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## 2026 DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR AG TAX CREDIT

BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

If your business buys South Carolina agricultural products, it could pay off at tax time. The state provides a possible income tax credit or withholding tax credit to agribusinesses or agricultural packaging operations that increase their purchases of products certified as grown in South Carolina by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The state Agricultural Tax Credit is intended to reward existing companies for buying more agricultural products grown in South Carolina.

To be eligible for this credit, a company must have a base year in which the company purchases more than \$100,000 of agricultural products that have been certified as grown in South Carolina by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and then must increase the number of agricultural units purchased in the following year by at least 15% over base-year unit totals. It's important to note that this doesn't have anything to do with our Certified South Carolina program; the products simply have to be grown here.

Eligible companies may claim an income tax



credit or a credit against employee withholding as decided by the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development. An individual taxpayer cannot be awarded a credit in excess of \$100,000 during any calendar year, and the maximum amount of tax credits allowed to all qualifying taxpayers cannot exceed \$2 million.

The application deadline is September 30. For more information, visit [scagribusiness.com/agricultural-tax-credit](https://scagribusiness.com/agricultural-tax-credit) or email [aroberson@scda.sc.gov](mailto:aroberson@scda.sc.gov).

### Office of Agribusiness Development

In 2015, the state of South Carolina established the Office of Agribusiness Development to serve as an economic development arm of the Department of Agriculture to expand farming and agribusiness opportunities in South Carolina.

The Agricultural Tax Credit is one of many benefits available to agribusinesses in South Carolina. The state offers a variety of competitive and customized incentive programs to meet any company's needs. The state's leadership takes pride in being accessible to companies of any size, which is why small companies and large corporations alike recognize the business climate in South Carolina as one of the best in the nation.

Learn more at [scagribusiness.com](https://scagribusiness.com).



### COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

### SCHOOL DAYS

Students across South Carolina are returning to school, which is a big deal in my family. Oldest granddaughter Clara is off to middle school. The good news is that many students are enjoying school lunches that incorporate foods grown by local farmers.

In January we launched Certified SC Cafeteria with \$1 million in funding from the General Assembly. The program has been a huge success in its opening months. Sixty-seven schools and districts representing more than half a million students participated in the first round of the program.

Schools sourced product from more than 50 farms all over South Carolina.

I was interested to see exactly what items schools bought from local farmers using their allotted funds:

- Strawberries 29%
- Grains 19%
- Blueberries 11%
- Peaches 7%
- Honey 2%
- Broccoli 2%
- Watermelon 1%

That's obviously a reflection of what was available locally during the spring semester and the summer. We'll see what products will be most in demand in the fall and winter.

With recurring funding from the General Assembly, this program is set up for success. We'll be enrolling districts soon for the next funding cycle. If your farm is interested in selling to schools, visit [scfarmtoschool.com](https://scfarmtoschool.com) to explore options and let us know.

Schools remain a major unrealized potential market for South Carolina farmers. And children's life-long eating habits are still up for grabs.

There are many other ways we work with schools. Our long-running Farm to School program has been an important resource for schools, with guidance on teaching about agriculture, starting and maintaining a school garden, and sourcing local food.

We also support programs to help ensure that young people continue to choose agriculture as a career. Our Seeds for Success program is one great example: It's an agribusiness entrepreneurship (ACRE) program for South Carolina students in 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade. It helps them learn how to build a business plan, create a business pitch, and improve public speaking skills, with the opportunity to be funded up to \$5,000 for their school project. Many FFA chapters have been involved, but it's not restricted to FFA.

Beyond all these programs, it's important for those of us who work in agriculture to be good ambassadors. Encourage young people in your life to learn where their food comes from, to explore different aspects of farming and agribusiness, and to get involved.

It's going to take all of us to ensure a future for farming, but the payoff is worth the effort.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Songwriter Summer Camp

August 28-30 • 6 pm  
Join us for our Songwriter Summer Camp! Hosted by Alyce Drive and Nexus Nebula, and featuring Dawn Loves Nash with the Traveling Caregivers. We're fundraising to get Nexus to our 501(c)(3)! Expect songwriting workshops, showcases, scavenger hunts, fun for the kids (it's all ages!), and raffles from local businesses and artists. Don't miss it!  
**The Golden Grove**  
115 Krim Road, Piedmont  
brewfarmer1013@gmail.com • 864-356-1097  
goldengrovebeer.com

Sweetgrass Basket Making Class

August 29 • 10 am – 1 pm  
Join us at the Magnolia Workshop and create your own one-of-a-kind sweetgrass basket in a special class with Jennifaye Singleton of Geechee Gyal Baskets! Jennifaye has been making sweetgrass baskets since 1990, an art she learned from her aunt. Sweetgrass basket sewing is viewed as a gift from God. The craft, handed down from generation to generation, is usually learned from childhood. Baskets require a great deal of patience and creativity, as there are no set patterns. Each piece is unique, and each artist develops his or her own style. All materials and light refreshments will be provided. Enjoy complimentary admission with your ticket!  
**Magnolia Plantation and Gardens**  
3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston  
info@magnoliaplantation.com • 843-571-1266  
magnoliaplantation.com

Distillery Event: Food Truck & Live Music

August 29 • 12 – 6 pm  
Come join us at our Distillery down the hill for a fun afternoon! We will have a food truck at 12 pm & live music from Ray Ferrara starting at 2 pm. Distillery is open from 10 am – 6 pm on Saturdays.  
**Chattooga Belle Farm**  
454 Damascus Church Road, Long Creek  
contact@chattoogabellefarm.com  
chattoogabellefarm.com

South Carolina Pawpaw Festival

August 29 • 2 – 8 pm  
Blue Oak's SC Pawpaw Festival honors America's largest native fruit during its peak harvest season in Upstate SC. This annual event is our gift to the community, designed to educate and bring people together in the beautiful natural environment of our hobby farm in the blue ridge escarpment. Pawpaw fruit tastings will be available near the plant sale area, and we'll have knowledgeable, passionate plant people onsite to answer your questions about pawpaws and other native plants, including the folks from the South Carolina Native Plant Society.  
**Blue Oak Horticulture**  
198 Fews Bridge Road, Taylors  
blueoakhortsc.com  
facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555801273099



**FALL 2026**  
**Plant & Flower Festivals**

|                                                  |                        |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AutumnFest at the Market</b>                  | <b>SEPTEMBER 25-26</b> | <b>Greenville State Farmers Market</b><br>Greenville, SC        |
| <b>Pee Dee Plant, Flower &amp; Food Festival</b> | <b>OCTOBER 2-4</b>     | <b>Pee Dee State Farmers Market</b><br>Florence, SC             |
| <b>Midlands Plant &amp; Flower Festival</b>      | <b>OCTOBER 9-11</b>    | <b>South Carolina State Farmers Market</b><br>West Columbia, SC |

| SCDA State Farmers Markets                                         |                                                              |                                                            |                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET                                | GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET                              | PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET                               | VISIT <a href="http://AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV">AGRICULTURE.SC.GOV</a>                   |
| 3483 Charleston Highway<br>West Columbia, SC 29172<br>803-737-4664 | 1354 Rutherford Road<br>Greenville, SC 29609<br>864-244-4023 | 2513 W. Lucas Street<br>Florence, SC 29501<br>843-665-5154 | Click on the State Farmers Markets button for more information about each location |

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AUGUST 25 • 12:00 PM

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Any ads received after the deadline will be considered for a subsequent issue.

