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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

AT 23RD ANNUAL COMMISSIONER'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE, STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT AG, FORESTRY AND PROFESSIONALISM AT CLEMSON

BY EVA MOORE

A new group of high school students completed the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture on July 24, equipped with life skills and an understanding of the agriculture and forestry industries.

The Commissioner's School for Agriculture is a partnership between the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. The weeklong session for rising 11th and 12th grade students is designed to inform, inspire and challenge student participants to consider a career in the agricultural, natural resource and life science industries as well as to be model citizens of leadership and influence for these industries as they embrace an agriculturalist philosophy.

Students choose an emphasis area – livestock and animal health, plant sciences, or forestry and natural resources – and participate in various learning activities.



The focus of this year's Expert Panel and Discussion Meet was the future of the forestry industry. At the Expert Panel, students heard from representatives of the forestry industry and a forest products researcher. The experts' message: Be an advocate for the agriculture and forestry industries, and don't be afraid to speak out about misconceptions.

The Athletic Turfgrass tour session is always popular, with students learning

directly from Clemson University's Chris Rinebold about the turf at Memorial Stadium and the university's other athletic fields. The students even got to run down the hill from Howard's Rock at the end of the session.

Students visited local agribusinesses Titan Farms, Saluda Livestock Exchange, and Amick Farms on Industry Day. And they had plenty of opportunities for fun, including a daylong rafting trip on the Chattooga River.

At the Farm to Table Dinner at Musser Fruit Research Center, students heard from Commissioner Hugh Weathers about the agribusiness industry and his career in agriculture, as well as from the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences, Dr. Matthew Holt.

Commissioner's School students will meet in Columbia for a reunion in the spring.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

REMEMBERING A FRIEND OF AGRICULTURE

A dear friend to many and a neighbor of mine, Jim Roquemore passed away July 9 after a two-year battle with cancer. Ever the optimist, a week before he died, he told me he had a bug but would be better soon. Oh, how I wanted to believe him.

Jim life's work was in agriculture. He grew up farming, working in the fields from a young age in Lakeland, Georgia. His great-grandfather founded Patten Seed in 1883; Jim took over the company about 100 years later and moved to Orangeburg County in 1984 to manage the business from there as they expanded. It was then that Jim and his wife Karen became neighbors and friends of ours. Under Jim's guidance, the company became a powerhouse in the green industry, pushing technologies and innovation and marketing. It's fascinating to watch tractors that can mow the vast sod fields without an operator at the controls.

Jim's accomplishments are too many to list but include the Order of the Palmetto and the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame. I was very proud that South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture recognized him in 2017 with the Advocate of the Year award.

The folks who called Jim their friend ranged from US senators to NASCAR legends, to country music stars Brooks and Dunn, and half of the Atlanta Braves starting lineup years ago.

Former Georgia governor Sonny Perdue spoke at his funeral service. Sonny remarked that Jim wrote his own service, printing his 10 rules of life to live by in the program. They are included below.

For all he did that the public knew about, Jim did as much privately for so many organizations and people. He had a knack of knowing who needed what and how to get that help to them. I know that in the farming family of South Carolina, there are many to whom that description applies. Like Jim, we just care for each other.

Jim Roquemore's
Lessons to Live By

1. Examine Ourselves – 1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5
2. Forgive One Another – Matthew 6:15; Luke 6:37; Ephes. 4:32
3. Be Patient – Ecclesiastes 7:8–9; 1 Corinthians 13:4
4. Watch Our Tongue – Psalm 34:13; James 1:20; Proverbs 10:19–20
5. Listen – Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 13:1; Proverbs 19:20
6. Don't Worry! – Matthew 6:25, 27, 34; 1 Peter 5:7
7. Be Content – Proverbs 19:23; 1 Timothy 6:6–9; Philippians 4:10–13
8. Pray Often – Psalms 25:18; Proverbs 15:8–9
9. Show Respect for Others – Galatians 6:7
10. Be Responsible – Proverbs 21:20; Romans 12:21

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blackberry U-Pick

August 8, 13, 15, and 26
U-Pick Blackberries are available on in the morning and early afternoon of designated days. RSVP Required. We are a Boutique Health and Wellness Agritourism Retreat Center. At the heart of the Sanctuary is Body-Mind-Spirit & Soul Care. We grow organic blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and specialty fruit trees.
Wild Blackberry Sanctuary
548 McKelvey Road, Pelzer
wildblackberrymeadowfarm@gmail.com
864-263-7193
wildblackberrysanctuary.org

