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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2026 CERTIFIED SC SHOWCASE

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND COLUMBIA TRADE SHOW

BY EVA MOORE | PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE FINNEGAN

Farmers, specialty food producers, buyers and other in the food and agriculture space should make plans to attend the Certified SC Showcase at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on March 26, 2026.

The annual Certified SC Showcase is a one-day trade show and educational/networking opportunity.



Certified SC producers can register to exhibit their products and connect with buyers from across the Southeast, in addition to attending education sessions.

Michael Cranford, market development manager for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, says hosting a homegrown trade show allows the Department to create opportunities for a variety of producers.

“The Certified SC Showcase is an opportunity for producers of any size to form relationships with a broad spectrum of wholesale, retail, and foodservice buyers, at a fraction of the cost of conventional trade shows and events,” Cranford said.

This year, the Certified SC team has put a renewed focus on spotlighting the state’s agricultural range.

“South Carolina offers a diverse range of agricultural products, so we are embracing that by trying to feature companies from different categories and inviting new buyers to the table,” Cranford said.

The Showcase also offers education for Certified South Carolina members.

“In addition to the trade show opportunity, our educational sessions will give members the chance to learn from successful Certified SC brands and gain practical insight into maximizing their membership,” said Grace Heins, Certified SC program manager for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The first session, Certified SC 101, outlines the benefits



of membership, and how producers can use the program to strengthen their businesses.

A second session focuses on how some of the state’s most successful producers are using Certified SC to their advantage. Representatives from Harris Teeter, Lillie’s of Charleston, Lowcountry Kettle, Senn Brothers, and WP Rawl will speak to how they use the logo, how they use Certified SC’s own marketing efforts as a springboard, and related topics.

Early bird registration runs through January 31, 2026: \$55 for exhibitors and \$25 for attendees and booth staff. Retail, wholesale, and foodservice buyers (retail grocers and stores, distributors, restaurants, schools) can register at no charge.

Registration includes lunch, which features an address by Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers.

The event will culminate in an informal networking happy hour held at the convention center.

To register, visit [agriculture.sc.gov/showcase](http://agriculture.sc.gov/showcase)

## COMMISSIONER’S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

## HONORING SC WOMEN FARMERS

2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer, and I’m glad to be marking this occasion here in South Carolina. More than one-third (35%) of South Carolina farmers are female, according to the most recent Census of Agriculture. That’s right around the national average.

Women farmers in South Carolina are younger on average (57.4 years old vs 59.7 years old for men), and the farms they operate are smaller on average (146 acres vs 210 acres).

Nationally, 58 percent of all U.S. farms (1.1 million farms) have one or more female producers making decisions about the farm’s operation.

The United Nations designated the Year of the Women Farmer to spotlight the essential roles women play across agriculture and food systems, from production to trade, while often going unrecognized. Women farmers are central to food security, nutrition and economic resilience.

I’m proud to honor South Carolina’s women farmers. Our agency is committed to empowering women farmers through our entrepreneurship programs, grants and creating opportunities.

For South Carolina women farmers looking to get more involved, here are some resources:

The South Carolina Women in Agriculture

Network (SCWAgN), operated by Clemson Cooperative Extension, is made up of women farmers, agricultural professionals, agricultural educators and informed consumers committed to supporting and providing educational opportunities to women working in agriculture and ag-related businesses. They provide educational opportunities and more: [clemson.edu/extension/scwagn](http://clemson.edu/extension/scwagn)

South Carolina Farm Bureau has a women’s leadership committee, including county-level women’s committees. Some of my own staff have taken the Women’s Communications Bootcamp through Farm Bureau and speak highly of it. [scfb.org/outreach-leadership/womens-leadership-program](http://scfb.org/outreach-leadership/womens-leadership-program). My wife Blanche worked with this group right after we married.

As usual, January is off to a busy start. I’ve been attending the annual meetings of some of our commodity boards.

The Winter Policy meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture is also coming up in a few weeks, and there will be plenty to talk about this year. New priorities at FDA and USDA, trade policies and more have us all in frequent communication to make sure Washington understand the needs of South Carolina farmers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mushroom Mountain Farm Tour

January 22 • 2–3:30 pm

Discover the hidden world beneath your feet! Join us for a 90-minute guided tour through one of the most unique farms in Upstate South Carolina. At Mushroom Mountain, we grow gourmet and medicinal mushrooms, teach sustainable cultivation techniques, and explore how fungi help heal our planet.

#### Mushroom Mountain

200 Finley Road, Easley

[hello@mushroommountain.com](mailto:hello@mushroommountain.com) • 864-859-3080  
[mushroommountain.com](http://mushroommountain.com)

### Laying the Groundwork: Introduction to Soil

January 23 • 10:00–11:30 am

Healthy plants start with healthy soil. In this hands-on workshop, we'll break down the basics of soil science in a simple, practical way, no prior knowledge needed. You'll learn what soil is made of, why soil health matters, and how it directly affects plant growth in your garden or containers.

#### Moore Farms Botanical Garden

100 New Zion Road, Lake City

[info@moorefarmsbg.org](mailto:info@moorefarmsbg.org) • 843-210-7582  
[moorefarmsbg.org](http://moorefarmsbg.org)

### Smokehouse Day

January 24 • 9 am–12 pm

The public is invited to experience how families would have prepared pork to be preserved on a typical Horry County Farm in the early 1900s. No part of the animal was wasted on the farm, from using the fat to render into lard, to creating dishes like chitterlings, hog head cheese, or even pickled pig's feet! Demonstrations include the carving and preparation of pork, salting and curing meat in the smokehouse, rendering lard, cooking demos, and more!