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| <b>REG BRANGUS BULL</b><br>proven breeder, B-4/3/23, \$6000<br>Justin Clamp<br>Saluda<br>864-554-3023                                                       | <b>CHAR HEFR</b><br>no papers, B-1/5, \$1800<br>Boyd Caldwell<br>Kershaw<br>803-438-3455                                                       | <b>REG BRAUNVIEH BULL</b><br>B-12/24, \$3500; Lnghn steer, \$2500; can del<br>James A Langston<br>Pickens<br>864-859-6794               | <b>REG DEXTER BULL</b><br>3 1/2 y/o, organic grain fed, \$2500<br>Duane Helfrick<br>Bamberg<br>803-387-9209                    | <b>REG BLK ANG BULLS</b><br>top 10, exc feet, low input, docile, BSE, \$8000+<br>Walter Shealy<br>Newberry<br>803-924-1000          | <b>REG BLK ANG FEMALES</b><br>low input, exc feet, utters, open and bred hefrs, \$5500+<br>Dixon Shealy<br>Newberry<br>706-590-0451 |
| <b>JERSEY HEFRS</b><br>6 m/o, \$1100; cow/hefr calf pr, \$3500; cow, \$2250; all cows exposed to Jersey bull<br>Robert Turner<br>Orangeburg<br>803-596-6463 | <b>3 WAY CROSS RPLCMNT HEFRS</b><br>w/focus on fertility, longevity, maternal strength, \$2600-6600/pr<br>Joel Davis<br>Oconee<br>864-710-3626 | <b>2 BLK ANG COWS</b><br>(2) 6 w/o calves, \$5500; (11) 700-800 lb calves, \$4/lb, if all taken<br>Dan Coward<br>Dillon<br>843-472-8122 | <b>REG SIM BULL</b><br>3 1/2 y/o, docile, 100% conception over 2 seasons, \$5250<br>Heath Bowen<br>Spartanburg<br>864-431-7352 | <b>(5) PURE BLK ANG HEFRS</b><br>(3) ready to breed in fall, (2) in spring, \$7500<br>Jessica Howard<br>Spartanburg<br>864-205-1464 | <b>REG ¾ BLK ANG ¾ SIM BULL</b><br>16 m/o, Rawdews pride, \$3750<br>Donald White<br>Berkeley<br>843-200-2740                        |

