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SC AG ENTREPRENEURS CAN APPLY TO COMPETE FOR BUSINESS TRAINING, FUNDING

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 9th annual Advanced Entrepreneurship program.

South Carolina entrepreneurs selected for the 2026 program will have the opportunity to pitch to a panel of judges, competing to earn business mentoring and funding for their agribusiness. The awardees will be granted up to \$25,000 for their company or product.

The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE), an initiative of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA), connects entrepreneurs with new opportunities in agriculture, research and agribusiness to strengthen the state's economy, particularly in rural counties.

Launched in 2017 with the support of the South Carolina General, ACRE has awarded over \$1.6 million to 151 agricultural entrepreneurs, funded several industry-driven research projects and led dozens of business workshops throughout the state.

Successful Advanced Entrepreneurship program awardees have included:

- Twin Creeks Lavender Farm in Williamston was able to purchase a barn that doubles as a retail shop and drying area for their lavender.
- Project Victory Gardens hosts workshops for servicemen and women transitioning out of the military and into agriculture.
- Milky Way Farm in Starr, South Carolina, received funding that helped them purchase their second robotic milking system, allowing them to increase their milk sales.
- Set In Stone Sustainability Farm in Fairfield County is developing an agriculture education program to teach food literacy and STEM to schoolchildren.



- Carolina Bananas, a Charleston County banana grower, is extending its production and sale of cold-hardy banana plants.
- Veteran-owned Billue Family Farm in Aiken County is developing its hay bale business, which serves small farms.
- Blue Ridge Rabbit Meat Co., a family-run rabbit farm in Wellford, enhanced the facility where it raises and processes rabbits, shipping the high-quality meat to customers across the country.
- Covered in Cotton, which uses their own Darlington County cotton and an all-Carolinas supply chain to produce high-end textiles, used the ACRE grant to expand their product line.
- Growing Green Family Farms, which used ACRE funding to expand their Good Agricultural Practices-certified packing shed and walk-in cooler, with which they can increase their own production and support other farmers in need of a food safety-certified space.

Applicants for the Advanced program must have a business with sales or be providing services. Along with the application, applicants are required to submit a business plan.

This is a competitive program; not all applicants will be selected to pitch or receive funds. Those who have received money in the Advanced Program before are not eligible to apply again.

Applications are due Tuesday, March 10th by 11:59 pm. To download the application and the detailed Business Plan Guide, visit acre-sc.com.

For those not ready for the Advanced Program, ACRE holds a Curriculum Program each fall.

For more information, visit acre-sc.com/programs or contact Kyle Player at 803-734-2324 or kplayer@scda.sc.gov.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

MAKE A DISASTER PLAN IN 2026

As I write this, the first storm of 2026, Winter Storm Fern, is just winding down. I have to get accustomed to winter storms having names. It didn't make much impact down in Bowman, but parts of the state certainly saw some ice, snow, power outages, and other hardships. I pray you and your families made it through OK. As I write this, it looks like more cold weather is on the way.

No matter where you live and work, a disaster plan is very important for your farm or agribusiness. It's especially important here in South Carolina, where hurricane season is a serious threat June through November, and our infrastructure isn't always able to handle the winter storms that come our way.

How would you handle an extended power outage at your farm or food business or a loss of water, especially if you're on well water like I am? What's your plan to protect your livestock? What paperwork, maps, and other information should you have on hand? A disaster plan will answer these and other questions.

Visit our website, agriculture.sc.gov, to find links to our and our partners' disaster planning and recovery resources.

Our agency is also involved in disaster response. During emergencies, our agency serves as part of the state's Emergency Support

Function 17. This function deals with agriculture and animals, and the effects that an emergency involving agriculture could have on human health, the environment, or our state's multi-billion-dollar agribusiness industry.

When the governor activates the state's emergency operations, SCDA participates at the SCEMD headquarters in West Columbia, helping coordinate with counties and other state agencies to address and assess agriculture needs. It's quite the hub of activity when a storm or other disaster is looming.

SCDA's Rapid Response Team also plays a role before, during, and after disasters. We reach out to the food and feed manufacturing and distribution facilities, advising them on how to handle power outages, dispose of ingredients, or deal with the aftermath of a flood. We also work with Retail Food Establishments to help with emergency response and recovery. After the emergency passes, we'll follow up to help them assess any damages and determine next steps.

With the calendar showing February, it's time for the Southeastern Wildlife Expo in Charleston. Stop by the big red tent in Marion Square Feb. 13-15 to check out Certified SC vendors, cooking demos, and much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kershaw County Farmers Winter Market

Saturdays • 9 am – 12 pm
Our Winter Market is underway!
906 Broad Street, Camden
kershawcountyfarmersmarket.com

Mushroom Mountain Farm Tour

February 12 • 2 pm
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 • 864-859-3080
mushroommountain.com

Beginner Beekeeping School 2026

February 13, 14, or March 14 • 12 – 4 pm
4-Hour Intro to Bees (1-Day Class). Classes are taught by certified experienced commercial beekeepers. You will learn about the history of bees, anatomy of the bee, diseases and pests, hive equipment, byproducts, and so much more. Prepares you for SC/NC state certifications if you wish to take it. Opportunity to volunteer and work bees with us. Free 40-page beekeeping booklet. Hands on portion—bring your own protective clothing (we have some you can buy if not). \$55 per person.
HoneyStrong
1753 Ebenezer Road, Smyrna
info@honeystrong.com • 704-993-6833
facebook.com/HoneyStrongHomestead

