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RENOVATED GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET READY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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GREENVILLE – The Greenville State Farmers Market’s newly upgraded facility offers a more accessible and attractive space for customers and vendors alike.

South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers cut the ribbon on the renovated facility at a ceremony Oct. 24.

“This beautiful expanded market facility offers great opportunities for South Carolina farmers and small business owners to connect with the public — and that’s what our State Farmers Markets are all about,” Weathers said. “I’m proud of our team’s work, and I know visitors will enjoy the results.”

The \$2.4 million renovation features a new wood-beam canopy entrance to welcome visitors and showcase seasonal displays. Roll-up glass doors in the expanded vendor space provide lots of natural light. Shoppers will find a new walk-in cooler and renovated interior in the area occupied by the market’s longtime grocery vendor, G&G Retail. The renovation also added office space for SCDA’s regional inspectors and updated the market office.

The Greenville State Farmers Market, located at 1354 Rutherford Rd. in Greenville, hosts events including weekly Small Vendor Saturdays and semi-annual Plant and Flower Festivals, all featuring a variety of craft, food, and plant vendors.

The market was created in the 1940s because the Legislature saw a need for farmers to have a venue to sell what they grew directly



to the public. At first, it was held outside on Court Street in downtown Greenville. The market’s first permanent building was built around 1949 on the Rutherford Road site. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture took ownership of the property in 1979 from Greenville County.

The renovation was funded partly by the sale of a parcel of land at the market site, and partly by a 2022 allocation from the South Carolina General Assembly.

The upgraded facility fulfills a longtime SCDA vision of creating a welcoming space for the community to gather and for local businesses to prosper.

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture also manages markets in Florence County and Lexington County.

Visit agriculture.sc.gov/state-farmers-markets or find the market on Facebook at [@GVLMarket](https://www.facebook.com/GVLMarket) and Instagram at [@GreenvilleFarmersMarket](https://www.instagram.com/GreenvilleFarmersMarket). For market queries, contact Market Manager Lia Sanders at lsanders@scda.sc.gov.

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

SHUTDOWN BLUES

As I write this, the federal government shutdown is still ongoing. Even if it’s ended by the time this issue of *Market Bulletin* gets to you, there’s still going to be a lot of digging out to do, for farmers and everyone else.

USDA’s Farm Service Agency offices reopened in October, though with minimal staffing. That was good news for the farmers who need money to move at a crucial time of year.

USDA has told states not to issue SNAP benefits in November until further notice. With about 1 in 8 Americans receiving SNAP, the reduction in spending will likely affect the grocery sector and the farmers who supply it.

Here at SCDA, we’ve been getting lots of inquiries, as we help administer two federal programs through which food banks can order bulk-purchased food from USDA. Food banks are still getting food orders through these programs (TEFAP and CSFP). The banks are bracing for more demand as SNAP benefits run out, so we are staying in communication with them.

We are also developing our workplan for the Helene disaster relief block grant we announced in September, so it will be ready for USDA when the government reopens.

Aside from the shutdown, we’re making some moves to help farmers through

this tough time. China’s Oct. 30 commitment to start ordering soybeans again is great news, but soybean farmers in South Carolina still need some attention. We have been working with SC Ports to coordinate a second round of soybean container exports to free up some storage space and bring in revenue as the soybean harvest begins. Earlier in the year, we funded the movement of 480 containers (467,000 bushels) to the Inland Port Dillon; those containers were then shipped out of the Charleston port and sold to clients in Malaysia and Thailand. The second phase of the project, underway now, will move 750 containers, or 730,000 bushels.

In September, I traveled to the country of Colombia on a trade mission with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. We explored several new export opportunities for US fruit and soybeans. The country is putting a big emphasis on poultry and livestock feed production. And there’s always something on these trade trips that surprises you, like a Colombia-based cookie company, founded before the first World War, that has a production facility in Texas.

Let’s hope the shutdown ends soon and the government gets back to work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Music Series

November 14 • 7 – 10 pm
Come out to the farm for a night of live music, food trucks, beer, wine, and good times! Justin Anderson: Singer songwriter bringing personal songs, plus new & old country. Cover fee is \$5.
Old McCaskills Farm
377 Cantey Lane, Rembert
803-432-9537

Selugadu — Native American Celebration

November 14 & 15
Every November, Hagood Mill Historic Site proudly honors Native American Heritage Month with one of its most meaningful and well-loved traditions: the Native American Celebration, also known as Selugadu—a Cherokee word for “cornbread” (Selu = corn, Gadu = bread). This cherished harvest gathering celebrates gratitude, community, and the enduring legacy of the first peoples of this land. Visitors are invited to experience two full days of drumming, dancing, flute playing, storytelling, cultural demonstrations, and hands-on educational activities honoring Native traditions and artistry.
Hagood Mill
138 Hagood Mill Road, Pickens
864-898-2936

2025 Christmas Market

November 15 • 10 am – 2 pm
Join us for a fun holiday market full of handmade gifts, tasty treats, unique art, and more. Bring your friends and family for a festive day on the farm!
Cotton Hills Farm
The Market 2575 Lowrys Hwy, Lowrys
info@cottonhillsfarm.com • 803-581-4545
cottonhillsfarm.com

The Animal Experience Tour

November 15 • 2 pm
\$25 per guest, and only 25 spots are available! The tour will stay together throughout the event, and we will not only visit every sanctuary resident, from Abu the camel to Norris the cow, but also visit the farm's dairy goats and try our hand at milking a goat! We will also have a tasting session with our delicious flavors of goat cheese before touring our goat dairy! There will be a photo shoot session for anyone who wants the PERFECT profile photo cuddling some goats or kissing a pig!
Goat Daddy's Farm
144 Tomahawk Trail, Elgin
goatdaddys@gmail.com
facebook.com/goatdaddys