FARM EQUIPMENT

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| <b>FA SIDE MOUNT ATTS</b><br>planters, cultivators, FA C parts, \$100+<br>Paul Hammitt<br>Spartanburg<br>864-921-2294                                              | <b>5×7 HARDEE DUMP TRL</b><br>all metal, w/add-on ramp grate, \$500<br>Otto Williamson<br>Williamsburg<br>843-372-2692                                      | <b>JD 630 MOCO</b><br>for hay, \$16,000<br>Harroll Stockman<br>Newberry<br>803-924-7878                                                                | <b>USA HARROWS</b><br>20 disc, 3ph, GC, \$1600<br>Jim Atkinson<br>Pickens<br>864-506-9001                                                                                | <b>JD MAX EMERGE 6R PLNTR</b><br>w/row cleaners, \$14,000;<br>JD 6500 spryr w/60' frt fold booms, \$24,000<br>Joe Phillips Jr<br>Lexington<br>803-600-2928 | <b>6' W AERATOR</b><br>LN, tractor mount, 12" drum, \$1200<br>Charlie Doyle<br>Florence<br>843-992-6267                                              |
| <b>'07 CHEVY SILVERADO</b><br>4×4, extended cab, 5-3 eng, new tires, \$5000<br>Justin Clamp<br>Saluda<br>864-554-3023                                              | <b>TSC 5' BOX BLADE</b><br>GC, \$700; Leinbach 4 gang disc, and Fred Cain 5 plow scarifier, GC, \$450 ea; more<br>George Bower<br>Lexington<br>803-767-0568 | <b>INTL 1466</b><br>w/canopy and dual whls, \$16,000 obo<br>Joseph Henson<br>York<br>803-448-5287                                                      | <b>JD 922F GRAIN HDR</b><br>FR, \$8100; 200 bu gravity wagon, \$2250<br>Drake Kinley<br>Anderson<br>864-353-9628                                                         | <b>'23 JD 4044M TRACTOR</b><br>EC, 114 hrs, canopy, frt end ldr, MFWD, hydro trans, 44 hp, \$26,000<br>Charles Casey<br>Anderson<br>864-617-3656           | <b>'90 JD 750B BULLDOZER</b><br>\$20,000<br>Daniel Hershberger<br>Greenville<br>706-201-5745                                                         |
| <b>FORD</b><br>3ph, triple turn plows, w/brush cutters, \$250<br>Jack Pate<br>Greenville<br>864-457-6106                                                           | <b>LANDPRIDE FINISHING MWR</b><br>5', EC, 3 y/o, \$2000<br>Robert Garlock<br>Dorchester<br>843-729-5239                                                     | <b>INTL 5100 GRAIN DRILL 21 DD OPENERS</b><br>\$5200; Rhino 2160 boom mwr, in GC, \$9000<br>Jeffrey Gilmore<br>Chesterfield<br>843-517-0315            | <b>'20 JD 1025R</b><br>w/frt end ldr, backhoe, 54D auto connect mwr, \$19,500<br>Thomas Nettles<br>Orangeburg<br>803-707-1589                                            | <b>'07 RHINO TW84 ROTARY CUTTER</b><br>7' cut, GC, new blade, \$1500<br>Stephen Gedosch<br>Greenville<br>864-982-4490                                      | <b>JD HX14 ROTARY CUTTER</b><br>3ph, EC, \$7000<br>Steve McAlhany<br>Orangeburg<br>803-682-3834                                                      |
| <b>28' GN TRL</b><br>GC, \$7000<br>Bobby Steading<br>Spartanburg<br>864-585-0587                                                                                   | <b>7 SHANK FIELD CULT</b><br>w/spring trip shanks, GC, used on LT 30A, \$500<br>Eddie Beck<br>Darlington<br>843-307-7588                                    | <b>MF 165D</b><br>FR, \$6000; 6' bush hog, HD, \$900; 8 whl v-rake, FR, \$2800<br>Rickie Evans<br>Chester<br>803-209-2714                              | <b>'20 JD 1025R</b><br>w/frt end ldr, backhoe, 54D auto connect mwr, \$19,500<br>Thomas Nettles<br>Orangeburg<br>803-707-1589                                            | <b>2 HAY TEDDERS</b><br>VGC, 2 head, PB, PTO, buyers choice Kuhn or Niemeyer, \$1750<br>George Mccoy<br>Chesterfield<br>843-307-8866                       | <b>INT 1066 W/LDR</b><br>motor blown, have motor to go in incl, \$10,000 obo, photos avail<br>David Harrison<br>Sumter<br>803-464-8295               |
| <b>HOWSE 5' BUSH HOG</b><br>used 5 hrs, shed kept, LN, \$750<br>Dennis Williams<br>Lexington<br>803-794-9900                                                       | <b>JD NO 8 SICKLE MWR</b><br>w/hyd lift, GC, \$350<br>William Nash<br>Greenville<br>864-862-5684                                                            | <b>2R TRNSPLNTR</b><br>3ph w/2 water barrels, LN, \$6000; NH273 sq baler, \$1000<br>Charles Clunan<br>Anderson<br>864-245-3803                         | <b>FA SUPER A TRACTOR</b><br>GRC, 3ph, cutaway disc plow and 6' scraper incl, \$2500<br>John Lollis<br>Greenville<br>864-483-0922                                        | <b>3000 FORD TRACTOR</b><br>\$6000; 20-disc harrow and 5' bush hog, \$100 ea; more<br>Gary Seay<br>Spartanburg<br>864-497-0527                             | <b>JD HX14 ROTARY CUTTER</b><br>3ph, EC, \$7000<br>Steve McAlhany<br>Orangeburg<br>803-682-3834                                                      |
| <b>MF 231S TRACTOR</b><br>dsl, 42 hp, 798 hrs, good rubber, canopy, well maint, \$8200<br>Boyd Caldwell<br>Kershaw<br>803-438-3455                                 | <b>IH 1066</b><br>and CAT D7 17A, \$16,000 ea; JD 830D, \$14,000; Cat D4 7U, \$8500<br>Ronald McGraw<br>Lancaster<br>980-255-8584                           | <b>FA CUB TRACTOR</b><br>low boy, LN, shed kept, 1ph w/harrow, turn plow, scoop pan and scraper blade, \$5750<br>Robert Yonce<br>Aiken<br>803-685-7240 | <b>NH BC5070 SQ BALER</b><br>VGC, \$7500, call/text<br>Bill Shuler<br>Aiken<br>803-710-0445                                                                              | <b>3000 FORD TRACTOR</b><br>\$6000; 20-disc harrow and 5' bush hog, \$100 ea; more<br>Gary Seay<br>Spartanburg<br>864-497-0527                             | <b>3PT SCOOP PAN</b><br>\$125<br>Charles Nichols<br>Saluda<br>864-992-9292                                                                           |
| <b>JD 5115 M</b><br>w/ldr, frt hyd, cab heat/air, radio, fully loaded, LN, LT 700 hrs, \$95,000<br>Ronny Wilson<br>Anderson<br>864-356-6959                        | <b>'42 AC TRACTOR</b><br>EC, antiq, \$4500 obo<br>Farha Ali<br>Greenwood<br>864-554-0041                                                                    | <b>'16 EXISS STOCK TRL</b><br>GN, 20' deck, \$18,795;<br>Kverneland PS403 sprdr, \$795<br>Paul Brown Jr<br>Laurens<br>412-289-1964                     | <b>MF SQ BALER</b><br>baled 3000 bales, hyd controls, shed kept, \$30,000<br>Ken Hunter<br>Chester<br>803-374-0448                                                       | <b>50A CASE TRACTOR</b><br>w/canopy, 4 wd, rear hyd, frt end ldr, 3 <sup>rd</sup> function, \$40,500<br>John Smith<br>Calhoun<br>803-664-1146              | <b>4 WHL HAY FEED WAGON</b><br>open bottom, 20' L, \$4750<br>Bennie Smith<br>Edgefield<br>803-215-2551                                               |
| <b>'25 NH TRACTOR</b><br>60 hp, canopy, 2WD, 540 PTO, 1 remote hook-up, L and H trans, 1-2-3-4 gears, 41 hrs, \$24,000<br>Al Harlan<br>Spartanburg<br>864-316-9636 | <b>SQ HAY LDR</b><br>for side of truck or trl, \$400; NH hay crusher, \$300, all cash; more<br>Randy Orr<br>Anderson<br>864-201-5666                        | <b>20 BLADE DISC</b><br>\$1000; (2) 11 cults, \$300; 7' boom pole, \$125, call/text<br>Franklin Brown<br>Charleston<br>843-224-4711                    | <b>FORD 8N</b><br>restored, \$3200; 11 cult, \$225; 20-disc harrow, \$1200; 6' scrape blade, \$375; more, all 3ph and obo<br>Otis Hembree<br>Spartanburg<br>864-316-1222 | <b>BH 700 DISC MWR</b><br>non-working discs, other parts work fine, new blades, other parts incl, \$525 obo<br>Sam Rikard<br>Lexington<br>803-892-2630     | <b>MILLCREEK 27+ MANURE SPRDR</b><br>GC, barn kept, poly flr, dolly whl jack, Rhino-coat lining, \$3000<br>Kristie Lowrey<br>Laurens<br>864-414-6891 |

FARM LABOR

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

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| <b>MOBILE SAWMILLING</b><br>30"+ dia & 21'L, drop off up to 52"; land clearing, excavator work, Veteran owned/insured<br>John Smith<br>Pickens<br>864-982-2249 | <b>EXCAVATOR</b><br>tractor work, clearing, grading, irrigation, drainage, brush cutting, driveways, fire break, demo<br>Derek Drafts<br>Saluda<br>803-429-3291 | <b>NEED SOMEONE</b><br>to cut around dam and pond banks; also help w/poultry, feed/clean, 3 hrs AM and 2 hrs PM, more<br>Kim Hagen<br>Lancaster<br>803-475-1125 | <b>HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS</b><br>by ground or UAV, ag, forestry, and aquatic<br>Joel Cox<br>Spartanburg<br>864-706-1495             | <b>DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK</b><br>land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, bush hog, bldg pads<br>Fred Morris<br>Florence<br>843-621-8647 | <b>FORESTRY MULCHING</b><br>land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging<br>Jay Lowder<br>Clarendon<br>803-473-0646 |
| <b>EXCAVATOR WORK</b><br>digging, stump removal, brush clearing, cleaning around fields and fences<br>Jason Nichols<br>Saluda<br>864-992-2753                  | <b>LIGHT TRACTOR WORK</b><br>incl bush hogging, discing, cut up and removal of downed trees, light landscaping<br>John Tanner<br>Lexington<br>803-422-4714      | <b>FORESTRY MULCHING</b><br>clearing/dozer/Deere work, pond maint, bldg pads, demo, etc<br>Phillip Hutchins<br>Lexington<br>803-422-1329                        | <b>TREE LIMB TRIMMING</b><br>for roads, fence lines, field edges, up to 26', local counties<br>Damon Archie<br>Chester<br>803-517-7436 | <b>NEED INDIVIDUALS</b><br>to prune vineyard, must have own equip and pole trimmers<br>Ryan Anderson<br>Greenville<br>864-234-2918  | <b>LIME SPREADING</b><br>specialize in TN valley lime, call for prices<br>Drake Kinley<br>Anderson<br>864-353-9628                  |
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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.