BINGO

February 13 • 6:30 pm
We'll play several rounds of traditional BINGO for garden-themed prizes like plants, flower seed packets, & more! Limited number of tickets are available. Get your tickets online at the link below.
Tyler's Flower Farm
2900 Strawberry Road, Loris
tylersflowerfarm.com/shop/p/bingo-at-the-farm

Blacksmithing Demonstration

February 14 • 10 am – 12 pm
Join us as Museum Director Walter Hill conducts a blacksmithing demonstration in the Blacksmith Shop. Hill, who has over twenty years of experience as a blacksmith, will demonstrate traditional forging techniques for the public. The L.W. Paul Living History Farm re-creates life on the one-horse family farm in Horry County from 1900–1955 through traditional farming activities.
L.W. Paul Living History Farm
2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
hcg.museum@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-5321
horrycountymuseum.org

Valentine's Day Dinner 2026

February 14 • 5 pm
Join us for an intimate evening featuring a thoughtfully curated four-course dinner, cozy firelight, and the charm of the farm. Reservations are limited. Menu & more details posted on our website.
Chattooga Belle Farm
454 Damascus Church Road, Longcreek
864)-647-9768
chattoogabellefarm.com

Hands-On Homestead Workshop Series

February 21 • 10 am – 12 pm
Join us at Idlehurst for family-friendly, practical workshops designed to bring homesteading to life. From canning to chicken husbandry, each session is hands-on, seasonal, and rooted in the traditions that connect us to the land. Workshop Dates & Topics: Feb 21 – Garden Planning 101; Mar 21 – Natural Dyes & Easter Egg Dying; Apr 18 – Chicken Husbandry: From Egg to Hen. Cost: \$40 per family, per workshop.
Idlehurst
4279 Highway 101, Woodruff
theidlehurst@gmail.com • 864-534-2521
theidlehurst.com

Mardi Gras Dinner Party

February 21 • 6 – 9 pm
Gather with friends for a Farm-to-Table Mardi Gras Dinner featuring locally grown ingredients, thoughtfully prepared into a festive Southern menu that honors tradition and community.
Boondock Farm
755 Foreman Street, Jackson
hello@boondockfarms.com • 706-589-4920
boondockfarms.com

SALES & AUCTIONS

Yon Family Farms Spring Cattle Sale

February 21 • 11 am
200 service-age bulls and 70 females (cow/calf pairs, bred cows and heifers, and open heifers) sell at auction. Mostly registered Angus, some Simmental and Brangus influenced cattle. Bulls are fertility tested and all animals sell with complete performance data and EPDs.
Contact: Kevin or Lydia Yon
Yon Family Farms
318 Aiken Road, Ridge Spring
lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com • 803-622-8597
yonfamilyfarms.com

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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803-737-4588

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803-753-7267

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803-896-0640

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- **Email:** Send ads to marketbulletin@scda.sc.gov. Put the words "Market Bulletin ad" in the subject line.
- **Fax:** 803-734-0659

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NEXT AD DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 10 • 12:00 PM

Reminder to Advertisers

Ads are due by noon (12 pm) on the Tuesday after the latest published issue.
Any ads received after the deadline will be considered for a subsequent issue.

AQUACULTURE

GRASS CARP

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

BLUEGILL

50¢; Bass, \$2.50; Catfish & Redear, \$1; Tilapia & 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

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

19 Y/O GELD

Arab/Amer Saddlebred, 15.2h, good trl horse, \$1100 more
Deborah McClary
Lee
803-428-3942

CATTLE

4 F-1 RED BALDY HEIFERS

15 m/o, shots, wormed, fancy out of reg stock, \$3500 ea, prefer to sell prs
Travis Cushman
Aiken
803-640-1982

12 RPLCMNT HEFRS

8-13 m/o, extra calm, Ultra Blk & Super Blk Baldy w/ EPDs, \$2600-3300 ea
Heath Hoover
Sumter
803-499-4572

5 POLLED HRFRD BULLS

15 m/o, Home Towne & Knee's J-45 b'lines, VG & exc markings/color, \$2500
John Gossett
Spartanburg
864-384-2851

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, \$2500 ea
James A Langston
Pickens
864-859-6794

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 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

RED ANG BULLS

2 y/o, CE, BSE & gentle, \$5000+
David Miller
Edgefield
706-840-3709

JERSEY COW

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

14 M/O REG ANG BULLS

low BW, good EPDs, sired by Payweight, docile, \$3500
Brent Parnell
Anderson
864-449-7269

2 Y/O BULLS

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

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

JD 4230

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

3000 FORD TRACTOR

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

OAK TRL

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

20'x7' ENCL TRL

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

13' ROUNDUP WICK BAR

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

JD 459 BALER

\$29,500; Kubota 2028 DM, \$10,000; JD 8 whl rake, \$2500; all in GC
Dargan Etheredge
Calhoun
803-238-2122

'18 CAT MINI EXCAVATOR

1840 hrs, mod 305.5E2, \$47,385; Burroughs 200 gal sprayer, 3ph, FC, \$1600
Billy Miller
Lexington
803-315-9195 before 6pm

