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WOOD HONORED FOR SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE

BY EVA MOORE, SCDA

Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Aaron Wood was honored by the National Asscoaiton of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) for his work on behalf of South Carolina farmers and the public.

At its 2026 annual meeting, NASDA awarded Wood the James A. Graham Award for Outstanding Service, which honors outstanding efforts in delivering meaningful support and service to farmers and ranchers.

Wood, who grew up on his family’s farm in McCormick County, South Carolina, began his career at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) in 2005. He oversees the Office of the Commissioner and Administration, Grants Management, Information Technology, and the State Farmers Markets for the agency.

In presenting the award, NASDA noted that Wood “exemplifies the three foundations that have led to success at SCDA: accountability, culture, and execution. From establishing new programs to solve problems based on feedback from farmers to seeking additional service and leadership training opportunities, Wood brings a strong work ethic that has helped increase efficiency and create a very positive culture at the department.”

NASDA President Amanda Beal, who serves as Maine Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, congratulated Wood on the award.



L-R: NASDA President Commissioner Amanda Beal (Maine), Commissioner Hugh Weathers (South Carolina), Deputy Commissioner for Agency Operations Aaron Wood (South Carolina), and NASDA CEO Ted McKinney.

lead, serve and keep agriculture growing in their states,” Beal said. “Their work is a great reminder that strong state departments of agriculture depend on talented, dedicated people who care deeply about serving others.”

Also at the annual meeting, Commissioner Hugh Weathers was honored for serving the people of South Carolina for 22 years. Weathers is the longest-serving active head of a state agriculture department after former Rhode Island Division of Agriculture Chief Ken Ayers retired this year after 28 years of service. North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler has been in office for 20 years.

“Going beyond service to their local farmers, ranchers, and food producers, these members have given their experience and expertise to NASDA to help hone federal regulation and craft policy that works better for all Americans, farmers, ranchers, and consumers alike,” said NASDA CEO Ted McKinney said. “We thank them for their dedication and working with us to ensure American agriculture continues to grow ‘deep roots’ for a ‘bountiful future.’”

“Each year, NASDA is proud to recognize the people who

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association that represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. NASDA engages state departments of agriculture to strengthen U.S. agriculture and allied industries through policy, partnerships and public outreach. As a unified voice, NASDA is a leader and problem-solver for our nation's most pressing agricultural issues. To learn more about NASDA, please visit nasda.org.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

CELEBRATING SUNDAY SUPPER

I’ve just returned from Euphoria in Greenville. For 21 years, this multi-day food festival has brought together chefs from all over the state and visitors from across the country to celebrate food in Upstate South Carolina. For many of those years, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture has participated in Euphoria to help people understand the farmers behind the food.

Ever since we launched Certified SC Grown in 2006, connecting chefs, farmers, and eaters has been part of the mission. Chefs are some of farmers’ key allies: They help consumers understand that farmers support our economy and that local food is tastier and fresher. That close connection is one reason we launched Fresh on the Menu, which provides an opportunity for restaurants to support farmers by using at least

25 percent Certified South Carolina products.

Our South Carolina Chef Ambassadors participate in Euphoria each year. The current class of Ambassadors cook for a big crowd at a family-style event called Sunday Supper, the closing event of Euphoria. I love the opportunity to hear conversations develop around what’s on the plate, whether it’s who grew the delicious turnips that Chef James London served, or how Peculiar Pig Farm raises their delicious hogs. Farmers are at the forefront of everything we do, and it’s important that we make their case to people who care a lot about what’s on their plate.

And finally, please join me in congratulating Deputy Commissioner Aaron Wood on being recognized by NASDA for his service to our state. You can read more about his award elsewhere in this issue.

| **euphoria** | PRESENTED BY



Chef James London’s roasted SC roots with smoked mackerel aioli, peanuts, and Anson Mills piccolo farro.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SC Agricultural Council Fall Tour: A Taste of the Pee Dee

October 8 • 8 am – 6 pm
Our journey begins with Carolina Plantation Rice at Plumfield Plantation, the only colonial-era plantation in the Carolinas still growing rice for commercial sale. Next, we'll enjoy lunch at Elliott's BBQ, where Florence native and acclaimed chef Elliott Moss brings his award-winning Carolina barbecue traditions home. After lunch, we'll explore the Pee Dee State Farmers Market, a year-round destination showcasing fresh produce, ornamental plants, and South Carolina agriculture. Our final stop is The Farm at Florence I, an innovative farm-to-school educational facility where students can literally "grow it, pick it, cook it, and eat it." South Carolina Farm Bureau Office
724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce
803-360-2845

Fall Family Farm Day

October 10 • 10 am – 5 pm
Experience a day in the life on a working farm! See the blacksmith, wood worker, saw mill, grist mill and cane work. Enjoy the hay ride, animals, games and more as well as a walk through the pumpkin patch for that perfect pumpkin! Or bring a chair & sit a spell and enjoy the bluegrass band and concessions! Bring the whole family, there's something for everyone!
Old McCaskills Farm
377 Cantey Lane, Rembert
oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com | 803-600-3980
oldmccaskillsfarm.com

