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MULTI-STATE EXPO SHINES A LIGHT ON SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE

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South Carolina agriculture took center stage at the 2026 Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Georgia, as the Palmetto State was the event's Spotlight State for the first time in a decade.

Held October 20–22, the 48th annual Sunbelt Ag Expo brought together farmers, agricultural businesses, educators and industry leaders from across the Southeast for three days of learning, networking and celebrating agriculture.

The Expo is known as one of the largest agricultural trade shows in the Southeast and gives visitors an opportunity to explore the latest farming equipment, technology and agricultural practices. With more than 800 exhibitors, the event features everything from tractors and harvesting equipment to educational exhibits and new developments in farming.







Each year, one participating state receives special recognition as the Expo's Spotlight State, giving it an opportunity to showcase its agricultural products, people and organizations to thousands of visitors. South Carolina last held the honor in 2016.

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Spotlight State exhibit followed the theme "Growing SC from Ag to Z," highlighting the many ways agriculture contributes to South Carolina's economy and communities. With more than 22,600 farms covering approximately 4.6 million acres, the Palmetto State has a rich agricultural history and a promising future.

The South Carolina Spotlight State building brought together several of the state's leading agricultural organizations and educational institutions under one roof. Each organization offered a different look at the resources available to South Carolina farmers.

Essential partners in this effort were Clemson University, South Carolina State University, South Carolina Farm Bureau, and the South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe.

Clemson Cooperative Extension also maintained its permanent exhibit building next to the Spotlight State display, offering additional opportunities for visitors to learn about South Carolina agriculture. Guests enjoyed samples of local foods, including clams supplied by South Carolina's 2026 Farmer of the Year, Jeff Massey.

The Expo officially began Tuesday morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Spotlight State building with remarks from South Carolina Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Aaron Wood, recognizing the importance of the state's farming community. Wood was joined by Clemson University President Benjamin C. Ayers and Farmer

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

22 YEARS OF COMMISSIONER'S SCHOOL

I'm proud of so many of the things our agency and the agriculture industry have accomplished during my 22 years in office. But one that I know will have a true lasting impact is the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture.

The Commissioner's School for Agriculture launched in 2004, earlier in the same year I took office — so it didn't originate with me, but it's been a successful partnership over the years.

Our agency partners with Clemson's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences to operate this weeklong summer program each year for rising 11th and 12th grade students considering careers in agriculture and natural resources. Clemson's leadership role in South Carolina agriculture has been critical since its founding. It was a part of founder Thomas Clemson's will to lay that foundation.

The program's been constantly improving over the years. Students choose an emphasis area — Livestock Production, Forestry & Natural Resources, or Plant Science — and do a deep dive into that area for the week. Plus, there are some traditions students look forward to for years, like the rafting trip on the Chattooga River and the turfgrass session at Death Valley.

Since 2004, the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture has served more than 700 students representing nearly every South Carolina county and 15 states. They're the future leaders of our industry. I believe it's the only school of its kind operating in the country.

Last week, Blanche and I once again hosted a fundraiser for Commissioner's School at our home. Managed by the SC Advocates for Agriculture, the money raised at the dinner supports scholarships and the general cost of the program. I'm proud to see how committed our industry is to supporting these young people.

I was in Romania recently to lead a trade mission for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Emerging market countries continue to be a focus, and a priority for the future of South Carolina agriculture. Romania is a major producer of wheat, along with corn, barley and soybeans. Our purpose was to learn how a partnership with Romania can lead to improvements for US agriculture in exporting to the member countries in the European Union.

Looks like the cotton and peanut harvests have been going smoothly, other than some rain from Hurricane Isaias. I know our farmers are grateful for a good harvest after all the financial struggles of 2026.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Citrus in South Carolina: A Growing Opportunity!

Thursday, November 12 • 11:30 am – 1 pm

Join the South Carolina Agricultural Council for a meeting featuring Zack Snipes, Extension Horticulture Agent in Charleston, as he explores the past, present, and promising future of citrus production in South Carolina! Attendees will learn about current production efforts, get an overview of a related research project, and discover how research is helping pave the way for the future of the industry. Whether you're a curious gardener, an aspiring citrus grower, or simply interested in new agricultural opportunities, this meeting is sure to a-peel to you!

South Carolina Farm Bureau
724 Knox Abbot Drive, Cayce
scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com | 803-360-2845
Register: eventbrite.com/e/citrus-in-south-carolina-a-growing-opportunity-tickets-2003862350232

Syrup Day

November 14 • 9 am – 12 pm

A large part of farm life in Horry County involved old-fashioned syrup making. Each fall, sugar cane was gathered from the field and taken to a local cane mill where the juice was squeezed from the stalk. Cooking down the raw juice into sweet cane syrup became a celebration and gathering for the community and is a tradition that is carried on each year at the L.W. Paul Living History Farm. Join us as staff and volunteers demonstrate the process of making cane syrup and a variety of other traditional activities including children's games, cooking on a wood burning stove, and more! This event is free and open to the public.

L.W. Paul Living History Farm
279 Harris Short Cut Road in Conway
hcg.museum@horrycountysc.gov | 843-915-5321
horrycountymuseum.org

4th Annual Living-History Day

November 14 • 10 am – 3 pm

Demonstrations will include plowing, blacksmithing, woodworking, canning, quilting, weaving, butter churning, soap making, cotton ginning and much more! Admission is free and everyone is welcome! Food will be available for purchase also.

Foothills Farmstead
435 Farmstead Way, Westminster
info@oldoakway.com
www.foothillsfarmstead.org

Bair-ly Pulling Tractor Pull, LLC

November 21 • 11 am – 5 pm

Antique tractor pull at 11 am, tractor & truck show, food and craft vendors, RC airplane demo, kids pedal pull at 1 pm. Admission is $10 for adults and kids under 10 are free. Come spend the day in the country with us! Fun for all ages.