**861A CLARENDON CO**  
hunting lease on Pocotaligo River, \$10,000/1 yr  
John Rhodes  
Beaufort  
803-346-9473  
**WANT LAND**  
for hunting  
Tony Slice  
Lexington  
803-600-6256  
**WANT LAND**  
to buy in Lex Co  
Elmer Fuller  
Lexington  
803-629-0416

**30A TIMBER/PASTURED**  
w/rd frontage, 18 A and 12A tracts, on Dorn Rd, Troy, selling together, \$250,000  
Farha Ali  
Greenwood  
864-554-0041  
**WANT LAND FOR LEASE**  
w/in 50 mi of Lex for Deer hunting, 3-4 resp hunters  
Bob Padowicz  
Lexington  
803-206-5993

**WANT LAND TO LEASE**  
for hunting, turkey and/or deer, w/equip for repair and help w/other needs  
Ray Sealey  
Darlington  
843-409-1717  
**160A CROPLAND**  
Hwy 321, North, Orangeburg Co, \$5500/A  
Wayne Cole  
Lexington  
803-608-1798

**90A HUNTING LEASE**  
for deer & dove season, Union Co, 2 creeks, wooded and cleared land, more, \$3000  
George Lynn  
Richland  
864-427-8828  
**17+/-A OF CB**  
Ware Place area, land locked for \$45,000/A  
Stephen Gedosch  
Greenville  
864-982-4490

GARDEN

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

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

**EGYPTIAN ONIONS**  
well started, \$5; figs on Sawtooth Oaks, \$10; all in pots  
Francis Shiver  
Kershaw  
803-669-1979

**MULTIPLYING ONION BULBS**  
Old timey wht, \$20/lb +ship  
Steve Swaney  
Abbeville  
864-376-3556

FRESH PRODUCE

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

**JUMBO QUAIL**  
and chicken eggs, \$3–4/dz  
Brian Motley  
Kershaw  
803-315-7598  
**CHICKEN EGGS**  
farm fresh, \$3/dz  
Ron Handley  
Georgetown  
843-896-0829  
**FRESH QUAIL EGGS**  
\$3.50/dz  
Duane Peake  
Richland  
803-240-1359

**CHICKEN EGGS**  
\$3/dz or \$5/2 dz  
Barbara Lyles  
Lexington  
803-360-0114  
**FRESH EGGS**  
chicken and quail, \$2.50/dz  
Derek Drafts  
Saluda  
803-429-3291

HOGS / PIGS

**YORKSHIRE/HAMPSHIRE PIGS**  
barbecue size, \$150 ea; (2) bred sows, \$400 ea  
Robert Turner  
Orangeburg  
803-596-6463

**BERKSHIRE PIGS**  
B-6/26, \$100 ea  
Gary Alveshire  
Lexington  
803-307-3541

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

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

**3 JACOBS RAM SHEEP**  
(2) B-'26, 4 horned, \$250, 2 horned, \$225; cull B-'25, \$200; \$600 for all 3, text  
Glenn Murphey  
Aiken  
864-490-0746

**SPANISH/BOER CROSS DOES**  
3-4 y/o, open, not exposed to a buck, \$200 ea  
Earl Owens  
Laurens  
864-684-6993

**4 Y/O KATAHDIN**  
proven breeder, \$350; (1) yrlg, \$250, (2) 7 m/o, \$200  
Spencer Pegues  
Chesterfield  
843-337-8860

**ADGA ND DOES**  
1 y/o, \$300  
Ron Handley  
Georgetown  
843-896-0829

**NANNIES AND BILLIES**  
4 m/o – 3 y/o, \$75–150  
Eddie Watford  
Kershaw  
828-506-8055

HAY & GRAIN

**'25 CQ COASTAL**  
4x5 twine, shed stored, \$40; w/rain, \$25  
Michael F Hallman  
Lexington  
803-657-5526  
**'26 4x5 RND CB**  
HQ, lime and fert, \$70/bale; '26 4x5 rnd CB, CQ, \$60/bale  
Jason Williams  
Lexington  
803-917-5431  
**'26 4x5 RND CB**  
net wrap, under shed, well fert, \$75  
Hugh Knight  
Orangeburg  
803-539-4674  
**SHELLED CORN**  
\$40, your 55-gal drum  
Adam Anderson  
Newberry  
803-924-8466  
**'26 4x5 RND HQ CB**  
fert/sprayed, no litter, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cuts, \$80 ea, del/fee  
Dale Blackmon  
Lancaster  
803-577-9008

**'25 HQ CB**  
shed kept, \$50; CQ, 4 rolls for \$100  
Bobby Zimmerman  
Lexington  
803-317-8681  
**4x5 HAY/STRAW MULCH**  
net wrap, 150 bales avail, \$20 ea  
Richard Knight  
Kershaw  
803-427-6440  
**4x5 FESCUE**  
NR, shed kept, \$75  
Otis Hembree  
Spartanburg  
864-316-1222  
**'26 ALFALFA**  
\$165/4x4 rnds, \$16.50/sq  
Tom Fink  
Lexington  
803-622-4678  
**SQ FESCUE**  
barn kept, \$7 ea; sq mixed grass, \$5 ea; both NR  
Jerry Butler  
Laurens  
864-697-6343

**'26 COASTAL**  
limed and fert, shed kept, HQ, \$75/bale; CQ, \$65/bale; sq, \$9/bale, del avail  
Eddie Phillips  
Sumter  
803-486-0081  
**MIXED GRASS HAY**  
large 4'x4'x8' rectangle bales, barn stored, 7 bales avail, \$140 ea  
Doug Tinsley  
Greenville  
864-915-8213  
**'25 HQ 4x5 RND CB**  
net wrap, limed, fert, NR, stored outside on indiv plastic pallets, \$45 ea  
Eddie West  
Aiken  
803-507-8205  
**HQ SQ CB**  
no litter used, \$8; rnd, \$65/field, \$80/barn, \$40/CQ, \$35/10+  
George Mccoy  
Chesterfield  
843-307-8866

**'26 4x4 RND CB**  
High Qual, shed kept, \$80 ea; sq, \$10 ea  
Paul Smith  
Sumter  
803-968-1026  
**FESCUE & RYE GRASS MIX**  
'25 and '26, HQ, 4x5, string and net wrap, barn stored, no weeds, \$50/bale  
Terry Blakely  
Greenville  
864-483-1920  
**DEER CORN**  
cob, \$7/bag  
Drake Kinley  
Anderson  
864-353-9628  
**'26 OAT STRAW**  
4000 bales, \$7  
Victor Smith  
Berkeley  
843-688-5353  
**'26 4x5 RND CQ CB**  
outside, some on pallets, \$50 ea  
Anthony Carroll  
Anderson  
864-314-2111