IH 140 WAGON

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

VAIL BRUSH CUTTER

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

JD 510 RND BALER

VGC, new top belts, shed kept, FR, \$1250
Howard Steele
York
803-230-2627

20 BLADE DISC

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

24'W BERMUDA KING

w/trl hitch, new digger teeth, barn kept, \$3800
Lisa Hipps
Lexington
803-530-8263

8N FRT END LDR

not used in sev yrs, \$250
D L Dimery
Lexington
803-730-8478

INTL 5100 GRAIN DRILL

21 dbl disc openers, \$5500
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

CARRY-ON LIVESTOCK TRL

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

5' BHB GROOMING MWR

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

6x8 CARRY ON TRL

LN, \$750
Graeme Lockaby
Oconee
334-750-6437

14' KUHN CUTTER

\$25,000 4460 obo; Kuhn rake, \$6900; Kuhn tedder, \$6800; Intl 1466, dual whls, \$18,000 obo
Joseph Henson
York
803-448-5287

TURNER PLOW

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

FRT END LDR

Kubota LA1353, GC, \$2500 obo
Jeremy Shealy
Lexington
803-351-1283

FRT END LDR

for MF 383, GC, all mounting hdwe, \$3500; stock trl, FC, \$350
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

6' W AERATOR

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

18' AMCO DISC HARROW

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

CRUSTER 3500

new sprockets, chain raised above bed for lrg load, 2 hydro motors on shaft, more, \$3500
Wendell Kaminer
Lexington
803-730-8013

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

Allison trans, Duramax innovative 6.6 dsl, LN, 96,400 mi, \$25,500
John Lyons
Chester
803-899-4308

IH 470 14' DISC

36 blades, \$2250; CIH 5220 tractor, 2 sets remotes, 2917 hrs, \$15,500; both in GC
Dick Sullivan
Chesterfield
843-335-8359

'07 NH 565 BALER

shed kept, LT 10,000 bales, last used '14, 3ph rake & tedder, \$9000; more
Charles Fairchild
Anderson
864-617-1010

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

20 TON PINTLE HITCH TRL

18' w/5' dovetail, elec brake, \$5000
Brandon Bowers
Kershaw
803-420-4075

FARM LABOR

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

BEAVER TRAPPING

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

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPL

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

SPRIGGING CB

& Tifton 85 Bermudagrass, statewide, call for pricing & scheduling availability
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

NEED INDIVIDUALS

to prune vineyard, must have own equip & pole trimmers
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

LIME SPREADING

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

SKID STEER MULCHING

excavator brush cutting, pond/road construction, land clearing/grading, all property needs
Brandon Bowers
Kershaw
803-420-4075

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

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.

80.2A EDGEFIELD CO

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

WANT HUNTING LAND

have equip for repair & help w/other needs, surrounding counties
Ray Sealey
Darlington
843-409-1717

WANT TO BUY 10+A

clear or timber, Lexington Co only
Elmer Fuller
Lexington
803-629-0416

WANT 20-100A LEASE

w/in 50 mi of Lexington for deer hunting, 2-4 ethical hunters
Bob Padowicz
Lexington
803-206-5993

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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.

CHICKEN EGGS

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

JUMBO QUAIL

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

PECANS

you pick, \$7/5 gal bucket
Olin Bishop
Bamberg
803-824-9990

RAW JERSEY COW MILK

w/all the cream, from local dairy, \$12 gal
Sam Stevens
Aiken
803-645-5111

FRESH PECANS

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

CHICKEN EGGS

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

PECANS

shelled, \$9/lb, in the shell, \$2/lb; eggs, \$3/dz
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

6 SHEEP

ram, steer, 4 ewes, \$150 ea
obo, call after 5 pm
Dan Coward
Dillon
843-472-8122

3 BRIAR GOATS

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

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

BOER

& Briar goats, \$95-185 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

KATAHDIN LAMBS

8+ m/o, healthy & wormed, \$200 ea
Rebekah Olson
York
803-351-4994

REG ND GOATS

adult bucks, \$150; adult does, \$200
Deborah Reed
Orangeburg
843-312-5018

5 RAM LAMBS

2 ewe lambs, \$225 ea
Larry Seyller
Greenville
864-360-1849

NUBIAN BUCK

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

HAY & GRAIN

'23 SQ FESCUE

40 bales, \$100 for all
Mike Gainey
Greenville
864-616-3205

'25 4x5 HQ CB

net/barn, \$90; SQ, \$12/barn; 4x5 fescue mix, net, \$45, all fert
John Snead
Greenwood
864-993-4839

'25 4x5 FESCUE MIX

CQ, net wrap, stored outside, \$45
Bob Lawson
Spartanburg
864-809-5354

5x4 BERMUDA

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

'25 HQ COASTAL

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

'25 HQ 4x5 RND CB

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

ALFALFA

Timothy, Orchard, 65 lb & 100 lb sq, we del & unload, \$14 ea; rnd bales avail
Jamarko Goodman
Florence
802-275-5066

'25 HQ 4x54 CB

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

'25 HQ CB

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

'25 HQ CB

shed kept, \$50; CQ, 4 rolls for \$100
Bobby Zimmerman
Lexington
803-317-8681

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 BALES

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

DEER CORN

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

FESCUE

& CB, rnd, \$30 ea, disc if qty bought
Seth Anderson
Laurens
864-923-4667

4x5 RND FESCUE MIX

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

GRAIN SORGHUM

in 50 lb/\$9, or your 55 gal drum/\$60 or 15¢/lb in my bulk bags
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