#### L.W. Paul Living History Farm

2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway

[calder.marian@horrycountysc.gov](mailto:calder.marian@horrycountysc.gov) • 843-915-7861  
[horrycountymuseum.org](http://horrycountymuseum.org)

### American Elderberry Workshop

January 25 & 26, February 1 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Learn to grow, propagate, and harvest American Elderberry. This 2-hour class will give you a hands-on understanding of how to not only grow, but propagate, and eventually harvest your very own American Elderberries. Each participant will leave with in-depth knowledge of this valuable craft as well as 4 of their own elderberry plant starts. Join veteran growers and add to your life's health cabinet. \$50.00.

#### Crafty Maibritt's Elderberry Farm

2621 Patty Road, Lake City

[milonapa@gmail.com](mailto:milonapa@gmail.com) • 843-373-1856  
[craftymaibrill.com](http://craftymaibrill.com)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oyster Roast

January 31 • 12–2 pm

Our last event with the amazing folks at Saltwater Markets was such a hit that we're teaming up again to bring you the freshest oysters around. Oysters will be served every 30 minutes from 12–2 pm. We'll have plenty of parking in the pasture, cozy fires to keep you warm, and lots to explore — take a walk for photos and tour our coming tulip harvest, the greenhouse, the barn, and our water feature. While you're here, stop by The Blossom Bar to shop honey (stock up, it goes fast!), candles, farm logo wear, gift cards, and more. This is a limited, ticketed event, and pre-purchased tickets are required for all attendees. Tickets are live now via the link on our website!

#### Five Blossoms Farm

1121 Crossland Road, Clover

[info@fiveblossomsfarm.com](mailto:info@fiveblossomsfarm.com) • 803-610-5809  
[simpletix.com/e/3rd-annual-oyster-roast-tickets-244691](http://simpletix.com/e/3rd-annual-oyster-roast-tickets-244691)

### Winter Oyster Roast

January 31 • 3–7 pm

Join us for an afternoon of all-you-can-eat oysters, crackling fire pits, and Laurel Haven wine flowing by the glass and bottle. Wander the vineyard, warm up by the fire, and watch the sunset over the lake while you work your way through the oyster tables — this is peak winter comfort for wine lovers. Tickets (21+ for oyster ticket): \$70 advance | \$80 at the door – includes all-you-can-eat oysters, sides, live music & first drink.

#### Laurel Haven Estate

3341 Taxahaw Road, Lancaster

[info@laurelhavenestate.com](mailto:info@laurelhavenestate.com) • 803-203-7565  
[laurelhavenestate.com](http://laurelhavenestate.com)

### The Farm at Florence 1—South Carolina Agricultural Council

February 12 • 11:30 am–1 pm

Discover how The Farm at Florence 1 is growing the future of education—and agriculture. What began as garden projects at elementary and middle schools has blossomed into a district-wide learning hub where students connect classroom lessons to real-world skills. The Farm gives students hands-on experiences that spark curiosity, build responsibility, and prepare them for life beyond graduation. To register, contact Stephen Slice, South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance. [scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com) • 803-360-2845

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### SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

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

### GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

1354 Rutherford Road  
Greenville, SC 29609  
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2513 W. Lucas Street  
Florence, SC 29501  
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\$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

## 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**  
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## CATTLE

**REG DEXTER CATTLE**  
(1) hefr B-8/24, (2) hefrs B-5/25, \$1600 ea; (1) bull calf B-5/25, \$1400 Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800

**4-6 M/O HEIFERS**  
weaned, wormed, on feed, \$750+ Casey McCarty Newberry 803-924-5239

**4 Y/O REG ANG BULL**  
proven herd sire, gentle; (2) 100% calf crops, \$3500 Hugh Knight Orangeburg 803-539-4674

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

**JERSEY COW**  
w/4 m/o bull calf, bred back, \$3200 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

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

**CORRIENTE/LNGHN STEER**  
\$1800; 2 Braunvieh/Lim hefrs, B-2/25, \$2000 ea James A Langston Pickens 864-859-6794

**2 Y/O BULLS**  
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**6' BH216 BUSH HOG**  
w/slip clutch, 65 hp gear box, \$2200 Harold Wright Cherokee 864-838-4763

**18' AMCO DISC HARROW**  
GC, \$4200 James Linder Colleton 843-908-3193

**6' LAND PRIDE TILLER**  
LN, \$2000 John Miller Sr Aiken 803-646-3343

**16' STOLL CATTLE TRL**  
older, FC, \$4600 James A Langston Pickens 864-859-6794

**IH 140 WAGON**  
14x8, \$495; 3pt scoop pan, \$125 Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-9292

**TURNER PLOW**  
for Super A FA, \$125; 3ph Tiller, \$500; 3ph btm plow, \$125 Mike Echols Greenville 864-908-8159

**INTL 5100 GRAIN DRILL**  
21 dbl disc openers, \$5500 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

**5' BHB GROOMING MWR**  
antiq/vintage '60-64, cuts well, \$300 Bob White Spartanburg 864-457-2293

**8N FORD**  
new tires, wiring, gauges, \$3000; 1r cult, \$200; 6' scrape blade, \$400; 5x8 util trl, \$600; all obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