762 Mount Zion Road, Saint George
bairlypulling@gmail.com | 843-563-4114

Beginner Beekeeping School 2026

November 21 & 22 • 12 – 6 pm / 2 – 5 pm

Our classes are taught by certified experienced commercial beekeepers. You will learn about the history of bees, anatomy of the bee, diseases and pests, hive equipment, byproducts, and so much more. Prepares you for SC/NC state certifications if you wish to take it. Opportunity to volunteer and work bees with us. Free 40 page beekeeping booklet. Hands on portion—bring your own protective clothing (or we have some you can buy.) Price: 1 Person: $95; 2 People: $175; 3 People: $250

HoneyStrong
1753 Ebenezer Road, Smyrna
info@honeystrong.com | 704-993-6833
honeystrong.com

Gathering For Open Agricultural Technologies

December 7–11

Our biennial conference is being held in South Carolina this year, and we would love to invite local and regional participants to be a part of it. GOAT brings together farmers, researchers, and technologists to explore and develop agricultural technologies that are open source, support data sovereignty, and are designed to be accessible, repairable, and useful for small-scale and sustainable farmers. The conference is a four-day immersive experience where participants collaborate and co-create the agenda through an unconference format. The focus is on meaningful dialogue, shared learning, and building connections between people who do not often have the opportunity to sit at the same table. Whether participants are conservationists, technologists, researchers, or farmers, we come together around a shared interest in strengthening our land, food systems, and communities. We see value in involving regional ag experts and farmers. We believe thought the state will be excited about a sustainable, ethical future for agricultural technology. We do ask attendees to fill out an application so we can ensure we are assembling a vibrant and diverse range of attendees. Travel support and attendance scholarships are available. Visit the website to learn more and apply.

2810 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island
goatech.org@gmail.com | 303-875-5008
goatech.org

SCDA State Farmers Markets

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET
3483 Charleston Highway
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-4664

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET
1354 Rutherford Road
Greenville, SC 29609
864-244-4023

PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET
2513 W. Lucas Street
Florence, SC 29501
843-665-5154

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AQUACULTURE

STER GRASS CARP
$12/$18; Bluegill, 65¢; Shellcracker & Redbreast, 75¢; Channel cats, 65¢
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

BLUEGILL
50¢; bass, $3; F1 Tiger bass, $3; catfish, $1; grass carp, $10; minnows, $25; trout, $3
Derek Long
Newberry
803-944-3058

CATTLE

REG ULTRA BLK BULL
proven breeder, good b'lines, B-4/3/23, $5900
Justin Clamp
Saluda
864-554-3023

HRFRD BULL
PB, 1 y/o, $2500
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

FB HRFRD BULL
800 lbs, $3500
Michael Hudnall
Newberry
803-518-5079

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

20 M/O ANG BULL
FB from 44 Farm, sired by Bright Lite, $4200
Ronnie Bozard
Calhoun
803-707-6899

POLLED COW
75% Wagyu/25% Ang, B-7/16/23, bred to polled 100% Wagyu bull, due 4/19/27, $3500
James Boatwright
Spartanburg
864-430-9943

9 M/O HEFR
Holstein Jersey cross, $700
Sharon Payne
Oconee
864-888-7916

REG BRAUNVIEH BULL
B-12/24, $3500; Lnghn steer, $2500; can del
James A Langston
Pickens
864-859-6794

REG BLK ANG BULL
good b'lines, low BW, 1 y/o, docile, $3500
Doug Blake
Greenville
864-918-7480

FB CHAR BULL
B-1/12, $2000; Char hefr, B-1/5, $1600
Boyd Caldwell
Kershaw
803-438-3455

REG BLK ANG BULLS
exc feet, nvr trimmed, low input, docile, BSE, $7500+
Walter Shealy
Newberry
803-924-1000

BLK ANG MIX
16 m/o breeder hefrs, open, gentle, $5000 ea
Carol Bocock
Abbeville
803-636-9424

YRLG BULL
¾ Ang, ¼Char, ready for light serv, $2800
Debbie Wade
Chester
803-581-5050

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

FA SUPER A TRACTOR
GRC, 3ph, cutaway disc plow & 6' scraper incl, $2500
John Lollis
Greenville
864-483-0922

4'×7' METAL TRL
w/top, used for goats, GC, $800
Jack Fogle
Orangeburg
803-331-6675

8 WHL V-RAKE
FR, $2800; MF 175D, FR, $7500 obo
Rickie Evans
Chester
803-209-2714

CUB CADET CS 3310
chipper/shredder, used 1×, $475
Tom Eason
Colleton
843-991-3962

VIRNIG LAND LEVELER
72" w/hyd scarifiers, new, $3400
H Herlong
Greenville
864-430-0951

3PH POST DRIVER
Wheatheart Bandit, PTO driven, 8' tall post, 8" dia, $7000
Leonard Williams
Anderson
864-245-0436

HAWK HORSE TRL
5th whl, 24' w/LQ, 3 stall, $7500 obo; JD 5115 M, ldr, frt hyd, cab, 700 hrs, $90,000
Ronny Wilson
Anderson
864-356-6959

'01 FEATHERLITE 2H TRL
alum, many features, nvr used, $10,000
Paula Jones
Barnwell
803-266-4344

'42 AC TRACTOR
EC, antiq $4500 obo
Farha Ali
Greenwood
864-554-0041

5' 3PH DISC
not used anymore, 1r of angled disc, good for deer plots, $350
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