Meet the Candidates for SC Commissioner of Agriculture

August 13 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
All four candidates on the November ballot—DeShawn Blanding, Chris Nelums, Cody Simpson, and Michael Sullens—will participate in a public panel discussion to share their platforms, discuss their qualifications, and answer questions from attendees. Join us for a BBQ lunch beginning at 11:30 am, followed by the candidate panel at 12:00 pm. Payments for the quarterly meeting (\$25) or prepayment for all quarterly meetings (\$75) can be made online or by contacting Stephen Slice of the South Carolina Agricultural Council.
scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com • 803-360-2845
South Carolina Farm Bureau
724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce
Register: eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-candidates-for-the-sc-commissioner-of-agriculture-tickets-1993938330221

Lamb Halter Training

August 15 • 10 am – 11 am
Want to spend some time hands-on with sheep? Come help us halter train our 2026 lambs! No skill or prior experience needed. Just a free hour to hang out and hold a leash. Message for more information. RSVP is required.
Baker Farm
2494 Greenwood Road, Rock Hill
sarahbakerfarm@gmail.com • 803-322-6455
www.bakerfarmsite.com/event-details/halter-training-2026-08-15-10-00

Happy Cow Creamery Tour

August 15
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Happy Cow Creamery
332 McKelvey Road, Pelzer
864-243-9699
happycowcreamery.com/tours

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
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low input, exc feet, utters, cow/calf prs, open hefrs, \$5500+
Dixon Shealy
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706-590-0451

AQUACULTURE

STERILE GRASS CARP

\$12/\$18; Blgill & Shlckr, 65¢; Rdbrst, 75¢; Ch Catfish, 65¢; lrgmth Bass, \$3; Tilapia \$2.50
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GARDEN

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20 BLADE DISC

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

KUBOTA L3130

L723 ldr, GST/BH750 Frt HD ports, \$20,275
Earl Ogburn
Lexington
803-804-0678

INT 1066 W/ LDR

motor blown, have motor to go in incl, \$10,000 obo, photos avail
David Harrison
Sumter
803-464-8295

'20 JD 1025R

w/frt end ldr, backhoe, 54D auto connect mwr, \$19,500
Thomas Nettles
Orangeburg
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FA CUB TRACTOR

low boy, LN, shed kept, 1ph w/harrow, turn plow, scoop pan and scraper blade, \$5750
Robert Yonce
Aiken
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MF SQ BALER

baled 3000 bales, hyd controls, shed kept, \$30,000
Ken Hunter
Chester
803-374-0448

50A CASE TRACTOR

w/canopy, 4 wd, rear hyd, frt end ldr, 3rd function, \$40,500
John Smith
Calhoun
803-664-1146

NH HAYBINE

\$1000
Mills Dorn
Edgefield
803-480-2899

(2) TRACORS

JD 790, \$10,000; JD 4100, turf tires, \$8000; both 4wd
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MILLCREEK 27+ MANURE SPRDR

GC, barn kept, poly flr, dolly whl jack, Rhino-coat lining, \$3000
Kristie Lowrey
Laurens
864-414-6891

JD 922F GRAIN HDR

FR, \$8100
Drake Kinley
Anderson
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KUBOTA M5040 TRACTOR

w/cab and frt end ldr, 2 wd, 1390 hrs, EC, \$28,000
James Jackson
York
803-810-3757

RHINO 2160 BOOM MWR

in GC, \$9000
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

JD NO 8 SICKLE MWR

GC, \$450
William Nash
Greenville
864-862-5684
'12 RHINO TW84 ROTARY CUTTER
GC, new blade, \$1800
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

16; EQUIP TRL

\$1200; 1r cult, \$225; 20-disc harrow, \$1200; 6' scrape blade, \$375; all 3ph and obo
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

NH BC5070 SQ BALER

VGC, \$7500, call/text
Bill Shuler
Aiken
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'23 JD 4044M TRACTOR

EC, 114 hrs, canopy, frt end ldr, MFWD, hydro trans, 44 hp, \$26,000
Charles Casey
Anderson
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TSC 5' BOX BLADE

