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FROM HOOF TO HEART: WHAT A VETERINARY EXAM CAN REVEAL BEFORE YOU PURCHASE A HORSE

BY STACIA HARRIS, HARVEY S. PEELER JR. COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Are you curious about horseback riding or interested in getting back into riding? Are you considering adding a horse to your family? Dr. Nicki Wise, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, explains the process, including the importance of the pre-purchase exam and why it is a vital step in this process.



Buying or leasing a horse can be one of the most rewarding experiences in a person's life. Horses inspire confidence, reduce stress, and offer a variety of ways to stay active while spending time with your 1000-pound best friend. Yet, horse ownership requires careful planning, financial commitment, and an understanding of required ongoing care.

Whether you're a first-time owner or an experienced rider considering a new mount, taking the right steps early can ensure a healthy partnership for both horse and human.

"Buying or leasing a horse isn't just a financial decision," said Dr. Wise, who is also an Equine Veterinarian. "It's a commitment to stewardship and partnership. With careful preparation, sound veterinary advice and a strong support network, you'll be ready to build a safe, healthy, and rewarding relationship with your new companion.

Dr. Wise recently decided to lease Rags, a 14-year-old Quarter Horse gelding for her family. "Once we knew that Rags' experience, riding style, and personality were a fit for us, the next step was to have him undergo a thorough pre-purchase exam."

A pre-purchase exam, conducted by an equine veterinarian, gives you an objective assessment of the horse's current health, soundness, and long-term potential. Typically, the future owner (buyer) is responsible for organizing the exam. If possible, it is ideal for both the current and future owner to be present during the exam.

Depending on your goals and the individual horse, your veterinarian may recommend:

- Review of previous medical records
- A full physical examination
- Lameness evaluation
- Bloodwork
- Diagnostic imaging (radiographs, ultrasound, endoscopy) if indicated

Additionally, your veterinarian may recommend that a farrier visit the horse as well to ensure there is a plan for ongoing hoof care.

"When purchasing a horse, the exam results allow the new owner to be fully informed about any ongoing or potential future health concerns the horse may have. For leases, the exam ensures both parties are clear about the horse's current condition, allowing for management considerations to be included in the lease agreement."

For help with Rags' exam, Dr. Wise worked with Dr. Callie Fogle and Dr. Shawn Williamson to give an objective overview of the horse's health. The buyer should be clear with the veterinarian about their goals for this horse.

"Going into this commitment, knowing Rags' complete health picture is invaluable. He is now adored by our two kids who keep him very busy!"

More information about pre-purchase exams can be found at aaep.org.

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LOCAL FARMING, GLOBAL FORCES

As spring planting begins here in South Carolina, one concern on farmers' minds is input costs.

As of press time, the US-Israel attack on Iran and Iran's strikes throughout the Middle East have shut down the Strait of Hormuz, the entry point into the Persian Gulf, a major shipping route for fertilizer and fertilizer components.

According to American Farm Bureau Federation, countries in the Middle East region account for nearly 50 percent of global urea exports and about 30 percent of global ammonia exports. The supply crisis has raised fertilizer costs by about 25 percent.

Oil prices are also on the rise. About one-fifth of the world's supply of seaborne crude, 20 million barrels per day, passes through the Strait of Hormuz, according to Yahoo Finance. Some countries have cut production for the time being due to the disruptions.

Of course, this kind of disruption is nothing new. From COVID-era supply chain disruptions to the war in Ukraine, it's been a rocky decade. Input costs were already at all-time highs before this latest development, so farmers are getting squeezed some more. More broadly, farming is always

susceptible to volatile prices, as so many of the supplies we use and the crops we sell are affected by global dynamics.

Unfortunately, when farmers have to pay more for inputs, they don't necessarily get to charge a higher price for their products. You've surely heard it before, but farmers are price takers, not price makers. Buying at retail and selling wholesale is not sustainable.

So, that's the scene as corn planting season opens in South Carolina, with soybeans and cotton planting not far off.

As far as fruits and vegetables, the warm weather has things moving right along. Growers in the coastal parts of the state have begun planting beloved summer crops like watermelons, tomatoes and squash.

I've started seeing some gorgeous photos from our peach growers of orchards in full bloom. There's nothing quite like the pink of a peach blossom, multiplied and spread out across hundreds of acres. We need to always hold our breath from the blossom until the fruit is set.