IH 1066 & CAT D7 17A
$16,000 ea; JD 830D, $14,000; Cat D4 7U, $8500
Ronald McGraw
Lancaster
980-255-8584

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

BHB SICKLE BOOM
LN, $7000; HD 84" Land Pride finish mwr, $4200; both obo
Julian Mears
McCormick
864-602-1246

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

'07 RHINO TW84 ROTARY CUTTER
7' cut, GC, new blade, $1500
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

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

MF 5' BUSH HOG
$350; 8' fert distrib, $275; photos by req
William Nash
Greenville
864-862-5684

8 WHL HAY RAKE
$2500; 4 basket hay tedder, $2500; Krone 9' hay cutter, $5000
Lee Youngblood
Union
864-441-5000

JD 275 DISC MWR
VGC, $8000
James Huffman
Lexington
803-247-3575

3000 FORD TRACTOR
$6000; 135 MF, $5000; 20-disc harrow & 4×8 trl, $150 ea
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-497-0527

20 BLADE DISC
$1000; (2) 1r cults, $300; 7' boom pole, $140; 6'×9½' trl, $1000
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

DIRT DOG SCRAPE BLADE
HD cat 1 & 2, 7' W tilt & angle cuts, nvr used, $1650
Mike Dixon
Chester
803-385-7057

FORD 8N
restored $2900; 1r cult, $200; 20-disc harrow, $800; 6' scrape blade, $375; more, all 3ph & obo
Otis Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

'50 MCCORMICK FA CUB TRACTOR
w/belly mwr, oper man, $3500
J R Simpson
Lancaster
803-286-5856

TSC 5' BOX BLADE
$500; Fred Cain 5 shank scarifier, & Leinbach 16-disc plow, $400 ea; TSC pallet lift, $200
George Bowers
Abbeville
803-767-0568

'07 JD 5225
56 hp, remote, canopy, 2960 hrs, $14,500; Deutz DX 160, 160 hp, cab, dual remote, 3130 hrs, $7000
Robert Hurley
Laurens
864-981-5352

MF 231S TRACTOR
dsl, 42 hp, 801 hrs, good rubber, canopy, well maint, $8200
Boyd Caldwell
Kershaw
803-438-3455

IH 454 GAS TRACTOR
4 cyl, 2wd, GC, $3700
Jeffrey Poland
Spartanburg
864-580-0066

USA HARROWS
20 disc, 3ph, GC, $1600
Jim Atkinson
Pickens
864-506-9001

5' BHB GROOMING MWR
antiq/vintage '60-64, cuts well, $200
Robert White
Spartanburg
864-457-2293

11PT CHISEL PLOW
by Athens Plow Co, GC, $1500 obo
Edward Rentz
Lexington
803-351-0328

MILLCREEK 27+ MANURE SPRDR
GC, barn kept, poly flr, dolly whl jack, Rhino-coat lining, $3000
Kristie Lowrey
Laurens
864-414-6891

INTL 806 FA TRACTOR
w/cab, $6000; 140 FA tractor w/side sickle bar, plntr & tool bars, $4000
Daniel Hughes
Jasper
803-942-1670

HAY TEDDER
VGC, 2 basket, PB, PTO, Niemeyer brand, $1750
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

2 JD 55 COMBINES
1 w/303 eng & soybean/grain/2 corn hdrs; 2 w/275 eng, for parts, $2000 obo for all
Kenneth Capers
Colleton
843-866-2127

JD 4100
400 hrs, $7000
Mike Sheppard
Newberry
803-924-9977

'53 JD 50
new tires, GRC, good sheet metal, $3500
Curtis Pollard
Anderson
864-933-4049

INTL 5100 GRAIN DRILL
21 dbl disc openers, $5200; Rhino 2160 boom mwr, in GC, $8500
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

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

MF 281
w/frt end ldr/bucket, bale spear, $12,000; 3ph bale spear, $150, will sell separately
Robert Turner
Orangeburg
803-596-6463

4 WHL HAY FEED WAGON
open bottom, 20' L, $4750
Bennie Smith
Edgefield
803-215-2551

TIGERCAT 240 KNUCKLEBOOM
w/bucksaw, EC, $35,000
Scott Langston
Oconee
864-324-1913

8' DISC HARROW
3ph, EUC, $1500
Joey McLaine
Colleton
843-898-3326

6' BUSH HOG
shed kept, $2800 cash; 3ph 4-way log splitter, PTO operated, needs new hoses, $600 cash
Arthur Johnston
Dorchester
843-636-4083

FA A FOR PARTS
w/belly mwr, $500; JD mod 35 trip bucket ldr, $300; Long brand 3ph PTO backhoe, $800
Wayne Faulkenberry
Lancaster
803-804-3246

3PH SCRAPE BLADE
& post hole auger, $200 ea; JD 275 10' disc cutter, GC, $2000
Johnny Childress
Laurens
864-872-9985

JD 5065E TRACTOR
$14,500
Bill Heard
Greenwood
864-993-8600

MF SQ BALER
shed kept, makes tight bales, $1500
H Lengers
Lancaster
704-614-3012

JD 690 B TRACKHOE
GC, $15,000
Samuel Cribb
Williamsburg
843-558-2256

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 cows or cut hay
Jackson Jones
Chester
803-899-2514

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

HUNTING LAND
for lease around Anderson Co
Charles Franklin
Anderson
864-979-6525

80.2A EDGEFIELD CO
pine tree land, will subdivide, $4500/A
John Rhodes
Hampton
803-346-9473

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

WANT LAND TO LEASE
for raccoon hunting, willing to purchase hunting insurance
Tony Slice
Lexington
803-600-6256

FARM LABOR

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

SAWMILL SERVICES
p-up and del avail, max 33" dia and 24' L, no min, $1/bdft+
Derek Drafts
Saluda
803-429-3291