GC, \$700; Leinbach 4 Gang disc, and Fred Cain 5 plow scarifier, GC, \$450 ea
George Bower
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3PT SCOOP PAN

\$125
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

(2) JD 3020 TRACTOR

dsl, \$6500 ea
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JD HX14 ROTARY CUTTER

3ph, EC, \$7000
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803-682-3834

JD 630 MOCO

for hay, \$16,000
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MF 165 W/16.9 TIRES

PS, remote outlet, 5' bush hog mwr, \$5500
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864-504-9440

IH 1066

and CAT D7 17A, \$16,000 ea; JD 830D, \$14,000; Cat D4 7U, \$8500
Ronald McGraw
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5*7 HARDEE DUMP TRL

all metal, w/add-on ramp grate, \$500
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

'42 AC TRACTOR

EC, antiq, \$4500 obo
Farha Ali
Greenwood
864-554-0041
HOWSE 5' BUSH HOG
used 5 hrs, under shed, \$750
Dennis Williams
Lexington
803-794-9900

SQ HAY LDR

for side of truck or trl, \$400; NH hay crusher, \$300, all cash; more
Randy Orr
Anderson
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1R BED MAKER

Tuffline, HD 4 disc, 3ph; undercut bar, Woodward Crossing, 1r, 3ph on tool bar, \$900 ea
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Richland
803-609-7057

INTL 1466

w/canopy and dual whls, \$16,000 obo
Joseph Henson
York
803-448-5287

LANDPRIDE FINISHING MWR

5', EC, 3 y/o, \$2000
Robert Garlock
Dorchester
843-729-5239

5' BHB GROOMING MWR

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

'16 EXISS STOCK TRL

GN, 20' deck, \$18,795; Kverneland PS403 sprdr, \$795
Paul Brown Jr
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412-289-1964

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Randell Wilson
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w/row cleaners, \$14,000; JD 6500 spryr w/60' frt fold booms, \$24,000
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803-600-2928

JD 5115 M

w/ldr, frt hyd, cab heat/air, radio, fully loaded, LN, LT' 700 hrs, \$95,000
Ronny Wilson
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864-356-6959

CAT 313F EXCAVATOR

\$80,000; Cat 953C track ldr, \$55,000
Allan Campbell
Greenville
864-704-9195

MF 165D

FR, \$6000; 6' bush hog, HD, \$900; 8 whl v-rake, FR, \$2800
Rickie Evans
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JD 4430 W/LDR

540-1000PTO, 4 pt canopy, 20.838 tires, 6500+/- hrs, GC, \$21,500
Ray Ward
Clarendon
803-225-8433

6' W AERATOR

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

MF 231S TRACTOR

dsl, 42 hp, 792 hrs, good rubber, canopy, well maint, \$8200
Boyd Caldwell
Kershaw
803-438-3455

'25 NH TRACTOR

60 hp, canopy, 2WD, 540 PTO, 1 remote hook-up, L&H trans, 1-2-3-4 gears, 40 hrs, \$26,000
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864-316-9636

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VGC, 2 head, PB, PTO, buyers choice Kuhn or Niemeyer, \$1750
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

2R TRNSPLNTR

3ph w/2 water barrels, LN, \$6000; NH273 sq baler, \$1000
Charles Clunan
Anderson
864-245-3803

3000 FORD TRACTOR

\$6000; 20-disc harrow and 5' bush hog, \$100 ea; more
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BH 700 DISC MWR

non-working discs, other parts work fine, new blades, other parts incl, \$525 obo
Sam Rikard
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TANDEM AXLE HD TRL

w/brakes, powder coat paint, mag whls, spare, \$6500; Frontier MS1002 sprdr, \$1800; more
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FA SUPER A TRACTOR

GRC, 3ph, cutaway disc plow and 6' scraper incl, \$2500
John Lollis
Greenville
864-483-0922

MN MOLINE COMBINE

late '40s w/WI eng, not running, for farm orna/restor proj, txt for photos, \$750
Freddy Sons
Lexington
864-356-3739

HOGS / PIGS

FB DUROC PIGS

3 gilts, 1 barrow, 5 m/o, \$250; 4 gilts, 1 barrow, 3½ m/o, \$200
L M Carter
Colleton
843-599-9408