This spring I will be traveling inside and outside the state to promote South Carolina agriculture and the interests of farmers. Hope to see you somewhere along the road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sumter Farmers Market Spring Kick Off

March 20 • 11:30 am – 4:30 pm
Join us as we kick off the 2026 Market Season. Every Friday beginning March 20 through November you can pick up fresh local produce, eggs, honey, jams, dressings and sauces, homemade soaps and candles, breads and sweet treats, artisans, crafters, food trucks, and so much more!
200 Miller Road, Sumter
Contact: Alysha Gilbert / Sumter Farmers Market scfarmersmarket10@gmail.com • 803-667-7091
facebook.com/sumterfarmersmarket

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 21, 22, 28, & 29 • 10 am – 2 pm
Bring a basket or bag to collect your Easter Eggs. Wear shoes that you can hunt eggs and play in!
Admission: \$5-\$10
Creekside Farm of York SC
2238 York Highway, York
creeksidefarm21@gmail.com • 803-982-8837

Free Children's Program

March 28 • 9-11 am
Parents can sign children up for a half hour session. Group sizes will be limited. Children will learn how scrap fabric was used to make bed and floor rugs in the past. They'll also start their own piece to take home.
L.W. Paul Living History Farm
2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
Contact: Marian Calder
calder.marian@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-7861
horrycountymuseum.org

2026 Easter Fest & Spring Farm Fun Weekends!

March 28 • 10 am – 3 pm
March 29 • 1 – 5 pm
Join us for an adventure filled with exciting egg hunts, Easter Bunny visits, stunning photo ops, sweet baby animals, and plenty of springtime magic!
Denver Downs Farm
1515 Denver Road, Anderson
catherine@denverdownsfarm.com • 864-556-3394
denverdownsfarm.com

Spring Festival + Garden Open

March 28 • 10 am – 5 pm
Guests are invited to explore the gardens at their own pace with self-guided tours available all day, the perfect way to enjoy more than 65 acres of beautiful garden grounds, spring blooms, and scenic paths. The event will feature FREE professional Easter Bunny photos provided by Victoria Conyers Photography, live music by Walker Godwin, local vendors for shopping, and a variety of food trucks serving lunch and snacks. Children can enjoy games, crafts, and hands-on activities throughout the day. Beer and Cocktails will be available for purchase for guests 21+.
Moore Farms Botanical Garden
100 New Zion Road, Lake City
info@moorefarmsbg.org • 843-210-7582
moorefarmsbg.org

Farm Open House & Spring Kickoff

March 28 • 12-3 pm
Enjoy local vendors and food trucks, plus see what's new at the Outside Inn; upcoming events, new glamping spaces, and farm projects we've been working on. To make it extra special for families, we're blending in an Easter celebration with an egg hunt, bunny snuggles, and plenty of space for kids to run and play.
Outside Inn Camp + Farm
1074 Woolbright Road, Santee
stay@outsideinncampground.com • 803-974-8585

9th Annual Egg Hunt & Spring Fling

March 28 • 1-5 pm
Children will be divided into age groups to search for thousands of hidden eggs, snap adorable pictures with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy our fun play areas! Feeling brave? Take a ride down our mega drop slide! Plus, meet our friendly farm animals and discover even more surprises throughout the day!
Southern Palmetto Farms
2601 Garner Road, Aynor
southernpalmettofarm@yahoo.com • 843-421-4686
southernpalmettofarm.com

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CABBAGE	LETTUCES	STRAWBERRIES
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John Gossett Spartanburg 864-384-2851

REG ANG BULL

& SimAng Comm bull, 15 m/o, sire Yon Deep Ridge, \$6000+ Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112

REG HRFRD BULLS

9-12 m/o, vac/deworm, \$2000+ Donnie King Greenville 864-885-2119

REG DEXTER CATTLE

(1) hefr B-8/24, (1) hefr B-5/25, \$1600 ea; (1) Bull calf B-5/25, \$1400 Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800

JERSEY MILK COW

bred back to Jersey bull, \$2250 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463

BUCKING BULLS

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

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4 hefrs, B-12/24, 1/25, 2/25, 6/25, \$1200 ea; 1 bull B-2/25, \$1100 Stanley McChesney Spartanburg 864-415-6166