'25 4x5 RND BALES

net wrap, CQ, \$45/bale, can del for fee
Nathan Uldrick
Abbeville
864-391-1359

'25 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS

4x5 rnd, not intended for horses, \$35 ea
Robin Patterson
Laurens
864-871-1974

'25 4x5 RND CB

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

HQ SQ CB

no litter used, \$8; rnd, \$60/field, \$75/barn; CQ, \$40
George McCoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

'25 MIXED GRASS

4x5 rnd, net wrap, fert, \$45 ea, disc on lrg quant
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

'25 TIFTON 44 BERMUDA

sq, \$7 ea
Tom Thain
Lexington
803-920-7023

'24 4x5 CB

twine, shed stored, \$40
Michael Hallman
Lexington
803-917-9044

'25 4x4 FESCUE MIX

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

'25 COASTAL

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

4x5 MIXED GRASS

net wrap, stored outside, vol disc avail, \$30 ea
Michael Strickland
Laurens
864-923-3153

'25 TIFTON 44 & COASTAL

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

'25 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS

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

'25 4x5 RND CB

net wrap, under shed, well fert, \$70
Hugh Knight
Orangeburg
803-539-4674

'25 FESCUE/ORCHARD

HQ, sq, \$10 ea, in cubes of 21 bales
Joseph Henson
York
803-448-5287

SQ FESCUE

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

4x5 MIX GRASS

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

'25 MIXED GRASS

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

'25 FESCUE

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

HQ FESCUE MIX

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

MISCELLANEOUS

3"x5" PVC PIPE

200 pcs, \$1 ea
Jerry McElveen
Clarendon
843-598-0445

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

catch & dispose, lots of 5 for \$85, mailed ppd
William F Timmerman
Aiken
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CATTLE AUTO HEAD CATCH

new, \$500
Harold Munns
Abbeville
864-980-7133

LUMBER

Maple, Red Cedar, Cherry & recycled lumber, var sizes & lengths, \$1/bdft
Robert L McCrary
Spartanburg
864-285-8994

ITAL HONEYBEE NUCS

5 frame, \$190 ea, qty disc avail
Dale Starnes
Lancaster
803-577-7871

COMP TURBO KIT

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

OAK FIREWOOD

long/bed p/up, cut to size, del & stack, \$150
Ronald Wright
Richland
803-606-1666

HAY BALE FEEDER RING

no rub, \$300
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-657-8774

WORM CASTINGS FERT

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

GAS IRRIG/TRASH PUMP

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

HDWD LUMBER

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

40 RAINBIRD SPRINKLERS

\$2.50 ea
Harold Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

HI-TENSILE BARB WIRE

new, 1320', 15.5 gauge, 4 pt, 5" spacing, \$50
Joseph Dyches
Allendale
843-812-2137

4' TUBE GATE

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

JD X320 LAWN TRACTOR

22 hp, 48" cut, w/dump cart, new frt tires incl, \$2500
Wayne Krause
Greenville
864-385-4583

BREWSTER BRUNSON WAGON

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

WHT OAK TRL FLOORING

1-2"Dx6-10"Wx8-21'L, \$2.50/bdft; Miller Bobcat 225G welder gen, \$2500 obo
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

PURPLE MARTIN GOURD RACKS

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

KRAUT CUTTER

\$125; Tomato & Potato slicer, \$150 ea; 15 ton farm jack, made by Simplicity, \$150
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

LRG FARM BELL

\$375; old anvil, \$275; rnd cedar posts, \$7-8'L, \$5-9 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

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

HYUNDAI SOLAR PANELS

(24) 3'x5', \$80 ea; Solar Edge inverter, \$200; all for \$2000, you load & haul
B Dorton
Lexington
803-467-4213

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

90 GAL DSL TRANSFER TANK

L shaped w/elec pump, \$750 obo
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

CHICKEN/RABBIT HUTCH

\$25
Joe Meetze
Lexington
803-917-5302

HORSE MANURE

will load in your truck, \$1/load
Aaron Shirey
Lexington
803-413-2974

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

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

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

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

AZALEAS
\$6; Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$7; Tea Olives, \$8; Banana Shrub, Camellias, Carolina Sapphire, \$25
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

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

RABBITS

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

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

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

DIXIE LEE PEA SEED
cleaned, in 50 lb bags, G-96%, D/H-1%, D/HS&G-97%, \$50
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

POULTRY

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

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

PEACOCKS
pure stock India Blue, Blk Shoulder, \$50+
Mike Burdette
Abbeville
864-750-3553

RIR LAYING HENS
10 m/o, \$35; Easter Egger, 5 m/o, not laying yet, \$20; RIR roos, 10 & 5 m/o, \$15, lv msg
Gladys Trower
Richland
803-834-4235

4 ROOS
1 wht, 1 speckled, 1 red, & 1 gray, 7-13 m/o, \$1 ea
Gerald F Barks Jr
Abbeville
864-554-0686

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

4 WHT LEGHORN ROOS
10 m/o, \$5 ea obo
Bill Scott
Fairfield
803-629-2198

RIR ROOS
Roller pigeons, \$15 ea; Bantams, Araucana, Gold & Silver Sebright, Bb Red, Wht Jap, more, \$35/trio
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

