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SOUTHERN TERROIR

HOW A 19TH CENTURY SC FARMER INFLUENCED THE US WINE INDUSTRY

BY CADE M^CCONNELL | PHOTOS BY EVA MOORE

In 1824, while South Carolina’s economy revolved almost entirely around cotton, one Columbia farmer proposed a radically different future: wine. That farmer was Nicholas Herbemont, a French immigrant whose experiments with grapes innovated vineyard practices, kickstarted the American wine industry, and left a lasting mark on American winemaking history.



Born in the Champagne region of France, Herbemont arrived in Columbia in the early 1800s and became the first French professor at South Carolina College. But his interests extended far beyond the classroom. Fascinated by the possibility of growing wine grapes in the humid South, Herbemont began cultivating vineyards in Columbia, planting his first vines along what is now the 1200 block of Bull Street.

His work began after discovering a hardy grapevine growing on the plantation of Judge Huger in Columbia, where the variety had reportedly been noted as early as 1798. Before that discovery, Herbemont had attempted to transplant more than 200 varieties of French *Vitis vinifera* grapes to South Carolina. The experiment failed spectacularly. Nearly every vine succumbed to the South’s oppressive humidity, fungal diseases, and destructive pests.

Rather than abandon the effort, Herbemont kept experimenting. Through years of trials and study, he developed the Herbemont grape, a hybrid crossing native Southeastern American grapes with traditional European wine grapes. The result was a vine particularly capable of surviving Southern conditions while still producing high-quality wine.

Though smaller in size, the Herbemont grape earned praise for both flavor and versatility. It served as a table grape and a wine grape, with the 19th-century journal *The American Farmer* calling Herbemont’s wines “the finest American wines ever produced.” Even Queen Victoria reportedly became a fan, arranging for shipments from Charleston to England.

The grape’s popularity soon spread beyond South Carolina into states like Missouri and Texas, when the vine proved naturally resistant to threats that devastated other vineyards, including phylloxera and the mildew-loving climate of the American South.

Ironically, that success contributed to the grape’s decline. When phylloxera ravaged Europe in the 1860s and 1870s, many American vines were uprooted and shipped overseas to rescue European vineyards. Later, Prohibition and changing wine tastes pushed the variety further into obscurity.

Today, only a handful of wineries still produce Herbemont wine. Yet efforts are underway to revive this forgotten Southern grape. In Columbia, Historic Columbia has replanted and begun propagating Herbemont vines near the place where they were first cultivated, reconnecting South Carolina with a vision first imagined two centuries ago.



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A BIG MONTH FOR SC AGRICULTURE

July is a busy time out in the fields of South Carolina. When many people are hunkering down indoors and enjoying the A/C, farmers and farmworkers are out there harvesting the food we eat and tending crops. Speaking of food, July is designated National Ice Cream Month, so we’re required to eat more than usual.

On the specialty crop side of the industry, this is the time of year when it seems like everything is happening at once. South Carolina farmers have begun harvesting okra, tomatoes, blueberries, blackberries, eggplant, peppers, beans, peas, and more. Sweet corn season is going strong. Peach season has been solid. Farmers markets are absolutely loaded with South Carolina produce.

We’re hearing especially positive reports about this year’s watermelon season: great yields, heavy melons, and a decent market compared to last year. The nation’s 250th birthday apparently added some “juice” to the usual Fourth of July festivities, resulting in good sales for growers in our state.

July is also when beef and dairy farmers chop corn silage to store as

feed for their cattle. That brings back some warm memories for me — actually hot ones! Despite the good growing, there are lots of pressures on crops this summer. Hot weather and insufficient rain mean lots of potential for pests, disease, and sun damage.

The drought has really hurt some farmers. The most recent US Drought Monitor map shows quite a patchwork across the state, with some areas merely Abnormally Dry (D0), but a large swath of the Pee Dee and coast in D3, or Extreme Drought. My home county of Orangeburg is split between D0, D1, and D2, as are many other areas. In other words, it’s hard to even know what your neighbor is dealing with, much less a farmer a few counties over. I pray we see some more steady rain in the weeks to come.

As a result of the drought, a quarter of the state’s pastures are in poor condition, according to the latest USDA reports.