Free Children's Program

October 17 • 9 – 11 am
Join us for free 30-minute Saturday activities at the Farm! Parents can sign children up for a half hour session between 9–11 am. Group sizes will be limited. Children will learn about important fall and winter crops on the farm. They'll also make an upcycled seed starter to take home.
L.W. Paul Living History Farm
2279 Harris Short Cut Road, Conway
calder.marian@horrycountysc.gov | 843-915-7861

25th Annual Antique Farm Show & Tractor Pull

October 17 • 11 am – 8 pm
Presented by Sunny Plain Antique Power Association. Pull starts at 12:00 pm and kids pedal pull at 2:00 pm. Antique tractors pull, car & tractor show, working exhibits, vendors, petting zoo, and a full day of fun for the whole family! \$10.00 admission and kids under 10 are FREE.
135 Old Belleville Road, St. Matthews
dcu1953@gmail.com | 803-664-4591

Family Fall Festival

October 24 • 10 am – 2 pm
Enjoy a petting zoo, horse rides, barrel train rides, face painting, local vendors, food, and plenty of family fun. Admission is just \$5 for adults, with a special \$10 Children's Fall Fun Pass that includes admission, a pumpkin, and your choice of a horse ride or barrel train ride.
Chasin Time Farm
2006 Midway Road, Cheraw
chasintimefarm@gmail.com | 843-337-8095
facebook.com/ChasinTimeFarm



FALL 2026 Plant & Flower Festivals

Pee Dee Plant, Flower & Food Festival

OCTOBER 2-4

Fri – Sat	Sun
8 am – 6 pm	10 am – 5 pm

Pee Dee State Farmers Market
2513 W. Lucas Street, Florence, SC

Midlands Plant & Flower Festival

OCTOBER 9-11

Fri – Sat	Sun
8 am – 6 pm	10 am – 4 pm

South Carolina State Farmers Market
3483 Charleston Hwy, West Columbia, SC

SALES & AUCTIONS

Fall Cattle Sale

October 30 & 31 • 1 pm Friday / 11 am Saturday
Registered Angus Females and Breeding Age Bulls selling at auction at the farm. Females sell at 1 pm on Friday and the Bull Sale will begin at 11 am on Saturday. There will also be a few SimAngus and Ultrablack cattle in the offering.
Yon Family Farms
318 Aiken Road, Ridge Spring
lydia@yonfamilyfarms.com | 803-685-5048
yonfamilyfarms.com

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

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CATTLE

JERSEY COW/HEFR CALF PR \$2500; 2 reg Jersey cows A2A2, \$2750 ea; Jersey hefrs, \$2000, exposed to bull Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463	REG DEXTER COW blk, B-8/24, exc genetics and confrm, \$1600 Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800	REG BRAUNVIEH BULL B-12/24, \$3500; Lnghn steer, \$2500; can del James A Langston Pickens 864-859-6794	FB CHAR BULL B-1/12, \$1800; Char hefr, B-1/5, \$1600 Boyd Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455	REG BLK ANG BULL good b'lines, low BW, 11 m/o, docile, \$4000 Doug Blake Greenville 864-918-7480	REG DEXTER BULL 4 ½ y/o, red, \$2100 obo Duane Helfrick Bamberg 803-387-9209
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FARM EQUIPMENT