**'26 WHEAT/RYEGRASS**  
net wrap, \$50; '25 mixed grass hay, \$40; grass straw mix, for mulch, \$25 ea; both 4x5  
Charles Nichols  
Saluda  
864-992-9292  
**DEER COB CORN**  
in totes, weighing 600 lbs, \$100 ea  
Joseph Henson  
York  
803-448-5287  
**'26 4x5 RND CB**  
string, lime, fert, 1<sup>st</sup> cut, shed kept, HQ \$70/bale, CQ \$60/bale  
Ted Zee  
Lexington  
803-269-9152  
**SQ TEFF HAY**  
w/small amt of crab grass mixed in, will del w/in 30 mis, \$10/bale  
Lance Dodd  
Spartanburg  
864-706-0118

**4x5 OAT/RYEGRASS MIXED**  
net wrap, shed kept, 14 bales, \$55 ea  
Sam Rikard  
Lexington  
803-892-2630  
**'26 4x5 RND CB**  
net wrap, shed stored, clean, no weeds, \$50/bale  
James Bullock  
Lexington  
803-429-3234  
**'26 HQ SQ COASTAL**  
shed kept, 150 bale min, del w/in 75 mi, \$8/bale  
Johnny Roscoe  
Kershaw  
803-287-5999  
**'26 HQ SQ CB**  
shed kept, \$9, del avail for addl fee  
Nathan Oswald  
Lexington  
803-317-3090

POULTRY

**WHT BLUE PIED PEACHICKS**  
\$30–40; wht Pigeons, \$45; Guinea keets, \$20  
Mac Baltzegar  
Lexington  
803-414-2008  
**CHICKENS**  
\$15 ea; pigeons, \$5 ea  
Walter Creech  
Bamberg  
803-383-1309  
**GUINEA KEETS**  
all kinds of colors, on heat & off heat, \$12+  
Mary Jane Vivas  
Edgefield  
803-480-1574  
**SEX-LINK PULLETS**  
Blk Copper Marans and jumbo Coturnix quail chicks, \$2–5 ea  
Brian Motley  
Kershaw  
803-315-7598

**BOBWHT QUAIL**  
flight and weather cond, \$7 ea  
John Reed  
Sumter  
803-464-5757  
**BOBWHT QUAIL CHICKS**  
\$3.50+; Peachicks, \$75+; Royal Palm turkey chicks, \$50  
Ernie Redmond  
Orangeburg  
803-535-8038  
**BANTAMS**  
OE Quail colored, 4 m/o, \$25/trio  
John Hutto  
Barnwell  
803-300-2570  
**BOBWHT QUAIL EGGS**  
for hatching, \$10/dz, \$75/100; Bob Wht quail chicks, \$3 ea  
Dwight Gilliland  
Saluda  
864-941-0958

**BOBWHT QUAIL EGGS**  
for hatching, \$5/dz, \$40/100, no ship  
Tom Fink  
Lexington  
803-622-4678  
**HENS AND ROOS**  
French Blk Copper Marans, \$15/hens, \$10/roo, hens will be laying soon  
Barbara Lyles  
Lexington  
803-360-0114  
**GROWN GUINEAS**  
\$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochin bantams, \$10+  
Philip Poole  
Union  
864-427-1589  
**MALLARDS DUCKS**  
\$5+; Mandarins \$150/pr; Ringed teal ducks, \$120/pr; wht Mandarins, \$275/pr  
Shane Sease  
Bamberg  
803-824-9124

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

**AMARYLLIS BULBS**  
well started, in pots, \$10 ea  
Francis Shiver  
Kershaw  
803-669-1979  
**3 GAL AZALEAS**  
\$10; Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$7; Lemon Grass, Tea Olives, \$8; Crepe Myrtles, Hydrangeas, \$20  
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  
**BALD CYPRESS TREES**  
36”T+/- in 3 gal container, \$22  
Bryan Black  
Lexington  
803-331-9276

RABBITS

**LA COTTONTAILS**  
crossed on MS Cane Cutters, \$14 ea  
Danny Cook  
Newberry  
803-924-6953  
**REX**  
all colors, yng, \$15–20 ea; grown bucks, \$20 ea; does, \$25 ea  
Philip Poole  
Union  
864-427-1589

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| <b>MF MWR 2616H</b><br>44" cut, new tires and battery, deck rollers, \$850<br>Marty Littlefield<br>Greenville<br>864-580-0378                                   | <b>4' TUBE GATE</b><br>\$45; 7'x3/8" chain, hook on one end, \$25<br>Russell Goings<br>Union<br>864-426-2309          | <b>PLASTIC NURSERY POTS</b><br>mostly new, 5 gal, \$4 ea; trade gal, 6" rnd, \$1 ea<br>Carol Elliott<br>Richland<br>803-261-1666                                        | <b>PURPLE MARTIN GOURD POLES</b><br>winches up/down, \$390-500; gourds, \$4.75 ea<br>Stacy Shealy<br>Lexington<br>803-727-7535                           | <b>2H WAGON</b><br>restored to org cond, EC, \$2100<br>Harry Isbell<br>Anderson<br>864-617-2627                     | <b>BLKSMITH POST VICE</b><br>\$150; wagon whl rims, \$35 ea; alum scythe, \$75<br>R Long<br>Newberry<br>803-924-9039                                                       |
| <b>5" ALUM MAIN LINE PIPE</b><br>45 pc of 30' sections, few shorter ones, 6 fittings at 45° angle, \$4500<br>Brenda Dorrell<br>Williamsburg<br>843-372-8829     | <b>POLY HDR DIVIDER SNOUTS</b><br>JD 600 or 900, 2 sets, \$350/set<br>Jeffrey Gilmore<br>Chesterfield<br>843-517-0315 | <b>WORM CASTINGS FERT</b><br>100% organic, Certified SC, no fillers, 30 lb bags, \$20/bag, \$120/10 bags<br>Maryann Little<br>Lexington<br>803-530-9219                 | <b>PEACH BOXES</b><br>\$10 ea; wash pot, \$100; 4 wagon whls, \$200; more<br>Gary Seay<br>Spartanburg<br>864-497-0527                                    | <b>5 HP ELEC MOTOR</b><br>new, bought for grain auger, nvr used, \$750<br>Charles Nichols<br>Saluda<br>864-992-9292 | <b>4'x10' TUBE FARM GATE</b><br>\$80<br>Joseph Corley<br>Lexington<br>803-360-5825                                                                                         |
| <b>LUMBER</b><br>6"x10' Wht Oak, air dried 19 mos, \$2.50/bdft; 12"x8' Red Oak, \$2/bdft; cut to your req thickness<br>Boyd Caldwell<br>Kershaw<br>803-438-3455 | <b>HUSQVARNA FT900 TILLER</b><br>self-propelled, \$350, call/text<br>Franklin Brown<br>Charleston<br>843-224-4711     | <b>GAS IRRIG/TRASH PUMP</b><br>pipe and fittings, needs tune up, \$225; oil and skid tanks, \$225 ea<br>Randy Orr<br>Anderson<br>864-201-5666                           | <b>ND GOAT MILKING STAND</b><br>small elect milking machine, tattoo pliers, elec disbudding iron, \$50-100<br>Deborah Reed<br>Orangeburg<br>843-312-5018 | <b>NEW RAM PUMP</b><br>not elec, 1000 gal/day, \$1200<br>Glenwood Williams<br>Aiken<br>803-663-3909                 | <b>FUEL DRUMS</b><br>250 cap, \$100/rnd, \$150/oval<br>Jack Pate<br>Greenville<br>864-457-6106                                                                             |
| <b>HDWD LUMBER</b><br>incl Hickory, boards 1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels<br>Ryan Anderson<br>Greenville<br>864-234-2918  | <b>LRG BALE HAY RING</b><br>no rub, safe for horses, \$200<br>Deborah Worth<br>Aiken<br>803-605-4644                  | <b>WHT OAK TRL FLRNG</b><br>8'-21'L, 1", 1 1/2", & 2" thick x 6", 8", 10"W, \$2/bdft; firewood, all hdwd, \$75 p/u load<br>Lecil Hembree<br>Spartanburg<br>864-316-1222 | <b>55-GAL FG DRUMS</b><br>metal and plastic open top w/top and rings, \$20+; solid top 55 gal, \$20 ea; more<br>Philip Poole<br>Union<br>864-427-1589    | <b>AERO MOTOR ANTIQ WINDMILL</b><br>down, bottom legs bent, \$1500<br>Robert Grant<br>York<br>803-324-0164          | <b>OLD COMP FARM BELL</b><br>old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 ea; #15, \$150; more<br>Perry Masters<br>Greenville<br>864-561-4792 |