As far as row crops, cotton has begun squaring and peanuts are pegging. When grain corn harvest begins, we’ll start to understand just what the impact of the drought has been there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Freewoods Farm Partnership & Legacy Celebration

July 24 • 10 am
Join South Carolina State University Public Service & Agriculture (SC State PSA) as we celebrate the enduring legacy of Freewoods Farm and a partnership dedicated to preserving its history through education, research and community engagement. Freewoods Farm preserves the history, stories and traditions of African American families who built farming communities after the Civil War. Experience a special program featuring Freewoods Farm founder O'Neil Small, guided tours of the historic farm, and complimentary Southern-inspired cuisine available while supplies last. Early RSVPs are encouraged.
Freewoods Farm
9515 Freewoods Road, Myrtle Beach
Contact: Richard Waring
rwaring2@scsu.edu

Soap It Up

July 25 • 1 – 3 pm
Join us for an afternoon of measuring and mixing, pouring, swirling, and creating your very own handcrafted goat milk soap. We'll gather in the farmhouse kitchen just steps away from the goats whose milk makes our soap so creamy and luxurious.
Jeremiah Farm & Goat Dairy
3853 Platt Road, Johns Island
843-276-3115
Tickets: jeremiahfarm.com

Landowner & Farm Conservation Workshop: Edisto Island

July 28 • 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Join us for an engaging and practical workshop designed to help landowners learn about conservation practices, sustainable land management, and sustainable agriculture. Whether you're a farmer, forest owner, or rural landowner looking to steward your land wisely, this workshop will equip you with knowledge, resources, and connections to protect and enhance your property for years to come. Free lunch included.
Marsh Hen Mill
2975 Hwy 174, Edisto Island
Contact: Jim Johnson
803-378-5981
Register: eventbrite.com/e/landowner-workshop-edisto-island-learn-about-new-grants-up-to-30k-tickets-1990660430936

Edisto REC Corn and Soybean Field Day

July 30 • 9 am
The plot tour will begin at 9 am and the day will conclude with a catered lunch.
Edisto REC
64 Research Road, Blackville
blogs.clemson.edu/sccrops/edisto-rec-corn-and-soybean-field-day-save-the-date-july-30th/

Harvest the Rain: From Roof to Soil

July 31 • 9 am – 1 pm
Looking for ways to save money and make landscapes more sustainable? Hosted by Nicole Goodman, Clemson Extension urban horticulture agent, this workshop will cover rainwater harvesting topics ranging from legal considerations to practical setup tips. Each participant will receive one rain barrel and kit, including hole saws, spigots and downspout connectors, along with resources on rainwater harvesting and sustainable landscaping.
Spartanburg County Extension Office
612 Chesnee Hwy, Spartanburg
Contact: Nicole Goodman
ngoodm2@clemson.edu • 864-986-1270
Register: eventbrite.com/e/harvest-the-rain-from-roof-to-soil-registration-1988038900869?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Tobacco Heritage Day

August 1 • 9 am–12 pm
For much of the 20th century, tobacco was the main cash crop for Horry County and the Pee Dee Region and provided an income for many farm families in the area. During the late summer, leaves were gathered and taken to the barn to be strung and cured. This process required participation from all family members, down to young children, whose job would be to hand the tobacco leaves to a stringer. Demonstrations will include gathering, hand tying and stringing tobacco, cooking on the wood burning stove, and a variety of other farm activities. This event is free and open to the public.
L.W. Paul Living History Farm
Hwy 701 North and Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
hcg.museum@horrycountysc.gov • 843-915-5321
horrycountymuseum.org

Aynor Farmers Market

Saturdays through August 22 • 8 am–12 pm
Shop dozens of local vendors offering fresh produce, homemade baked goods, local honey, fresh flowers, handcrafted gifts, woodworking, candles, soaps, farm-fresh eggs, home décor, plants, and so much more. Every week brings something new, making each visit a unique experience. Enjoy live music every Saturday from 9 am – 12 pm while you shop and support local businesses. Bring the family, meet your neighbors, and spend your Saturday morning enjoying one of the best community traditions in the Little Golden Town. Admission is free.
Aynor Town Park
600 S Main Street, Aynor
aynorareachamberofcommerce@gmail.com
843-685-1416
aynorareachamberofcommerce.com/events/aynor-farmers-market-2

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CATTLE

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INTL 1466 w/canopy and dual whls, \$16,000 obo Joseph Henson York 803-448-5287 SQ HAY LDR for side of truck or trl, \$400; NH hay crusher, \$300, all cash; more Randy Orr Anderson 864-201-5666 '42 AC TRACTOR EC, antiq, \$4500 obo Farha Ali Greenwood 864-554-0041 NH BC5070 SQR BALER VGC, photos avail, \$8000, call/text Bill Shuler Aiken 803-710-0445