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 & pole trimmers
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

LAND CLEARING
wildlife mgmt, pond digging & excavation
Jay Lowder
Clarendon
803-473-0646

BEAVER TRAPPING
and exclusion, Aiken Co and surrounding area
Joe Leonard
Aiken
803-507-4940

LIME SPREADING
specialize in bulk Tenn lime, call for est
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

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

NEED BUSHHOGGING
plus cut around dam & pond banks; also help w/ poultry, feed/clean, 3 hrs am & 2 hrs pm
Kim Hagen
Lancaster
803-475-1125

FORESTRY MULCHING
pasture reclamation, fenceline clearing, hunting land improvements and overgrowth removal
Christopher Henson
Laurens
864-367-9102

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

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK
land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, bush hog, bldg pads
Fred Morris
Florence
843-621-8647

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

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS BY UAV
ag, forestry & aquatic
Joel Cox
Spartanburg
864-706-1495

EXCAVATOR WORK
digging, stump removal, junk removal, clearing fences or ponds
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753



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EQUINE

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

9 Y/O ROAN QH
15.1 hh, anyone can ride, well trained, sound, no vices, vetted, videos avail, $15,000
Angela Langston
Oconee
864-324-1913

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.

FRESH PECANS
in shell, $1.50/lb; shelled, $9/lb
Darnell Miller
Aiken
803-507-1926

JUMBO QUAIL
and chicken eggs, $3–4/dz
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

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

FARM FRESH EGGS
small, $3/dz; lrg, $4/dz
J R Simpson
Lancaster
803-286-5856

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

HOGS / PIGS

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

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

10 M/O KIKI/BOAR GOATS
8–12 males, 10 females, healthy, wormed in Oct, $175/M, $180/F
Robert Arnold
Chester
803-385-7723

2 ND BUCKLINGS
8 m/o, $50 ea
Cherie Garrison
Edgefield
706-495-4614

DORPER SHEEP
3 rams, 5 m/o, grass fed, wormed, $200 ea
Danny Holliday
Greenville
864-430-9025

ND GOATS
un-reg pr, $400 for both; 4 yng billies, 2–7 m/o, $50 ea obo
Eric Miller
Greenville
864-684-2260

2 PIGMY BILLY GOATS
2 y/o, friendly, sold together, $200
Ed Haddon
Abbeville
864-993-4515

BLKBELLY/KATAHDIN SHEEP
$250 ea
Michael Hudnall
Newberry
803-518-5079

JACOB LAMBS
B-6/26, 4 horned & 2 horned avail, rams, $200; ewes, $225, tails not docked, photos avail, text
Allan Clark
Abbeville
864-314-5226

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

HAY & GRAIN

'26 4×5 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS
fert only, no manure put on land, NR, barn stored, $50
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

'26 COASTAL
limed and fert, shed kept, HQ, $70/bale; CQ, $65/bale; sq, $9/bale, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

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

FESCUE & RYE GRASS MIX
'25, $30; '26, HQ, 4×5, string wrap, net wrap, barn stored, no weeds, $50/bale
Terry Blakely
Greenville
864-483-1920

'26 VOLUNTEER PASTURE GRASS
(50) 4×5 string wrap bales, $30 ea
Harroll Stockman
Newberry
803-924-7878

'26 FESCUE MIX
4×4 rnd, $30, pls text
Waitman Dixon
Laurens
864-684-4641

700 RND CB BALES
$70/under shed, $65/not under shed
Charles Stewart
Aiken
803-827-3731

'26 4×5 HQ CB
net wrap, in barn, $90; sq CB, $12; Fescue mix, $45
John Snead
Greenwood
864-993-4839

2ND CUTTING
mixed Fescue and Bermuda, rnd bales, $40 ea
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

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

'26 4×5 RND CB
all net wrap, $60/roll
Jackson Jones
Chester
803-899-2514

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

COASTAL/FESCUE
net wrap, in barn, $45
Ronny Wilson
Anderson
864-356-6959

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

'26 4×5 RND MIXED GRASS
net wrap, fert, $45 ea, qty disc
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

TIFTON 44 BERMUDA GRASS
HQ, NR, hvy sq bales, $8 ea
Thomas Thain
Lexington
803-920-7023

'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

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

'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 4×5 RND HQ CB
fert/sprayed, no litter, no rain, $75 ea, del/fee
Dale Blackmon
Lancaster
803-577-9008

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

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

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

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

HQ 4×5 RND CB
no litter, $80/barn, $65/field sq, $8/barn; CQ 4×5, $40, 10+, $35
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

4×5 COASTAL
net wrap, $65; sq, $8
Micheal Barton
Calhoun
803-707-4095

'26 WHEAT/RYEGRASS
$50; '26 mixed grass, $40; straw/grass mix for mulch, $15; all net wrap 4×5 bales
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

GOOD CLEAN FESCUE
outside, $40 for 10 at one time; singles, $45; barn kept, $55; Coastal, barn kept, $65
John Tribble
Anderson
864-958-1645

'26 4×5 RND CB
fert, lime, stored outside off ground on indiv plastic pallets CQ, $40,
Eddie West
Aiken
803-507-8205

'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 HQ CB
net wrap, outside, $50
Brent Parnell
Anderson
864-449-7269

FESCUE & MIX GRASS
4×5 bales, $40 ea, del avail
Michael Wise
Newberry
803-271-4215

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

MURRAY CYPRESS TREES
1 gal, 1000 avail, $4
Charlie Mills
Edgefield
803-480-4993

MONKEY GRASS
aka Liriope, Hosta, $4 ea; Iris, Daylily, $5 ea; Hydrangea, Gardenia, $10 ea
Woody Ellenburg
Pickens
864-855-2565