WANT-FARM EQUIPMENT

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| <b>HAY WAGON RUNNING GEAR</b><br>for water tank; 73-79 Ford p-up or parts any cond<br>Paul Hammitt<br>Spartanburg<br>864-921-2294 | <b>5-6" 3PH ROTOR TILLER</b><br>12' livestock trl, 2h trl w/no tack room, trls both BP and in GC<br>Charlie Doyle<br>Florence<br>843-992-6267 | <b>8-10' FIELD CULT</b><br>older model for garden<br>Otto Williamson<br>Williamsburg<br>843-372-2692 | <b>3PH ROTOTILLER</b><br>6' or 7', in GC<br>Randy Orr<br>Anderson<br>864-201-5666 | <b>100 HP POWER TRACTOR</b><br>in GC w/cab and AC<br>John Yoder<br>Aiken<br>803-221-1566 |
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WANT-LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

**(2) MATED PRS**  
of Wht Fantail Pigeons  
Rick Arrowood  
Newberry  
803-940-1265

WANT-MISCELLANEOUS

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| <b>OLD ORIG SPLIT RAIL FENCING</b><br>can be heart of pine or locust<br>Ronald Rader<br>Newberry<br>803-261-0860                      | <b>BACKHOE ATTACH</b><br>for Gravely 2 whl tractor, any cond, text is ok<br>George Long<br>Richland<br>803-920-3883        | <b>20+A PINE TIMBER</b><br>to cut, Chester Co<br>Lowell Hamilton<br>Chester<br>803-519-7711                                                                           | <b>PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER</b><br>hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, Upstate cos<br>Tim Morgan<br>Greenville<br>864-420-0251 |
| <b>USED GRNHS STRUCTURES</b><br>equip, pots, trays, etc, will disassemble and haul off<br>Marion Bledsoe<br>Edgefield<br>803-334-8071 | <b>BLKSMITH ANVILS</b><br>any size farm bells, need #3 or #4 bell cradles and stands<br>R Long<br>Newberry<br>803-924-9039 | <b>ANY SIZE WASH POTS</b><br>syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls and weathervane, more<br>Perry Masters<br>Greenville<br>864-561-4792 | <b>5' T-POST</b><br>used, reasonably priced<br>Robert Turner<br>Orangeburg<br>803-596-6463                                           |

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PROTECTING POLLINATORS: HOW PPQ AND PARTNERS ARE TACKLING THE YELLOW LEGGED HORNET

BY USDA

USDA’s Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program and its state partners are working together to protect honey bees and other pollinators by combating the yellow-legged hornet. This invasive hornet is a serious predator of bee colonies and threatens the health of native pollinators that support our nation’s agriculture.

Since the hornet was first detected in Savannah, Georgia, in 2023, PPQ has worked with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Clemson University’s Department of Plant Industry, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services to slow and contain its spread. Most recently, North Carolina confirmed its first finding of a yellow-legged hornet, prompting expanded early-detection efforts across the state.

This season, PPQ and state partners are increasing trapping, strengthening public

outreach, and refining survey methods to help teams locate nests more quickly. More than 7,400 traps are now deployed across Georgia and South Carolina, with additional traps placed throughout North Carolina to support early detection.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture has already captured more than 200 queens, mostly in Savannah and nearby coastal areas. Clemson’s Department of Plant Industry is conducting a surge effort in York County, South Carolina, after confirming a new population there in late 2025.

Surge operations provide a short-term, high-intensity increase in staff, traps, and resources to rapidly boost detection and response.

Teams are also using new tools, including bait stations and advanced mapping dashboards, to track activity and guide field operations. Public outreach remains a critical part of the

response. Agencies are hosting community events, distributing informational mailers, and encouraging residents to report any suspected sightings.

States outside the Southeast are also staying alert. After a Washington State Department of Agriculture grain inspector photographed a live hornet on a vessel in Vancouver, Washington, officials in both Oregon and Washington launched detection surveys to determine whether the insect is present in the area.

Public reporting plays an essential role in finding new detections quickly. If you think you have seen a yellow-legged hornet or nest, report it right away. Early reports help responders locate and remove nests quickly.

- In Georgia: call (404) 656-3600, [email yellow.legged.hornet@agr.ga.gov](mailto:yellow.legged.hornet@agr.ga.gov), or use the online reporting form.
- In North Carolina: call Area 2 Apiary Inspector Anton Joubert at (919) 930-1859 or use the online reporting form.
- In South Carolina: call (864) 646-2140 or use the online reporting form.
- In other states: contact your State Plant Regulatory Official or State Plant Health Director.



Vespa velutina; photo by Daniel Solabarrieta; Flickr

# USDA EXTENDS SUPPLEMENTAL DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE, ANNOUNCES NEW FLEXIBILITIES FOR 2023 AND 2024 QUALITY LOSSES

BY USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline for farmers to apply for Stages 1 and 2 of the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) to Sept. 30, 2026. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is providing greater flexibility for farmers who experienced quality losses on eligible crops.