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

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

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

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WANT-FARM EQUIPMENT

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

8-10 TON GN TRL
w/elec brake
Brandon Bowers
Kershaw
803-420-4075

5-6" ROTOR TILLER
3ph; 12' livestock trl, & zh trl, w/no tack room, both BP, both in GC
Charlie Doyle
Florence
843-992-6267

2R BURCH PLNTR
must have fert hoppers, would consider other brands
Joe Meetze
Lexington
803-917-5302

17-19' FOLDING DISK
7 1/2 or 9" spacing, any brand
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

JD 690ELC TRACK HOE
for farm use, in GRC
Henry Gunter
Lexington
803-260-5502

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

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

WANT-LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

SAANEN DOE
2-3 y/o
Dennis Childs
Richland
803-429-9054

MAMMOTH JACK
to breed w/horse mare
Aaron Shirey
Lexington
803-413-2974

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

WANT-MISCELLANEOUS

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

ANY SIZE FARM BELLS
& blksmith anvils, syrup kettles, cradles & stands for bells
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

ANY SIZE WASH POTS
syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/balls & weathervane, more
Perry Masters
Greenville
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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



PalmettoPride is launching SC Sweep, a statewide cleanup effort from March 21-29, 2026. We're calling on all South Carolinians to join us in making a difference from Main Street to your street. Grab your gloves, your friends, and a bag and we can sweep away litter. A cleaner South Carolina? It's in the bag!

WHEN: March 21 - 29, 2026 | **WHERE:** Statewide


QUICK FACTS

- U.S. roadways and waterways average 2,000 pieces of litter per mile.
- That equals more than 60 million pieces of litter in South Carolina.
- That's nearly 12 pieces of litter for each SC resident.

If everyone picked up more than 12 pieces of litter, we can keep SC's roadways and waterways clean.

HOW YOU CAN HELP


- Lead by example — pick up trash when you see it and encourage others not to litter.
- Always throw trash in the proper receptacle and recycle when possible.
- Adopt a space in your community to pick up regularly.
- Educate friends about the impacts of litter in their communities.



ABOUT US

PalmettoPride's primary goal is to engage citizens to take responsibility for litter prevention, but our experience has taught us that we need our elected officials to support our initiatives, support litter pickup infrastructure and support enforcement efforts.

Since 2006, PalmettoPride has helped **more than 828,909 volunteers remove 86,155,394 pounds of litter** from South Carolina roads and natural areas. With your support, we continue to make a difference in South Carolina.



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USDA LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE PORTAL FOR REPORTING FOREIGN-OWNED AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSACTIONS

BY USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is launching a new online portal to streamline reporting of transactions involving U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons, which can include businesses and governments, under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The new online portal is part of a broader effort to strengthen enforcement and protect American farmland as USDA continues its implementation of the National Farm Security Action Plan (PDF, 1.2 MB).

“President Trump is putting America First, and this includes increasing transparency and scrutiny of one of our most valuable national assets, American farmland. We are working to improve reporting of foreign owned land in the United States. This move to streamline the reporting portal will increase compliance and assist our efforts to effectively enforce accurate reporting of interests held by foreign adversaries in U.S. farmland,” said Secretary Brooke Rollins. “The online portal will allow us to obtain verifiable information about foreign interests in American agricultural land and protect the security of our farmers.”

The new online portal is available at afida.landmark.usda.gov. Users can access the portal with [Login.gov](https://login.gov), a sign in service that provides

secure online access to participate in certain government programs and reporting requirements.

The new digital portal will gather the same information found on the current form FSA-153 and those subject to filing may still file using the current FSA-153 hard copy form if desired. However, filers should not duplicate filings by using both submission options.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL FARM SECURITY ACTION PLAN

One of the key tenets of USDA’s National Farm Security Action Plan (PDF, 1.2 MB) is strengthening processes around disclosure of foreign persons who have an interest in U.S. farmland. This historic plan, announced in July 2025, calls for aggressive implementation of reforms to the AFIDA process including improved verification and monitoring of collected AFIDA data. In addition to the new portal, USDA published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for AFIDA in December 2025.

ABOUT AFIDA

The new portal is part of USDA’s efforts to streamline its process for electronic submission and retention of AFIDA disclosures, as initially required

by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Today USDA also shared its annual AFIDA report for 2024 with Congress, which is available online. The report lists foreign holdings of U.S. agricultural land as 46 million acres, as of December 31, 2024 and includes a section on land held and acquired by China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea in recent years.

AFIDA became law in 1978, and its regulations were created to establish a nationwide system for the collection of information pertaining to foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land. The regulations require foreign investors who acquire, transfer or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report such holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The data obtained from AFIDA disclosures are used in the preparation of an annual report to Congress, which is published online.

The AFIDA regulations define the term “foreign person” and specifies the information that must be included in the report. AFIDA focuses on foreign persons who hold direct or indirect interest in the agricultural land, provided those foreign persons with an indirect interest have “significant interest or substantial control” in the direct interest holder.

PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT FOR STUDY ON CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE

BY DR. ROBERT M STWALLEY III, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

I am currently conducting a study on agricultural systems, specifically controlled environmental agriculture (CEA), indoor, vertical, and urban agriculture and farming in the United States (Urban Agriculture Terminology Study, IRB-2022-1200).

Previously, many of these capital-intensive projects were built, but failed to deliver a profit over time. This study is important for determining factors of success and failure of individual operations as well as evaluating the state of the local innovation ecosystem. My colleagues and I believe that this study will help to create an accurate picture of the state of high-tech agriculture in your state and the US in general.