REG BFMSTR HEFR

2 y/o, open, \$3800 Aiden Rodgers Saluda 803-480-5023

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

MF 165D

\$7000; 8N ford, \$2800; 2 Hesston 530 balers, 1 FR, 1 for parts, \$6500; all obo Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714

80-90 HESSTON TRACTOR

100 hp, 3 spd, 12 gears, GRC, \$6000 obo Bob Cathey Anderson 864-617-9204

7 SHANK FIELD CULT

LN, \$500 Eddie Beck Darlington 843-307-7588

'25 TRIPLE CROWN TRL

24' dove tail, deck over, (2) 7000 axles, brakes on both axles, used 3x, \$5900 Mike Mooneyhan Lexington 803-917-0366

TOBACCO BALER

w/scales, whls EC, \$300 Ronnie Johnston Horry 843-397-5932

MF 230

dsl, PS, low hrs, 3pt, good tires, \$6500 Gary Watson Chester 803-519-6549

20'x7' ENCL TRL

Tandem axles, loading ramp, new tires, EC, \$6250 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869

S595 BOBCAT SKID STEER

wheeled machine, open station, 2800 hrs, \$22,500; JD 6500 spry & trl, \$19,000 Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628

'42 AC TRACTOR

EC, antiq, \$4500 obo Farha Ali Greenwood 864-554-0041

9600 FORD TRACTOR

VGRC, 135 hp, dual remotes, \$12,000, call/text Toney Farr Union 864-251-4046

JD 5045E TRACTOR

w/firt end ldr, shed kept, 1050 hrs, \$26,000 obo Roger Waltz Bamberg 843-908-2312

OAK TRL

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

JD 459 BALER

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

FORD 2810 TRACTOR

926 hrs, hyd remote, FR, \$6900 Roy Burkett Lexington 803-532-5063

20 BLADE DISC

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

'06 CHEV 3500 DUMP TRUCK

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

INTL 5100 GRAIN DRILL

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

'75 MF 235

2 wd, GC, rarely used, \$6500 Dennis Trammell Union 864-426-4066

4x5 RND BALER

Vermeer 5400 Rebel, twine tie, hay saver whls, bale ramp, shed kept, GC, FR, \$10,000 Warren Rutland Fairfield 803-429-4138

TURNER PLOW

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

6 1/2' ROTOTILLER

HD, EC, Long made by Ford Co mod 1542 serial 3734, \$850 Mike Dixon Chester 803-385-7057

16' EQUIP TRL

Tandem axle, tag-a-long, \$1800; 6' scrape blade, \$450; 1r cult, \$200; 5x8 util trl, \$600; all obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

5' BUSH HOG

\$800; 7 shank Scarifier, \$600; 4' Woods rotary tiller, \$1500; 20 disc harrow, \$1500; all 3ph Gregg Hembree Spartanburg 864-494-2753

JD 4020

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

2R LILLISTON SUBSOILER

w/JD 7100 plntr w/lift assist whl, w/corn, soybean & sorghum cups, \$5200 Allen Wise Barnwell 803-793-4175

NH 283 SQ BALER

NH 55 rake, Ford sickle mwr, tedder, all GWC, \$3000 for all Robert Barrett Berkeley 843-499-3606

14' KUHN CUTTER 4460

\$23,000 obo; Kuhn rake, \$3500; Kuhn 4 basket tedder, \$3200; Intl 1466, dual whls, \$18,000 Joseph Henson York 803-448-5287

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3ph w/2 water barrels, LN, \$7500; NH273 sq baler, \$1000 Charles Clunan Anderson 864-245-3803

CASE IH 2022 COTTON PKR

John Blue module bldr & Crust Buster boll buggy, good shedded equip, \$12,500 Randell Wilson Abbeville 864-378-4924

5' BHB GROOMING MWR

antiq/vintage '60-64, cuts well \$200 Robert White Spartanburg 864-457-2293

NH 273 BALER

\$2000; NH 56 rake, \$700; BH 216 6' bush hog, \$2000, all GC, used every yr Harold Wright Cherokee 864-838-4763

JD 6420 W/CAB

2wd, heat/air, dual remotes, 5700 hrs, \$38,000 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

JD HX14 ROTARY CUTTER

3ph, EC, \$7000 Steve McAlhany Orangeburg 803-682-3834

IH 140 WAGON

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

FARM LABOR

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

FARM FENCE

Woven Wire, High Tensile, Barbed Wire, Board Fence, High Fence Deuce Brown Richland 803-310-1534

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING

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

BEAVER TRAPPING

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

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

NEED INDIVIDUALS

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

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

TREE LIMB TRIMMING

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

STUMP GRINDING

light grading, tree & debris removal, driveway repair, more, free est Johnny Melton Richland 864-442-3077

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

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

EXCAVATOR WORK

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

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

HOGS / PIGS

M/F KUNEKUNES

4 m/o-4 y/o, females exposed to males 1 mon ago, \$50 ea, regardless of age Powell Andrews York 989-425-0467

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

DIXIE LEE PEA SEED

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

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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.

