- Clemson University research projects on enhancing the quality and shelf life of leafy greens, improving the timely and effective use of chemical pesticides, mitigating various diseases, and improving food safety.
- Conferences and webinars to assist South Carolina's small fruit growers through networking and education opportunities.

A full project list is available at ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp.

For more information about Specialty Crop Block Grants in South Carolina, visit agriculture.sc.gov/grants.

2025 LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTH CAROLINA CORN BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" and the Marketing Order for South Carolina Corn No. 14 issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina on July 1, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina is seeking nominees for the South Carolina Corn Board to succeed two members with terms that expire December 31, 2025. Nominees are needed to succeed members in District 2 & 4 (see counties below).

The individuals appointed to the board will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. To qualify, a candidate must be over the age of 25 and a resident of South Carolina, be actively engaged in producing corn within this State for a period of five years and have during this period, derived a substantial portion of their individual incomes therefrom. These qualifications must continue during the term of office.

SC Corn Board members have the power and duties to administer, enforce, direct, and control the provisions of the SC Corn Marketing Order No. 14 as its administrative board. SC Corn Marketing Order No. 14 focuses on market development and research programs to aid, assist and enhance the South Carolina corn producing industry and to promote the sale, marketing, production and distribution of corn and corn products. The SC Corn Board holds several meetings per year to conduct business and board members receive reimbursement for mileage to and from meetings and a \$50 per diem per meeting attended.

District 2 includes the Counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Marion, Marlboro.

District 4 includes the Counties of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg.

If you are interested in being considered to serve on the SC Corn Board, call (803) 734-9807 to request a petition from Ellen Lloyd, Assistant to the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, or email her at elloyd@scda.sc.gov.

All petitions for board seats must be turned in by **Thursday, November 27, 2025**.

Frances Price, Chair, The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
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NEW SOILBORNE THREAT SUGGESTS SHIFT IN DISEASE LANDSCAPE FOR SC CUCUMBER GROWERS

COTTONY LEAK IS A DESTRUCTIVE SOFT ROT THAT AFFECTS CUCURBIT CROPS, INCLUDING CUCUMBERS, MELONS AND PUMPKINS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

A newly identified plant pathogen is threatening pickling cucumber crops in South Carolina, raising concerns among growers and researchers alike.

In a groundbreaking study led by Anthony “Tony” Keinath, a plant pathologist at Clemson University’s Coastal Research and Education Center, scientists have confirmed that *Pythium deliense*—a species previously undocumented in the United States as a cause of fruit rot—is responsible for cottony leak disease in cucumbers.

Cottony leak is a destructive soft rot that affects cucurbit crops, including cucumbers, melons and pumpkins. Diseased fruit becomes water-soaked, mushy and covered in a white, fluffy, fungal-like growth. The disease is especially problematic for pickling cucumber growers, whose crops are highly susceptible and often grown in rotation with other crops.

“This is the first report of *Pythium deliense* as a cause of cottony leak on cucurbit fruit in the United States,” said Keinath. “It’s a significant discovery because it changes how we approach disease management in cucurbit production systems.”

A SURPRISING DISCOVERY

The study, conducted during the 2022 and 2023 growing seasons, involved sampling cucumbers from five commercial fields in Bamberg and Calhoun counties. The scientists collected 33 samples of *Pythium* from rotting cucumbers, with 28 found to be *P. deliense* and five as *P. aphanidermatum*, a more commonly known pathogen associated with cottony leak.

“The amount of *P. deliense* found was unexpected,” Keinath explained. “Historically, *P. aphanidermatum* has been the primary species associated with cottony leak in cucumbers. Finding *P. deliense* as the dominant pathogen suggests a shift in the disease landscape.”

Using DNA sequencing, the team confirmed the identity of the isolates. An analysis revealed two distinct genotypes of *P. deliense*, both closely related to reference strains from international databases.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRONOMIC FACTORS AT PLAY

Cottony leak outbreaks were most severe in low, wet areas of fields—particularly in depressions created by tractor tires and center pivot irrigation systems. These conditions, combined with high soil moisture and warm temperatures, created an ideal environment for *Pythium* infection.

“Cucurbit diseases caused by *Pythium* are strongly favored by high soil moisture,” Keinath said. “Growers should consider leveling their fields to eliminate low spots and avoid planting cucumbers in areas prone to water accumulation.”