Cab & Cows Night

November 15 • 4 pm
Want an opportunity to cuddle a cute miniature cow? Or, have you been debating buying one and need to know where to start? Join us for an informative and fun evening to learn about miniature cattle and what ownership consists of with Seven Daugherty Farm and Cash Co Farms while enjoying wine, charcuterie, and spectacular views provided by Chattooga Belle Farm! One \$50 ticket includes 2 glasses of wine, access to the charcuterie table, an educational session on raising on miniature cattle, and LOTS of cuddles with the miniature cattle!
Chattooga Belle Farm
54 Damascus Church Road, Longcreek
864-647-9768
chattoogabellefarm.com
facebook.com/ChattoogaBelleFarm

Syrup Day

November 15 • 9 am – 12 pm
See history come to life! A large part of farm life in Horry County involved old-fashioned syrup making. Each fall, sugar cane was gathered from the field and taken to a local cane mill where the juice was squeezed from the stalk. Cooking down the raw juice into sweet cane syrup became a celebration and gathering for the community and is a tradition that is carried on each year. This event is free and open to the public. The L.W. Paul Living History Farm is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 am–4 pm.
L.W. Paul Living History Farm
2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
hcg.museum@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-5321
horrycountymuseum.org

Holiday Artisan Market

November 22 • 10 am – 3 pm
Celebrate the holiday season with locally crafted items perfect for gifts and decor. Get in the holiday spirit at our annual event that features artisans, bakers, and crafters. There will also be live music and food trucks to enjoy.
Blythewood Farmers Market
Doko Meadows Park
171 Langford Road, Blythewood
manager@blythewoodfarmersmarket.com
803-402-6864

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

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CATTLE

4-6 M/O ANG HFRS weaned, wormed, on feed, \$850+ Casey McCarty Newberry 803-924-5239	BLK ANG YRLG BULLS reg & comm, \$3000+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691	REG ULTRA BLK BULLS 14-24 m/o, good dispo, Fescue raised, BSE tested, \$4500-7500 Henry Mitchell York 803-627-6142	REG DEXTER CATTLE (1) hefr B-8/24, (2) hefrs B-5/25, \$1700 ea; (1) bull calf B-5/25, \$1500 ea Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800	2 REG MINI HRFRD BULLS handled daily, gentle, sire on site (1700 lbs, 40" T), 16 m/o, \$1500; 14 m/o, \$1200 Tiffany Craft Greenville 864-263-8266
BUCKING BULLS & calves, Code Blue & Panhandle Slim b/lines, \$800-6500 Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329	REG POLLED HRFRD BULL exc EPDs, calves on site, 3 y/o, bred by FPH, easy calving, \$3500 Churchill Jenkins Horry 843-450-1136	FB CHAR BULL B-4/4, no papers, photos avail, \$1800 Boyd Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455		