**9600 FORD TRACTOR**  
VGRG, 135 hp, dual remotes, \$12,000, call/text Toney Farr Union 864-251-4046

**13' ROUNDUP WICK BAR**  
4r, \$400 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692

**CARRY-ON LIVESTOCK TRL**  
6x12 w/rear & side doors, Tandem axles, wood floor, LN, \$5500 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887

**'07 NH 565 BALER**  
shed kept, LT 10000 bales, last used '14, 3ph rake & tedder, \$9000; more Charles Fairchild Anderson 864-617-1010

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

**'22 JD 2025R TRACTOR**  
106 hr, 18 hp ldr, bucket, 60" Land Pride mwr, EC, \$19,000 Linda Berger Dorchester 843-832-9233

**20'x7' ENCL TRL**  
Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$7000 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

**6' W AERATOR**  
LN, tractor mount, 12" drum, \$1200 Charlie Doyle Florence 843-992-6267

**L-210 FRT END LDR**  
GC, all hdwe, \$3800; Stock trl, \$350 obro; 14' Ponderosa livestock trl, GC, \$1200 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

**JD 850**  
25 hp, 2 wd, 3ph, PTO, shed kept, \$4900 Mike Buck Saluda 864-445-7399

**20 BLADE DISC**  
\$1200; (2) 1r cults, \$300; 7' boom pole, \$125; call/text Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711

**JD 510 RND BALER**  
VGC, new top belts, shed kept, FR, \$1250 Howard Steele York 803-230-2627

**14' KUHN CUTTER**  
\$25,000 obo; Kuhn rake, \$6900; Kuhn tedder, \$6800; Intl 1466, dual whls, \$18,000 obo Joseph Henson York 803-448-5287

**KUBOTA LA1353 FRT END LDR**  
GC, \$2500 obo Jeremy Shealy Lexington 803-351-1283

**VAIL BRUSH CUTTER**  
42 1/2", for mini excavator, EC, used 1x, \$7500 Al Bryan Edgefield 803-480-4107

## FARM LABOR

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

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

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

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

**DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK**  
land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, trackhoe, bush hog, bldg pads Fred Morris Florence 843-621-8647

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

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

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

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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

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

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

**HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPL**  
by ground or UAV, Ag, forestry & aquatic Joel Cox Spartanburg 864-706-1495

## FARM LAND

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

**WANT 100+/-A LEASE**  
for turkey hunting w/in 90 min of Greenville, safe, ethical hunter Ron Smith Greenville 864-908-1109

**WANT LAND TO LEASE**  
for hunting, have equip for repair and/or help w/other needs, QDMA Deer Stewart II Ray Sealey Darlington 843-409-1717

**80.2A EDGEFIELD CO**  
timber w/small creek, tax #024-00-00-003-000, \$4200/A John Rhodes Hampton 803-346-9473

**WOULD LIKE TO BUY 10+A**  
clear or timber, Lexington Co only Elmer Fuller Lexington 803-629-0416

## FRESH PRODUCE

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

**BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE**  
100 stalks, \$100 F C Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

**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

**FRESH PECANS**  
shelled, \$27/gal bag; in shell, \$1.50/lb Deborah A Worth Aiken 803-605-4644

**CHICKEN EGGS**  
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## GARDEN

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

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

**ELEPHANT GARLIC BULBS**  
\$15; Muscadine blk or brn, \$20; multiplying onions, \$1/hill Francis Shiver Kershaw 803-669-1979

## HOGS / PIGS

**KUNEKUNES**  
1M, 2F, 4 y/o & (1) 2 y/o, take all 3, \$100; pls text Leo Nettles Florence 843-687-3065

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

**(3) 10 M/O GOATS**  
friendly, 1 pregnant, all for \$500  
Melinda Foy  
Aiken  
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8 m/o doelings, can be reg,  
\$300 ea  
Jane Cooper  
Greenville  
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**KATAHDIN LAMBS**  
6+ m/o, healthy & wormed,  
\$200 ea  
Rebekah Olson  
York  
803-351-4994

**KATAHDIN SHEEP**  
gentle, hand raised, vac &  
wormed, \$225+  
Tammy Hodge  
Sumter  
803-983-5041

**SAVANNA/BOAR BUCK**  
3 y/o, breeds yr rnd, \$250; 7  
m/o steers & nannies, \$130+  
James Briggs  
Abbeville  
864-446-3235

**ND GOATS**  
5 does, 2 bucks, blue eyes,  
\$700 for all  
Jeff Adams  
Lexington  
803-606-6053

**NUBIAN BUCK**  
10 m/o, \$250  
Cameron Brazell  
Lexington  
803-260-6959

**3 BRIAR GOATS**  
2 does, \$150 ea; billy, \$200  
Thomas Waters  
Colleton  
843-696-6627

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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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

**AMARYLLIS BULBS**  
\$10 ea  
Francis Shiver  
Kershaw  
803-669-1979

**AZALEAS**  
Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$7;  
Tea Olives, \$8; Banana  
Shrub, Camellias, Carolina  
Sapphire, \$25  
Freeman Noles  
Barnwell  
803-383-4066