30A TIMBER/PASTURED

w/road frtage, 18 & 12A tracts, on Dorn Rd, Troy, \$250,000
Farha Ali
Greenwood
864-554-0041

WANT LAND TO LEASE

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

WANT LAND

to buy in Lex Co
Elmer Fuller
Lexington
803-629-0416

WANT LAND FOR LEASE

w/in 50 mi of Lex for Deer hunting, 3-4 resp hunters
Bob Padowicz
Lexington
803-206-5993

80.2A EDGEFIELD CO

timber w/small creek, tax #024-00-00-003-000, \$4200/A
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Hampton
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17+/-A OF CB

Ware Place area, land locked for \$60,000/A
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Greenville
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FRESH PRODUCE

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& chicken eggs, \$3-4/dz
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Kershaw
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farm fresh, \$4/dz
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Georgetown
843-896-0829

CHICKEN EGGS

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

BRN & EASTER EGGER EGGS

farm fresh, free range, \$3/dz
George Conaway
Kershaw
803-900-0444

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

KATAHDIN LAMBS

9+ m/o, healthy & wormed, \$250 ea
Rebekah Olson
York
803-351-4994

ND ADGA REG DOES

1-5 y/o, \$150-300
Deborah Reed
Orangeburg
843-312-5018

DAIRY TYPE GOATS

open, Lamancha, Alpine, mixed, healthy, \$125+
Beverly Ammons
Berkeley
843-761-2962

KIKO BILLIES

weaned, \$95
Ronald Simons
Edgefield
706-840-4954

BILLY GOAT

\$200
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

KATAHDIN SHEEP

ewes & rams, B-'26, gentle, hand raised, vac & wormed, \$225+
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
803-983-5041

HAY & GRAIN

'25 4x5 HQ CB

stacked end to end & tight, \$60 ea
Terry King
Lexington
839-284-6910

'25 HQ 4x5 CB

net wrap, shed kept, \$75/bale, \$10/sq
Wesley Shuler
Orangeburg
803-530-3324

HQ SQ CB

\$8 ea, can del
Andrew Rice
Allendale
803-686-1208

'25 RND RYEGRASS

NR, barn stored, \$50; \$45 for 20+
Brittton Mccarter
York
704-913-6083

'25 CRAB GRASS HAY

6x6 rnd, string tied, 1200 lb, \$40
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
843-729-9110

'25 HQ 4x5 CB

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

DEER CORN

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

4x5 RND BALES

net wrap, CQ \$50/bale, HQ \$60/bale, can del for fee, can load if p-up
Allen Kellett
Greenville
864-607-7444

4x5 FESCUE MIX

CQ, \$45, fert; \$30, un-fert
Quinton Whitener
Newberry
803-923-2036

COB CORN

\$5/bu bulk
Adam Anderson
Newberry
803-924-8466

'25 MIXED GRASS

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

'25 FESCUE MIX

4x4 rnd, stored off ground on racks, \$30; sq, barn stored, \$5.50; pls text
Waitman Dixon
Laurens
864-684-4641

VOLUNTEER GRASS

\$30 ea; Oats hay, stored under shed, \$50 ea; both '25, 4x5 & string wrap
Harroll Stockman
Newberry
803-924-7878

'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 COASTAL

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AGSOUTH FARM CREDIT ANNOUNCES GRAND REOPENING OF WALTERBORO BRANCH

BY AGSOUTH

Walterboro, SC – AgSouth Farm Credit is excited to announce the grand reopening of its Walterboro branch, located at 529 Bells Highway, following the completion of a full facility rebuild.

The reopening marks the culmination of a major construction project that began with the demolition of the original 1967 building in May 2025. The new facility reflects AgSouth's long-standing commitment to serving the agricultural community of the Lowcountry with modern, efficient, and customer-focused spaces.