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

454 ROW CROP HDR \$500 Buddy Hiers Hampton 803-943-6609 TRACTOR FRT END LDR David Brown, \$4200; FA Super A tractor, \$2200; 4×8 util trl, \$200; 3 btm plow, \$300 Gary Seay Spartanburg 864-578-8214 2 CATTLE SELF-FEEDERS Apache 16', 300 bu, dual axle, dbl sided, shed kept, \$5000 ea or \$9000 for both Richard Taylor Anderson 864-617-8322 9N FORD TRACTOR restored, \$2000 obo Mell Patterson Laurens 864-871-4588 2 JD 55 COMBINE 1 w/303 eng and soybean/ grain/2 corn headers; 2 w/275 eng, for parts, \$2000 obo for all Kenneth Capers Abbeville 843-866-2127 5' BHB GROOMING MWR antiq/vintage '60-64, cuts well, \$200 Robert White Spartanburg 864-457-2293 '19 KUBOTA M6S-111 SHDC cab, 4wd, no ldr, 2000 hrs, \$31,000 Stan Suchecki Laurens 864-207-1753	FORD 9000 DAY CAB new Cummins 400, wetline kit, 10 spd, exc rd tractor, \$16,000; JD 4230 cab tractor, \$22,000 Scott Langston Oconee 864-324-1913 4250 DSL IRRIG PUMP on tongue pull trl, w/1600' of alum 4" pipe, \$4300 Roger McCall Chester 803-242-4367 '53 JD 50 new tires, GRC, good sheet metal, \$3500 Curtis Pollard Anderson 864-933-4049 INTL 1466 w/canopy and dual whls, \$15,000 obo Joseph Henson York 803-448-5287 5×7 HARDEE DUMP TRL all metal, w/add-on ramp grate, \$500 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692 CUB CADET CS 3310 chipper/shredder, used 1x, \$475 Tom Eason Colleton 843-991-3962 BHB SICKLE BOOM LN, \$7000; HD 84" Land Pride finish mwr, \$4200 Julian Mears McCormick 864-602-1246	NH BC5070 SQ HAY BALER VGC, \$7500, call/text Bill Shuler Aiken 803-710-0445 5' 3PH DISC not used anymore, 1r of angled disc's, good for deer plots, \$550 David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117 FA SUPER A TRACTOR GRC, 3ph, cutaway disc plow and 6' scraper incl, \$2500 John Lollis Greenville 864-483-0922 SQ HAY LDR for side of truck or trl, \$400; NH hay crusher, \$300, more, all under shed, cash Randy Orr Anderson 864-201-5666 INTL 5100 GRAIN DRILL 21 DD OPENERS \$5200; Rhino 2160 boom mwr, in GC, \$9000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315 '42 AC TRACTOR EC, antiq, \$4500 obo Farha Ali Greenwood 864-554-0041 8 WHL V-RAKE FR, \$2800 Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714	7 SHANK FIELD CULT w/spring trip shanks, GC, used on LT 30A, \$500 Eddie Beck Darlington 843-307-7588 2R TRNSPLNTR 3ph w/2 water barrels, LN, \$6000; NH273 sq baler, \$1000 Charles Clunan Anderson 864-245-3803 3PH POST DRIVER Wheatheart Bandit, PTO driven, 8" T post, 8" dia, \$7500 Leonard Williams Anderson 864-245-0436 IH 1066 and CAT D7 17A, \$16,000 ea; JD 830D, \$14,000; Cat D4 7U, \$8500 Ronald McGraw Lancaster 980-255-8584 4'×7' METAL TRL w/top, used for goats, GC, \$800 Jack Fogle Orangeburg 803-331-6675 16' LITTER SPRDR mech Chandler, FR; and high lift high cap litter bucket for skid steer, \$10,500 obo Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628 PALLET FORKS \$250; 3ph rnd bale forks, cat 2/3, \$200 Harry Mcmillan Spartanburg 864-327-7369	11PT CHISEL PLOW by Athens Plow Co, GC, \$2000 obo Edward Rentz Lexington 803-351-0328 MF 281 w/frt end ldr/bucket, bale spear, \$12,000; 3ph bale spear, \$150 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463 INTL 806 FA TRACTOR w/cab, \$6000 Daniel Hughes Jasper 803-942-1670 MILLCREEK 27+ MANURE SPRDR GC, barn kept, poly flr, dolly whl jack, Rhino-coat lining, \$3000 Kristie Lowrey Laurens 864-414-6891 MF 231S TRACTOR dsl, 42 hp, 801 hrs, good rubber, canopy, well maint, \$8200 Boyd Caldwell Kershaw 803-438-3455 '07 RHINO TW84 ROTARY CUTTER 7' cut, GC, new blade, \$1500 Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490 JD 272 DISC MWR VGC, \$8000 James Huffman Lexington 803-247-3575	HAWK HORSE TRL 5 th whl, 24' w/LQ, 3 stall, \$9000 obo; JD 5115 M, ldr, frt hyd, cab, 700 hrs, \$90,000 Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959 4 WHL HAY FEED WAGON open bottom, 20' L, \$4750 Bennie Smith Edgefield 803-215-2551 MF 1051 5' BUSH HOG GC, photos avail at req, \$550; 8' Fert distrib, pulled w/ tractor, FC, photos avail, \$600 William Nash Greenville 864-862-5684 7' 3PT IH SICKLE CUTTER \$400; 8' box scrape, 3pt, \$500; 11' JD disc harrow, \$500 Jack Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574 FORD 8N restored, \$3000; 1r cult, \$200; 20-disc harrow, \$1000; 6' scrape blade, \$375; more, all 3ph and obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222 JD MAX EMERGE 6R PLNTR w/row cleaners, \$14,000; JD 6500 spryr w/60' frt fold booms, \$24,000 Joe Phillips Jr Lexington 803-600-2928
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FARM LABOR

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

MOBILE SAWMILLING 30"+ dia, 21'L, drop off up to 52"; land clearing, excavator work, veteran owned/insured John Smith Pickens 864-982-2249 TREE LIMB TRIMMING for roads, fence lines, field edges, up to 26', local cos Damon Archie Chester 803-517-7436 NEED INDIVIDUALS to prune vineyard, must have own equip and pole trimmers Ryan Anderson Greenville 864-234-2918 BEAVER TRAPPING and exclusion, Aiken Co and surrounding area Joe Leonard Aiken 803-507-4940	HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLS by ground or UAV, ag, forestry and aquatic Joel Cox Spartanburg 864-706-1495 DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK build and repair ponds, demo, tree removal, land clearing, roads, free est James Hughes Greenwood 864-227-8257 DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, bush hog, bldg pads Fred Morris Florence 843-621-8647 LIME SPREADING specialize in bulk Tenn lime, call for est Drake Kinley Anderson 864-353-9628	NEED SOMEONE to cut around dam and pond banks; also help w/ poultry, feed/clean, 3 hrs am and 2 hrs pm, more Kim Hagen Lancaster 803-475-1125 FORESTRY MULCHING land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging Jay Lowder Clarendon 803-473-0646 PASTURE MGMT SERV spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert and lime, plant pastures, Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda Kenny Mullis Richland 803-331-6612
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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 10-100A to lease for vegetable farm, in Charleston or Mt Pleasant area Frank Habersham Charleston 843-452-6173 861A CLARENDON CO hunting lease on Pocotaligo River, \$10,000/1 yr John Rhodes Beaufort 803-346-9473 WANT LAND to lease for raccoon hunting Tony Slice Lexington 803-600-6256 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 frontage, 18A and 12A tracts, on Dorn Rd, Troy, selling together, \$250,000 Farha Ali Greenwood 864-554-0041 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 17+/-A OF CB Ware Place area, land locked for \$45,000/A Stephen Gedosch Greenville 864-982-4490
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EQUINE