**CHINESE CHESTNUT TREES**  
3 gal, \$15  
Charles Makl  
Saluda  
864-344-3831

RABBITS

**TAMUK**  
var ages & colors, \$20 ea  
Courtney Terry  
Laurens  
814-876-2127

**7-12 W/O TAMUK**  
bucks & does, \$20 ea  
Dustin Derrick  
Lexington  
803-622-4782

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

MISCELLANEOUS

**CARPENTER BEES TRAPS**  
sold in lots of 5 mailed to  
you, \$85  
William Timmerman  
Aiken  
803-640-6265

**CHICKEN LITTER**  
25-ton dump trl, \$700/load,  
quant discs, spreading avail  
Don Bowman  
Abbeville  
864-617-7253

**TROY BILT CHIPPER**  
5 hp, \$250; poly tanks, w/12v  
pumps, \$125; 8 hp old tiller, \$25  
Willis Jolley  
Dillon  
843-774-4885

**BREWSTER BRUNSON  
WAGON**  
late mod 1900, bearing whls,  
lamps, near orig cond, \$3500  
Otto Williamson  
Williamsburg  
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**LIVE EDGE SLABS**  
var species & sizes, \$50-200  
Becky Elliott  
Hampton  
843-368-5158

**40 RAINBIRD SPRINKLERS**  
\$2.50 ea  
Harold Wright  
Cherokee  
864-838-4763

**JD X320 LAWN TRACTOR**  
22 hp, 48" cut, w/dump cart,  
new frt tires incl, \$3500  
Wayne Krause  
Greenville  
864-385-4583

**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

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

**55 GAL FG DRUMS**  
metal & plastic open top  
w/top & rings, \$20+; solid  
top 55 gal, \$20 ea; 275 gal  
portow tanks, \$60 ea  
Philip Poole  
Union  
864-427-1589

**4' TUBE GATE**  
\$45; 7"x3/8" chain, hook on  
one end, \$25  
Russell Goings  
Union  
864-426-2309

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

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

**CRABGRASS**  
\$7.50/sq bale  
Jacob Boozer  
Saluda  
803-687-3682

**'25 FESCUE SUMMER MIX**  
4x5 rnd, twine wrap, barn  
stored, fert, \$35/bale  
Joseph Rister  
Newberry  
803-920-9153

**'24 4x5 CB**  
twine, shed stored, \$40  
Michael Hallman  
Lexington  
803-917-9044

**'25 TIFTON 44 BERMUDA**  
sq, \$7 ea  
Tom Thain  
Lexington  
803-920-7023

**COB CORN**  
\$5/bu, bulk only, in your trl  
Adam Anderson  
Newberry  
803-924-8466

**'25 OATS**  
\$12/bag  
Victor Smith  
Berkeley  
843-870-8522

**'25 4x5 RND CB**  
net wrap, under shed, well  
fert, \$70  
Hugh Knight  
Orangeburg  
803-539-4674

**'25 HQ CB**  
\$7/sq; 4x5 rnd, \$50; CQ,  
outside \$40 ea  
Anthony Carroll  
Anderson  
864-314-2111

**PREM SQ CB**  
HQ, \$12  
Leslie Howell  
Cherokee  
803-517-8167

**'25 4x5 RND CB**  
tight warp, \$50  
Johnnie Legree  
Bamberg  
803-614-4665

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

**4x5 RND HAY**  
\$30 ea  
Emory Lester  
Newberry  
803-940-0796

**'25 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS**  
4x5 rnd, not intended for  
horses, \$35 ea  
James Patterson  
Laurens  
864-871-1974

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

**'25 4x5 RND BALES**  
net wrap, CQ, \$45/bale, can  
del for fee  
Nathan Uldrick  
Abbeville  
864-391-1359

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

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

**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

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

HAY & GRAIN

**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

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

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

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

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

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

**HQ SQ CB**  
no litter used, \$8; rnd, \$65/  
field, \$75/barn; CQ, \$40  
George McCoy  
Chesterfield  
843-307-8866

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

**'25 HQ 4x5 RND CB**  
net wrap, limed & fert, NR,  
stored outside on indiv  
pallets, \$70 ea  
Eddie West  
Aiken  
803-507-8205

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

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

**'25 HQ CB**  
shed kept, \$50; CQ, 4 rolls  
for \$100  
Bobby Zimmerman  
Lexington  
803-317-8681

**'25 FESCUE**  
net wrap, \$50; Grass hay,  
\$45; both 4x5  
Jason Nichols  
Saluda  
864-992-2753

**'25 MIXED GRASS**  
net wrap, \$45; grass straw mix,  
for mulch, \$25 ea; both 4x5  
Charles Nichols  
Saluda  
864-992-9292

**'25 FESCUE/ORCHARD**  
HQ, sq, \$10 ea, in cubes of  
21 bales  
Joseph Henson  
York  
803-448-5287

**'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 TIFTON 44 & COASTAL**  
4x5 net wrap, in barn, \$50;  
local del for 8 or more  
William Shealy  
Lexington  
803-513-3485

POULTRY

**PEACOCK**  
2 peahens, blue color,  
\$150 for trio  
Terry Chapman  
Pickens  
864-508-0714

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

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

**3 ROOSTERS**  
(2) 8 m/o, (1) 2 y/o, \$13 ea  
Ted Tallman  
Pickens  
864-918-2075

**LAYING HENS**  
Buff Orpington, \$30 ea  
Robert Turner  
Orangeburg  
803-596-6463

**BOB WHT QUAIL**  
fight & weather cond, \$5 a  
John Reed  
Sumter  
803-464-5757

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

**3 ROOS**  
6 m/o wht, 12 m/o speckled,  
13 m/o red, 1 ea  
Gerald F Barks Jr  
Allendale  
864-554-0686

**PIGEONS**  
Indian Fantail, Jacobin,  
\$50 ea, all show qual  
James Malphrus  
Dorchester  
843-821-8172

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

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## WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