This study will benefit producers, consumers, and supporters alike. We are interested in reaching those who are directly involved in these forms of agriculture, those at the margins, as well as those who are interested in participating in or supporting them. This includes owners, operators, employees, researchers, investors, policymakers, and those who have experience or interest in these forms of agriculture so that they could contribute to this study. We don’t ask for any proprietary or patent-pending information in the surveys.

Questions? Contact Dr. Stwalley at rms3@purdue.edu or Ronald J. Smith at rsmithoo@purdue.edu.

Scan the QR code to take a two-part survey.



JGB BROTHERS LLC ESTABLISHES OPERATIONS IN BAMBERG COUNTY

\$7 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 40 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – JGB Brothers LLC (JGB Brothers), a food fibers manufacturer, today announced it is establishing operations in Bamberg County. The company’s \$7 million investment will create 40 new jobs.

JGB Brothers is a subsidiary of InterFiber, a family-owned and operated manufacturer headquartered in Poland. For more than 20 years, InterFiber has been creating innovative and effective solutions that result in new product improvement and reduction of production costs with a final goal of improving the nutritional value of food products.

The company’s initial investment supports its new facility located at 66 Innovation Drive in Bamberg. The manufacturing site will be used to produce plant-sourced food fibers, which are used as additives in human and pet food, and have extensive applications for cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and building materials.

“The InterFiber Group proudly announces a groundbreaking milestone — the acquisition of a brand-new manufacturing site in Bamberg, South Carolina. Under this momentous project, we will eventually invest a total of over \$36 million covering the acquisition and outfitting of this new facility. The new state-of-the-art plant will feature fully robotic production lines, setting new standards for automation, precision and efficiency in food fiber manufacturing. Alongside the plant, we are also planning to establish a modern

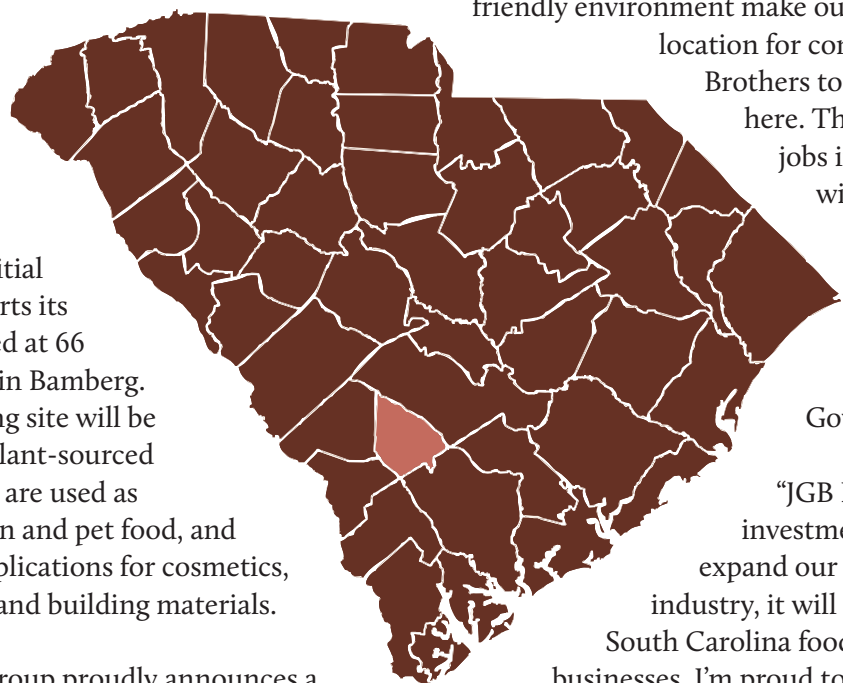
R&D and Application Center that will serve as a springboard for developing next-generation solutions for the food and pet food industries. This investment is part of InterFiber’s strategy to expand our global manufacturing capability. The brand-new facility is expected to generate a substantial number of jobs and production will utilize locally sourced agricultural raw materials. Completion is anticipated in 2026.” —InterFiber President Jacek Bednarek

“South Carolina’s skilled workforce and business-friendly environment make our state the ideal location for companies like JGB Brothers to open their doors here. The addition of 40 jobs in Bamberg County will continue to provide new opportunities to hardworking South Carolinians.” — Gov. Henry McMaster

“JGB Brothers’ investment will not only expand our state’s agribusiness industry, it will also serve existing South Carolina food processing businesses. I’m proud to welcome this globally innovative company to South Carolina.” —Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

Operations are expected to be online in late 2026.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded a \$200,000 Set-Aside grant to Bamberg County to assist with the costs of building improvements.



SC SECRETARY OF STATE LAUNCHES ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR TRADEMARKS, LIVESTOCK BRANDS, EARMARKS

BY SC SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced Jan. 21 that his office has launched a new online registration system for trademarks, service marks, and livestock brands.