Now, when applying for this key program, farmers who experienced quality-related discounts can use verifiable and reliable documentation to show quality losses due to natural disasters occurring 2023 and 2024. Farmers also now have the flexibility to use a quality loss percentage for crops having a final use that is different from their intended use.

SDRP provides more than \$16 billion in disaster relief payments to producers who suffered revenue, quality or production losses to crops, trees, bushes, or vines due to qualifying disaster events in calendar years 2023 and 2024. These payments are authorized under the American Relief Act, 2025.

Producers with indemnified losses can apply through SDRP Stage 1, which leverages Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data as the basis for calculating payments. Producers with non-indemnified (including shallow losses), uncovered (uninsured), and quality losses can apply for Stage 2 assistance. Eligible producers can receive SDRP payments for both Stages 1 and 2, if applicable, and for one or both calendar years 2023 and 2024, depending on losses.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR SDRP QUALITY LOSSES

FSA is now allowing producers to use verifiable and reliable documentation to demonstrate quality-related discounts on production impacted by natural disasters.

For quality losses, producers are required to provide third-party verifiable documentation of the grading factors or nutrient tests and acceptable production records that illustrate eligible affected production. Verifiable documentation must be dated within 30 days of harvest. FSA county committees can consider grading factors or nutrient tests taken more than 30 days after harvest if the test or grading factor represents crop condition at the time of harvest.



Verifiable third-party documentation for one producer can be considered verifiable for all producers with similar documentation, providing flexibility for vertically integrated operations that serve as the buying point for multiple operations, including their own.

For producers with documentation that includes expected price, actual price received due to quality discounts, and quantity of affected production, FSA county committees have the flexibility to use knowledge of the disaster event and impact on other producers to determine documentation is reliable.

## FLEXIBILITY FOR QUALITY-RELATED DISCOUNTS

To address quality-related economic impacts for SDRP Stage 1 and Stage 2 insured and NAP crops that were intended for fresh but sold as processed or could not be sold in a recognized market, FSA updated policy for crops with a final use different from the intended use (secondary use) and for crops not sold in a recognized market (salvage value). In these cases, producers will be required to provide acceptable production records documenting the actual production and price received.

## STAGE 1 QUALITY LOSS APPLICATIONS WITH MISSING PRODUCTION DATA

For SDRP Stage 1 quality losses, some applications were not generated because the pre-quality adjusted production information used to calculate the Quality Loss Percentage was unavailable. Although this production information will not be available before the SDRP application deadline of Sept. 30, 2026, producers are still required to file an application by the deadline.

Once FSA receives missing production data, impacted producers will be notified and provided with adequate time to review and re-sign SDRP applications.

## ONLINE QUALITY LOSS CALCULATOR

For assistance determining quality loss percent, producers can use the quality loss calculators on the SDRP webpage.

For more information on SDRP, visit [fsa.usda.gov/sdrp](https://fsa.usda.gov/sdrp). Producers can request an application or make an appointment online with their FSA county office.

# SCDNR AND SCETV LAUNCH NEW CONSERVATION STORYTELLING INITIATIVE WITH PREMIERE OF INTO THE WILD

BY SCDNR

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has launched a new multimedia partnership with South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) to highlight the people, places, and conservation efforts that protect South Carolina's natural resources.

The collaboration officially launched on Aug. 5 with the debut of *Into the Wild*, a new one-minute feature segment airing weekdays on South Carolina Public Radio (SC Public Radio) and hosted by SCDNR Director Dr. Tom Mullikin. The partnership will continue to grow over the coming months through additional television, radio, and digital programming designed to connect South Carolinians with the state's natural resources and the people dedicated to conserving them.

Rooted in a shared commitment to education and public service, the partnership uses compelling storytelling to inspire greater understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of South Carolina's wildlife, waterways, and natural landscapes.

*Into the Wild* airs weekdays at 5:42 a.m., 7:42 a.m., and 12:42 p.m. on South Carolina Public Radio and is also available on demand wherever listeners get their podcasts.

Through stories, observations, and discoveries from his travels across South Carolina, Dr. Mullikin explores conservation, outdoor recreation, fisheries, forests, boating, hunting, and the remarkable people and wildlife that make the state's natural heritage unique. Each segment encourages audiences to get outside, discover the state's natural resources, and embrace their role as stewards of South Carolina's outdoor heritage.

The partnership will also expand to television and digital platforms with *What's Wild: The Protectors*, a special season of the award-winning series expected to premiere early next year. Hosted by Dr. Mullikin and produced by SCETV in partnership with SCDNR, the six-episode season will take viewers behind the scenes of conservation work happening across South Carolina, featuring stories on the state's bat populations, marine resources research, the SCDNR K9 Team, oyster shell recycling, shorebird protection efforts, and the restoration of the recovering wood stork population.

"This partnership allows us to share the incredible conservation work happening across South Carolina every day," said SCDNR Director Dr. Tom Mullikin. "Whether through radio, television, or digital media, we hope these stories encourage more people to experience the outdoors, better understand our natural resources, and become lifelong stewards of them."



# CLEMSON WORKSHOP HELPS GROW SOUTH CAROLINA’S ORGANIC FUTURE

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

As consumer demand for organic food continues to rise, Clemson University is helping South Carolina farmers capitalize on one of agriculture’s fastest-growing markets by equipping producers with the knowledge, technical support and financial resources needed to create certified organic operations and succeed in business.

That mission was on full display during Clemson’s two-day Organic Certification Essentials workshop, where commercial producers, beginning farmers, Extension professionals and backyard growers from across the Southeast gathered at the Madren Conference Center and Inn to learn what it takes to earn and maintain the USDA organic seal. Through classroom instruction, farm tours and hands-on discussions with certification specialists, participants discovered that organic certification is less about paperwork and more about building resilient, profitable farms.

Hosted by Clemson’s Organic Certification Program within Regulatory Services’ Department of Plant Industry, the program, accredited by the USDA National Organic Program since 2002, provides certification for crops, livestock, processing and handling, and wild-harvest operations.

## A GROWING OPPORTUNITY

The workshop comes as organic agriculture continues to expand nationwide.

According to the USDA’s 2022 Census of Agriculture, U.S. farms reported \$9.6 billion in certified or exempt organic sales, a 32% increase from 2017. More than 17,000 certified organic farms generated those sales, demonstrating continued demand for organic products despite broader challenges facing agriculture.

South Carolina remains a relatively small player in the organic marketplace, but its industry is growing. The 2022 Census of Agriculture reported 59 farms with certified or exempt organic sales totaling nearly \$30 million, compared to \$18.8 million five years earlier. The state also counted 76 certified organic farms and 15 farms transitioning to organic production, suggesting additional growth is on the horizon.

For Clemson, those numbers represent opportunity.