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

**COTTON WAGONS**  
retired, to buy  
Tony Parcell  
Lexington  
803-917-0918

**6-7' ROTOTILLER**  
3ph, in GC  
Randy Orr  
Anderson  
864-201-5666

**17-19' FOLDING DISK**  
7½ or 9" spacing, any brand  
Drake Kinley  
Anderson  
864-353-9628

**3PH POST HOLE DIGGER**  
Cat 1 in GC w/auger  
Gerald F Barks Jr  
Abbeville  
864-554-0686

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abbreviations**

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ABBREVIATIONS](http://AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV/ MARKET-BULLETIN/ ABBREVIATIONS)

## WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

**PB DUROC BOAR**  
breeding age, reasonably  
priced  
Robert Turner  
Orangeburg  
803-596-6463

**NZ WHT RABBITS**  
Earl Watts  
Lexington  
803-917-4794

**2-3 Y/O SAANEN DOE**  
Dennis Childs  
Richland  
803-429-9054

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

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

**FARM WAGON**  
w/orig wood spoke whls, 1  
or 2 horses  
Harry Isbell  
Anderson  
864-617-2627

# 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:** After Feb. 5, no login/privacy code will be required to view the *Bulletin* online, and you will not need to maintain a subscription. You can sign up at the *Market Bulletin* website to be notified when a new issue is available.

**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. After Feb. 5, no login/privacy code will be required to view the *Bulletin* online. You can sign up at the *Market Bulletin* website to be notified when a new issue is available.

### 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.

### 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](http://agriculture.sc.gov/market-bulletin) to review the policies for each ad category.



## SCDA LEASING OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE AT 2 STATE FARMERS MARKETS

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture has spaces available for rent at two of our State Farmers Market campuses.

### WEST COLUMBIA

Approximately 6,800 sq feet of space is available on the State Farmers Market Campus (322 Little Brook Ln, West Columbia, SC 29171) at the competitive rate of \$11.29/sq ft. The gross lease includes utilities (during business hours), six offices, 27 cubicles, an IT room, shared restrooms (including janitorial service of restrooms and shared hallway), grounds maintenance, general building maintenance, ample surface parking, Lorex camera system, and on-site private security on the market campus from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., 7 days per week. Please reach out to Brittini Geny at [bgeny@scda.sc.gov](mailto:bgeny@scda.sc.gov) to arrange a site visit of the location.

### FLORENCE

A warehouse/distribution facility, formerly home to Harvest Hope Food Bank, is available for lease at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market (2513 W. Lucas St, Florence, SC 29501). The warehouse has 25,000 square feet under roof with parking area and access on both sides, 28 tractor-trailer loading dock access points, office areas, two restroom banks, all new LED high bay lighting, 3-phase electrical circuits, and a large parking area with additional property available. In addition, the warehouse has the following cold storage spaces:

- One 15' x 36' walk-in cooler
- One 48' x 48' walk-in cooler room
- One 13' x 24' walk-in freezer

For more information, contact Bob Sager at 843-509-5899 or [bsager@scda.sc.gov](mailto:bsager@scda.sc.gov).



# SECRETARY ROLLINS ANNOUNCES NEW PRIORITIES FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2026

BY USDA

(Washington, D.C., December 30, 2025) – Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, signed a Secretary’s Memorandum (PDF, 135 KB) that puts forth a focused effort to establish new priorities for future research and development activities funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to strengthen U.S. Agriculture for farmers and consumers.

The American farm economy suffered under failed Biden-Harris Administration policies that drove up inflation, created a weak trade agenda that resulted in no new trade deals for American commodities, and propagated crippling overregulation. Further, misguided policies focused on DEI and environmental justice in agricultural research, extension, and education programs diverted resources away from solving actual programs that American farmers and ranchers are facing.

Since January, the Trump Administration has been working nonstop to strengthen the farm safety net, create new export opportunities for American commodities, lower the cost of critical agricultural inputs, and root out DEI from all USDA programs. However, strategic investments in agricultural research and development will help American farmers and ranchers increase profitability while continuing to provide consumers with the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food and fiber supply in the world for decades to come.

“When he created the People’s Department and the land-grant university system in 1862, President Lincoln had a vision for American agriculture rooted in agricultural innovation and education. Since that time, research coming from USDA and our colleges of agriculture have successfully helped American farmers and ranchers address countless challenges,” said Secretary Brooke Rollins. “The priorities we are announcing today

further reiterates President Trump’s commitment to put Farmers First and provides our agricultural researchers with a strategic roadmap to help keep our producers at the forefront of productivity.”