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

2 FRT END LDRS both in GC, w/all mounting hdwe incl, MF L-210, \$3800; MF 236, \$4000; cow trl, \$475 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485	KUBOTA L3901 255 hrs, HST, 4n1 bucket, tiller, bush hog, older disc, EC, \$24,500 Mike Funderburk Orangeburg 803-664-0707	5½' BOX BLADE w/ 6 diggers, \$350 Billy Eddins Chesterfield 843-517-9457	JD 4020 \$13,500; MF 1105, \$15,000; Cat D7E, \$27,000; Ford 3930, \$13,500 Ronald McGraw Lancaster 980-255-8584	'07 NH 565 BALER shed kept, LT 10000 bales, last used '14, 3ph rake & tedder, \$9000; more Charles Fairchild Anderson 863-617-1010	3000 FORD TRACTOR \$6000; btm plow, \$300; 20 disc harrow, \$100; more Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214
6' JCT BRUSH HOG quick attach, high or low flow, new, \$1800; Kubota LA1353 frt end ldr, GC, \$2500 Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283	13' ROUNDUP WICK BAR 4r, \$400 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692	16'x8W FACTORY TRL 3 axle w/3" rem wood sides, 2 axle brakes, more, \$1600; 14' 2 axle trl, more, \$800; more Melvin Barr Pickens 864-360-5176	JD 850 25 hp, 2 wd, 3ph, PTO, shed kept, \$4900 Mike Buck Saluda 864-445-7399	MF4 BTM PLOW MOD 82 trip plow, \$600; flatbed trl, 18x8', 3' DT, 3' ramp, 4' hdbd, 2 & 5/16 hitch, \$3000 Harry Watson Lexington 803-413-2571	FA SUPER A w/side plntr & fert hopper, cult, seed plates, \$5250; 5' Woods finish mwr for FA cub, \$600; more Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240
IH 820 COMBINE HDR AUGER 15', \$400; 3pt scoop pan, \$125 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292	FORD TRACTOR 2810 926 hrs, hyd remote, \$7800 Roy Burkett Lexington 803-532-5063	20'x7' ENCL TRL Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$7000 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869	125 BU GRAVITY WAGON \$1400 Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628	16 DISC HARROW & 5' Box Scrap, \$750 ea; 5'x8' trl w/ramps, \$850; Miller Bobcat 225G welder/gen on trl, \$3000 Gregg Hembree Spartanburg 864-494-2753	'03 CHEROKEE TRL alum, SL w/dressing room, \$9500 Rober Gaskins Colleton 843-538-4673
JD 4230 \$18,000; JD 3020, \$15,000; IHC 385, \$5500 Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394	'06 CHEV 3500 DUMPTRUCK Allison trans, Duramax innovative 6.6 dsl, LN, 96,400 mi, \$28,500 John Lyons Chester 803-899-4308	8' DRAG HARROW 3pt, mfg by King Plow Co, \$400 Lois Owens Greenville 864-363-3436	INCLINE CONVEYOR by Little Giant, FC, \$300 Doyle Switzer Spartanburg 864-809-2058	BOOM POLE \$175; 5' scrape blade, \$450; hay tumblebug, \$1200; 50 gal sprayer, \$200 obo Willis Hembree Union 864-441-8753	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
'98 MF 281 w/bush hog frt end ldr, \$15,500 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463	16' BP CATTLE TRL \$4800; small metal trl, \$125; Oak trl, \$125; 3ph carry all, \$275, cash Randy Orr Anderson 864-201-5666	1R 2 DISC BEDDER undercut bar, works w/ garlic, onions, carrot, more, both for 3ph, HD, \$800 ea David Long Richland 803-609-7057	20 BLADE DISC \$1200; (3) 3ph cult frames, \$900; (2) 1r cults, \$300; 7' boom pole, \$125; call/text Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711	8N FORD TRACTOR \$3500; Posthole digger, 9" auger, 3ph, \$600; 5' box scrap, \$750; all obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222	NO-TILL DRILL '22 Land pride 706NT w/ main seed, small seed & fert boxes, LN, \$30,000 Frank Friddle Anderson 864-934-9653
5' BHB GROOMING MWR antiq/vintage '60-64, cuts well, \$300 Bob White Spartanburg 864-457-2293	3PH DIRT 'SUPER PAN' to fill holes, etc, \$300 R Adams Darlington 843-393-7280	JD 2010 DSL TRACTOR spin out whls, cults & plntrs, GRC, \$7500 Carey Wilson Anderson 864-437-9297	NH TC34DA TRACTOR 35 hp, HST, 4wd, 294 hrs, ldr, quick att bucket, new hyd hoses, mid & rear PTO, EC \$16,900 obo Bob Vickery Anderson 864-420-1079	SAWMILL ON WOODLAND TRL Woodland Mills 130 Max, 30"x23' cut, more; \$11,900 Gerald Hutto Lexington 803-568-3181	JD 4320 \$13,000 obo; veg transplanter, Rainflo ser II, single & dbl punch whls, \$6500; 4R rolling cult, \$1500 Joe Alsbrook Bamberg 803-662-0950
6'W AERATOR LN, tractor mount, 12" drum, \$1200 Charlie Doyle Florence 843-992-6267	JD 9650 STS COMBINE 4wd, duals whls, grain bin ext, 925F hdr, both in GC, \$40,000 Danny Branham Lee 803-428-6278	JD 3020 5000; JD 854 row crop hdr & 8300 JD Grain drill, \$9000 ea; JD 4320, \$10,000 Henry Gunter Lexington 803-260-5502	JD 4100 TRACTOR 4wd, turf tires, \$6500 Mike Sheppard Newberry 803-924-9977		

FARM LABOR

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

NEED SOMEONE to rebuild whls for 1H buggy Jerry McElveen Clarendon 843-598-0445	HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS & seeding by ground or UAV, Ag, forestry & aquatic Joel Cox Spartanburg 864-706-1495	FORESTRY MULCHING & mini X brush cutting up to 8" clearing/dozer/Deere work, pond maint, bldg pads, etc Phillip Hutchins Lexington 803-422-1329	LIGHT TRACTOR WORK incl bush hogging, discing, cut up & removal of downed trees, light landscaping John Tanner Lexington 803-422-4714
BEAVER TRAPPING & exclusion, Aiken Co & surrounding area Joe Leonard Aiken 803-507-4940	MOBILE SAWMILLING 30"+ dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52"; land clearing, excavator work, Veteran owned/insured John Smith Pickens 864-982-2249	DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK build & repair ponds, demo, tree removal, land clearing, roads, free est James Hughes Greenwood 864-227-8257	EXCAVATOR WORK digging, stump removal, brush clearing, cleaning around fields & fences Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753
FORESTRY MULCHING land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging Jay Lowder Clarendon 803-473-0646	PASTURE MGMT SERV spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert & lime, plant pastures, Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda, Bahia Kenny Mullis Richland 803-331-6612	DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, trackhoe, bush hog, bldg pads Fred Morris Florence 843-621-8647	TREE LIMB TRIMMING for roads, fence lines, field edges, up to 26', all surrounding cos Damon Archie Chester 803-517-7436
LIME SPREADING specialize in TN valley lime, call for prices Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628			

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GRASS CARP \$12; Bluegill, 1-3", 65¢; Redbreast, 75¢; Ch Cats, 3-5", 65¢, 5-7", \$1.40, 7"+, \$3 ea 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
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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
MINI PALOMINO 9 y/o choc mare, 30" T, friendly, \$1200 Morris Douglas Fairfield 803-397-4280
MAMMOTH JACK DONKEY B-7/29/24, sorrel wht face/cream belly, \$4500 Dennis Wall Edgefield 864-993-6379

FRESH PRODUCE

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

FARM FRESH CHICKEN EGGS
\$4/dz
Ron Handley
Georgetown
843-896-0829
QUAIL EGGS
\$15
Austyn Nickalo
York
803-716-4890