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8N FORD TRACTOR restored, \$2750; 1r cult, \$225; 20-disc harrow, \$1200; 6' scrape blade, \$375; all 3ph and obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222 73" CARONI FLAIL MWR GC, \$2800 Thomas Padgett Hampton 803-943-6374 '12 RHINO TW84 ROTARY CUTTER GC, new blade, \$1800 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490 JD 630 MOCO for hay, \$18,000 Harroll Stockman Newberry 803-924-7878

327 CORN PKR 2r, FR, \$5000 Billy Carter Dorchester 843-209-5969 '16 EXISS STOCK TRL GN, 20' deck, \$18,795; Kverneland PS403 sprdr, \$795 Paul Brown Jr Laurens 412-289-1964 9 N FORD TRACTOR restored, GRC w/new alt & battery, garage stored, \$2500 Mell Patterson Laurens 864-871-4588 MF 165 W/16.9 TIRES PS, remote outlet, 5' bush hog mwr, \$5500 Mark Anderson Spartanburg 864-504-9440

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Lexington
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Bob Padowicz
Lexington
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Darlington
843-409-1717
30A MCCORMICK CO
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Richland
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Greenwood
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62.7 A LEXINGTON CO
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Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598
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Lexington
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Darnell Miller
Aiken
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Joe Culbertson
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Saluda
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Colleton
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Orangeburg
803-917-0467
'26 OAT STRAW
4000 bales, \$7
Victor Smith
Berkeley
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DEER CORN
cob, \$7/bag
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628
SQ FESCUE
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Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343
'26 4×5 RND CB
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Kershaw
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'26 HQ SQ CB
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Newberry
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4×5 FESCUE
NR, shed kept, \$75
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Spartanburg
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HQ SQ CB
no litter used, \$8; rnd, \$60/field, \$40/CQ, \$35/10+
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

DEER COB CORN
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Joseph Henson
York
803-448-5287
'26 4×5 RND CB
net wrap, HQ, shed kept, \$80; HQ, field kept, \$70; CQ, \$60/roll, del w/fee
Tyler Sanderlin
Barnwell
803-709-2626
'25 HQ 4×5 RND CB
net wrap, limed, fert, NR, stored outside on indiv pallets, \$60 ea
Eddie West
Aiken
803-507-8205
'26 COASTAL
limed & fert, shed kept, HQ, \$75/bale; CQ, \$65/bale; sq, \$9/bale, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

'25 HQ CB
shed kept, \$50; CQ, 4 rolls for \$100
Bobby Zimmerman
Lexington
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'25 & 26, HQ, 4×5, string wrap, net wrap, barn stored, no weeds, \$50/bale
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Greenville
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'26 WHEAT/RYEGRASS
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SECRETARY ROLLINS ANNOUNCES PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SMALL- AND MID-SIZE BEEF PROCESSORS

BY USDA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers (SPUR) Program that will provide temporary support for eligible beef processing establishments. Under SPUR, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide up to \$500 million in payments to eligible entities to support stronger and more stable market opportunities for American ranchers.

“America’s ranchers deserve a strong, competitive marketplace that rewards their hard work and preserves opportunity for generations to come,” said Secretary Brooke L. Rollins. “Today, historically tight cattle supplies, the Biden administration’s anti-cattle focus, consolidation in and foreign ownership of meat packing and the reemergence of New World Screwworm have created extraordinary market conditions that are placing significant pressure on our independent and regional beef processors. Through the Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers (SPUR) Program, USDA is taking targeted action to preserve the independent processing capacity that ranchers rely on, strengthen competition across the American beef supply chain, and support rural communities across the country. This is another important step in our Plan to Fortify the American Beef Industry by strengthening domestically owned processing capacity and ensuring America’s cattle producers continue to have strong market opportunities and

meet America’s historically high beef demand. As we Make America Healthy Again, we are working to ensure American families have continued access to nutritious, high-quality American beef while promoting greater competition, a more resilient food supply chain, and long-term affordability at the grocery store.”

“Small and mid-size beef processors are essential to maintain the diversity of America’s food system,” said Under Secretary for Food Safety Mindy Brashears. “Supporting this processing capacity helps preserve market options for our United States ranchers, strengthens regional supply chains and ensures American families continue to have access to safe, high-quality beef produced here at home.”