The scientists also examined the impact of crop rotation on the disease. Fields previously planted with peanut or soybean—both known hosts of *P.*

deliense—had significantly higher rates of infection than those rotated with coastal Bermudagrass, a non-susceptible crop.

“Our data show that *Pythium* recovery was 83.3% in fields previously cropped to peanut or soybean, compared to 55% in fields with coastal Bermudagrass,” Keinath said. “This suggests that crop rotation plays a critical role in disease management.”

The rotation crop grown immediately before cucumber planting—typically cotton, corn or watermelon—did not significantly affect the regrowth of *Pythium*. However, the presence of



Cucumbers infected with the cottony leak disease become water-soaked, mushy and covered in a white, fluffy fungal-like growth.

peanuts two years prior appeared to be a key factor in *Pythium*’s ability to cause damage and disease in a host plant.

“Peanut pods can remain in the soil after harvest and serve as a reservoir for *P. deliense*,” Keinath noted. “This pathogen can then infect cotton roots the following year, further increasing the risk before cucumbers are planted.”

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PATHOGENICITY AND VIRULENCE

To determine the pathogen’s ability to cause damage and disease in host plants, the researchers conducted tests on cucumber fruit and seedlings. The results revealed *P. aphanidermatum* was more aggressive on the fruit, while *P. deliense* caused more severe damping off in seedlings. Damping off is a fatal disease of seedlings caused by soil-borne fungi like *Pythium* and *Rhizoctonia*.

These findings are important for growers, especially those using susceptible cultivars or planting in fields with a history of *Pythium* diseases.

“Understanding the specific *Pythium* species involved helps us tailor management strategies,” Keinath emphasized. “For example, if *P. deliense*

is prevalent, growers may need to focus more on seedling protection and crop rotation.”

LIMITED FUNGICIDE OPTIONS

Managing cottony leak with fungicides presents challenges. Both *P. deliense* and *P. aphanidermatum* are naturally insensitive to oxathiapiprolin (Orondis products), a commonly used fungicide, leaving growers with few chemical options, primarily mefenoxam-containing products (Ridomil Gold).

“Fungicide application is difficult once cucumber vines spread and form a dense canopy,” Keinath explained. “That’s why cultural practices like crop rotation and field drainage are so important.”

A BROADER SHIFT IN PATHOGEN DYNAMICS?

The emergence of *P. deliense* in South Carolina cucumbers may reflect broader changes in pathogen dynamics driven by climate and agronomic practices. The species is known to thrive in warm climates and has been reported on cucurbit seedlings in New Guinea, France and Central America.

“Increasing soil temperatures could be favoring warm-season pathogens like *P. deliense* over cool-season species such as *Globisporangium ultimum*,” Keinath said. “This shift may be occurring in other regions as well. We need more data to understand the full extent.”

The study recommends expanded sampling in areas where peanuts and soybeans are grown in rotation with cucumbers, such as North Carolina and Georgia. Soil sampling and pathogen identification from other cucurbit crops could help determine whether *P. deliense* is spreading or replacing other species.

“We need to verify whether this shift is happening elsewhere,” Keinath said. “It’s possible that *P. deliense* is more widespread than previously thought, and that it’s been overlooked because it resembles *P. aphanidermatum* under the microscope.”

LOOKING AHEAD

The discovery of *P. deliense* as a causal agent of cottony leak marks a turning point in cucurbit disease research and management. It underscores the importance of molecular diagnostics, field surveillance and integrated pest management strategies.

“Growers, Extension agents and researchers need to be aware of this pathogen,” Keinath concluded. “By adjusting crop rotations, improving field conditions and using accurate diagnostics, we can reduce the impact of cottony leak and protect our cucumber crops.”

This research is supported by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service through the South Carolina Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and the Hatch project at Clemson University Experiment Station.

EARLY PEANUT INTRODUCTION IS MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

NEW RESEARCH OFFERS THE STRONGEST REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE YET THAT EARLY INTRODUCTION OF PEANUT FOODS IS MAKING A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT

BY MARKITA LEWIS, MS, RD, NATIONAL PEANUT BOARD

A study from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), published in *Pediatrics* on October 20, 2025, found that peanut allergy rates in children under age 3 have dropped by 43% since the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) first recommended early peanut introduction in 2015. Researchers also observed an overall 36% decline in all food allergies, driven largely by decreases in peanut allergy diagnoses.