HYDRANGEAS
Crepe Myrtle's, $20; 1 gal Azaleas, $6; Loropetalum, Tea Olives, Boxwoods, Gardenias, 3/$20
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

RABBITS

LA COTTONTAILS
crossed on MS Cane Cutters, $14 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

RYE SEED
G-91%, D/HS&G-91%, cleaned, 50 lb bag, $14
James Livingston
Lexington
803-530-3169

MISCELLANEOUS

FISH BASKETS
3'×5'×4' deep floating, for fingerling fish, $60 ea
Joseph Corley
Lexington
803-360-5825

4 WAGON WHLS
$200; hash pot & hay rake, $125 ea; barrels, $10 ea; more
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

SYRUP KETTLE
marked Schofield, Macon GA 60 w/stand, $1500
Bert Bozard
Orangeburg
803-860-1712

HUSQVARNA FT 900 TILLER
self-propelled, $350
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

SADDLES
$100+; chainsaws, $50 ea; more
Wayne Faulkenberry
Lancaster
803-804-3246

NEW RAM PUMP
not elec, 1000 gal/day, $1200
Glenwood Williams
Aiken
803-663-3909

HYDRO WATER RAM/PUMP
by Fleming, $200
Douglass Britt
McCormick
864-391-3334

BRUSH CUTTER/MWR
BC26 series Outback, fixed deck, for overgrown/tough field cleanup, gas, $2000
C Christo
York
620-504-8219

HDWD LUMBER
incl Hickory, boards 1"×12"×8'L, $4/bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

POULTRY LITTER
$5/Bobcat scoop; compost, $10
Carol Foster Mosley
Pickens
864-656-3064

FIREWOOD
custom sizes & qtys avail, del avail, $20+
Derek Drafts
Saluda
803-429-3291

SET OF R14 TIRES
and rims for Kubota, new, $1100 obo
Julian Mears
McCormick
864-602-1246

HOBART PLATFORM SCALES
1000 lb, stored inside, GC, $250
Thomas Backman
Lexington
803-360-9696

POLY HDR DIVIDER SNOUTS
JD 600 or 900, 2 sets, $350/set
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

2 SUGARCANE ROLLERS
GUC, $1000
James Linder
Colleton
843-908-3193

PURPLE MARTIN GOURD POLES
winches up/down, $390–500; gourds, $4.75 ea
Stacy Shealy
Lexington
803-727-7535

DET DSL PWR UNIT 4-71
w/Rockford PTO, and Bendix 501 air compressor, $5000 obo
Rick Miller
Anderson
864-617-5066

ORIG NISSEN 1H WAGON
ready to drive or display, $1800
Harry Isbell
Anderson
864-617-2627

5 HP ELEC MOTOR
for grain elevator, nvr used, $750; IH 715 combine radiator, 15' auger for 820 hdr, $300 ea
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

HDWD LUMBER
air dried 20 mos, 6"×10'
Wht Oak, $2.50/bdft; 12"×8'
Red Oak, $2/bdft; cut to your specs
Boyd Caldwell
Kershaw
803-438-3455

USED STICK-BUILT GOAT HOUSE
or fencing materials, $200
Jim Atkinson
Pickens
864-207-8854

TROY-BILT FRT TINE TILLER
needs tune-up, $75; 3 tier quail cage, 26"H, PUC flr 42×1, new, $100
Patricia King
Lexington
803-261-8040

50 SADDLES
western Circle Y, Caldwell, American, Cactus, etc; Eng Toulouse, Stubben, Zaldi, etc, $100–3500 ea
Scott Langston
Oconee
864-324-1913

WORM CASTINGS FERT
100% organic, Certified SC, no fillers, 30 lb bags, $20/bag, $120/10 bags
Maryann Little
Lexington
803-530-9219

4' TUBE GATE
$45; 7'×⅜" chain, hook on one end, $25
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

(2) 4' ROTARY CUTTER BLADES
used 1 season this yr, sharpened in Aug and not used since, $40
James Freshley
Newberry
803-260-4979

WHT OAK TRL FLRNG
8'–21'L, 1", 1½" & 2" thick × 6", 8", 10"W, $2/bdft; firewood, all hdwd, $75 p/u load
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

POULTRY

INDIA BLUE PEAFOWL
breeding pr, $450; yng birds, hatched this spring, male or female, $125 ea
Ed Haddon
Abbeville
864-993-4515

MALLARD DUCKS
$20 ea
Cara Mock
Kershaw
803-427-0272

SEX-LINK PULLETS
Blk Copper Marans and jumbo Coturnix quail chicks, $2–6 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

CHICKENS
$15 ea; pigeons, $5 ea
Walter Creech
Bamberg
803-383-1309

GAME FOWL
Bates Spangled Hatch, $50+
Brenda Dorrell
Williamsburg
843-372-8829

TOULOUSE GEESE
breeding prs, $100/pr; wht King pigeons, $10 ea
Benson Ray
Georgetown
843-933-5367

COTURNIX QUAIL
$6 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

BOBWHITE QUAIL
full grown, $6 ea
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

PEACOCK PRS
$300, lv msg
Neal Miles
Barnwell
803-300-0716

BOBWHITE QUAIL
flight/weather cond, $5 ea
John Reed
Sumter
803-464-5757

COTURNIX QUAIL
M/F, $8; Muscovy, Welsh Harlequin, Pekin ducks, var of ages, M/F, $10–30, pls text first
Westin Trotter
Saluda
803-924-4115

WANT–FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 620
630, 720 or 730, dsl w/pony motor
Donald Westbury
Lexington
803-331-2097