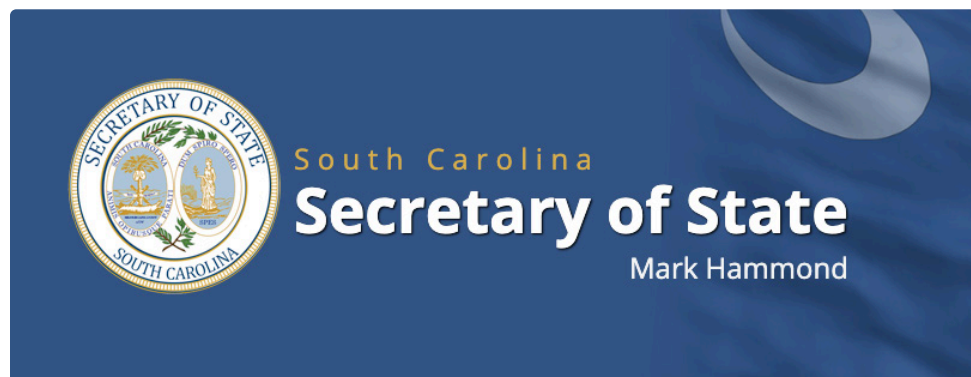
“As Secretary of State, I am committed to making it easier for customers to submit filings quickly and efficiently. Our new online registration system will help entrepreneurs and businesses protect their intellectual property by improving turnaround time for trademark, service mark, and livestock brand applications, and allowing them to file easily from the comfort of their home or office.”

The Secretary of State's Office registers trademarks and service marks for applicants seeking state-level protection for their marks. This filing is separate from the federal application process with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is a quicker and more economical option for individuals seeking to protect their intellectual property within the state of South Carolina. Additionally, the Secretary of State's Office registers livestock brands and earmarks for owners of cattle and other farm animals in the state.

Information about livestock brands and earmarks can be found at sos.sc.gov/services-and-filings/livestock-brands-and-earmarks.

This new online filing system allows customers to upload digitized images of marks, as well as pictures of specimens showing the mark in use for trademark and service mark applications. This seamless filing system will save customers time and money by reducing processing time and postage. Additionally, the online system allows for rapid communication between staff and customers regarding application questions and corrections. Once an application is approved, customers will be able to download a copy of their registration certificate rather than wait to receive a copy in the mail. The new online system also allows customers to search registered trademarks, service marks, and livestock brands and view digitized images of those marks.

For more information on state filing requirements for trademarks, service marks, and livestock brands, please visit the Secretary of State's website, sos.sc.gov.



USDA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1890 NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BY USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications for the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program, which aims to encourage students at the Congressionally created 1890 land-grant universities to pursue careers in food, agriculture, and natural resource sciences. The application deadline is March 8, 2026.

Students around the country are invited to complete and submit their applications online through an online application. The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is available to eligible high school seniors entering their freshman year of college that will attend one of the 1890 land-grant universities and pursue degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. The program is also open to rising college sophomores and juniors that meet the same criteria.

“Our land-grant universities, especially our 1890 land-grants, are critical in educating the next generation of agriculturists, and the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program supports this effort by providing students with real-world work experience and support for their education. Now more than ever we need to encourage our young people to join the noble and fulfilling profession of farming and feeding our fellow citizens,” said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. “President Trump has made it a priority to promote excellence at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and USDA is proud to further these efforts through this important program.”

This program is a partnership between USDA and the 19 land-grant universities that were established under the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1890. Scholars accepted into the program will get work experience at USDA through summer internships and will also receive financial support from USDA for their education.

The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program supports Executive Order 14283, White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and continues USDA's long history of developing leaders and providing support to public land-grant universities to build the next generation of the agricultural workforce.

The 19 members of the 1890 universities system are: Alabama A&M, Alcorn State University, Central State University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Lincoln University, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Southern University and A&M College, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University and West Virginia State University.

Find the application at usda.gov/about-usda/general-information/staff-offices/office-partnerships-and-public-engagement/minority-serving-higher-education-institutions/1890-program/usda-1890-national-scholars-program

STORM CLEANUP: CLEMSON EXTENSION SHARES CHAINSAW SAFETY TIPS

BY CLEMSON COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

As South Carolina begins storm cleanup following Winter Storm Fern, Clemson Cooperative Extension is urging residents to use extra caution when operating chainsaws to clear fallen trees and debris.

“Chainsaws are incredibly useful during storm cleanup, but they can cause serious injuries to the operator and others,” said Patrick Hiesl, associate professor of forest operations at Clemson University. “Storm-damaged trees are some of the most dangerous trees to cut because they are often unstable or under tension.

“To avoid injury, it is important to assess all stresses in an injured tree and work slowly, making small, deliberate cuts to observe how the tree reacts. It is equally important to stop working when you feel tired or fatigued. Recognize your limitations and know when to call a professional.”

Chainsaw injuries increase after severe weather, often when users rush cleanup, skip protective gear, or attempt work beyond their skill level.

KEY CHAINSAW SAFETY REMINDERS

Clemson Extension recommends the following before starting any chainsaw work:

- Wear proper personal protective equipment, including eye and ear protection, gloves and cut-resistant legwear (e.g., chainsaw chaps)
- Inspect the work area and identify hazards such as leaning or tensioned trees
- Always ensure that you have an open escape route before cutting
- Plan each cut carefully and maintain stable footing
- Utilize the chain brake to avoid major injuries
- Avoid working alone during storm cleanup
- Keep children, pets and bystanders away from cutting areas

- Stop work if conditions change or fatigue sets in
- Know when to stop and call a professional

More detailed guidance is available in the Clemson Extension Land-Grant Press article *How to Stay Safe Around Chainsaws* at gpress.clemson.edu/publication/how-to-stay-safe-around-chainsaws.