Walterboro Relationship Manager Ricky Varnadoe expressed his enthusiasm for welcoming customers back to the new office. "Reopening this branch is a proud moment for our team and our community. This new facility represents our continued dedication to supporting farmers, rural landowners, and families throughout the Lowcountry. We're thrilled to return home and continue serving our members with the same personal service they've always known."

The Walterboro location has been a cornerstone of the community for decades, previously serving as home to the Federal Land Bank, the Production Credit Association, Edisto Farm Credit, and Palmetto Farm Credit before becoming part of

AgSouth Farm Credit in 2004. Rebuilding on the same site preserves the branch's deep local roots while providing a fresh, upgraded environment for both customers and employees.

Regional Lending Manager Troy Brownlee added, "This new office is a significant investment in our members and our future. We're excited to offer a space that enhances the customer experience while giving our employees the tools and environment they deserve. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with the Walterboro community."

During the construction period, the Walterboro team temporarily operated out of the Orangeburg Branch Office. With the reopening, all staff have returned to the new facility and are ready to welcome customers back.

ABOUT AGSOUTH FARM CREDIT

AgSouth Farm Credit provides loans for land, equipment, and production agriculture; crop insurance; leasing; and home mortgages. The Association serves counties in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina and is headquartered in Statesville, North Carolina. AgSouth is an equal housing lender and an equal opportunity provider.

AN UPDATE ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA DISASTER RELIEF BLOCK GRANT FOR HELENE

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The US Department of Agriculture has allocated \$38 million in federal funding for the South Carolina Department of Agriculture to issue targeted aid to South Carolina farmers and forest landowners who sustained certain losses and damage from Hurricane Helene in 2024.

As of press time, USDA is reviewing SCDA's workplan and application, which were developed with their input. Following their approval, we will begin accepting applications.

Once the application period opens, we will host a virtual training for producers and forest landowners to preview the application and ask questions. Clemson Extension agents, SC registered foresters, and soil and water conservation district employees will also be trained to assist. The application will remain open for 60 days.

Continue to monitor your email and this website for updates: agriculture.sc.gov/helene. If you have more questions regarding the grant, please email disaster@scda.sc.gov.



CLEMSON TO HOST THE SOUTHERN PASTURE AND FORAGE CROP IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Producers are invited to join agricultural specialists, researchers and Extension professionals from across the Southeast for the Southern Pasture and Forage Crop Improvement and Regional In Service Training Joint Conference, beginning on March 30.

The three day event will take place at the Clemson University Edisto Research and Education Center, 64 Research Road, Blackville, South Carolina.

The agenda includes classroom instruction, hands on training and field tours focused on strengthening pasture and forage management strategies across the region. Participants will receive updates on forage varieties and management practices, as well as learn about animal nutrition and ongoing research aimed at helping producers increase productivity and sustainability on pasture based operations.

Registration is available on the Mississippi State University Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station website. Registration deadline is March 30.

Presentations on the first day include a session on low-pH alfalfa and ryegrass breeding by Ali Missaoui of the University of Georgia. This will be followed by an update from Ali Babar of the University of Florida on the SunGrains Forage Breeding Program.

Other activities on March 30 include an Extension roundtable, a business meeting and a reception and poster competition.

Participants will tour Yon Family Farms in Ridge Spring, South Carolina, and Fox Pipe Farm in Laurens, South Carolina, on March 31.

On the final day of the conference, Nicolas

Dilorenzo of the University of Florida will give a presentation on beef cattle nutrition. Lisa Baxter of the University of Georgia will discuss bermudagrass stem maggot control.

Afterwards, participants will tour the Research and Education Center fields, where they will learn about the cool-season demonstration, cool-season mixture grazing and overseeded bermudagrass trials. A weed-control update will also be provided.

The conference will adjourn around 2 p.m.

The program also includes a trade show, research presentations and Extension poster sessions, giving participants opportunities to connect with industry representatives and explore the latest technologies and innovations in forage systems.

For questions, email Liliane Silva at lseveri@clemson.edu.

USDA LAUNCHES 'ONE FARMER, ONE FILE' INITIATIVE TO BETTER SUPPORT FARMERS

BY USDA

On Feb. 26 at the Commodity Classic Convention in San Antonio, Texas, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the "One Farmer, One File" modernization, another action putting Farmers First with sweeping technological improvements at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Through "One Farmer, One File," USDA's mission is to create a single, streamlined record that follows the farmer — no matter where they go in the USDA system.