New Research and Development Priorities:

Moving forward, new research and development activities funded by USDA will be focused on projects that address one or more of the following priorities that put Farmers First:

1. **Increasing Profitability of Farmers and Ranchers:** While research to increase productivity has allowed American farmers and ranchers to provide the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food and fiber supply, the volatility in profitability of American agriculture leads to significant uncertainty for producers. Research and development that results in increased profitability—such as reducing inputs or increasing mechanization and automation—will benefit American farmers and ranchers.
2. **Expanding Markets and Creating New Uses of U.S. Agricultural Products:** With many producers experiencing record yields this growing season, it is more important than ever to ensure USDA is expanding markets and creating new uses for these American-grown commodities. Research and development that seeks to open new markets—such as generating science and data to resolve longstanding sanitary and phytosanitary trade barriers—or expand the utilization of these commodities in novel biobased products and bioenergy (including biofuels) will result in increased demand.
3. **Protecting the Integrity of American Agriculture from Invasive Species:** The resurgence of New World Screwworm in Mexico, continued westward expansion of the Spotted Lanternfly, persistence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in poultry flocks, and decimation of our domestic citrus industry due to citrus greening are just a few examples of how invasive pests and diseases threaten American agriculture and natural resources. Research and development focused on new and effective methods for preventing, detecting, controlling, and eradicating these threats is a top priority for USDA and the security of U.S. agriculture.
4. **Promoting Soil Health to Regenerate Long-Term Productivity of Land:** American farmers and ranchers are the original conservationists as no one stewards their land more than those whose entire livelihood, and that of their successive generations, depend on it. Research and development that promotes soil health practices, increases water-use efficiency, and reduces inputs will ensure farms and ranches remain productive for generations to come.
5. **Improving Human Health through Precision Nutrition and Food Quality:** Substantial and increasingly robust evidence shows that a healthy diet can help people achieve and maintain good health and reduce the risk of chronic diseases throughout all stages of life. Rigorous research on precision nutrition is needed to better understand how healthy dietary patterns impact people at the individual level with the goal of more targeted nutritional recommendations to encourage healthy choices, healthy outcomes, and healthy families. Additionally, research and development on increasing the nutritional content and quality of foods will lead to increased demand for American agricultural products.

## CLEMSON EXTENSION TO LAUNCH STATEWIDE ONLINE COURSE FOR HOME GARDENERS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY | PHOTO BY CARMEN KETRON

Whether you’re a newcomer to gardening or new to the unique challenges of South Carolina’s diverse climate, the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service has designed a program just for you.

Home Horticulture Foundations: Lawns and Landscapes is a six-week online course launching on Feb. 2. It offers gardeners across the Palmetto State expert guidance on creating and maintaining beautiful, resilient outdoor spaces.

Led by Clemson Extension Horticulture agents Brad Fowler, Carmen Ketron and Stephanie Turner, this self-paced course delivers nine comprehensive video presentations covering everything from soil science to climate-resilient landscape design. New videos are released at noon every Monday, allowing participants to learn on their own schedule while building a solid foundation in Southern gardening principles.

“We designed this course to address the real challenges South Carolina gardeners face,” Ketron

said. “From understanding our diverse soils and climate zones to managing pests and selecting plants that thrive in our conditions, participants will gain practical, research-based knowledge they can apply immediately.”

The program offers participation options to accommodate different learning styles and schedules. Gardeners can choose the video series alone or enhance their experiences with hands-on field days at two locations: the Medical University of

South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 20, or Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina, on April 10. Both field days run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include interactive workshops, expert demonstrations and complimentary refreshments and lunch.

Course content progresses through essential topics. Participants begin with an overview of South Carolina’s unique soils, climate and common pests before delving into specific subjects, such as lawn

maintenance, weed management, ornamental plant selection and landscape design.

The series concludes with weather-wise gardening strategies for building resilient landscapes in an era of increasingly unpredictable weather patterns.

All registrants receive a comprehensive learning package, including access to all nine videos, printable slide presentations, a curated reading list and a digital resource guide. Course materials remain accessible through May 4, allowing participants to revisit content as needed throughout the growing season.

For Clemson Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, attending one of the field days offers four hours of continuing education toward their annual certification requirements.

Registration information and pricing details are available on the Home Horticulture Foundations: Lawns and Landscapes Eventbrite page. For more information, contact Carmen Ketron, Clemson Extension urban horticulture agent.

With South Carolina’s gardening season approaching, organizers encourage early registration to secure spots, particularly for the limited-capacity field day events.



# SC GREEN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

LARGEST LANDSCAPE TRADE SHOW IN SC COMING TO COLUMBIA, SC

BY ASHLEY HUNTER

The South Carolina Green Industry Association will bring together over 120 exhibitors and 16 industry speakers to cover an extensive range of landscape topics during its annual two-day Conference and Trade Show held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Landscape industry professionals can choose from a variety of engaging presentations including weed and fire ant control, best practices for tree management, topics on soils and turfgrass, technical classes on lighting and irrigation, and business classes focusing on pricing and leveraging artificial intelligence in the landscape industry. Keynote speaker Dr. Charlie Hall from Texas A&M will open the Conference. Scholarships of \$24,000 will also be awarded to collegiate horticulture programs across the state.

Attendees can earn continuing education credit hours for the following certifications: South Carolina Pesticide, North Carolina Pesticide, International Society of Arboriculture, North Carolina Irrigation, and North Carolina Landscape Contractor.

“We are thrilled to offer this opportunity again for an affordable, one-stop educational conference and trade show. We look forward to having the chance to network and bring our industry together,” said David McLemore, SC Green’s Board President.

View the full schedule and register to attend at [scgreen.org](https://scgreen.org).