Clemson Extension's chainsaw safety videos provide quick, practical guidance for homeowners and landowners.

Clemson Extension is also offering multiple workshops scheduled across the state, covering general chainsaw safety and handling as well as tree felling. Registration is available online at bit.ly/FNRClemsonEvents.



USDA ANNOUNCES NEW WORLD SCREWORM GRAND CHALLENGE

DRIVING INNOVATION TO COMBAT NWS AND PREVENT ITS NORTHWARD SPREAD

BY USDA

On January 21, 2026, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the launch of the New World Screwworm (NWS) Grand Challenge. This funding opportunity marks a pivotal step in USDA's comprehensive strategy to combat NWS and prevent its northward spread.

"This is a strategic investment in America's farmers and ranchers and is an important action to ensure the safety and future success of our food supply, which is essential to our national security," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "These are the kinds of innovations that will help us stay ahead of this pest and protect our food supply and our economy, protecting the way of life of our ranchers and go towards rebuilding our cattle herd to lower consumer prices on grocery store shelves. We know we have tried-and-true tools and methods to defeat this pest, but we must constantly look for new and better methods and innovate our way to success. Together, through science, innovation, and collaboration, we can ensure we're utilizing

the latest tools and technology to combat NWS in Mexico and Central America and keep it out of the United States."

As part of the Grand Challenge, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will make up to \$100 million available to support innovative projects that enhance sterile NWS fly production, strengthen preparedness and response strategies, and safeguard U.S. agriculture, animal health, and trade.

PRIORITY AREAS FOR FUNDING

APHIS invites proposals that support one or more of the following objectives:

- Enhance sterile NWS fly production
- Develop novel NWS traps and lures
- Develop and increase understanding of NWS therapeutics/treatments (i.e. products that could treat, prevent, or control NWS) for animals

- Develop other tools to bolster preparedness or response to NWS

The notice of funding opportunity, including application instructions, eligibility, and program requirements, is available on the NWS Grand Challenge webpage. Applicants can also find information on the ezFedGrants website or [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov) by searching USDA-APHIS-10025-OA000000-26-0001.

Eligible applicants are invited to submit proposals that align with and support these priorities by the deadline on February 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET.

Entities interested in submitting a proposal should ensure they are registered with the U.S. Government System for Award Management (SAM). Learn more about the basics of the funding process and how to get ready to apply.

For more information about NWS, visit screwworm.gov.

SC WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE NETWORK TO HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MARCH

BY SC WAGN

Registration is open for the 4th Annual SC WAgN Conference in Columbia. SC Women in Agriculture Network by Clemson Cooperative Extension provides educational programs and networking opportunities for those in the South Carolina agriculture and natural resources industry to connect, cultivate and collaborate.

Dates: March 6 and 7, 2026
Location: State Fairgrounds in Columbia, SC
Registration link: bit.ly/SCWAGN4

We have added new things to the conference this year! Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon will be a farm tax intensive session with Dr. Adam Kantrovich and Kevin Burkett from the Clemson Cooperative Extension Agribusiness Team.

There is an online access option! You can tune in live to any of the breakout sessions, the keynote address, and the farm tax session, as well as receive the recording. Recordings of each session will be available to all registered attendees.

Everyone will visit all three farm tour stops this year. Bus transportation will be provided. Due to space at farm tour stops, driving your own vehicle will not be permitted unless due to special circumstances. Please email our farm tour coordinator, Sarah Scott, at oswald@vt.edu if you have any farm tour questions.

1. Boone Fox Farm
2. City Roots: City Roots Organic Farm | Microgreens
3. Jason Carter Farms: ReVive Your Land – Jason Carter "Cattle and Cover Crops"

The rough draft agenda, subject to change, can be viewed at bit.ly/SCWAGN4Agenda.

All conference updates, including the agenda, farm tour stop announcements, speakers, and more, will be posted on the Eventbrite page.

The networking social will require an RSVP, and we will have space for our maximum number of conference attendees: 150.

This year, we have secured buses to transport all participants to the stops. Interested in sponsoring a bus? Let Charley know by emailing chmaxwe@clemson.edu. Other sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available. Please contact Charley for more information. Exhibitors will be able to table on Friday and Saturday this year.

Special rates are available for veterans, students, and non-profit/government groups.

We hope to see you in March to connect, cultivate, and collaborate!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



To claim agriculture sales tax exemptions in South Carolina, you must have a South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) card.

Farmers who participate in the agriculture industry for business purposes and purchase eligible products in South Carolina are eligible for a SCATE card.

Before applying and making any purchases, please review the most current SC Department of Revenue Ruling regarding eligible and taxable items. It is linked from dor.sc.gov/farmers.

Apply, renew, verify, and learn more at scatecard.com

How do I renew my SCATE card?

You can renew online at scatecard.com within 90 days of the expiration date on your current SCATE card.

Renewals are \$24 and are good for 5 years.

A set of three physical cards (one credit card sized and two key fob sized) will be printed and mailed to the mailing address supplied in your SCATE account, through USPS after your payment is processed. SCATE cards printed after summer 2025 no longer include the physical address printed on them.

In the meantime, you may go to scatecard.com's "Check card status" and enter your SCATE card number, then print that information to use at a retailer until your physical cards arrive.

6th annual *Grown in SC* magazine out now!

Read it online at agriculture.sc.gov/magazine or grab a printed copy at upcoming SCDA events this year.