THE SELLER MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF A CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST WITH THE AD. SCANNED COPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

4 M/O MINI M DONKEY wht w/grey spots, \$1500 Olga Hahn Charleston 843-693-3947 12 Y/O QH MARE 15.2 hh, liver chestnut, shown, safe for anyone, can text videos, \$8500 Scott Langston Oconee 864-324-1913 13 Y/O QH GELD paint, 15 hh, \$4500 obo Mary Dyches Allendale 843-812-2138

HOGS / PIGS

FB BERKSHIRE PIGLETS M/F, males cut, \$150 ea Jason Painter Spartanburg 864-641-9855

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

SUGARCANE
100 stalks/\$100
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

GARDEN

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

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

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

50 EWES
downsizing, \$250–300 ea
Ann Furtick
Orangeburg
803-707-4826

2 NUBIAN M GOATS
6 m/o, \$250 and \$300
Jan Wilson
Laurens
864-872-8763

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

SAANEN BUCK
2 y/o, gentle, \$300; 6 m/o doe, Saanen/Nubian mix, \$450; buyer transport
B McColley
Orangeburg
864-494-7643

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

4 NUBIAN/BOER STEERS
grass & grain fed, 30–40 lbs, \$5/lb
Emmanuel Kargiatlis
Spartanburg
864-279-7950

JACOB LAMBS
B-Q/26, 4 horned & 2 horned avail, rams, \$200; ewes, \$225, tails not docked, photos avail, text
Allan Clark
Abbeville
864-314-5226

BARBADOS BLK BELLY RAM
2 y/o, \$400; 2 yng rams, 6 m/o, \$200 ea
Charles Judy
Orangeburg
803-614-0533

4 PYGMY/ND MIX
8 m/o males, \$100 ea
Mark Shirey
Lexington
803-348-5002

HAY & GRAIN

4×5 RND BALES
good for goats, sheep, or bulk garden mulch, 24 net wrap bales, \$15
Curly Shoun
Sumter
703-975-0065

FESCUE AND MIX GRASS
4×5 bales, \$45 ea, del avail
Michael Wise
Newberry
803-271-4215

TIFTON 44 CB
4×5 CQ, fert, sprayed, no weeds or crab grass, \$55, can del for fee
Jerry Harmon
Lexington
803-807-3945

COASTAL/FESCUE
net wrap, in barn, \$50
Ronny Wilson
Anderson
864-356-6959

'26 4×5 RND CB/TIFTON 44
net wrap, shed kept, \$60 ea
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

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

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

'26 FESCUE
lrg rnd bales, \$45
Ralph Grant
Saluda
864-445-2439

'26 CB 4×5 RND
outside HQ, \$50; CQ, \$45; HQ sq, \$8
Anthony Carroll
Anderson
864-314-2111

'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

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

DEER COB CORN
single bag/\$10 ea; \$9 ea for pallet of 40
Jason Painter
Spartanburg
864-641-9855

'26 HQ 4'×54" RND CB
\$80; '25 CB, \$70; all net wrap and shed kept
Rickey Meetze
Lexington
803-667-0285

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

4×5 RND CQ & GTQ
fert well, \$50 ea, or 15+, \$40 ea
Pam Mack
Orangeburg
803-518-6701

'25 4×5 RND CB
limed, fert, NR, \$45; '26 4×5 rnd CB, fert, rain, \$35, outside on indiv plastic pallets
Eddie West
Aiken
803-507-8205

'26 4×5 RND CB
HQ, lime and fert, \$70/bale; '26 4×5 rnd CB, CQ, \$60/bale
Jason Williams
Lexington
803-917-5431

'26 4×5 HQ CB
net wrap, outside, \$50
Brent Parnell
Anderson
864-449-7269

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

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

'26 COW HAY
sisal twine, 5×5 bales, \$40
Evan Derrick
Lexington
803-429-2233

'26 4×5 RND HQ CB
fert/sprayed, no litter, 1st and 2nd cuts, \$75 ea, del/fee
Dale Blackmon
Lancaster
803-577-9008

'26 4×5 RND MIXED GRASS
net wrap, fert, \$50 ea, quant disc
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

4×5 OAT/RYEGRASS MIXED
net wrap, shed kept, \$50 ea
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

'26 COASTAL
CQ, twine, shed stored, \$40; \$35/'25; twine, shed stored, \$40; w/rain, \$25
Michael F Hallman
Lexington
803-657-5526

'26 CB AND TIFTON 85
4×4.5 rnd bales, over edge net wrap, limed and fert, no chicken litter, \$65
Ann Furtick
Orangeburg
803-707-4826

'26 COASTAL
limed and fert, shed kept, HQ, \$70/bale; CQ, \$65/bale; sq, \$9/bale, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
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Terry Blakely
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small, rebuilt, \$500
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280 GAL OIL TANK
\$60
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
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Saluda
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McCormick
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Keefer Humphries
Cherokee
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VGC, \$200
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Laurens
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H & I BEAMS
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Chesterfield
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OLD COMP FARM BELL
old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 ea; #15, \$150; more
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Woody Ellenburg
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1 gal, (1000) avail, \$4
Charlie Mills
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803-480-4993

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Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

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Larry Baxley
Georgetown
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REX
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Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

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Danny Cook
Newberry
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2026 LEGAL NOTICES

NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA PEANUT BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" of 1968, as amended and Marketing Order No. 6 for South Carolina Peanuts issued July 1, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of office of approximately 1/3 of the board members of the South Carolina Peanut board, expire on December 31, 2026, and, therefore, the listed vacancies shall occur at that time.