3PH CULTIPACKER
Jerry Waters
Aiken
803-507-0892

IH 844 CORN HEAD
4r, 38–40" spacing
Randell Wilson
Abbeville
864-378-4924

SITREX DM-6 DISC MWR
used for parts only
Jerry Tucker
Spartanburg
864-426-4742

WANT–LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

YNG RING-NECKED PHEASANTS
Call ducks, Brown Leghorn chickens, pls text first
Westin Trotter
Saluda
803-924-4115

2 REG DEXTER COW/HEFRS
Stanley McChesney
Spartanburg
864-415-6166

WHT FANTAIL PIGEONS
1–3 prs, prefer mated prs
Rick Arrowood
Newberry
803-940-1265

WANT–MISCELLANEOUS

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER
hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, Upstate cos
Tim Morgan
Greenville
864-420-0251

USDA AWARDS $249,540 IN VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER GRANTS TO HI BRÄU BEEF CO AND FABEL FARMS

BY USDA NRCS SOUTH CAROLINA

US Department of Agriculture Rural Development South Carolina State Director Jacob French and USDA Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Jeb Wilson announced the agency is awarding $249,540 through the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program to two South Carolina producers: $200,000 to Hi Bräu Beef Co in Newberry and $49,540 to Fabel Farms LLC in Winnsboro. French and Wilson presented ceremonial checks during visits to the operations Oct. 15, 2026.

"From premium beef to free-range, pasture-raised eggs, Hi Bräu Beef Co and Fabel Farms show what South Carolina producers can do. These investments will help both businesses grow, reach new customers and strengthen our rural economy," said French. "Under the leadership of President Donald Trump and Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, USDA is putting American farmers and producers first."

Hi Bräu Beef Co, in Newberry, is a cattle operation that produces premium beef and value-added beef products. The grant funds will be used for beef processing, packaging, shipping and market expansion. It is anticipated that over the three-year grant period, this project will increase customer base and revenue by more than two hundred percent.

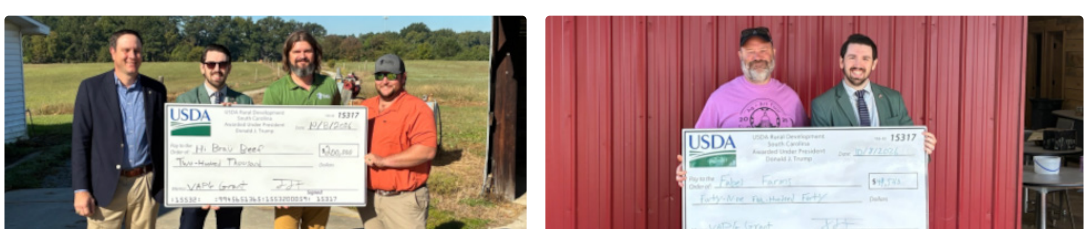
Fabel Farms LLC, in Winnsboro, produces free-range, pasture-raised eggs, fresh produce and honey. Owned and operated by Joshua Fabel, the farm is expanding its market reach and sales of its locally grown, pasture-raised eggs by strengthening its brand, enhancing marketing efforts, and increasing distribution to restaurants and retail stores.

"I appreciate President Trump and Secretary Rollins' strong support of rural America and especially for farmers like Ben and Josh," said Wilson.

USDA Rural Development's Value-Added Producer Grant Program supports agricultural producers as they develop value-added agricultural products, conduct market research, and implement business and marketing strategies. Applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program are typically accepted for processing from agricultural producers between January and May, depending on when program funding is allocated.

USDA Rural Development recently invested $26.5 million across the country through the Value-Added Producer Grant Program, including $1,430,934 in South Carolina.

For more information on USDA Rural Development investments in rural America, visit the Rural Data Gateway. The Rural Data Gateway is an online tool that makes USDA Rural Development investment data available to the public, supporting partnerships with rural residents, entrepreneurs, government officials and Congress. Learn more online at rd.usda.gov/sc and follow us on X at @RdSouthcarolina.



USDA Rural Development South Carolina State Director Jacob French presents ceremonial checks to Value-Added Producer Grant awardees Hi Brau Beef Co (left) and Fabel Farms (right).

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of the Year Massey along with representatives from the participating agricultural organizations. Massey cut the ribbon, marking the official opening of South Carolina's exhibit.

That celebration continued into the Expo's annual Southeastern Farmer of the Year luncheon. Massey, a seafood producer from McClellanville, made history as the first mariculturist to represent South Carolina in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year competition.

Massey owns Livingston's Bulls Bay Seafood, where he and his family raise clams and oysters while also producing and selling other locally harvested seafood. His recognition helped demonstrate that South Carolina agriculture extends beyond traditional row crops and livestock to include the state's growing seafood industry.

During the luncheon, Deputy Commissioner Wood and Clemson President Ayers spoke about the importance of South Carolina agriculture and the opportunities ahead for the industry. Florida dairy farmer Woody Larson was ultimately named the 2026 Southeastern Farmer of the Year. Attendees also received a taste of the Palmetto State to take home, including bags of Adluh stone-ground yellow grits from Columbia and copies of SCDA's *Grown in SC* magazine.