## REPORT VIOLATIONS USING THE HUNT REGS APP

BY SCDNR

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has partnered with the free Hunt Regs App to provide the public with a simple and anonymous way to report violations. Reports are automatically routed to the game warden responsible for that area, ensuring issues are addressed quickly and effectively.

There are two easy ways to report poaching anonymously and immediately to a South Carolina Game Warden in any County:

1. Download the FREE Hunt Regs app to report on your iPhone.
2. Visit [huntregsapp.com/southcarolinalandingpage/](https://huntregsapp.com/southcarolinalandingpage/) and select “Continue to Reporting” to report on the web. No login required.



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## CLEMSON EXTENSION ANNOUNCES 2026 CAMM RECERTIFICATION TRAININGS

GROWERS MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN IN-PERSON AND ONLINE CLASSES

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service is holding its Confined Animal Manure Manager (CAMM) recertification training from January to April.

These sessions are designed to help South Carolina’s confined livestock growers stay current on manure management strategies, emerging technologies and regulatory updates.

### RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The CAMM program requires certified growers to complete 10 hours of recertification credit every five years. The current cycle began on July 1, 2025, and ends on June 30, 2030. Each training session provides two hours of credit and costs \$30 per person.

### TRAINING OPTIONS

Growers may choose between in-person classes held throughout the state or online sessions via Zoom.

In-person classes will be hosted at county Extension offices, research centers and other venues from January through April.

Seating is limited at each location, with capacities ranging from 10 to 50 participants. Pre-registration is required.

Four online trainings will be offered via Zoom between January and April. Dates and topics covered are:

- Jan. 21 – Emerging Diseases: African Swine Fever
- Feb. 26 – Horse Manure Issues and Management
- March 4 – Beef Grazing Systems and Water Quality Protection
- April 7 – Record Keeping and Manure Spreader Calibration

### BIOSECURITY PRECAUTIONS

To reduce the risk of spreading animal diseases, everyone attending in-person classes is asked to:

- Shower before and after attending,
- Wear clothing and footwear not used at their facilities, and
- Drive non-farm-use vehicles or wash vehicles before arrival.

### REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Training schedules, registration links for poultry training and poultry or swine training, as well as Zoom instructions, are available on the Clemson Extension Confined Animal Manure Managers Program webpage.

For questions, contact Bryan Smith, Clemson Extension area agent and CAMM program coordinator.

## DEVER INDUCTED INTO COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION HALL OF FAME

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Jane Dever, director of Clemson University’s Pee Dee Research and Education Center (REC) near Florence, South Carolina, has been inducted into the Cotton Research and Promotion Hall of Fame.

Dever, who is also a professor in the University’s Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences and a prominent cotton breeder, was recognized for her significant contributions to cotton research, genetics and the industry’s growth. She is the second female to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ruth Benerito, a chemist who invented wrinkle-free cotton, was inducted in 2019.

“I am deeply honored to be inducted into the Cotton Research and Promotion Hall of Fame,” Dever said. “This recognition means so much to me because it reflects years of collaboration, perseverance and passion for an industry that touches so many lives. I am grateful to my colleagues, students and the cotton growers who inspire me every day.

“Together, we’ve worked to make a difference, and this award is a reminder of what we can achieve when we share a common purpose.”

Dever joined Clemson University in April 2024

as director of the Pee Dee REC and professor of Plant and Environmental Sciences. Before that, she served as associate director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Lubbock Research and Extension Center and was a professor of plant breeding in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.



Dever is an American Society of Agronomy fellow, a Texas A&M Regents Service fellow and a recipient of the Cotton Genetics Research Award. She has also served on federal advisory councils for both the National Genetic Resources and the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research.

Past appointments include global cotton breeding manager for Bayer CropScience, senior research scientist at the cotton-biotechnology firm Biotex, textile engineer at the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, and head of materials evaluation for the Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute at Texas Tech University.

A native of Lubbock County, Texas, Dever grew up on a cotton, wheat and grain sorghum farm. She holds a bachelor’s in textile engineering, a master’s in crop science and a doctorate in agronomy from Texas Tech University.

# YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET NEST LOCATED IN YORK COUNTY; RESIDENTS URGED TO REPORT SIGHTINGS

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Officials with the Clemson University Department of Plant Industry (DPI) discovered an invasive yellow-legged hornet nest in York County on December 8 after a local beekeeper reported seeing a hornet preying on honey bees. The nest will be removed later this week.

This is the first detection of a yellow-legged hornet or nest in South Carolina outside the Lowcountry. DPI is asking York County residents to remain alert and report suspected hornets or nests.

The beekeeper noticed unusually aggressive hornet behavior known as “hawking,” in which hornets hover near hives to capture bees. The beekeeper reported the activity to DPI, the state agency responsible for protecting South Carolina’s agricultural industries from invasive species. DPI inspectors then used trapping and tracking methods to locate the nest.

DPI has been working for more than two years to contain yellow-legged hornets in the Lowcountry. While the York County detection is concerning, Brad Cavin, coordinator of Clemson’s yellow-legged hornet response program, said public reporting remains one of the most effective early-warning tools.

“Thanks to this vigilant beekeeper detecting and reporting the hornet, we were able to quickly follow up and use a system of trapping and tracking to locate the nest,” Cavin said.

Cavin encouraged residents to support ongoing response efforts by reporting suspicious hornet activity and allowing inspectors access to their property. Inspectors can be identified by official badges or Clemson DPI-branded shirts and safety vests.