PECANS
shelled & ready to eat, \$12/lb, p-up in Newberry or Irmo
Russell Shealy
Newberry
803-944-7316
JUMBO QUAIL
& chicken eggs, \$3-4/dz
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

FARM FRESH EGGS
SR/uncaged chickens, \$4/dz
Deborah Norris
Lexington
803-622-0000
BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE
100 stalks, \$100
F C Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

NEW CROP WALNUTS
\$5/your 5 gal bucket
Claude R
Richland
803-754-1376

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

1 BULB ELEPHANT GARLIC
\$15 ea; Amarillo bulbs, \$10 ea
Francis Shiver
Kershaw
803-669-1979

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GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

5 RAM LAMBS
\$245; 2 ewe lambs, \$225
Larry Seyller
Greenville
864-360-1849
3 Y/O DORPER CROSS
4 rams & 1 ewe, \$400 & \$200 ea
Edward Holliday
Laurens
864-684-7075

(3) 4 Y/O ND DOES
4 y/o wethered ND w/3 legs, no horns, \$100 ea
Ellen Chassereau
Lexington
864-386-7461
5 ND & NUBIAN BILLIES
6 m/o, 150 ea
Dora Sturkie
Aiken
803-582-9933

HIGH % BOAR/BRIAR MIXED
nannies & billies, \$75-150
Ken Evans
Lee
803-464-1370
2 BOAR BILLY GOATS
\$200 ea
Gordon Hill
Anderson
864-617-5413

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

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

HAY & GRAIN

'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

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

'25 4x5 RND CB
NR, barn stored, \$70/bale; \$8/sq
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

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

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

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

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

'25 4x5 RND CB
HQ, shed kept, \$65 ea, GQ; cow hay, \$50 ea
Carroll Harmon
Lexington
803-359-3956

'25 TIFTON 44 & COASTAL
4x5 net wrap, in barn, \$50; outside barn, \$40; local del for 5 or more
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

FESCUE & MIXED GRASS
4x5 rnd, in barn, \$60 ea; outside, \$50; wheat straw, \$6/sq bale
Melvin Barr
Pickens
864-360-5176

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

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

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

BAHIA BERMUDA GRASS MIX
4x4½ rnd, \$35-40 ea
Leonard Cook
Aiken
803-645-8049

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

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

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

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

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

'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

'25 4x5 TIFTON 85
\$45 ea; '25 4x5 Coastal, \$40 ea; net wrap, field stored, good CQ, NR
Denny Bailey
Barnwell
803-793-7343

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

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

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

'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

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

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

4x5 RND HQ FESCUE
wrap, in barn, \$50; outside, \$45; disc on lrg quant
John Tribble
Anderson
864-958-1645

4x5 COASTAL
NR, fert & limed, net wrap, \$60
Bruce Berret
Aiken
803-640-3076

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

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

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

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

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

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

SQ FESCUE
fert, NR, in barn, \$7 ea
Don Hall
Greenville
864-525-9701

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

FESCUE OR BERMUDA
5'x4' tight rnd HQ, barn stored, \$50; outside stored CQ, \$40; lrg qty avail
Carol Ann Burns
Laurens
864-923-6160

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

HOGS / PIGS

BOARS
3 Yorkshire, \$300 ea; 2 Yorkshire x Duroc, \$275 ea; ready to breed; 100-200 lb bbq hogs, \$200-250
Thomas Mouzon
Williamsburg
803-473-0628

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

3 PURE KUNEKUNE
B-9/10, 3M, \$75 ea; sow, \$250
Glenn Murphey
Aiken
864-490-0746

3 ROOS
(2) 8 m/o, (1) 2 y/o, \$15 ea
Ted Tallman
Pickens
864-918-2075

BOB WHT QUAIL
fight & weather cond, \$4.50 ea
John Reed
Sumter
803-464-5757

PIGEONS
pure wht racing homers, \$25 ea
Reynolds Tisdale
Williamsburg
843-373-9513

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SILVER SEABRIGHT'S
2 cockerels & 5 hens, \$35
Tommy Axson
Greenville
864-350-1450

HATCH GAME CHICKENS
\$50+
Brenda Dorrell
Williamsburg
843-372-8829

7 BOURBON RED TURKEYS
toms beginning to gobble, poss 5 gobblers & 2 hens, \$80 ea
Eddie Haddon
Allendale
864-374-3600

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

BLK BEDDING PLASTIC
6 rolls, 3 rolls of drip tape, \$1500; 200+ seedling trays, \$2000; 1h training cart, \$850; more
Joe Alsbrook
Bamberg
803-662-0950

WASH LINE
mfg by TEW Equip Co, 4 pcs, for rnd veg/fruits, \$5000; syrup evaporation pan, 4’W×7’L, \$600; more
Carey Wilson
Anderson
864-437-9297

APPLE & BOTTLE GOURDS
\$1 ea; lumber, Red Cedar, 1–2”×6”×8’, \$2/bdft; Spalted Maple, 1¼”×6-13”×8’L, \$3/bdft
Robert McCrary
Spartanburg
864-285-8994

OAK & HICKORY
trees on ground, use for firewood, you cut & haul, \$5/load
Walter Cain
Abbeville
334-488-0675

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

(3) 7500 BU GRAIN BINS
GC, must take down, \$1
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Orangeburg
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\$7.50/dz
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803-716-4890

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\$2/yd; Walnut log, \$100
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\$45; 7’×¾” chain, hook on one end, \$25
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200 GAL MILK TANK
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JD 180 RIDING LAWN MWR
46” cut, use for parts, \$100
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OAK FIREWOOD
long/bed p/up, cut to size, del & stack, \$150
Ronald Wright
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803-606-1616