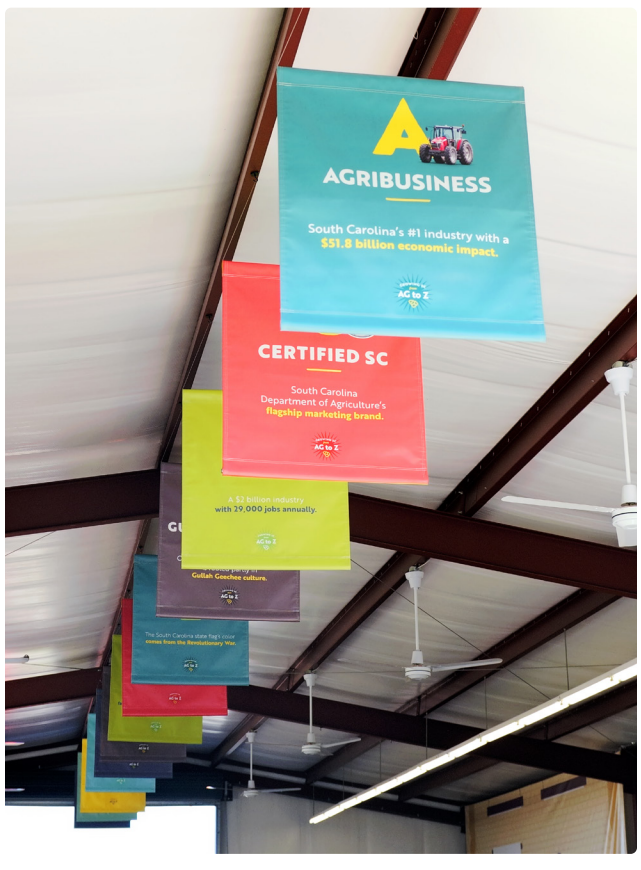
Throughout the remainder of the Expo, hundreds of visitors passed through South Carolina's Spotlight State building, meeting representatives and learning more about the people, products and programs that make the state's agricultural industry unique.

SCDA staff and participating sponsors, including the South Carolina Peanut Board, helped welcome visitors. The building also received a special visit from the 2025–2026 South Carolina Watermelon Queen, representing the South Carolina Watermelon Association.

As the 2026 Sunbelt Ag Expo came to a close, South Carolina's return as Spotlight State served as more than a celebration of the past decade. It was a reminder of the partnerships, innovation and hard work that continue to move the state's agricultural industry forward.

From traditional farming and forestry to seafood production, agricultural education and new technology, the Palmetto State demonstrated that its agricultural future is as diverse as the people helping it grow.

South Carolina agriculture was on full display, from Ag to Z.













AMICK FARMS EXPANDS SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTPRINT WITH NEW EDGEFIELD COUNTY OPERATIONS

$54.78 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 40 NEW JOBS

BY EVA MOORE, SCDA

Amick Farms, a poultry processor in Batesburg, announced October 28 that it is expanding its South Carolina footprint with a new operation in Edgefield County. The company's $54.78 million investment will create 40 new jobs.

Founded in 1941, Amick Farms is a fully integrated operation with hatcheries, feed mills and processing facilities providing a variety of quality chicken products for retail, food service and industrial use. The company has four existing complexes: two in Saluda County, one in Laurel, Mississippi, and one in Hurlock, Maryland.

Amick Farms' new hatchery, located in Trenton, will have the capacity to hatch over 1.5 million eggs, supporting the growth of the company's South Carolina poultry processing operations.

Operations are expected to be online in April of 2027. Individuals interested in joining the Amick Farms team should visit the company's careers page at amickfarms.com/join-our-team.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded a $1 million Set-Aside grant to Edgefield County to assist with the costs of site preparation and building construction.

"South Carolina's agribusiness industry continues to drive our economy forward, and this announcement reflects the important role it plays in creating jobs and strengthening local economies. We are proud to see Amick Farms bring 40 new jobs to Edgefield County and look forward to the company's continued success in our state."
—Gov. Henry McMaster

"Congratulations to Amick Farms on its new operation in Edgefield County. The company's $54.78 million investment in agribusiness, one of our state's key economic sectors, is a win for South Carolina."
—Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III

"Poultry is South Carolina's highest value agricultural product, and Amick Farms is a leader in the industry. Their expansion supports a broad swath of our agribusiness community, from corn and soybean growers to equipment manufacturers to the farmers who raise chickens. I'm proud of this homegrown company's continued success."
—Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES $8 BILLION HARVEST FUEL RELIEF PROGRAM

BY USDA

President Donald J. Trump, alongside US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, announced the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will make $8 billion available for one-time payments to American farmers this harvest season to provide relief during temporary market disruptions and increased input costs.

“President Trump is the most pro-farmer president of my lifetime and he is continuing to put Farmers First every day,” said Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. “Today, I am proud to announce alongside President Trump more targeted relief is coming to our farmers through the Harvest Fuel Relief program. This $8 billion dollar investment will help bring certainty to our farmers during this harvest so they can continue to feed our nation.”

Similar to the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program, the Harvest Fuel Relief (HFR) program will provide simple, proportional support to producers using a uniform formula to cover a portion of modeled losses during the 2026 crop year. This national loss average will be based on FSA reported planted acres, Economic Research Service cost of production estimates, and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates yields and prices.

The $8 billion in payments provided through the Harvest Fuel Relief program are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and will be administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Commodity-specific payment rates for Title I commodities will be released in November. Payment methodology for other eligible commodities will be announced at a later date. Crop insurance linkage will not be required for participation in the Harvest Fuel Relief program; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the enhanced risk management tools included in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act to best protect against price risk and volatility in the future.

Producers of non-Title I commodities, including specialty crop growers and fishermen, are encouraged to provide data related to increased fuel costs to HarvestFuel@usda.gov for USDA’s consideration when determining payment rates.

Eligible producers are encouraged to create a Login.gov account in advance of the application period announcement. Pre-filled applications will be available online to producers with a Login.gov account linked to USDA.

The Harvest Fuel Relief program builds upon the Trump administration’s unprecedented support for America’s farmers. Earlier this year, the Farmer Bridge Assistance program delivered $12 billion in one-time bridge payments over 560,000 farmers across the country. Just two weeks ago, nearly $14 billion in gross payments were provided to producers through the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs through The Working Families Tax Cuts Act – an approximate $8 billion increase over what farmers would have received without the historic bill.