“We expect to be in the York area for at least the next year, trapping and surveying for any hornets we might have missed. If one of our inspectors knocks on your door, or you see them walking your property or neighborhoods, please remember that they are doing their jobs to protect the state from these hornets and the damage they can do to our beekeeping industry. This will be an ongoing effort,” Cavin said.

It is unclear if the hornets in York County originated from the Lowcountry infestations, but DPI Assistant Director Steven Long said the finding underscores how easily invasive species can spread.

“This latest detection in York County is an important reminder that invasive species are great travelers that can move long distances with the unwitting assistance of humans,” Long said. “This is why we are asking the public to help us in this fight by being engaged and reporting suspicious sightings.”

Anyone who finds a suspected nest or observes hornets “hawking” beehives should report it through DPI’s online reporting tool at [clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html](https://clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html) and include photos if possible.

Nests should be left undisturbed, so trained inspectors can remove and dispose of them safely.

Regional partners are also increasing surveillance. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is expanding its yellow-legged hornet monitoring through agency-led surveys and a citizen science initiative. North Carolina residents can report suspected sightings at [ncagr.gov/YLH](https://ncagr.gov/YLH).

“We are working closely with officials across the Southeast and the USDA to share information and resources in the fight against yellow-legged hornets and other invasive species,” said Stephen Cole, executive director of Clemson Regulatory Services.

The first known detection of a yellow-legged hornet in South Carolina occurred November 9, 2023. The discovery followed a collaborative effort between DPI’s Apiary Inspection Program and the Clemson Cooperative Extension Apiculture and Pollinator Program to establish a proactive trapping protocol designed to detect hornets early. A yellow-legged hornet queen was later trapped March 14, 2024, tested by Clemson’s Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic and confirmed by USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The yellow-legged hornet — which is not the same as the northern giant hornet — poses no greater risk to humans than other hornets. However, it has been observed nesting on homes and manmade structures.

The most serious concern with the yellow-legged hornet is its potential to damage the already embattled U.S. beekeeping industry.

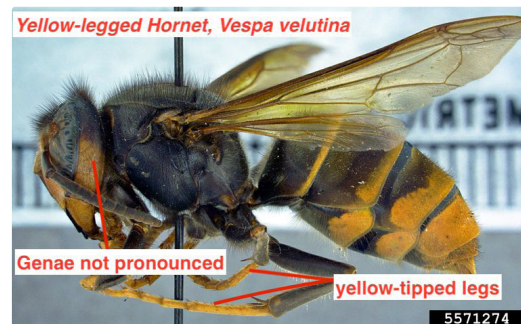
Yellow-legged hornets are a principal pest of honey bees, having caused increased colony losses in

western Europe since their detection in 2004. Their establishment and spread in the U.S. is alarming for beekeepers, who are already reeling from a year in which the nation’s colony loss rate was greater than 60 percent.

“This situation in York County emphasizes why it is critical for beekeepers to be aware of this new pest and how to recognize and report it. It also highlights the role the public plays in helping beekeepers by locating and reporting nests. These hornets do not obey property lines, and a nest that is attacking a beekeeper’s hives may be on a neighbor’s property,” said Benjamin Powell, coordinator of the Clemson Apiculture and Pollinator Program.

Native to Southeast Asia, the yellow-legged hornet builds egg-shaped paper nests above ground, often high in trees but sometimes on manmade structures. Mature nests can be large, containing thousands of workers. In addition to attacking bee hives, the hornet has been observed foraging on various other insects, animal carcasses, dead fish and shellfish, flower nectar, sugar syrups and ripening fruits.

The hornet may be confused with several native insects, including cicada killer wasps, bald-faced hornets, paper wasps, queen yellowjackets, wood wasps, and robber flies, but is typically larger and marked with distinctive yellow legs. For more information on identification and reporting, visit Clemson University resources at [clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html](https://clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html).



## SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH FEB. 13

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

“Fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops are essential to the future of South Carolina agriculture, and the Specialty Crop Block Grant program helps build that future,” said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. “These grants will help farmers in our state find new markets, develop plant varieties and tools, and promote this important industry.”

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) is administered by the US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA-AMS) to enhance the competitiveness of the specialty crop industry and expand markets for producers. Through this program, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) funds projects that strengthen the state’s specialty crop industry through marketing, education, and research.

Specialty crops are defined by law as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). Applications will only be accepted from producer groups, industry, or community-based organizations involved with specialty crops.

Applicants should propose projects that provide one or more of the following benefits:

- Enhancing food safety
- Developing new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops
- Improving the capacity of all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain to comply with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, for example, developing “Good Agricultural Practices”, “Good Handling Practices”, “Good Manufacturing Practices”, and in cost-share arrangements for funding audits of such systems for small farmers, packers, and processors
- Investing in specialty crop research, including research to focus on conservation and environmental outcomes

- Pest and disease control
- Increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops
- Improving efficiency and reducing costs of distribution systems
- Sustainability

Applications for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program are available at [agriculture.sc.gov/grants](https://agriculture.sc.gov/grants) and are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026. Applications must be submitted through the Euna Grants application portal.

SCDA will host a virtual information session with an opportunity for questions on Friday, January 16 at 1 p.m. The Zoom link for this session can be found by visiting [agriculture.sc.gov/grants](https://agriculture.sc.gov/grants) and clicking on the Specialty Crop Block Grant page.

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