8×10 WALK IN COOLER
w/comp, you disassemble, \$1200
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

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

2 GRNHS HEATERS
mod F Reznor NG for parts, \$5 ea, lv msg
Franklin R Babb
Chesterfield
843-320-8568

WHT OAK TRL FLOORING
1–2” thick × 6–10”W × 8–21’L, \$2.50/bdft
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

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

250 GAL FUEL TANK
portable w/manual hand pump, 2” ball, \$750 obo
Debbie Wade
Chester
803-581-5050

GALVALUME TIN
24 sheets, 3’×14’, unused, \$650; hdwd trees, on the ground, \$5/load
Clyde Bridges
Greenville
864-354-7619

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

HDWD LUMBER
boards 1”×12”×8’L, \$4/bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

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

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

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

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

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

OLD COMP FARM BELL
old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 ea; #15, \$150; more
Perry Masters
Greenville
864-561-4792

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

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

¾” IRRIG TUBE
24,000’, new, \$6000
George Daniels
Orangeburg
803-534-8217

CIRCULAR SAWMILL BLADE
6’ W, \$225; blksmith vice, \$150; Blkhawk corn sheller, \$75
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

HORSE COMPOST
no shavings, \$3/5 gal bucket load
Mary Stroman
Lexington
803-394-4338

TIRES
11R22.5, over ½ tread, \$100 ea; 12R22.5, avg tread, \$75 ea; both obo
Lawrence Hoffman
Calhoun
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HDWD
air dried 2–5 ys, wide boards 1”–3” thick, 8’–16’L, \$2–3/bdft; Walnut & Cherry, \$3–7/bdft
Luther Wilson
Lancaster
803-448-4477

WOODEN PEACH BOXES
1 bu, old, \$30 ea
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

45’L WALNUT LOG
14” dia heart at stump, \$400
Ben Choate
Lancaster
803-288-0037

HUSQVARNA RIDING MWR
22 hp, 42” cut, 49 hrs, \$1500
Edward Holliday
Laurens
864-684-7075

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

PONY CART
new paint, ready to hook, \$150
Harry Isbell
Anderson
864-617-2627

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

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

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

5–6’ MURRAY CYPRESS
\$30; 3’ Thuja Green Giants, 3–4’ Carolina Sapphires, \$15 ea
Lindsey Barksdale
Laurens
864-420-3956

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

CANNA LILIES
pres red, bengal tiger, pink w/grn leaf, pink w/red leaf, yellow w/grn leaf, \$10/dz
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

RABBITS

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

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

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

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

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

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

FIBERGLASS COVER
for pump/well, resembles big stone
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FARM BELLS
blksmith anvils, scalding pots, bell cradles
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kettles, wash pots, evap pans, and grist mills
William Yonce
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Pursuant to the provisions of the “Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act” and the Marketing Order for South Carolina Cotton No. 12 issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina on July 1, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina is seeking nominees for the South Carolina Cotton Board to succeed three members with terms that expires December 31, 2025. Nominees are needed to succeed members in District 1, 2 & 3 (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 a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing cotton within the state of South Carolina for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, during that one-year period, candidates will have derived a substantial portion of his/her income from cotton production and shall continue to do so from the production of cotton during their term of office.

As a board member for the South Carolina Cotton Board, your primary focus is to cooperate with agencies and organizations engaging in the support of cotton production, research, and promotion of South Carolina grown cotton. Board members are authorized to plan and establish market development programs which will result in the expansion of existing markets. And lastly, the SC Cotton Board is to plan, prepare, administer, and conduct programs, and expend monies for advertising and sales promotion to promote the sale of cotton in domestic and foreign markets and for the purpose of maintaining existing markets or creating new and/or larger markets for cotton grown in the State of South Carolina. The South Carolina

Cotton Board holds approximately 2 to 3 meetings per year to conduct business. Board members receive reimbursement for mileage to and from meetings and a \$50 per diem per meeting attended.

District 1 includes the Counties of Clarendon, Darlington, Georgetown, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

District 2 includes the Counties of Chester, Chesterfield, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Marion, Marlboro, and Richland.

District 3 includes the Counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, and York.

If you are interested in being considered to serve on the South Carolina Cotton 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 13, 2025**.

Frances Price, Chair, The Agriculture Commission of South Carolina
PO Box 11280, Columbia, South Carolina 29211

REGULAR CLEANING OF FEEDERS PROMOTES BIRD HEALTH

BY JEFF DENNIS, SCDNR

A healthy flock of backyard birds often reflects the cleanliness of your bird feeders. Feeding birds during the fall and winter months is a favorite activity for many South Carolinians, as birds readily take advantage of supplemental food sources. This season is also an ideal time to commit to cleaning your bird feeders regularly—about once a month.

“Cleaning the feeders and bird baths where birds congregate is very helpful to the birds,” said Amy Tegeler, SCDNR Bird Conservation Coordinator. “Disease can spread from bird to bird via saliva or feces, so it’s important to be mindful of where they gather. Don’t forget to clear waste seed from the ground beneath feeders, too. Clean feeders can reduce the spread of diseases like avian pox and finch eye disease.”

- To clean your feeders:
- Soak them in warm, soapy water and scrub thoroughly with brushes to reach every nook and cranny.
 - Use a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water for seed feeders.
 - For hummingbird feeders, use one part vinegar to four parts water.