As a board member for the South Carolina Peanut Board, your primary focus is to establish plans for advertising and sales promotion of peanuts, especially in domestic and international trade. The Board shall prepare and engage in programs for promoting and advertising to increase the sales of such peanuts without reference to a brand or trade name.

There is one board seat open in District 1:

District 1 includes the Counties of Berkley, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

There are one board seat open in District 2:

District 2 includes the Counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Colleton, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, and York.

If you are interested in becoming a SC Peanut board member, you will need to request a petition. This petition can be requested by calling 803-734-9807, or by emailing elloyd@scda.sc.gov. All petitions must be received by Thursday, October 15, 2026. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five peanut producers from the counties of the district seat you are petitioning for.

Terms of office are for 3 years. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing peanuts within the State of South Carolina for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, during that one-year period, candidate will have derived a substantial portion of his income there from and shall continue to do so during their term of office. The SC Peanut Board holds approximately 4 quarterly meetings per year to conduct business. Reimbursement for mileage is paid for travel to and from meetings. In addition, a \$50 per diem is paid per meeting attended.

2026 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTH CAROLINA SOYBEAN BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act" of 1968, and as amended, the "Marketing Order No. 1a for South Carolina Soybeans" issued by the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of office of approximately 1/3 of the board members of the South Carolina Soybean Board, expire on December 31, 2026, and, therefore, the listed vacancies shall occur at that time. Nominees are needed to succeed members in District 2 (see counties below).

The individuals appointed to the board will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2029. To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of South Carolina and be actively engaged in producing soybeans within the state of South Carolina for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, during that one-year period, candidates will have derived a substantial portion of his/her income from soybean production and shall continue to do so from the production of soybeans during their term of office As a board member for the South Carolina Soybean Board, your primary focus is to help determine the funding spent for research, education, advertising and sales promotions for the soybean market in the State of South Carolina. There are approximately 3-4 Board meetings annually. Board members receive reimbursement for mileage to and from meetings and a \$50 per diem per meeting attended.

If you are interested in becoming a SC Soybean Board Member, you will need to request a petition. This petition can be requested by calling 803-734-9807, or by emailing elloyd@scda.sc.gov. All petitions must be received by Thursday, October 15, 2026. For a petition to be eligible/accepted, it must be signed by no less than five soybean producers from the counties of the district seat you are petitioning for. (See Districts/Counties below)

District 2 includes the Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Hampton, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland.

MARKET BULLETIN

DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR 2026 LIVESTOCK FORAGE LOSSES

BY USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Producers in **ALL** South Carolina Counties are eligible to apply for 2026 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on small grain, native pasture, improved pasture, annual ryegrass, forage sorghum.

LFP provides compensation if you suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land.

County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received by the National Office of qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire.

The Working Families Tax Cut lowered the threshold for producers to qualify for a one-month payment with payments now triggering after four consecutive weeks of qualifying severe drought (D2 on the U.S. Drought Monitor) conditions instead of eight weeks. And producers may receive a two-month payment if D2 drought conditions continue for seven out of eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period. The change is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2026. You must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting documentation no later than March 1, 2027, for 2026 losses.

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact the should contact their local FSA office or visit fsa.usda.gov.

DEVRO EXPANDS CALHOUN COUNTY OPERATIONS

COMPANY'S INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 19 NEW JOBS

BY SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Devro, a producer of edible films and coatings, today announced it is expanding its operations in Calhoun County. The company's investment will create 19 new jobs.

Devro, which has been operating for more than 85 years, manufactures collagen casings and gels for the meat industry. The company has four sales offices and seven manufacturing plants, including its Calhoun County production facility.

- At its South Carolina plant, located at 785 Old Swamp Road in Swansea, Devro will increase its production capacity with the addition of a new processing line and a building expansion to facilitate the preparation of raw materials.
- Operations are expected to be online in 2028.
- Individuals interested in joining the Devro team should visit devro.com/careers.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded a \$250,000 Set-Aside grant to Calhoun County to assist with the costs of site preparation and building construction.