"Every single day at USDA, our focus is on making life easier, more profitable and more rewarding for the American farmer," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "Our government for the people by the people should be modern, efficient, and respect taxpayer dollars. This modernization of old, duplicative, wasteful systems has one goal in mind, improve our customer service so the people we serve are able to farm and feed America and the world. 'One Farmer, One File' prevents our farmers from duplicating tasks while increases their productivity and time in the field."

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) work with agricultural producers on a wide range of programs and services, from establishing a farm number to reporting acres planted, and from getting capital to recovering from disasters.

The goal of "One Farmer, One File" is to reduce the administrative burden for farmers. Additionally, this effort will make program delivery more efficient, save time for USDA staff, and decrease spending on disparate information technology systems.

The "One Farmer, One File" initiative is part of a broad modernization effort to unify all FSA, NRCS and RMA systems. This uniformed system will retire legacy systems and remove agency silos. USDA began work on this system in 2025 and plans to greatly advance the effort in 2026. USDA anticipates completing the project in 2028.

The "One Farmer, One File" initiative and broader modernization effort are just one example of how the Trump Administration is committed to simplifying and streamlining programs for producers. For example, USDA is using Login.gov to expedite Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) payments to producers. The Administration is also streamlining its conservation programs to make it easier for producers to bundle and apply for the practices needed on their farms.

While in San Antonio, Secretary Rollins also visited Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boenig's farm to launch the Deregulatory Agenda for American Agriculture and Consumers (PDF, 5.6 MB) which is a package of deregulatory actions taken by the Trump Administration to cut red tape, unleash innovation, and increase affordability for farmers, ranchers, and consumers. In just one year, President Trump cut 129 regulations for every new one resulting in \$211.8 billion in net cost savings.

CHENEY BROTHERS EXPANDS FLORENCE COUNTY OPERATIONS

\$42.5 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 85 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Cheney Brothers, a leading broadline food distributor, announced it is expanding its Florence County operations with an additional \$42.5 million investment that will create 85 new jobs.

Headquartered in Florida, Cheney Brothers processes and distributes a variety of food products across the United States, including meat and seafood, dairy, frozen food, and other dry groceries. The company also supplies food service equipment and offers kitchen and bar design services to its customers.

- Cheney Brothers will expand its South Carolina distribution facility, located at 2491 Florence Harlee Blvd. in Florence, which first broke ground in 2023.
- Operations are already online.
- Individuals interested in joining the Cheney Brothers team should visit the company's careers page.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits related to the project. The council also awarded a \$200,000 Set-Aside grant to Florence County to assist with the costs of site preparation and building construction.

"We have been greatly impressed by the business-friendly attitude of the state of South Carolina. We look forward to a long and very bright future, distributing product across the state." —Cheney Brothers CEO Byron Russell

"By adding 85 new jobs in Florence County, Cheney Brothers is deepening its investment in South Carolina and strengthening the local economy. This expansion will create new opportunities for hardworking South Carolinians and further reinforce our reputation as a place where businesses can succeed."—Gov. Henry McMaster

"With its investment of \$42.5 million, Cheney Brothers' expansion reflects the business-friendly environment here in the Palmetto State. Industrial growth in our key sectors supports South Carolina's continued economic success."—Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

"When a company like Cheney Brothers doubles down on Florence, it's a win for everyone. Cheney Brothers' decision to grow here brings stable, high-quality career opportunities that will benefit Florence County residents for generations to come."—Florence County Council Chairman Jerry Yarborough



USDA AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ADVANCE NEW WORLD SCREWORM PREPAREDNESS WITH NEW TEXAS STERILE FLY FACILITY CONTRACT

BY USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today announced a construction contract with Mortenson Construction to build a new sterile fly production facility at Moore Air Base in Edinburg, Texas. This facility is a key component in Secretary Rollins' sweeping 5-prong strategy (PDF, 1005 KB) to fight New World Screwworm (NWS), as it will expand USDA's domestic response capacity, bolstering protection for U.S. livestock, wildlife, and public health.

USACE is partnering with USDA and will provide oversight for the contract, design, engineering, and construction of the facility.