Periods of rainy weather can cause seed to sprout or turn rancid quickly. Some feeders disassemble for easier cleaning. Also, keeping a few extra feeders on hand allows you to swap them out as needed. You can then clean the used ones when you have time—no need to worry about birds losing interest while the feeders are being cleaned.

“The placement of feeders near your home is also important,” added Tegeler. “To avoid window collisions, place feeders either less than three feet or more than ten feet from your house. Black oil sunflower seeds are a great choice for most feeders, and if squirrels become a problem, try a hot pepper-flavored suet.”

Routine cleaning helps ensure that visiting birds stay healthy and that feeders remain in good condition all season long.

USDA ANNOUNCES BEEF PLAN

BY USDA

On Oct. 22, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and Small Business Administrator Kelly Loeffler announced a suite of actions to strengthen the American beef industry, reinforcing and prioritizing the American rancher’s critical role in the national security of the United States. Since 2017, the United States has lost over 17% of family farms, more than 100,000 operations over the last decade. The national herd is at a 75-year low while consumer demand for beef has grown 9% over the past decade. Because increasing the size of the domestic herd takes time, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing now to make these markets less volatile for ranchers over the long term and more affordable for consumers.

“America’s food supply chain is a national security priority for the Trump Administration. We are committed to ensuring the American people have an affordable source of protein and that America’s ranchers have a strong economic environment where they can continue to operate for generations to come,” said Secretary Brooke Rollins. “At USDA we are protecting our beef industry and incentivizing new ranchers to take up the noble vocation of ranching. Today, USDA will immediately expedite deregulatory reforms, boost processing capacity, including getting more locally raised beef into schools, and working across the government to fix longstanding common-sense barriers for ranchers like outdated grazing restrictions.”

“At Interior, the Department is slashing red tape and restoring grazing access on public lands to support the livelihoods of hardworking Americans in the ranching industry,” said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum. “Thanks to President Trump, this administration is taking decisive action to support America’s farmers and ranchers so that they can support American families with high quality beef.”

“We face a chronic disease epidemic in this country largely tied to the foods we eat,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Kennedy. “Under President Trump, we are restoring whole foods as the foundation of the American diet and ending the decades-old stigma against natural saturated fat in beef and dairy products. We will strengthen America’s ranching industry so families can choose nutrient-dense, minimally processed foods. Bottom line: we cannot Make America Healthy Again without America’s farmers and ranchers.”

To view the plan, please visit [usda.gov](https://www.usda.gov).

SCDNR SCORE PROGRAM STRENGTHENS LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS IN HORRY AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES

BY CHEYENNE TWILLEY, SCDNR

CONWAY, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) hosted a partnership meeting at Coastal Carolina University to strengthen support and expand the agency’s oyster restoration and recycling efforts in Horry and Georgetown counties.

The event brought together local leaders, restaurant partners, educators, and community organizations to collaborate on building a stronger regional presence for the South Carolina Oyster Recycling and Enhancement (SCORE) program — one of the most successful oyster restoration initiatives in the nation.

SCDNR Director Dr. Tom Mullikin addressed attendees, emphasizing both the accomplishments and future opportunities of the program.

“The SCDNR SCORE Program has become one of the top oyster recycling and restoration efforts in the country,” said Mullikin. “Since 2010, South Carolina has recycled more than half a million bushels of shell — more than the leading nonprofit programs in the Chesapeake Bay and New York Harbor. That’s a remarkable achievement, driven not by a large nonprofit, but by our people, our communities, and our partnerships.”

The meeting focused on increasing oyster shell recycling participation in Horry and Georgetown counties, which currently lag behind other coastal and even inland areas of the state.

“There’s tremendous untapped potential right here along our coast,” Mullikin said. “Every un-recycled shell represents a missed opportunity — for cleaner water, stronger oyster populations, community engagement, and landfill diversion.”

The SCORE program, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, has worked with more than 700 organizations statewide, recycled over 609,000 bushels of shell, and constructed 34 miles of living shoreline, helping restore and protect critical estuarine habitat.

Mullikin announced that SCDNR will soon establish an official State Oyster Shell Recycling Day to recognize the partners and volunteers who make the program possible and to inspire greater participation statewide.

SCDNR’s SCORE program relies on community collaboration — from local governments and schools to restaurants, solid waste authorities, and volunteers — to recycle oyster shells and restore reefs that support clean water and resilient coastal ecosystems.

“Together, we’ve proven what’s possible when South Carolinians unite behind a shared mission,” said Mullikin. “Let’s continue that momentum — not just for cleaner water or stronger oysters, but for the future of our coast and our communities.”



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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NORTH AMERICAN AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS GATHER TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FOOD SECURITY

BY NASDA

ARLINGTON, Va. — Members of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and their provincial counterparts from Canada and states from Mexico issued a joint communiqué underscoring the role of states and provinces in protecting food security and improving the competitiveness of North American trade during the 34th annual Tri-National Agricultural Accord.

NASDA Board Member and Arizona’s Director of Agriculture Paul Brierley led the U.S. delegation.

“North America is a critical trading block for our countries of Mexico, Canada and the U.S. By working together as a North American alliance, we increase access to food for everyone and create opportunities for farmers, ranchers and food producers across all our communities. We will act on last week’s discussions to better equip our farming and ranching communities against animal diseases and harmful pests and facilitate cross-border collaboration to promote innovation in agriculture, natural resource conservation and science-based trade policy,” NASDA Board Member Paul Brierley said. “The Tri-National Agricultural Accord Delegates also reiterated our absolute support for continuation of the USMCA/T-MEC/CUSMA trade agreement for another 16 years as it provides a predictable, science-based framework that enables mutually beneficial trade and reduces or eliminates barriers, including tariffs, to trade of agriculture and food products across North America.”