"Devro is excited to continue investing in Calhoun County and the state of South Carolina. This expansion reflects our confidence in the region's talented workforce, strong business

environment and long-term growth opportunities. The additional capacity and infrastructure improvements will strengthen our ability to serve customers while creating new career opportunities and supporting the local community for years to come." —*Devro Procurement, Supply and Logistics Manager Steven Crapps*

"Devro's expansion in Calhoun County is a testament to the skilled workforce and business-friendly environment found here in the Palmetto State. The addition of 19 new jobs will create new opportunities for South Carolinians, strengthening our state's manufacturing capabilities." —*Gov. Henry McMaster*

"Expanding our state's agricultural processing capacity is key to sustaining South Carolina's farming future. I congratulate Devro on their expansion and on their continued success." —*Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers*

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USDA ANNOUNCES 2026 AND 2027 ENROLLMENT FOR KEY PRICE AND REVENUE SAFETY NET PROGRAMS, COMPLETES FIRST BASE ACRE INCREASE IN TWO DECADES

BY USDA

Agricultural producers can soon begin enrolling in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently updated to include more than 30 million new base acres. This expansion, the first in 20 years, was made possible by the Working Families Tax Cuts Act and is part of USDA's efforts to put Farmers First.

Now that the base allocation process is complete, producers can make elections and enroll for the 2026 crop year from Sept. 16 through Dec. 11, 2026, and for the 2027 crop year from Nov. 2, 2026, through March 15, 2027. Because eligible acres exceeded the nationwide 30-million-acre cap, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is applying an across-the-board, prorated reduction of 3.69% to all newly allocated base acres.

BASE ALLOCATION NOTIFICATIONS

The opportunity for landowners to review their base allocation summaries and take necessary action ended Aug. 31, 2026. This included correcting inaccurate information, designating subsequent acres or opting out of adding base acres. Landowners did not lose base acres through the base allocation process.

If landowners did not notify FSA of changes, the base allocation summary is considered accurate and complete; however, an across-the-board factor will apply. FSA determined the base allocation percentage reduction using all acreage reported as eligible, and new base acres will automatically be allocated to farms after applying the 3.69% reduction.

Base allocation notifications will be available beginning Sept. 16, 2026. Landowners can access notifications online at fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc using a [Login.gov](https://login.gov) account. Landowners who do not currently have a Login.gov account can contact their FSA county office to obtain their base allocation notification beginning Sept. 16, 2026.

ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Producers can now change their election and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which both provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2026 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Existing multi-year contracts ended in 2025, but producers have the option to sign a new multi-year contract for 2026 through 2031. Producers who opt

out of a multi-year contract can enroll for the 2027 crop year starting Nov. 2, 2026, through March 15, 2027.

If producers do not submit their 2026 election by Dec. 11, 2026, their election remains the same as their 2025 election for crops on the farm, and the farm is ineligible for payments for the 2026 program year. Landowners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat.

Some land grant universities offer web-based decision tools to help producers make informed election decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations.

Producers can make program elections and enroll either online at fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc using a [Login.gov](https://login.gov) account or by making an appointment at their local FSA office.

CROP INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC election and enrollment can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers can now add SCO coverage or the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) regardless of their ARC or PLC election. Previously, producers who elected ARC-CO or ARC-IC were ineligible to purchase the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider for the same acres, but The Working Families Tax Cuts Act removed this restriction.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

Crop insurance information is available through USDA's Risk Management Agency.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on ARC and PLC, visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact your local FSA County Office.



AFBF ANALYZES POTENTIAL BEEF IMPORT IMPACTS: URGES PRESIDENT TRUMP TO RECONSIDER

BY AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

The President's plan to facilitate record imports of beef will have a significant impact on farmers and ranchers who are rebuilding their herds devastated by drought. American Farm Bureau Federation economists analyzed the potential consequences of increased imports in the latest Farm Bureau Intel. Also today, Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall sent a letter to President Trump urging him to reconsider his plan to flood the market with foreign beef.

President Trump announced last week that he plans to import up to 300,000 metric tons of beef over a 90-day period in an attempt to ease record-high ground beef prices. But the timing could work against ranchers who are deciding whether to expand their herds. It's estimated that 70% of spring-born calves are sold between September and November, which fall within the increased import window. A glut of foreign raised beef could drive down prices paid to ranchers at a time when critical farm business decisions are made.

Falling prices paid to farmers would be the latest blow to a sector that just recently began a fragile recovery. AFBF economists write, "The reason for the historically small beef cow herd is multifaceted. First, drought conditions across much of the U.S. has forced ranchers to liquidate cattle or put cattle on feed because of the lack of homegrown forage. Second, according to USDA's Economic Research Service's cost and return data, input costs for cow-calf producers, i.e., ranchers who maintain a herd of beef cows for breeding purposes, reached a record high of \$1,762 per head in 2025. Nearly every line item for cow-calf operators is more expensive today than ever before. Since 2020, prior to the most recent inflationary environment, production costs are up more than \$400 per head, or nearly 30%."

In his letter to President Trump, Mr. Duvall wrote, "A key tenant of your reelection campaign was affordability, including the costs of essentials like groceries and gas. Bringing down the price of cattle will not bring the price of beef down for American families. Instead, it will discourage American farmers and ranchers from making long-term investments in herd rebuilding, extending the cycle of tight cattle supplies, high production costs and elevated beef prices for consumers. To put it simply, allowing 300,000 metric tons—equivalent to more than 660 million pounds—of foreign beef into the United States at a 25% discount 'below market prices' will undermine America's ranchers who work tirelessly to grow food for American families."

America currently has the lowest beef cow inventory in more than 50 years.