“Competitive supply chains help ensure American ranchers have reliable markets for their cattle,” said Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Richard Fordyce. “Through the SPUR Program, USDA is bolstering market opportunities for ranchers and supporting a resilient beef industry.”

These payments are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and are administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Payments are intended to provide financial support to eligible beef processors who have faced increased costs of acquiring cattle for processing

due to the abnormally low number of cattle being raised in the U.S at this time and other conditions currently impacting the cattle market. Additional information, including applications, will be provided to eligible entities using contact information that is currently on file with the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Entities eligible to receive funding under SPUR must be beef processing establishments under Federal inspection, as well as beef processing establishments inspected under the Talmadge-Aiken Cooperative Inspection Program and the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program (CIS). Further, eligible entities must be U.S. owned and cannot be nationally dominant in beef processing (or owned by an entity that is). For purposes of SPUR, nationally dominant will be defined as an entity holding a market share greater than or equal to the entity holding the fourth-largest share of the beef processing market.

For decades, the beef processing industry in the U.S. has been heavily concentrated and today just four companies control nearly 85% of the beef processing market, including two foreign owned companies. Ensuring domestic processors can continue operating during this period where the U.S. cattle herd is at a 75-year low is critical to national security and will ensure a strong supply chain once the herd is rebuilt.

SECRETARY ROLLINS ANNOUNCES \$500 MILLION FOR FERTILIZER INVESTMENT & EXPANSION PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA’S FERTILIZER SUPPLY CHAIN

BY USDA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the launch of the \$500 million Fertilizer Investment & Expansion for Long-Term Domestic Supply (FIELDS) Program, a new initiative administered through USDA Rural Development to expand domestic fertilizer manufacturing, strengthen America’s fertilizer supply chain, and improve long-term affordability for American farmers.

Utilizing the authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA will make \$500 million available through the FIELDS Program to support construction and expansion of domestic fertilizer production facilities. The program prioritizes shovel-ready, financially viable projects capable of increasing production of critical crop nutrients.

"For decades, American farmers were forced to rely on unstable foreign suppliers for one of the most important inputs needed to feed our nation. Today we are announcing a plan to end this consolidation and bring competition back to the American fertilizer industry," said Secretary Brooke L. Rollins. "Under President Trump's leadership, USDA is rebuilding America's fertilizer manufacturing base, strengthening supply chains, and ensuring our producers have reliable and affordable access to the fertilizer they need to remain competitive. The previous administration chose to prioritize their radical climate agenda when searching for fertilizer projects, and as result let this problem exacerbate by not getting shovels in the ground and only building 6% of their stated goal. The Trump Administration's FIELDS program is solely focused on producing fertilizer leading to lower costs for American farmers and consumers, as well as restoring a critical supply chain for our country. Farm security is national security."

"American natural resource extraction is the safest and most environmentally friendly in the world. It makes zero sense to import fertilizer from foreign competitors when we can make it right here while fueling our economy and protecting human

health and the environment," said Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin. "This is an obvious win-win for Americans farmers, families, and businesses. The Trump EPA stands ready to help rebuild this vital arm of American manufacturing while ensuring each facility adheres to the strict environmental standards required by law."

"President Trump's promise to restore commonsense to America's energy and climate policy continues to deliver. While past leaders harmed America’s agriculture industry with anti-hydrocarbon policies that drove up the cost of our food, the Trump administration will continue to take actions across the federal government to make fertilizer more accessible and affordable," said Secretary of Energy Chris Wright. "I’m proud to be working hand-in-hand with Secretary Rollins on these important initiatives."

FIELDS builds upon USDA’s review of more than 120 fertilizer projects inherited from the previous Administration. The Department worked alongside project developers, lenders, farmers, and federal partners to identify barriers to construction and financing, using those lessons to develop a program focused on implementation-ready projects capable of delivering measurable production increases.

Administered by USDA Rural Development’s Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the program will support projects that expand domestic production of nitrogen, phosphate, potash, sulfur, and other critical crop nutrients, strengthen competition, improve supply chain resilience, and increase fertilizer availability for American farmers. Unlike previous fertilizer funding efforts, FIELDS emphasizes project readiness, financial strength, realistic construction timelines, and measurable production outcomes.

The FIELDS Program complements the Administration’s broader fertilizer strategy to lower input costs and strengthen domestic

production. In recent months, President Trump suspended countervailing duties on phosphate fertilizer imports to improve fertilizer availability and lower costs for farmers, designated phosphate and potash as Critical Minerals, established a USDA-Department of Justice Memorandum of Understanding to address anti-competitive practices affecting agricultural input markets, improved fertilizer transportation flexibility during supply disruptions, and created USDA’s first dedicated Agricultural Economist focused on fertilizer markets and crop inputs.