YORKSHIRE/ HAMPSHIRE PIGS

barbecue size, \$150 ea; (2) bred sows, \$400 ea
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PLANTS & FLOWERS

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36" T+/- in 3 gal container, \$22
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MONKEY GRASS

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Woody Ellenburg
Pickens
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3 GAL AZALEAS

\$10; Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$7; Lemon Grass, Tea Olives, \$8; Crepe Myrtles, Hydrangeas, \$20
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
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FARM LABOR

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

NEED FARRIER
for (3) mini horses, must be reasonably priced
Lowell Hamilton
Chester
803-519-7711

WANT MECHANIC
to work on sq balers, NH 273 and '60 Ford
Stan Suchecki
Laurens
864-207-1753

TREE LIMB TRIMMING
for roads, fence lines, field edges, up to 26', local counties
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EXCAVATOR
tractor work, clearing, grading, irrigation, drainage, brush cutting, driveways, fire break, demo
Derek Drafts
Saluda
803-429-3291

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK
incl bush hogging, discing, cut up and removal of downed trees, light landscaping
John Tanner
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HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS
by ground or UAV Ag, forestry and aquatic
Joel Cox
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EXCAVATOR WORK
digging, stump removal, brush clearing, cleaning around fields and fences
Jason Nichols
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DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK
land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, trackhoe, bush hog, bldg pads
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Florence
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LIME SPREADING
specialize in TN valley lime, call for prices
Drake Kinley
Anderson
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FORESTRY MULCHING
clearing/dozer/Deere work, pond maint, bldg pads, demo, etc
Phillip Hutchins
Lexington
803-422-1329

BEAVER TRAPPING
and exclusion, Aiken Co and surrounding area
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Aiken
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FORESTRY MULCHING
land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging
Jay Lowder
Clarendon
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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.

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

WANT PRIVATE LAND
dove field for sev safe hunters, willing to pay a fee and p-up shells
David Rainey
Lexington
803-348-5522

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

30A TIMBER/PASTURED
w/rd frtage, 18 and 12A tracts, on Dorn Rd, Troy, \$250,000
Farha Ali
Greenwood
864-554-0041

17+/-A OF CB
Ware Place area, land locked for \$45,000/A
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
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861A CLARENDON CO
hunting lease on Pocotaligo River, \$10,000/1 yr
John Rhodes
Beaufort
803-346-9473

WANT LAND
to buy in Lex Co
Elmer Fuller
Lexington
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133A SUMTER CO
timber, Pocotaligo Swamp, duck, deer and turkey hunting, \$650/A
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ewes and rams, B-'26, gentle, hand raised, vac, wormed, \$225+
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
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¾ SAVANNA BILLY
3 y/o, selling to prevent inbreeding, \$350; ½ Savanna billy, 1 y/o, \$175
Dale Smith
Lexington
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NUBIAN ND NANNIES
good milk producers, 10-19 w/o, \$100 ea, disc for more
Robert Smith
Calhoun
803-707-3309

SAVANNA BUCKLING
doelings, does, high % and full, \$150-250
Bobby Page
Spartanburg
864-494-2501

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

NGD NANNY GOATS
\$100 ea
Diana Cobb
Abbeville
864-446-2431

HAY & GRAIN

'26 ALFALFA
\$175/4×4 rnds, \$17.50/sq
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

'26 CB AND TIFTON 85
over edge net wrap, fert and limed, no chicken litter, no del
Ann Furtick
Orangeburg
803-707-4826

'26 BERMUDA/FESCUE
50 lb sq's, barn stored, \$8 ea, p-up/del avail
Daniel Crocker
Union
864-426-0022

SQ BALES
\$6 ea, text before calling
Julia Shill
Dorchester
843-312-3471

COASTAL
and mixed grass, rnd bales, \$30 ea
Mills Dorn
Edgefield
803-480-2899

'26 HQ SQ COASTAL
shed kept, 150 bale min, del w/in 75 mi, \$8/bale
Johnny Roscoe
Kershaw
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'26 4×5 RND CB
HQ, lime and fert, \$70/bale
Jason Williams
Lexington
803-917-5431

'26 HQ SQ CB
shed kept, \$9, del avail for addl fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