In recognition of 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer, delegates also acknowledged the critical role of women in agriculture and reaffirmed the need to enhance inclusion and representation of women in the sector.

In addition to the joint communiqué, a statement from tri-lateral meetings and statements from the U.S.-Canada, U.S.-Mexico and Canada-Mexico bilateral meetings were published at the accord.

Prior to last week’s annual gathering, delegates also met at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, for an animal disease preparedness tabletop exercise hosted by USDA Animal and Health Inspection Service in August 2025. States and provinces exchanged updates on animal disease outbreaks and will continue to identify opportunities for improved coordination and information sharing to build on these efforts.

The Tri-National Agricultural Accord is the primary opportunity for senior state and provincial agricultural officials of the United States, Canada and Mexico to work together on agricultural trade and development issues. The accord represents a longstanding commitment to collaboration on trade between the three countries, and the current meeting arrangement dates back to 1992. Alberta will host the 35th Tri-National Agricultural Accord in Calgary on Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2026.

SC PORTS APPOINTS MALLACE AS PRESIDENT AND CEO

BY SC PORTS

The South Carolina Port Authority’s Board of Directors announced Micah Mallace as the agency’s next President and CEO. The vote was unanimous.

Mallace assumes leadership of SC Ports after a long and distinguished career in the maritime and logistics industry, including a previous tenure with SC Ports from 2011-2022 where he served in various roles before being named Chief Commercial Officer. Mallace facilitated numerous commercial successes, including attracting Walmart to build a new import distribution center near the Port of Charleston.

“I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as the next President and CEO at SC Ports,” said Mallace. “The port team and South Carolina’s broader maritime community provide port service that is unmatched, and I know, together, we will further strengthen our competitiveness.”

The Board, along with state leaders, reaffirmed their confidence in the selection of Mallace to lead the Port.

“The impact of our Port reaches well beyond the borders of South Carolina,” said Board Chairman Bill Stern. “What we do and how we operate influence global trade and the worldwide economy. Micah Mallace understands that significance and responsibility. He has the vision, experience and nuts-and-bolts knowledge to navigate the many facets of today’s maritime industry. We are extremely fortunate to have secured him as our new President and CEO.”

Interim President and CEO Phil Padgett will resume his role as Chief Financial Officer.

“I can think of no better person to lead SC Ports and know he will bring the necessary vision to grow as a top ten U.S. container port,” said Padgett.

Mallace will deliver his first State of the Port address on Oct. 28, where he will provide industry updates and lay out his vision for the future of SC Ports.

Prior to his appointment as President and CEO, Mallace served as President of Harbor Logistics, a third-party logistics company specializing in port drayage, warehousing, and transload operations. He is a Charleston native and is married with three children.

ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS

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FOOD PANTRY GIVING GUIDE HELPS SOUTH CAROLINIANS MAKE HEALTHY, MEANINGFUL DONATIONS

A new Food Pantry Giving Guide developed by Clemson University Cooperative Extension offers individuals, families and organizations a simple way to make healthy, thoughtful food donations that truly meet the needs of South Carolinians experiencing food insecurity.

MAKING EVERY DONATION COUNT

The guide provides a detailed list of nutritious, shelf-stable and easy-to-prepare items, helping donors choose foods that support both health and convenience. It organizes suggestions into categories — vegetables, fruits, grains, proteins, dairy and seasonings — with an emphasis on low-sodium, low-sugar and whole-grain options. The guide also outlines staple emergency food items and perishables that can be donated when refrigeration is available.

“Food donations can make a tremendous difference in people’s lives,” said Hannah Wilson, an assistant

professor at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center, who curated the resources. “By choosing items that are both nutritious and easy to use, donors can help ensure that every contribution supports the health and dignity of those receiving assistance.”


SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In addition to food lists, the guide encourages donors to contact their local food pantry to coordinate giving and confirm specific needs. It also directs individuals to additional resources, such as the One SC Fund, which supports emergency food response efforts and other critical needs across the state.

The Food Pantry Giving Guide is part of Clemson Extension’s ongoing efforts to strengthen communities through nutrition education, food safety outreach and wellness initiatives grounded in research-based information.

To view or download the guide, visit clemson.edu/extension/health/resources/food-pantry-guide.html.

Staple Emergency Food Items



Non-Perishables

- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna, salmon or chicken
- Canned and/or dry beans
- Canned vegetables (preferably no-salt-added/low-sodium)
- Dry milk
- Rice and/or pasta (preferably whole-grain)
- Breakfast cereal (preferably lower-sugar options)
- Oatmeal
- Applesauce
- Dried fruit

CLEMSON SCIENTIST FINDS ANCIENT FLOOD OFFERS MODERN LESSONS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA’S WATER FUTURE

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAND AND WATER IS ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH AGRICULTURE AND LONG-TERM COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Imagine a city built around canals, thriving on agriculture, trade, and religious festivals—until one day, its lifeline becomes its downfall.

That’s what scientists believe happened over 4,000 years ago in the ancient Mesopotamian city of Lagash, located in the modern town of Tell al-Hiba in southern Iraq. Surprisingly, this ancient disaster holds valuable lessons for people today.

ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE

A recent study by Reed Goodman, a Clemson University archaeologist housed at the Belle W. Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science in Georgetown, South Carolina, and scientists from other institutions has uncovered evidence that Lagash was devastated by a massive flood likely triggered by human activities.