"The Army Corps of Engineers is an essential partner in bringing this facility to life and further highlights the Trump Administration's government wide effort to fight the New World Screwworm threat in Mexico," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "The Army Corps is the best in the business and their engineering expertise and proven track record in delivering complex projects will help ensure we can build a modern, resilient facility that protects American agriculture from invasive pests for decades to come. This first of its kind facility on U.S. soil will ensure we are not reliant on other countries for sterile flies."

"For more than 250 years, USACE has helped secure America by engineering solutions to our nation's toughest challenges. We are proud to be partnering with USDA in the construction of the Sterile Fly Facility, a critical investment in our nation's future agricultural, public and economic

health. Combining our engineering expertise with USDA's mission expertise brings us one step closer to alleviating this biological threat," said Lt. Gen. William H. "Butch" Graham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commanding general.

A sterile fly production facility is a specialized biosecure complex where New World Screwworm flies are raised and sterilized using irradiation and then released into targeted areas. Female New World Screwworm flies only mate once in their lives, so if they mate with a sterile male, they lay unfertilized eggs that don't hatch. This method, known as the Sterile Insect Technique, has been a cornerstone of proven screwworm eradication efforts for decades and is recognized worldwide as a highly effective, environmentally responsible approach to insect control. Sterile Insect Technique, when paired with surveillance, animal movement restrictions, and education and outreach, is a proven and effective tool for controlling and eradicating New World Screwworm.

USDA currently produces about 100 million sterile flies per week at the COPEG facility in Panama and disperses them within and just north of affected areas in Mexico. In addition to the COPEG facility in Panama, USDA invested \$21 million to support Mexico's renovation of an existing fruit fly facility in Metapa, which will double NWS production capacity once complete. With ongoing support from APHIS technical experts, Mexico anticipates sterile fly production will begin at this facility in summer 2026. The new facility at Moore Air Base will be the only U.S.-based sterile fly production

facility and will work in tandem with facilities in Panama and Mexico to help eradicate the pest and protect American agriculture.

USDA and USACE will break ground on this new facility later this spring, after initial planning and development meetings with the new contractor. By November 2027, the production facility at Moore Air Base is expected to reach its initial goal of producing 100 million sterile flies per week. After that, construction will continue at the facility to increase production with the long-term goal of producing 300 million sterile flies per week.

The New World Screwworm is a parasitic fly whose larvae feed on warm blooded animals, causing severe animal health impacts and significant economic losses if not controlled. The United States eliminated the pest in 1966 and has maintained that freedom through the ongoing sterile fly program and international partnerships.

USACE, a command within the U.S. Army, is one of the world's premier public engineering, design, and construction management organizations. With more than 35,000 employees worldwide, USACE delivers engineering solutions in support of military construction, water resources infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and federal agency partnerships. USACE provides engineering expertise to strengthen national security, energize the economy, and reduce disaster risk.

For more information about NWS and USDA's efforts, visit [Screwworm.gov](https://www.usda.gov/pests/new-world-screwworm).

HARBOR LOGISTICS' GOOSE CREEK PROJECT TO BOOST S.C. SOYBEAN EXPORTS

BY HARBOR LOGISTICS

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Harbor Logistics, a Charleston-based provider of integrated logistics and drayage solutions, broke ground on its new soybean transloading facility in Goose Creek on February 19.

Once complete, the facility will support soybean transloading and export consolidation, creating a streamlined pathway from farm to port. Soybeans were South Carolina's largest crop by acreage last year, with approximately 390,000 acres harvested statewide.

The project is supported in part by a Growing Agribusiness Fund grant approved in November 2025 through the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to enhance agribusiness infrastructure and expand export opportunities. The Andersons, a U.S. agribusiness and trade partner, will play a key role in international container operations tied to the facility.

Strategically located near major terminals operated by the South Carolina Ports Authority, the Goose Creek site builds on strong export momentum. In

2025, the Port of Charleston moved more than 3 million bushels of soybeans through a coordinated, multi-agency effort to address the state's soybean surplus.

Director, Office of Agribusiness Development, South Carolina Department of Agriculture; and Thomas Mershon, Profit Center Manager-International Containers, The Andersons.



The event featured remarks from business and government leaders as well as project partners, including Kevin Shuba, CEO and Terry Taylor, Process Manager, Harbor Logistics; Corey McClary, Workforce Development Manager, Berkeley County Economic Development; Byron Miller, Chief Commercial Officer and VP of Marketing, South Carolina Ports Authority; Norris Thigpen,

Speakers emphasized the importance of infrastructure investment that supports the state's farmers, strengthens export capacity and reinforces Berkeley County's position as a growing logistics and agribusiness hub. They also noted Harbor Logistics' investment in the region and the collaboration among project partners to expand export capacity for South Carolina farmers.