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

4×5 HAY/STRAW MULCH
net wrap, 150 bales avail, \$20 ea
Richard Knight
Kershaw
803-427-6440

50 LRG BALES OF BERMUDA
no weeds, \$50/bale
James Bullock
Lexington
803-429-3234

'26 HQ COASTAL
net wrap rnd, shed stored, \$80/bale
David Fulmer
Orangeburg
803-917-0467

'26 4×5 RND CQ CB
outside, some on pallets, \$50 ea
Anthony Carroll
Anderson
864-314-2111

'25 CQ COASTAL
4×5 twine, shed stored, \$40; w/rain, \$25
Michael F Hallman
Lexington
803-657-5526

'26 OAT STRAW
4000 bales, \$7
Victor Smith
Berkeley
843-688-5353

DEER CORN
cob, \$7/bag
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

'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

DEER COB CORN
in totes, weighing 600 lbs, \$100 ea
Joseph Henson
York
803-448-5287

'26 FESCUE/BERMUDA MIX
HQ, SQ, no liter, \$5/bale
Stan Suchecki
Laurens
864-207-1753

4×5 FESCUE
NR, shed kept, \$75
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

TIFTON 44 BERMUDA GRASS
baled 9/25, HQ sq, \$8 ea
Thomas Thain
Lexington
803-920-7023

'26 4×5 RND CB
net wrap, under shed, well fert, \$75
Hugh Knight
Orangeburg
803-539-4674

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

'26 4×5 RND CB
string, lime, fert, 1st cut, shed kept, HQ \$70/bale, CQ \$60/bale
Ted Zee
Lexington
803-269-9152

FESCUE AND RYE GRASS MIX
'25 and '26, HQ, 4×5, string wrap, net wrap, barn stored, no weeds, \$50/bale
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

'26 4×5 RND HQ CB
fert/sprayed, no litter, 1st cut, \$80 ea, del/fee
Dale Blackmon
Lancaster
803-577-9008

'26 COASTAL
limed and fert, shed kept, HQ, \$75/bale; CQ, \$65/bale; sq, \$9/bale, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

'26 WHEAT/RYEGRASS
net wrap, \$50; '25 mixed grass hay, \$40; grass straw mix, for mulch, \$25 ea; both 4×5
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

HQ SQ CB
no litter used, \$8; rnd, \$60/field, \$40/CQ, \$35/10+
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

MIXED GRASS
lrg 4'×4'×8' rectangle bales, barn stored, 7 bales avail, \$140 ea
Doug Tinsley
Greenville
864-915-8213

4×5 OAT/RYEGRASS MIXED
net wrap, shed kept, 14 bales, \$55 ea
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

SQ TEFF HAY
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Lance Dodd
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'25 HQ 4×5 RND CB
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USDA REMINDS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS OF APPROACHING DEADLINES FOR SAFETY NET, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND COUNTY COMMITTEES

BY USDA FSA

USDA is reminding agricultural producers impacted by increased input costs and natural disasters that the deadlines to apply for safety net and disaster assistance programs designed to protect their financial security are coming soon. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) wants to remind producers that the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program and the Supplemental

Disaster Relief Program (SDRP), both have deadlines in early August. Additionally, thanks to the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, eligible landowners have until the end of August to review and consider base acre increases for the first time since 2002 for the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs.

Agricultural producers are reminded of these important upcoming deadlines:

- Aug. 7, 2026 – Deadline to apply for ASCF
- Aug. 12, 2026 – Deadline to apply for SDRP
- Aug. 31, 2026 – Deadline to review base allocations through ARC/PLC

JEFF MASSEY NAMED 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA FARMER OF THE YEAR

BY SUNBELT AG EXPO

After marrying into a family in the seafood business, Jeffrey Massey soon developed his passion for the industry. For the past 26 years, he’s spent his career working to advance the family business by growing clams and oysters, advocating for the seafood industry, and teaching the next generation the value and skills needed to pursue a career in aquaculture. Today, Massey owns Livingston’s Bulls Bay Seafood, where he and his wife manage the seafood business’s clam and oyster production alongside shrimp and soft shell crabs.

At the start of his career, Massey witnessed the economic viability of clam farming in Florida. He and his father-in-law, Bill Livingston, decided to give it a try. They attended Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University’s Hatchery Management Class along with the Algae and Rotifer growing class, while managing the full-time seafood business back at home. After learning the basics in 1999, they dove in headfirst by purchasing clam seed and planting. In 2000, they harvested their first clam crop and have been growing ever since.