The FIELDS Program is designed to support projects that are:

- Made in America
- Independent and Competitive
- Farmer Focused
- Innovative
- Energy Dominant and Secure
- Capable of Delivering Measurable Production Increases

"Food security is national security," Rollins added. "A strong domestic fertilizer industry is essential to a strong agricultural economy. This investment will help ensure American farmers have access to a secure, reliable, and domestically produced fertilizer supply for generations to come."

Individual awards will range from \$15 million to \$150 million, with funding focused on projects that strengthen domestic fertilizer manufacturing and deliver meaningful benefits to American agriculture.

Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on August 15th, 2026. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and application materials, is available through USDA Rural Development at rd.usda.gov and on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov).



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ROOTS & RAIN

HELPING ETHIOPIAN FARMERS BRINGS NEW IDEAS HOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

When Shannon Alford traveled to Ethiopia to help establish a regional soil-testing laboratory, she expected to share Clemson University’s expertise. She returned with new knowledge that could strengthen services for South Carolina farmers.

Alford, director of the Clemson Regulatory Agricultural Service Laboratory, joined scientists from Ohio State University, Auburn University, and private industry to install laboratory equipment and train technicians at a new soil-testing laboratory in Woliso, Ethiopia.

The project is part of a broader effort led by the Bethel Agricultural Association in the U.S. and the Bethel Environmental and Agricultural Association in Ethiopia to develop an agricultural teaching and training center.

BENEFITING SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS

The experience gave Alford firsthand exposure to emerging technologies and new approaches to farmer outreach that could enhance services offered at Clemson. Some new outreach ideas include establishing a soil clinic at the laboratory to demonstrate testing services and holding workshops during field days at the Clemson Research and Education Centers to give farmers opportunities to learn about what crops grow well in their soil type and climate.

Another idea is to have speakers at workshops who speak the farmers’ native language.



“Any time we have an opportunity to learn new ways of serving agricultural communities, we bring that knowledge back to South Carolina,” Alford said.

While working in Ethiopia, Alford gained experience using a microwave-plasma atomic emission spectrometer, a tool for determining macronutrients and micronutrients in soil and other agricultural samples. This tool is fueled by nitrogen. The current tool used in the Clemson lab is fueled by argon gas. Because nitrogen is more readily available, the technology could provide greater operational flexibility during compressed gas shortages.

Beyond the technology, Alford said the project reinforced the importance of connecting scientific information with the farmers who rely on it.

“I gained a renewed appreciation for and desire to communicate well regarding services the Clemson Ag Service Lab provides, and the breadth of services and information Clemson PSA makes available to the South Carolina agriculture community,” she said.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Although Ethiopia has a national soil laboratory in Addis Ababa, many soil samples are still sent abroad for analysis. The new regional laboratory will expand access to testing while supporting the long-term goal of improving agricultural productivity and environmental stewardship across Africa.



“We have been told our laboratory will be a game changer for Ethiopia and I believe that is accurate,” said Warren Dick, emeritus professor of soil, crop and environmental sciences at Ohio State and director of the Bethel Agricultural Association. “Currently, many farmers are farming blindly because they do not know the pH (acid level) of their soils, nor the fertility status of their soils. Having access to reliable soil testing will help farmers make better decisions about where to invest their resources and improve their returns.”

Since returning to Clemson, Alford has continued supporting the project remotely while reflecting on the value of international collaboration.

“Language and other barriers do not affect our ability to work together successfully,” Alford said. “Working alongside the team of Americans and Ethiopians is genuinely a joy, honor, and privilege.”

The project also reflects the University’s commitment to addressing global challenges through collaborative research and outreach. Jagger Harvey, director of the Clemson University Global Research Initiative, said this work is an excellent example of the initiative in action.

“By sharing Clemson’s expertise with partners in Ethiopia, we are helping address agricultural challenges that have global significance while creating opportunities for collaboration, innovation and learning that benefit communities both abroad and here in South Carolina,” Harvey said.



USDA LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE SCHEDULING TOOL

PRODUCERS CAN SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS THROUGH FSA’S DIGITAL PLATFORM

BY USDA FSA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is putting farmers first by offering them a new option to schedule appointments online with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Following a successful pilot program, FSA is now using a digital appointment platform across the agency to allow producers to make farm program or farm loan appointments online at their convenience.