LOOKING TO THE PAST TO PROTECT SOUTH CAROLINA’S COASTAL FUTURE

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Long before satellite imagery, climate models and environmental monitoring stations, the wetlands, forests and waterways surrounding Winyah Bay were already telling a story.

Now, Clemson University scientists are learning how to read it.

The Winyah Bay estuary, part of the 16,000-acre Hobcaw Barony property near Georgetown on South Carolina’s coast, is the center of a study that draws on the past to help people prepare for the future.

Scientists are examining sediment cores, ecological records and archaeological evidence to uncover how the region’s coastal landscapes and communities have adapted to centuries of natural and human-driven change.

The goal is to document the past and use that record to help communities prepare for a future shaped by sea-level rise, flooding, saltwater intrusion and development. Reed Goodman, an archaeologist at the Clemson Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science located on Hobcaw Barony, leads the study.

“We’re gathering information from the landscape that can tell us how to better manage it,” said Goodman, who is also a National Geographic Explorer.

The information comes from historical data collected from trees, soils and water on Hobcaw Barony.

The research is one of 10 projects selected worldwide through the National Geographic Society’s forNature program. This program uses science, storytelling, education and local conservation efforts to help and protect nature.

A LIVING LABORATORY OF CHANGE

Hobcaw Barony offers a rare natural laboratory. The property contains a mix of ecosystems, including salt marshes, oyster reefs, pine forests, cypress swamps, former rice fields and South Carolina’s largest remaining block of contiguous tidal freshwater wetlands.

Across this small area, scientists trace how freshwater habitats transition into brackish and saltwater wetlands.

For thousands of years, Indigenous communities lived on and used the land. Later, enslaved African and African American communities transformed parts of the area through rice cultivation, drawing on wetland-management traditions carried across the Atlantic Ocean and reshaped in the Americas.

The scientists are looking at how the land has continually adapted to environmental and human changes.

“The estuary is inherently dynamic; it has never remained fixed,” Goodman said. “The important questions for this study are how quickly the landscape has changed, in what ways and how human land use has shaped those changes. Hobcaw’s deep historical record can help us refine today’s models and inform land-use and zoning policies that give wetlands and forests room to adapt.”

CLUES BENEATH THE SURFACE

To reconstruct that history, the scientists are digging into it.

They collect sediment cores from areas stretching from tidal wetlands to upland forests. Buried within the layers of mud and soil are traces of past vegetation, environmental conditions and human activity.

Tree rings help reveal when forests endured hurricanes, fire, logging or saltwater exposure. Archaeological surveys, targeted excavation, elevation mapping and drone imagery provide additional clues about how the landscape evolved.

“The archaeological evidence helps document not only what changed, but who shaped that change and how,” Goodman said. “By combining that cultural record with ecological evidence, we can identify the land-use practices that helped wetlands remain healthy and recover from environmental challenges.”



Hobcaw Barony contains a mix of ecosystems, including salt marshes, oyster reefs, pine forests, cypress swamps, former rice fields and South Carolina’s largest remaining block of contiguous tidal freshwater wetlands, offering Clemson scientists a rare natural laboratory to conduct their studies.

The project draws expertise from multiple disciplines. Clemson forestry professor Skip Van Bloem examines tree rings and forest structure, while agricultural sciences professor Stefanie Whitmire studies wetland function and resilience.

Scientists from Coastal Carolina University contribute expertise in marine science, sedimentology and archaeology. Zhixiong Shen, a marine science professor, is studying microfauna and sedimentology. Carolyn Dillian, an archaeologist and member of the Waccamaw Indian People, is contributing knowledge about how people have interacted with the environment over centuries.

ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE, MODERN CHALLENGES

The project also examines how generations of people adapted to the region’s changing environment.

Dillian studies Indigenous communities that lived in the Hobcaw area centuries ago.

“By studying where archaeological sites are located, what those sites are like and the artifacts found there, we can better understand how people lived on and adapted to this landscape over time,” she said.

The scientists believe these historical lessons may prove increasingly valuable as modern communities face their own environmental challenges.

STUDENTS LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

For Clemson graduate students involved in the project, the research offers more than data collection.

Caleb Yon, a doctoral student studying forestry and environmental conservation, is using the project to learn how coastal ecosystems have responded to hurricanes, agriculture and other disturbances over time.

“I will benefit by gaining countless hours of field and lab experience to better myself as a scientist,” Yon said. “By looking at the past, we can determine how to preserve the Lowcountry in the present and future.”

Reade Ward, a master’s student, said one of the greatest benefits has been working alongside experienced researchers in the field.

“The field discussions Caleb and I have as we work with Dr. Goodman and Dr. Van Bloem to solve problems each day create learning opportunities that no textbook can fully capture,” Ward said.

FROM RESEARCH TO REAL-WORLD DECISIONS

The study continues through April 2028, but the scientists already have their sights set on outcomes to help the public.

The team plans to develop public databases and interactive maps that combine historical records, environmental monitoring and new research findings. These resources will help residents, scientists, policymakers and land managers see how Hobcaw Barony is changing and what those changes may mean for the future.

They are also measuring whether wetlands are keeping pace with rising seas, maintaining healthy tidal connections and resisting saltwater intrusion. Their findings could help guide decisions throughout the Winyah Bay watershed and other coastal areas facing similar pressures.