The scientists believe that during a military invasion by the city’s upstream rival, Umma, led by King Lugalzagesi, attackers may have breached the city’s canal system, unleashing floodwaters that buried buildings under more than a yard of silt.

“This wasn’t just a battle; it was environmental warfare,” Goodman said. “Lugalzagesi weaponized Lagash’s irrigation system, turning its lifeline into a force of destruction. Our study highlights how the very systems that support farming and prosperity could also become points of failure when mismanaged or exploited.”

The timing couldn’t have been worse. The attack happened during the spring flood season, when rivers were already swollen.

The flood turned a military conquest into an ecological disaster. Lagash’s population scattered and its economy collapsed. The city never fully recovered.

“This event reshaped the city’s landscape and its history,” Goodman said. “It’s a stark reminder of how vulnerable ancient civilizations were to the manipulation of their environment and how water, a source of life, could also be used as a weapon.”

WHY THIS STUDY MATTERS TODAY

The fall of Lagash occurred thousands of years ago, so why should South Carolinians care about it today? Because the state, like ancient Lagash, depends heavily on water infrastructure. From the rice fields of the Lowcountry to the irrigation systems supporting farms in the Midlands, water is vital.



Rice fields at White House Farms in Georgetown, South Carolina, mirror the legacy of ancient civilizations shaped by water, drawing parallels between ancient irrigation systems and modern water management. Photo courtesy of Paul Quattlebaum, White House Farms

“This history offers a cautionary parallel to the present,” Goodman said. “Just as ancient farmers depended on carefully maintained canals, modern communities rely on levees, reservoirs and wetlands to manage water, safeguard crops and adapt to environmental change.”

The flood that destroyed Lagash was the result of neglect or attack, highlighting the importance of maintaining water systems. Neglecting levees, canals, or dams can lead to disaster. Additionally, floods during peak wet seasons can be particularly destructive.

“This study serves as a reminder that infrastructure, ecology and social cooperation are deeply intertwined,” Goodman said. “It also

shows that sustainable management of land and water remains essential for both agriculture and long-term community resilience.”

RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Spring and summer are peak wet seasons for South Carolina. July is a consistently wet month, especially in the coastal areas, due to frequent afternoon thunderstorms and the influence of tropical systems.

The scientists found that poor maintenance, mismanagement, or conflict can turn infrastructure failures into humanitarian crises. Environmental changes increase flooding risks, making proactive water management even more urgent.

The study also highlights the importance of developing redundant, decentralized and adaptive water systems. Investing in resilient systems, such as flood defenses, smart irrigation and emergency planning, is essential.

“This study mirrors modern urban challenges where cities are vulnerable to environmental changes, environmental mismanagement and infrastructure failure,” Goodman said. “The Lagash case underscores the importance of resilient infrastructure and adaptive planning in flood-prone regions. As the frequency of extreme weather events increases, cities could learn or seek inspiration from ancient failures to avoid repeating them.”

In addition to Goodman, other scientists involved in the study include Liviu Gosan of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Zhixiong Shen of Coastal Carolina University, Paul Zimmerman of the Penn Museum, Andreas Lang of the University of Salzburg, Stefan Constantinescu of Bucharest University, Sara Pizzimenti of the University of Pisa, Zaid Alrawi of the Penn Museum, and Holly Pittman of the University of Pennsylvania.

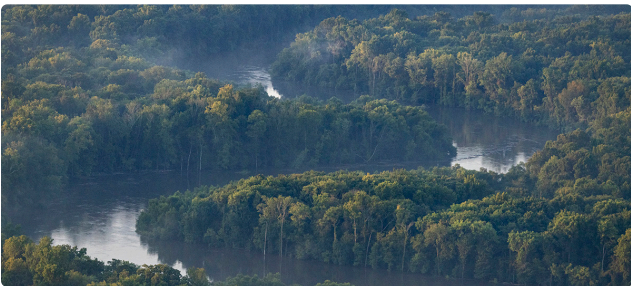
GOVERNOR, DIGNITARIES CELEBRATE LARGEST CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN SC HISTORY

LAND DEAL PERMANENTLY PROTECTS 62,000+ ACRES FROM DEVELOPMENT ACROSS 3 COUNTIES, RIVER SYSTEMS

BY DOUG WOOD, SC FORESTRY COMMISSION

A coalition of 17 public, private and nonprofit conservation organizations celebrated the announcement of the largest conservation easement in state history Oct. 29 on the banks of the Black River in Georgetown County.

Gov. Henry McMaster joined state agency leaders and executives from Resource Management Service, LLC, Open Space Institute, the SC Forestry Commission and nearly a dozen other organizations to herald the Pee Dee Basin Initiative, which will protect more than 62,000 acres of forestland spanning Georgetown, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.



The initiative yields untold recreational, environmental, and economic benefits in the nation’s “woodbasket” while shielding the protected tracts from the development pressure associated with South Carolina’s rapidly growing population, particularly in the coastal plain.

The project also includes an 880-acre fee-simple addition to Wee Tee State Forest, managed by the SC Forestry Commission, and new Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), which will fall under the aegis of the SC Department of Natural Resources.



Nearly \$74 million in funding was committed to the initiative, which safeguards habitat for priority plant and animal species along three coastal rivers — the Black, Pee Dee, and Santee — and provides new public access to more than 7,500 acres of land for both recreation and ecotourism.

The project brochure, available at scfc.gov, provides detailed information about the scope of the initiative, the funding partners, maps of the protected properties and the conservation values associated with the undertaking.