As with any farming operation, understanding the importance of diversification is crucial for success.

“A key goal of our operation has been to diversify our products to reduce risk and create more opportunities within the marketplace,” said Massey. “In addition to clam farming, we produce single oysters, cluster oysters, soft shell crabs and also sell American wild-caught shrimp.”

The diversification of the operation allows for a broader range of locally harvested seafood to customers of Livingston’s Bull Bay Seafood while strengthening the economic stability of the farm. Even with diversification, the commitment to freshness and sustainability remains the same. All seafood sold from the business is always fresh and local. In 2018, Massey and his wife, Kim Livingston, purchased the business from Kim’s parents, Bill and Kathy Livingston. They continue to advise and help when needed. Massey’s operation markets seafood directly to consumers through Facebook, their website, and word of mouth. With a strong local following and positive referrals from happy customers, their business continues to be a hotspot for locals and tourists after fresh seafood.

“Our reputation for fresh, high-quality seafood and responsible farming practices has helped establish us as a trusted local source for sustainably produced shellfish,” said Massey.

The farm has been featured on the Making It Grow program produced by South Carolina Educational Television, which highlighted the aquaculture operation. In 2016, the farm was featured on Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern on the Travel Channel. The national television appearance showcased South Carolina shellfish aquaculture

at large and brought attention to their local farm. While these public opportunities have showcased their business and story, it’s also appealed to a wide audience by highlighting the sustainable practices of locally produced seafood.

With environmental stewardship as a fundamental part of the operation, Massey makes each business decision with sustainability in mind. While shellfish and aquaculture produce healthy seafood, it also contributes directly to improving water quality. At any time throughout the year, Massey has approximately 500,000 clams growing in the water. One mature clam can filter 40 gallons of water per day. Clams take anywhere from 18 months to two years to mature. This means year-round, the clam crop is filtering at least two million gallons of water per day. The oysters also contribute significantly to clean water. With 45,000 single oysters in the water, which can filter 50 gallons of water a day, the oysters are filtering over 2.2 million gallons of water a day. Combined, the shellfish farm naturally filters at least 4.2 million gallons of water per day by removing excess nutrients, suspending particles from the water, and improving water clarity. The farm is situated in the middle of a wildlife refuge, and this natural filtration process significantly improves the overall health of the ecosystem. This not only benefits local food production, but also the long-term sustainability of the coastal environment.

While dedicated to his operation, Massey also believes strongly in the support and growth of the aquaculture community at large. In 2022, he helped form the Cape Romain Oyster Co-Op with assistance from Clemson Cooperative Extension. The cooperative was formed to help local shellfish farmers strengthen their farming, sales, and marketing efforts. Through the cooperative, farmers are able to pool resources, share infrastructure, and access larger buyers. The co-op also allows participating farms to utilize their facilities for processing and handling, helping create a more efficient and collaborative seafood supply chain. This initiative has helped support other local farmers while strengthening the overall aquaculture industry in the region.

Massey understands the value in investing in the next generation of aquaculture farmers, and he has taken unique steps to do just that. After finding out about a commercial seafood apprenticeship program in Rhode Island, he and another farmer, Pete Kornack, took a trip there to learn what it was about. They were impressed by the program and decided South Carolina needed something similar. With the support of South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium, the Clemson University Cooperative Extension program, the McClellanville Community Foundation, and the town of McClellanville, they worked to get funding and create a program, and this year marks three years of the Commercial Seafood Apprenticeship Program in South

Carolina. Each year, they receive an influx of applications, but it is limited to 12 students each session. The idea behind the program is to expose and train entrepreneurs about commercial seafood. During the four-week program, interns are paid to learn about practices of commercial fishing and the seafood industry. The goal of the program is to expose and encourage more people to pursue aquaculture and commercial seafood for a career.

Zach Snipes, Clemson University Cooperative Extension Specialist, nominated Jeffrey Massey for South Carolina Farmer of the Year.