The findings were based on electronic health record data from more than 120,000 children across both academic and private pediatric practices nationwide. The study compared children born before and after the introduction of early feeding guidelines and found that these recommendations are having measurable, population-level effects.

These results are a milestone moment—offering support that the guidance inspired by earlier landmark research, like the LEAP study, is successfully translating into real-world prevention. Future research will focus on families’ at-home feeding practices to further refine timing, frequency, and amounts for optimal protection.

HELPING PROVIDERS PUT RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE

In addition to confirming that early introduction works, another *Pediatrics* study this month demonstrated how to help clinicians successfully implement these guidelines.

The Intervention to Reduce Early Peanut Allergy in Children (iREACH) Trial showed that when pediatricians are equipped with education, digital tools, and visual aids, they are far more likely to recommend early introduction to parents. In the study, 84% of clinicians who received these supports followed the guidelines for low-risk infants—compared to just 35% in the control group.

The practice-based trial, which included more than 18,000 infants across 30 pediatric practices, highlights that awareness and practical tools are key to changing provider behavior and supporting families in taking early, preventive action.

RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS AND PARENTS

The National Peanut Board (NPB) is proud to support efforts that empower providers and caregivers with the tools they need to promote early peanut introduction. You can explore studies, clinical resources, and parent-friendly materials at PreventPeanutAllergies.org.

Healthcare professionals who see infants can also request a Little Peanut plushie—a one-of-a-kind educational tool designed to make early introduction approachable and fun for families—at LittlePeanut.tips.

Together, we’re helping to ensure every child has the opportunity to grow up free from peanut allergy—and to enjoy America’s favorite nut.

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SCDNR AND CONSERVATION PARTNERS DEDICATE WOODCOCK WOODS AND SPENCE POND ADDITIONS TO BUNCHED ARROWHEAD HERITAGE PRESERVE

BY CHEYENNE TWILLEY, SCDNR

GREENVILLE COUNTY, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program, and conservation partners celebrated the permanent protection of two significant additions to the Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve. Together, the Woodcock Woods and Spence Pond additions protect more than 65 acres of critical habitat for the federally endangered bunched arrowhead (*Sagittaria fasciculata*) and the hydrology of the rare Piedmont seepage forest habitat it depends on.

Located within the Enoree River Corridor, the Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve Complex now consists of seven tracts totaling 353 acres. These lands were acquired and are managed specifically to protect wetland seepage habitat essential to the survival of the bunched arrowhead. In the United States, this plant is known to occur naturally only in Greenville County, South Carolina, and Henderson County, North Carolina, making conservation of these sites significant.

With population growth and land development increasing rapidly in northern Greenville County, state and federal biologists have emphasized the urgency of securing the remaining Piedmont seepage forest habitat while opportunities still exist. The new Greenville County Historic and

Natural Resources Trust acquisitions contribute directly to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s recovery strategy for the bunched arrowhead, which identifies habitat conservation as the most critical action needed for its long-term survival.



Additionally, the newly protected acreage also secures a stream corridor that flows into the nearby Blackwell Heritage Preserve, further advancing landscape-scale conservation, a major goal in protection.

The additions provide expanded public access for outdoor recreation, including birding, wildlife viewing, photography and nature walks. Visitors are encouraged to explore the preserve’s 1.25-mile hiking trail, which winds through grassy fields,

pine and hardwood uplands, and bottomland wetlands supporting a diversity of wildlife such as grasshopper sparrows, blue grosbeaks, indigo buntings, eastern bluebirds, northern cardinals, and bobwhite quail. Hunting is not permitted on any of the tracts within the Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve Complex at any time.

Meaningful conservation in South Carolina happens through strong partnerships and the dedication of private landowners who choose to work alongside those partners to protect land for future generations. The Woodcock Woods and Spence Pond additions were made possible thanks to Naturaland Trust and critical funding support from the South Carolina Conservation Bank, the Upstate Land Conservation Fund, Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust and the Broad River Mitigation Fund.

For more than 50 years, the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program has worked to protect the state’s most significant natural and cultural resources. Today, more than 100,000 acres statewide are permanently protected as Heritage Preserves, preserving rare landscapes, archaeological sites, important wildlife habitat and cherished outdoor spaces for current and future generations.



NEW TWISTS ON FALL FAVORITES

This Thanksgiving, choose locally grown foods for your table. Here are some innovative dishes using Certified SC Grown ingredients to brighten your holiday meal.