"This project aligns directly with the strong momentum we're seeing at our ports and with the state's broader agribusiness strategy," said Kevin Shuba, CEO of Harbor

Logistics. "By investing in infrastructure that supports farmers and global trade from our own backyard, we're demonstrating our confidence in Berkeley County and Goose Creek, and in South Carolina's ability to compete on a global stage."

For more information, visit [harborlogistics.com](https://www.harborlogistics.com).

CLEMSON TO HOST REGIONAL SMALL GRAINS CONFERENCE AND FIELD DAY IN APRIL

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

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Both events will be held at the Clemson University Pee Dee Research and Education Center (REC), 2200 Pocket Road, Florence, South Carolina 29506.

More than 15 speakers will present research on wheat and other small grains, covering agronomy, genetics, plant pathology, phenomics and emerging market opportunities. The conference will conclude with a field tour of Clemson's regional nurseries.

Registration is required for the full conference. Tuesday's events, including the field tour, are free for farmers and other stakeholders. Registration is available online at Clemson University Marketplace. Lodging is available at the Hyatt Place Downtown Florence.

"This conference is one of the most important annual gatherings for our region's small grains community," said Richard "Rick" Boyles, a Clemson associate professor of plant breeding and genetics who will also lead the closing business meeting and field tour. "It brings together university scientists, federal researchers and industry partners to share data, compare challenges and improve the varieties available to farmers."

RESEARCH, BREEDING EFFICIENCY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

The conference opens April 20 with remarks from Jane Dever, director of the Pee Dee REC, followed by a keynote on the legacy of Coker Pedigreed Seed presented by Clemson's Stephen Kresovich, a national leader in plant genetics.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Three general sessions, held in the John B. Pitner Center auditorium, will structure the day.

BREEDING EFFICIENCY IN SMALL GRAINS

Topics include the KWS Cereals wheat breeding program, integrating gene-by-environment interaction into wheat genomic selection, affordable tools and software for collecting field data and how randomization across breeding cohorts improves selection accuracy.

ADVANCES IN HOST PLANT RESISTANCE

USDA-ARS researchers will provide updates on emerging diseases in southern soft red winter wheat, Hessian fly screening and stem rust trends.

VALUE-ADDED SMALL GRAINS OPPORTUNITIES

Presentations include cereal rye for distilling, small grains for wildlife, cover crop breeding and intercropping with cold-season legumes, as well as developing wheat with reduced immunogenicity.

Breakout updates and planning sessions for regional nurseries will follow, along with a graduate student competition and career-service recognitions.

Graduate students working on small grains research are encouraged to submit a poster title and abstract to compete for monetary awards. Poster submissions are due by March 20.

AGRONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY AND REGIONAL TESTING

The final general session will be held on Tuesday morning and will focus on farmer productivity and regional variety-testing programs.

Participants will learn about yield reductions and economic losses in wheat. A discussion on NC State University's small grains agronomic research

and NCSU wheat performance trials in the state's Official Variety Testing (OVT) Program will also be held.

FIELD TOUR OF THE CLEMSON PEE DEE REC SMALL GRAINS NURSERIES



A highlight of the conference will be a field tour of Clemson's uniform and advanced small grains trials, including wheat, oats, barley and commercial demonstration plots with industry partners.

Participants will walk through yield trials and oat and barley nurseries, and tour additional research fields by vehicle.

"Our collaborative yield and screening nurseries are the backbone of regional small grains improvement," Boyles said. "By testing experimental varieties across multiple states, we can identify which lines have the best combination of yield potential, quality and disease resistance that farmers need to produce high-performing wheat, oats and barley across the Eastern United States."

Attendees may continue self-guided field visits after the catered lunch.

SUPPORTING SOUTHEASTERN AGRICULTURE

This annual gathering supports the region's wheat and small grains industries at a time when growers face various productivity challenges and shifting market demands.

"Each presentation, field plot and conversation at this conference helps strengthen our collective efforts and shape future small grains improvement efforts," Boyles said. "This is an exciting opportunity for Clemson University to host such an important event and we hope those interested in the conference will join us in Florence."



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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