The stakes are significant in Georgetown County, where wetlands cover roughly 44% of the landscape and play an important role in reducing flooding, improving water quality, supporting wildlife and sustaining recreation and tourism.

Recent local efforts reflect growing concern about protecting those resources. In June, the Georgetown County Council adopted a Wetland Protection Ordinance that regulates when certain wetlands may be filled or disturbed.

“Planning is always an attempt to balance individual rights with protections for the public good,” said Holly Richardson, the county’s director of planning and code enforcement. “We are hopeful that the ordinance will have a lasting impact on our wetlands.”

Ultimately, the scientists want their work to influence how communities think about conservation, development and stewardship.

Partner organizations plan to use the findings to help develop a Rights of Nature charter and restoration roadmap for the estuary and watershed. The effort will combine scientific evidence with traditional ecological knowledge and input from Indigenous and local communities.

For Goodman, this begins with understanding how the landscape has changed over time.

“The coast is both habitat and history,” Goodman said. “By documenting its long record of change, we can make better decisions about what to protect, where to build and how to leave room for the future.”

AT CLEMSON FIELD DAYS, PRODUCERS AND THE PUBLIC CAN LEARN ABOUT THE LATEST IN AG

BY CHRISTOPHER E. DOVE II, SCDA

Clemson Extension recently held its Pee Dee Field Day at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center (REC) in Florence. The event gave farmers, industry professionals, and members of the public a chance to learn about agricultural research taking place in the Pee Dee region.

The Pee Dee REC is one of several Clemson Research and Education Centers located across South Carolina. Each center focuses on areas of agriculture and natural resources related to the needs and growing conditions of its region.

Throughout the year, Clemson hosts 10 to 12 field days at these centers, bringing agricultural research from the lab to the field. Topics vary by event and location and may include crop-specific research, general agronomy, natural resources, and other issues affecting South Carolina agriculture.

Field days allow visitors to tour research plots, hear about current projects and speak directly with Clemson researchers and Extension personnel. They also provide an opportunity to learn how current research may apply to farms and agricultural operations across the state.

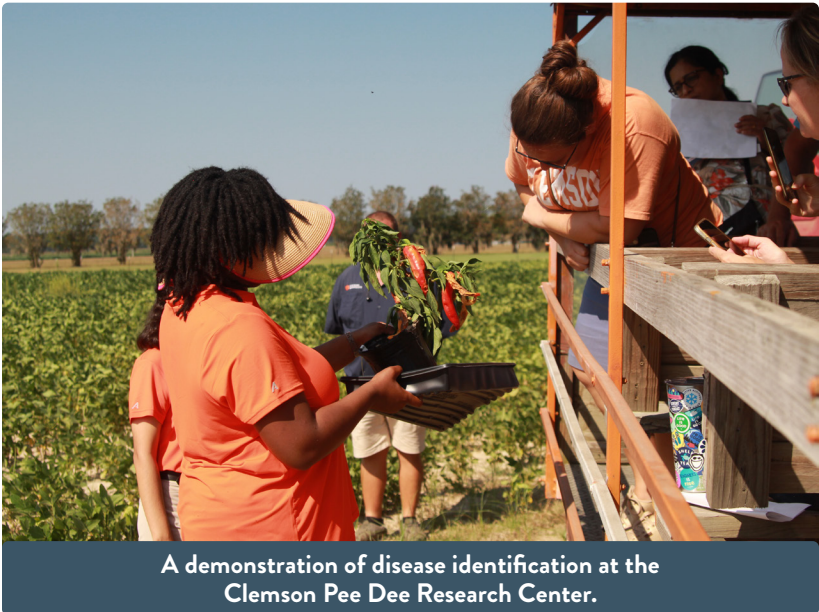
At the Pee Dee Field Day, Clemson researchers, Extension agents and other representatives shared information about ongoing research and agricultural resources. Attendees learned about work involving sorghum, cotton, insect management, soil health, and other topics related to agriculture in the region.

“The Clemson Pee Dee Field Day is an open opportunity for the community to see the latest agricultural research innovations happening in the field at the Center and also to visit with Extension agents, Regulatory personnel, and Center-based

faculty on issues such as wildlife damage mitigation, community nutrition, invasive species, water resources, certification services, and more programs offered through Clemson University’s Public Service and Agriculture units,” said Dr. Jane Dever, director of the Pee Dee Research and Education Center.

Beyond field days, Clemson Extension has offices in all 46 South Carolina counties, connecting farmers and residents with local Extension agents and resources. Questions about crops, soil health, pest management and other agronomy topics can be directed to your local county Extension office.

Clemson Extension maintains an online schedule of upcoming field days and other agronomy events. Farmers, agricultural professionals and members of the public can visit Clemson Extension’s agronomy events page to learn more about upcoming field days across South Carolina.



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

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

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

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

Who is eligible for a SCATE card?

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

State law does not require producers to generate a certain level of income from agriculture or minimum acreage to qualify for SCATE sales tax exemptions.

A hobby farmer who does not participate in the agriculture industry for business purposes is not eligible for the agriculture sales tax exemptions, nor would a hobby farmer qualify for a SCATE card.

For all eligibility, exemption, tax, or retailer questions relating to SCATE, please email SCDOR at FarmExemption@dor.sc.gov.

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