Looking for a farm-raised local turkey for the center of your table? Visit certifiedsc.com and search “turkey” to locate farms that specialize in turkeys.



Honey Mustard Golden Beet Salad

This recipe was developed by Amethyst Ganaway, a Lowcountry chef and food writer.

Unlike their red counterparts, golden beets are milder, a little sweeter, and won't stain your hands or cutting boards. Roasting beets is one of the best ways to enjoy them—it draws out their natural sugars, giving you tender, caramelized bites that are both earthy and slightly sweet. This recipe takes full advantage of the whole vegetable by using both the roots and the greens. Tossed together with optional crisp cucumbers, juicy tomatoes, or a sprinkle of cheese, the roasted beets pair beautifully with the peppery freshness of their greens. A quick homemade honey mustard dressing ties it all together with a tangy-sweet balance that complements the beets perfectly.

- 3 medium Certified SC Grown golden beets, with greens attached or other leafy salad green
- 4–5 tbsp olive oil
- ½ cucumber, sliced (optional)
- ½ cup cherry tomatoes, halved (optional)
- ¼ cup crumbled feta or goat cheese (optional)
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar (or lemon juice)
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- Salt & black pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Trim the beet greens, wash well, and set aside.

Scrub beets, peel if desired, and cut into wedges. Toss with 1–2 tbsp of the olive oil, salt, and pepper. Roast 30–40 minutes until fork tender and caramelized.

While beets roast, whisk together mustard, honey, vinegar, 3 tbsp olive oil, salt and pepper in a small bowl.

Rinse beet greens and roughly chop. Toss with optional cucumbers, tomatoes, and cheese.

Add roasted beets on top, drizzle with honey mustard dressing, toss, and serve immediately.



Collard Green Slaw

Here's a recipe from former Chef Ambassador Sarah McClure of Southside Smokehouse in Landrum. Thinly slicing the veggies is the key to success. You can also make a sweeter version of this dish in which you substitute the carrots and radishes for apples and golden raisins!

- Two bunches of raw, fresh, Certified SC Grown collard greens (approx. 2–3 lbs)
- 1 large red onion, halved, and sliced thinly (If you have a mandoline, consider using it for this step)
- 1 cup carrots, grated or julienned
- 1 cup of thinly sliced red radishes
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup apple juice
- ⅓ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic in oil
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- Salt & pepper to taste, but don't be shy

Remove the largest stems from your collard greens. You don't need to remove every single bit of vein or stem as you want to retain a bit for crunch.

Working in manageable batches, roll your collards together into a large cigar shape and slice at a diagonal with a sharp knife, making approximately 1 inch “ribbons”.

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and use gloves to massage the ingredients together. Turning them over and mixing as you go.

Allow the mixture to rest for at least 10 minutes. Toss again to mix and enjoy immediately or cover and refrigerate for later use.

There will be liquid left in the bottom of your bowl if you use this immediately. If making ahead, pour this liquid into the storage container with the collard slaw and it will continue to marinate for a day or more in the fridge. After about 2 days it will start to lose its texture, however.



Pecan Pie Bars

This recipe is from Columbia-based Allen Bros Milling Company, maker of Adluh Flour. Similar to pecan pie, but with a better filling-to-crust ratio, these bars are a great use for the pecans harvested across South Carolina each November.

- 2 cups Adluh® all-purpose flour
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¾ cup butter (cold)
- 4 tbsp. milk
- 4 large eggs
- ¾ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 4 tbsp. butter (melted)
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups chopped Certified SC Grown pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 13×9 baking pan. Set aside.

In a small mixing bowl stir together the flour, sugar, and salt. Using either a pastry blender, fork, or butter knife, cut in the ¾ cup butter (slice the butter into tablespoon size slices, add it to the flour mixture, and mash it up until the mixture resembles crumbs)

Pour in the milk and mix with fork, then with hands to ensure the moisture is evenly distributed in the flour mixture.

Press the dough into the greased baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes, the top of the crust will be a light brown color.

While the crust is baking, prepare the pecan pie topping. In a medium size bowl lightly beat the eggs. Add in the light brown sugar, light corn syrup, melted butter, vanilla extract, and chopped pecans. Stir to combine. Spread this over the hot crust after it's baked for 20 minutes.

Bake again for another 20 minutes, or until the pecan pie filling has set. (When you wiggle the pan the filling will no longer jiggle). Remove from oven and allow to cool. Cut into bars.