“I have known Jeff Massey and his family for nearly a decade, and over the past five years we have served together on the Farm Bureau Board,” said Snipes. “During that time, I have seen firsthand his dedication to both the organization and the seafood industry. Jeff naturally steps into leadership roles and consistently works to advocate for policies that support commercial seafood producers and the broader coastal community. What stands out most is his commitment to serving others. Through the commercial seafood apprenticeship program he helped found, Jeff has created opportunities to train and mentor the next generation while helping preserve South Carolina’s working waterfront heritage.”

Massey currently serves as Vice-Chairman on the Charleston County Farm Bureau Board. He is also the chairman for the SC Farm Bureau Diversified Agriculture State Committee. His wife, Kim Livingston, is a National Board-Certified Media Specialist with the Charleston County School District. She is also serving on the Charleston County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee and is a founding member of the McClellanville/ Awendaw Begin With Books Foundation. Their son, Jake Massey, works full-time at Safe Harbor Marinas and has an oyster roasting business where he promotes and sells oysters from Livingston’s Bull Bay Seafood. Their daughter, Katie Massey, is specifically skilled in shedding soft shell crabs and helps with the business in between her college schedule. She is currently in a graduate program at the University of South Carolina pursuing a masters in Speech-Language Pathology. Massey works closely in the family business with his in-laws, which has played a significant role in his career.

“None of this would be possible without the help of my family, our employees, our community, SC Farm Bureau, Clemson Cooperative Extension Program, SC Sea Grant and SC Rural Development. Their efforts to protect the environment and the local working waterfronts have been tremendous.”

A distinguished panel of judges will visit each finalist in August and the winner will be announced during the 2026 Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year Luncheon.

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CLEMSON REFINES ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE QUARANTINE BASED ON SIX YEARS OF ERADICATION PROGRESS

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University’s Department of Plant Industry (DPI) is updating the boundaries of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine in Charleston and Dorchester counties following years of intensive surveying and monitoring, reflecting both new detections in one area and significant progress toward eradication in another.

The revised quarantine will take effect Aug. 23, 2026. Under the updated boundaries, the quarantine area centered around Hollywood will expand, while the quarantine area in Mount Pleasant will be reduced based on extensive survey data collected by Clemson University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) and state and local partners.

The changes are designed to ensure quarantine boundaries accurately reflect the current distribution of the invasive pest while continuing to protect South Carolina’s forests, homeowners and forest products industries.

“These changes demonstrate that our eradication program is working exactly as intended,” said Steven Long, assistant director, Department of Plant Industry. “Years of intensive surveys have given us a much clearer picture of where Asian longhorned beetle remains active and where it has been successfully eliminated. By adjusting the quarantine accordingly, we’re focusing resources where they’re needed most while reducing restrictions in areas where the risk has declined.”

The Asian longhorned beetle is an invasive wood-boring insect native to Asia that attacks and eventually kills hardwood trees, including maple, elm, birch, willow, sycamore, poplar and several other species. Once established, infestations can have devastating ecological and economic impacts on urban forests, residential landscapes and commercial timber resources.

The beetle was first detected in South Carolina near Hollywood in June 2020, marking the first known infestation in the southeastern United States. A second infestation was discovered in Mount Pleasant in 2025 during routine survey work.

Since the initial detection, Clemson DPI and USDA APHIS have carried out one of the largest invasive insect eradication efforts in South Carolina’s history. As of July 10, 2026, survey crews have inspected more than 596,000 trees, identifying

13,140 infested trees across the quarantined areas. To stop the beetle’s spread, crews have removed 9,174 infested trees and an additional 25,236 high-risk host trees that could harbor undetected beetles. The work represents years of coordinated surveying, tree removal, treatment and public cooperation.

area while supporting in-state, national and international commerce by ensuring potentially infested materials remain within the quarantine unless properly handled.

Property owners within the quarantine should continue to follow all movement restrictions

and remain vigilant for signs of Asian longhorned beetle, including perfectly round exit holes about the diameter of a pencil, shallow egg-laying pits in tree bark, excessive sawdust-like material at the base of trees or branch crotches, and unusually large black-and-white beetles with long banded antennae.

Although substantial progress has been made over the past six years, officials caution that eradication requires years of continued monitoring because beetle populations can remain undetected within trees for extended periods.

“We appreciate the continued cooperation of residents, property owners and local governments,” said Steve Cole, director of Clemson Regulatory Services. “Their partnership has been essential to the progress we’ve made and will remain critical as we work toward complete eradication of Asian longhorned beetle from South Carolina.”