USDA CONFIRMS FIRST DETECTION OF NEW WORLD SCREWWORM IN US WILDLIFE

BY USDA

The US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the first detection of New World screwworm (NWS) in wildlife in the United States, in an elk in Pecos County, TX. The elk was located on a game ranch and was reported after being harvested by a hunter.

This detection highlights the critical role hunters, landowners, outdoor enthusiasts, and wildlife professionals play in helping detect and stop the spread of NWS. Early reporting is one of the most important tools we have to protect wildlife, livestock, and pets in the United States.

The Texas Animal Health Commission will modify a previously established infested zone, and USDA and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are conducting additional wildlife surveillance in the area.

HUNTERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Hunters and others who spend time outdoors near infested areas are often among the first people to encounter affected wildlife, making their observations especially valuable to surveillance and response efforts.

As hunting seasons continue across Texas and other states, hunters are encouraged to stay alert for signs of NWS when observing, harvesting, or processing wildlife.

Watch for:

- Visible maggots (larvae) in wounds or body openings
- Open, draining, or enlarging wounds
- Foul-smelling injuries
- Animals that appear weak, lethargic, isolated, or in distress
- Signs of infestation around the nose, mouth, ears, eyes, or genital areas

If you see anything suspicious, report it immediately. Fast reporting helps animal health officials respond quickly and helps limit the pest's spread.

For information on identifying and reporting potential cases in wildlife, please see USDA's wildlife resources at Screwworm.gov Wildlife Information. The site includes signs to watch for, reporting guidance, and additional resources for hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. Together, we can help protect America's wildlife, livestock, and natural resources from New World screwworm.



Adult screwworm flies are about the size of a common housefly (or slightly larger). They have red eyes and a metallic blue-green body with three black stripes on their back.



Screwworm larvae (maggots) cause extensive damage by tearing at the hosts’ living tissue with sharp mouth hooks.



Larvae (maggots) burrow into a wound, feeding as they go. Wounds become deeper and larger as more larvae hatch and feed on living tissue.

SC PRODUCERS WHO RECEIVED BRIDGE PAYMENTS SHOULD EXPECT STATE LETTER

BY EVA MOORE, SCDA



The South Carolina General Assembly has appropriated $35 million in one-time funding for state level economic relief payments. These Farm Accountability and Resilience Measures Program payments are for row crops, specialty crops, cattle producers, and tobacco.

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture recently sent a letter to producers who received payments under the 2026 federal Farmer Bridge Assistance Program distributed by the USDA Farm Service Agency. State relief payments for row crop production will be indexed to these federal payments.

In order to be eligible for a state payment, a producer must be actively engaged in farming in South Carolina and intend to farm in the 2027 calendar year. The letter contains instructions and an access code for completing an online affidavit and supplying contact information and a Taxpayer Identification Number.

Producers who do not complete these online steps will not receive a payment.

The return address of the letter is “South Carolina Farm Bridge Payment Program” with a PO Box in Baton Rouge, Louisiana — the address of a contractor that is assisting SCDA with program administration.

All required information must be submitted no later than November 30, 2026. Payments will be issued on a rolling basis following SCDA's review and approval of completed applications.

Some producers may be eligible for additional assistance related to specialty crops, tobacco and cattle production. SCDA will send information related to those payments at a later time in a separate letter.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Farm Accountability and Resilience Measures Program, visit agriculture.sc.gov/2026farmrelief.

SOUTH CAROLINA HOSTS NATIONAL ANIMAL FEED AND FERTILIZER SEMINAR

BY CHRISTOPHER E. DOVE , SCDA | PHOTOS BY AAFCO

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Animal Feed Safety Program recently welcomed inspectors from across the country to South Carolina for the 2026 Basic Inspector Training Seminar (BITS).

The annual seminar was held Sept. 21–25 in Greenville and provided valuable training for newer regulatory inspectors responsible for inspecting and sampling animal feed and fertilizer. Each year, a different state volunteers to host the event, giving inspectors an opportunity to learn from experienced regulators and other professionals from across the country.

This year's seminar was hosted in partnership with the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO), SCDA's Animal Feed Safety Program, and Clemson University's Fertilizer Regulatory and Certification Services.

Throughout the week, participants took part in classroom sessions covering the basics of feed and fertilizer inspections. Topics included professionalism, sampling techniques, investigative and interview techniques, documentation, consumer complaints, biosecurity, animal feed and fertilizer labeling, animal science and Good Manufacturing Practices.

But some of the most valuable lessons took place outside the classroom. SCDA worked with CPC Carolina to give participants hands-on experience inside a working feed mill. Inspectors were able to see feed production firsthand while practicing inspection and sampling techniques. Clemson also coordinated a visit to Carolina-Eastern, a fertilizer facility, providing a full day of field training for participants.

The hands-on portion of the seminar allowed participants to put lessons from the classroom into practice and become more familiar with the facilities, equipment and products they are likely to encounter on the job. Feed safety training included practical experience with bagged, liquid and bulk feed, as well as tote-bag bulk feed, block feed and feed processing.

Because fertilizer regulation in South Carolina is handled by Clemson University, Clemson's Fertilizer Regulatory and Certification Services led that portion of the training. Fertilizer safety training included sampling from bags, bulk containers, bins, trucks and use liquid fertilizer containers.

For inspectors, training like the Basic Inspector Training Seminar helps build the knowledge and skills needed to conduct consistent and effective inspections. SCDA believes feed safety is public health safety. Safe animal feed helps protect the animals that consume it, the agricultural community that depends on it and, ultimately, the public.







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