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Get a taste of some of our
Made in South Carolina flavors.

Carolina Plantation Rice

From the late 1600s to the early 1800s, South Carolina was at the center of America's rice production, making the agricultural staple the state's most reliable cash crop. But near the end of the Civil War rice production began to decline, eventually disappearing in the 20th century. For Campbell Coxe, the fall of rice production in the state was something he just couldn't live with, and in 1997 he brought the crop back to South Carolina from the fields of Plumfield Plantation — his family farm near Darlington, SC.

Coxe planted rice on 20 acres of land, and with the help of rich soil and the mild South Carolina climate, Coxe's crop flourished. Today, Plumfield is the only plantation in the state to sell rice commercially, and it's loved not just by South Carolinians but by people nationwide — including Martha Stewart, who was quoted as saying the rice is the most aromatic grown in the country.

There are two varieties of the rice, white and brown, and its nutty, popcorn-like fragrance puts it at the top of the aromatic scale, which is why it's become a staple in the Darlington community and beyond. Carolina Plantation now offers certified South Carolina-grown Carolina Gold Rice, the original rice that made the state world famous. Carolina Gold — the rice that was demanded by royalty — set the standard by which all other rice was measured. Today the plantation's product is the first in the state to be made with Green-e-Certified Renewable Energy.

But rice isn't the only product to come out of Plumfield Plantation — Coxe also sells other Southern favorites such as stone-ground grits and authentic red cowpeas.

Carolina Plantation Rice has been featured on the Food Network and in publications such as *Southern Living*, among others. To get your hands on the Southern staple, make a visit to Carolina Plantation and learn about their products and visit the plantation's gift shop where you can buy their signature rice, grits and peas as well as Carolina Plantation Rice merchandise. You can also place your order online, or by phone or mail. To see where Carolina Plantation Rice is sold nearest to you, visit www.CarolinaPlantationRice.com.



Lotus Chips

For years, Greenwood native Jane Burns prepared her sesame-flavored lotus chips as appetizers at parties and other special occasions. And for those who tried the tasty tidbits, the result was always the same — they were addicted at first bite. Friends and family became so hooked on the lotus chips that they began to insist Jane market and sell them. Taking their advice, Jane partnered with a friend, Harriett Kinard, and in 2001, Lotus Chips, LLC was born.

These scrumptious flour-based chips come in several varieties ranging from sweet to savory and include sesame, cinnamon sugar, rosemary and balsamic vinegar, tomato basil and tropical. Lotus chips are sold all over the United States. To find out where Lotus Chips are sold closest to you, click on "Where to Buy" at www.lotuschips.com.

Tony the Peanut Man's Gourmet Goobers

("That's boiled p-nuts ya'll!")

Charleston, SC, is home to the locally known and lovable Tony the Peanut Man. Always equipped with a bowtie and a basketful of peanuts, Tony has been selling his "goobers" since 1991.

Before the beloved peanut entered his life, Anthony Wright (as he was known) worked for a large company that supplied him with a steady income and comfortable lifestyle. But when company downsizing left him jobless and virtually bankrupt, Anthony was forced to file for unemployment.

But as Anthony stood in line at the unemployment office, he was approached by businessman Marion Hayward who offered him a position selling peanuts. Wright turned Hayward down three times feeling the job was beneath him. "I thought I would be embarrassed selling peanuts since the job I'd lost paid considerably more," Wright said. "Selling peanuts for a dollar a bag, I would have received 40 cents per bag, with 60 cents going to Hayward."

But Wright eventually did say yes and before long, everyone in Charleston knew Anthony as Tony the Peanut Man. Since 1998 he's had his own line of canned boiled peanuts that come in various flavors such as Red Shell Goobers and Carolina Cajun Goobers. He also sells roasted peanuts packaged in bags that are sold on the street, bringing back the tradition of "old-time criers." You also can catch Tony the Peanut Man at Charleston sporting events, like the Charleston Riverdogs baseball games, entertaining fans by singing his catchy advertising slogan, "Got some boiled, got some roasted, got some stewed, got some toasted!"

Tony the Peanut Man has been featured on local television shows in Charleston as well as national programs such as "Good Morning America." To get your own can of Tony's famous goobers, visit him in Charleston or at his Web site, www.tonypeanutman.com.