“Farmers and ranchers work around the clock and should be able to schedule appointments with their local offices at their convenience,” said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. “This new online scheduling option gives producers another way to

connect with their local FSA office to access the programs and services they depend on. It’s one more step in our commitment to putting farmers first.”

Producers can schedule appointments through FSA’s digital platform, Microsoft Bookings, using a mobile device, tablet, laptop or desktop computer. To assist producers in finding their local FSA office to make an appointment, FSA has also launched a new FSA County Office locator that is searchable by state and by county. Each county office contact page has a unique link for producers to make an appointment online and shows contact information for the local FSA office and the farm loan team. Appointments

may be in-person or virtual with the local FSA office depending on producer preference.

Producers can conveniently schedule appointments for a variety of services with both farm program and farm loan staff. The Bookings-based system will automatically send a confirmation email to the producer along with reminder emails for upcoming appointments. Producers still have the option to call or visit their local FSA office in person to make an appointment.

For more information, producers can contact their local FSA office.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR OPENS ENTRIES FOR 2026 COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

BY SC STATE FAIR

From handmade quilts and photography to homegrown produce, baking and fine arts, the South Carolina State Fair invites exhibitors of all ages and experience levels to share their talents, traditions, and creativity through its 2026 competitive exhibits program. Registration is now open and runs through Sept. 1. The 2026 South Carolina State Fair will be held Oct. 15–25.

With hundreds of competitive exhibit categories ranging from agriculture and livestock to fine arts, flowers, food, crafts, and youth competitions, the program offers opportunities for South Carolinians of all ages and experience levels to participate. More than \$300,000 in premiums will be awarded to winning exhibitors, recognizing excellence across a wide range of talents and traditions.

“Competitive exhibits tell the story of South Carolina and are at the heart of the fair experience,” said Nancy Smith, general manager of the S.C. State Fair. “Whether it’s a family recipe, a handcrafted quilt or a piece of artwork, every entry represents the passion and pride of our communities. We look forward to celebrating those stories with fairgoers from across the state this October.”

Inspired by this year’s fair theme, “Rooted in Fun,” the 2026 competitive exhibits program features several new contests that celebrate the traditions, creativity and agricultural heritage that connect generations of South Carolinians. The fair is also commemorating America’s 250th anniversary with patriotic-themed competitions designed to inspire creativity and state pride. New competitions debuting this year include:

- **These Old Roots Plant Contest:** Celebrating plants passed down through generations, friendships and meaningful relationships.

Participants are invited to enter a cherished plant and share the story behind its history and significance.

- **America 250 Seed Articulture Contest:** In honor of America’s 250th anniversary, artists of all ages are invited to create original patriotic artwork using seeds as the primary medium,



inspired by the history, spirit, and symbols of the United States.

- **Wild & Wonderful Roots Contest:** A lighthearted competition showcasing nature’s most unusual roots, from oddly shaped vegetables to twisted tree roots and other underground surprises.
- **King Arthur Flour Best Carrot Cupcake Contest:** Bakers are invited to put a creative spin on a classic root-based dessert as part of this year’s “Rooted in Fun” fair theme.
- **Tasty Roots Appetizer Contest:** Home cooks can showcase their culinary creativity by transforming root vegetables into delicious and innovative appetizers.

- **Pro Kitchen Rooted in Tradition Bread Contest:** Celebrating family recipes and baking traditions, this contest invites participants to share breads that have been passed down through generations, along with the stories that make them special.

- **Patriotic Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** Participants are encouraged to transform pumpkins into red, white and blue creations honoring America’s 250th anniversary.

To enter the 2026 competitive exhibits, participants can visit scstatefair.org/competitions and find detailed instructions on how to submit their entries, along with a comprehensive list of categories available for participation.

S.C. State Fair logo shirts are now available at scstatefair.org/onlinestore and every purchase supports more than fair pride. All proceeds benefit the Ride of Your Life Scholarship program, which has awarded scholarships to South Carolina students since 1997. To learn more about the program, visit scstatefair.org/scholarships.

ABOUT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

The South Carolina State Fair, a self-supporting 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was organized in 1869 and is dedicated to preserving and promoting South Carolina’s agricultural roots while supporting statewide education. In addition to the annual South Carolina State Fair held each fall, the charitable organization manages annual football parking and is a popular event venue. The South Carolina State Fair has awarded nearly \$6.5 million in scholarships since 1997.

More information can be found at SCStateFair.org.

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