Instructors attempted to take the mystery out of organic certification as they guided participants through every stage of the certification process, from completing an Organic System Plan and preparing for inspections to maintaining certification year after year.

## LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Participants toured Greenfield Organic Farm in Oconee County and Mushroom Mountain’s MycoMatrix facility, where they observed organic production systems, recordkeeping practices and inspection preparation firsthand. Back on campus, breakout sessions covered topics ranging from livestock production and soil health to weed management, food safety, marketing

and identifying opportunities in the organic marketplace.

But the conversations extended beyond how to grow organically.

Clemson certification specialists walked attendees through the review process, inspections, compliance decisions and annual recertification requirements using real-world examples that illustrated how certification decisions are made under USDA National Organic Program regulations.

Participants learned that receiving a notice of noncompliance is often part of the learning process and not an indication that certification has failed. Clemson staff explained how producers can

staff discussed how federal Farm Bill decisions influence organic research, conservation funding, certification cost-share programs and market development, encouraging producers to remain engaged as Congress considers future investments in organic agriculture.

## EXPERIENCE SPEAKS LOUDEST

For Brian Marshall of Greenfield Organic Farm, Clemson’s support has been instrumental throughout his 11 years as a certified organic producer.

Greenfield is a 72-acre organic farm in Oconee County, South Carolina, that includes 30 acres of pasture for cattle, 4,000 feet of irrigation and a high-tunnel growing system focusing production on tomatoes, blueberries and lettuce.

Marshall remembers entering the certification process with little more than stories about how difficult it would be.

Instead, he found Clemson staff who were willing to answer questions, explain regulations and guide him through each step.

“It was essential,” Marshall said. “They’ve been very helpful, constantly supportive and willing to expose us to the resources they had available.”

He credits Clemson with helping remove the uncertainty surrounding certification while encouraging him to become a lifelong student of organic agriculture.

“You take away that mystery of what it means to be certified,” Marshall said. “It’s good work because you’re getting to be a steward of your craft.”

## GROWING MORE THAN FARMS

The workshop’s impact reached beyond commercial agriculture.

Paul Nuesslein traveled from Atlanta not to start a farming business, but to become a better grower and donate more fresh produce through community food organizations.

“I consider myself an enthusiastic grower,” Nuesslein said. “My goal is to be able to learn techniques so I can give people food. I’m trying to up my game so that I can produce food and donate my excess to food banks.”

Specifically, Nuesslein hopes to donate his excess food to Atlanta-based organization called Concrete Jungle, which tries to ensure food-insecure Georgians who don’t have access to fresh produce get to experience the benefits of healthy, local, and delicious fruits and vegetables from farmers and partner organizations.

After two days of instruction, he left with a greater appreciation for the work required to produce certified organic food.

“I’ve actually learned quite a bit,” he said. “I will never see organic eggs as being overpriced in the future.”



Brian Marshall, owner of Greenfield Organic Farms, showed off his high-tunnel growing system.

resolve documentation issues, develop corrective action plans and maintain the records needed to demonstrate compliance with federal standards.

Throughout the session, instructors stressed the importance of communication, encouraging farmers to contact their certifier whenever questions arise rather than allowing small issues to become larger problems.

## CONNECTING GROWERS WITH OPPORTUNITY

The workshop also highlighted another critical piece of Clemson’s approach: connecting farmers with the resources they need to build successful businesses.

Representatives from the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) and the Rodale Institute introduced participants to new USDA-funded Advancing Markets for Producers (AMP) programs that can provide substantial financial assistance for conservation practices, high tunnels, irrigation systems, specialized equipment, marketing improvements and transitioning to organic production.

In addition to financial assistance, participants learned about one-on-one technical assistance available through CFSA, including production planning, pest management, conservation planning, food safety, market development and certification preparation. The organizations emphasized that successful organic farming depends on more than meeting certification standards—it also requires sound business planning and access to trusted advisors.

The workshop also explored the policy landscape affecting organic agriculture. CFSA policy

# CLEMSON SCIENTIST SECURES USDA FUNDING TO HELP PROTECT SC FROM INVASIVE PESTS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

As invasive insects travel toward South Carolina, Clemson University scientist Zee Ahmed is leading research to help the state detect and manage two emerging threats before they become more widespread.

Ahmed, an assistant professor of entomology at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center near Florence, South Carolina, has received \$338,928 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to lead two research projects focused on the spotted lanternfly and the two-spot cotton leafhopper.

Together, the projects aim to strengthen early detection, improve monitoring and provide growers, nursery operators and homeowners with practical strategies to protect landscapes and ornamental plants.

“South Carolina is facing invasive species from every direction and they are arriving faster than we can study them,” Ahmed said. “These projects will help us give growers and homeowners the information they need to protect their investments.”

The two insects are arriving from different directions. They both threaten nurseries, landscapes and ornamental plants that contribute to the state’s economy and quality of life.

## SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

The spotted lanternfly first emerged in South Carolina in July 2025 and continues to spread southward from the Mid-Atlantic, making early detection critical.



Through a partnership with NC State University, Ahmed will work with Clemson lab specialist James Forest Palmer and NC State Extension assistant Abby Ratcliff to evaluate low-cost lampshade traps along high-risk corridors across the Carolinas.

Wrapped around tree trunks, the traps create sheltered spaces where females prefer to lay eggs, making egg masses easier to find, remove and collect for research. The team will also monitor



egg-laying activity to strengthen surveillance and help state agencies respond more quickly as populations expand.

“Because the spotted lanternfly does not recognize state boundaries, the collaboration with North Carolina strengthens regional monitoring efforts and helps both states prepare for future spread,” Ahmed said.

Nymphs are black with white spots before turning bright red as they mature. Adults are about 1 inch long and ½ inch wide, with grayish-brown forewings covered in black spots and scarlet hindwings marked with black and white bars.

Anyone who spots a spotted lanternfly in South Carolina is encouraged to report it to Clemson Regulatory Services.

## TWO-SPOT COTTON LEAFHOPPER

A second USDA-APHIS award supports the first statewide research effort on the two-spot cotton leafhopper. This insect was first confirmed in South Carolina in September 2025.

Working with Clemson scientists Tom Bilbo, Jeremy Greene and Francis Reay-Jones, Ahmed will survey nurseries, landscapes and ornamental settings statewide to determine the insect’s distribution, preferred host plants and overwintering habits while evaluating insecticides for effective management.

The two-spot cotton leafhopper is a small, slender, pale green insect with transparent wings and a distinctive black spot near the tip of each forewing.

To report leafhopper detections or seek guidance, producers should contact the local Clemson Extension office or the entomology team at the Edisto Research and Education Center.

“This research will provide critical information for growers, nursery operators and regulatory agencies working to limit the pest’s impact before it becomes more widespread,” Ahmed said.

The nursery, landscape and horticulture industry is important to the state’s economy. The latest information from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture shows this sector contributed more than \$1.5 billion to the state’s \$51.8 billion agribusiness industry in 2022.

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