Residents can view maps of the revised quarantine boundaries and learn more about Asian longhorned beetle by visiting the Clemson Regulatory Services website.

ABOUT THE QUARANTINE CHANGES

- The revised quarantine includes:
- An expanded Hollywood quarantine area encompassing portions of Charleston and Dorchester counties based on recent survey findings.
 - A reduced Mount Pleasant quarantine area reflecting successful delimitation surveys that better define the extent of the infestation.
 - The updated quarantine becomes effective Aug. 23, 2026, and remains in effect until modified by Clemson University’s Department of Plant Industry.

For questions regarding the quarantine or Clemson’s Asian longhorned beetle eradication program, contact Steve Cole, director of Clemson Regulatory Services, at scole3@clemson.edu.



Asian longhorned beetle eradication effort by the numbers (As of July 10, 2026)

596,023 Trees surveyed	13,140 Infested trees detected	9,174 Infested trees removed	25,236 High-risk host trees removed
12,827 ACRES Original Hollywood quarantine (2020)	313 ACRES Mount Pleasant quarantine established (2025)	9,039 Infested tree removals in the original Hollywood quarantine	135 Infested tree removals in the Mount Pleasant quarantine

Those efforts have produced measurable results. In Mount Pleasant, intensive delimitation surveys following the 2025 discovery have shown the infestation is much smaller than initially feared, allowing officials to reduce the quarantine area. In Hollywood, continued survey work has identified additional pockets of infestation outside the original boundary, prompting an expansion of the quarantine to ensure all known risk areas remain regulated. Officials say these changes reflect improved understanding of the beetle’s distribution—not a setback in the eradication effort—and demonstrate how ongoing surveillance guides management decisions.

The quarantine restricts the movement of hardwood firewood, logs, stumps, branches and other regulated materials that could spread the insect to new locations. These measures help protect homeowners, municipalities, the forestry industry and agricultural trade throughout South Carolina and beyond.

The updated quarantine boundaries are intended to safeguard counties outside the regulated

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE STUDENT PUBLISHES CHILDREN'S BOOK CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE, AND FAITH

South Carolina college student, entrepreneur, and first-time author Emalie White has published *But Who Made the Farmer?*, a children's book that introduces young readers to the world of agriculture through science, faith, and an appreciation for the people who feed our communities.

Growing up in rural South Carolina, White developed a deep appreciation for agriculture through her family, years of involvement in the FFA and 4-H programs, and experiences working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Clemson University Extension. She represented South Carolina by carrying the state flag during the 2022 National FFA Convention, participated in South Carolina 4-H Congress, attended 4-H Day at the State House, and has remained actively involved in agricultural education and outreach. Those experiences inspired her to write a book that helps children better understand where their food comes from while exploring the remarkable processes that make farming possible.

Throughout the story, readers discover how seeds germinate, how healthy soil supports plant growth, how weather and changing seasons influence crops, how animals are cared for, and the important role pollinators and natural resources play in agriculture. By weaving together foundational

agricultural science with lessons about stewardship and gratitude, the book encourages curiosity about the natural world while recognizing the dedication of the farmers and ranchers who provide food for families every day.

owner of Grace Photography Company. Through her work in agriculture, entrepreneurship, and community service, she has remained committed to sharing the story of South Carolina agriculture and inspiring the next generation to value the land, the people, and the purpose behind farming.



"My hope is that children will finish this book with a greater appreciation for agriculture, a curiosity about the science that makes farming possible, gratitude for the hardworking men and women who grow our food, and an understanding that every good gift ultimately points back to its Creator," said White.

But Who Made the Farmer? is available through Amazon and directly from the author.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emalie White is a South Carolina college student, entrepreneur, photographer, and author with a passion for agriculture, education, and rural communities. Through her experiences with

the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Clemson University Extension, FFA, and 4-H, she has developed a deep appreciation for the agricultural industry and enjoys helping others discover the stories behind the people who feed our nation. *But Who Made the Farmer?* is her first published children's book.

Alongside these scientific concepts, *But Who Made the Farmer?* invites children to consider the Creator behind creation, encouraging families to appreciate both the beauty of agriculture and the faith that inspired its message.

White is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at Lander University and is the



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