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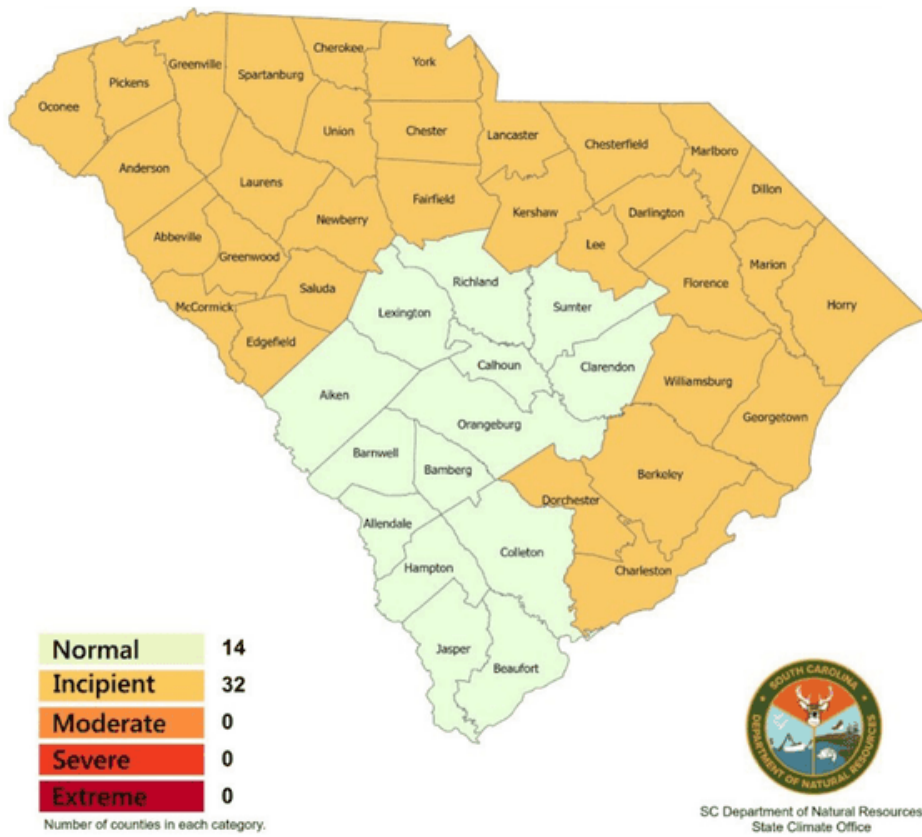


DROUGHT STATUS UNCHANGED THROUGHOUT SC; FIRE RISK REMAINS CONCERN

BY SCDNR

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The drought status remains unchanged across South Carolina after wintry weather passed through the state, though risk of forest fires remains a concern.

The S.C. Drought Response Committee, meeting via conference call Jan. 31, decided to maintain incipient drought — the lowest level on a scale from incipient, moderate, severe to extreme — for 32 counties that include the Upstate, Pee Dee and down to parts of the Lowcountry. Normal drought conditions were maintained for 14 counties from the Midlands to the southeast corner of the state.



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Two of the state's drought management areas did not have enough representatives for a quorum, which is required for a vote, however, there was support among the attending members to maintain the current status.

Winter rainfall has been below normal for most of South Carolina, State Climatologist Hope Mizell said.

During December the driest conditions were reported across the Pee Dee and Coastal plain, with above normal rainfall recorded across portions of the Upstate. January brought dry conditions statewide, with the lowest precipitation totals (less than 50 % of normal) across the Upstate and Pee Dee.

The state saw a higher-than-normal number of wildfires and more acres burned than usual in both December and January, according to the S.C. Forestry Commission.

As of Jan. 30, the Forestry Commission responded to 200 wildfires that burned more than 531 acres. The number of fires in January was twice the five-year average, and the number of acres burned were 41% above the five-year average. Wildfire activity in the state typically peaks in February through April, since vegetation from last growing season has gone dormant and been killed by frost.

Most wildfires start in dead, cured grass and leaves on the ground, and this time of year normally brings lower relative humidity and frontal passages that bring higher winds.

“We are particularly concerned with the high amounts of fuel on the ground because of Hurricane Helene,” said Darryl Jones, with the S.C. Forestry Commission. “We will have trouble accessing areas with all of the large trees and debris down on the ground, and there will be a lot of potential for larger wildfires and more extreme fire behavior as trees downed by Helene dry out and become available to burn.”

Jones reminded residents that more than half of the wildfires in South Carolina every year start because of outdoor debris burning. He encouraged burning only on days when the weather is suitable, making sure to notify the Forestry Commission and to follow all required precautions for burning yard debris.

Though groundwater conditions and lake level elevations are generally in good shape across the state, the persistent, below normal streamflow levels in the Upstate, Pee Dee, and lower Santee regions supported maintaining the incipient drought status for counties in those regions, according to the S.C. Department of Environmental Services. Streamflow levels are modestly better in the central and lower parts of the state and support those counties remaining in a no drought status, the agency said.

The Drought Response Committee will next meet Feb. 26.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

AG PRIORITIES IN WASHINGTON

Our agency is a member of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and this is the time of year when we lay out our policy priorities for the year. It's especially important this year with priorities and systems shifting rapidly in Washington, DC under the new administration. We have to make sure farmers' needs are front and center.

Of course, there are areas in which I disagree with other agriculture commissioners. Each state is unique, and we all come from different political perspectives. But farm policy often cuts across political lines, and we can find common ground on key issues. Here are the common priorities we've come up with for the year:

- **Farm Bill** — Congress must pass a Farm Bill this year. This bill shapes agricultural policy, supports farmers, ensures food security and promotes sustainable natural resource management.
- **Food Systems** — NASDA will advocate for policies and programs that fortify U.S. food systems, enhance supply chain resilience, and improve reliable access to nutritious foods.
- **Pesticide Regulation** — We will engage with EPA to ensure science-based standards and state input are incorporated in regulatory initiatives such as the Endangered Species Act Workplan.

- **PFAS** — Per-and-poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) — and the degree of risk they present — are a hot topic across communities and industries including agriculture. We need federal strategies to measure and address the risk of PFAS on agricultural land. NASDA will advocate for federal programs that will support farmers and ranchers in maintaining the health and productivity of their land and livestock.
- **State Cooperative Agreement Funding** — We will advocate for Congress to restore and increase funding for cooperative agreements. Cooperative agreements are designed to increase coordination when addressing complex regulatory issues and sharing resources between state and federal governments.

At the end of February, some of our executive staff will be attending NASDA's Winter Policy Conference in DC to hammer out some of these issues.

Although I didn't get to attend the South Carolina Watermelon Association's annual meeting, it was nice to get to visit at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Agritourism Association, and at the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, or SEWE, in Charleston. Hope to see you somewhere down the road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Celebration

February 1 – 28

Our second annual Celebrating Black History Month, presented by the Settlement Community Committee, features celebration displays, an exciting lineup of guest speakers and a delicious taste of Gullah cuisine throughout the month. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local churches and charities.

Boone Hall Plantation Gin House
1235 Long Point Road, Mt. Pleasant

jwright4223@yahoo.com

boonehallplantation.com/special-events/black-history-month

Sunday Oyster Roast

February 23 • 11 am – 5 pm

These ticketed events on select Sundays offer music by local DJs as you shuck All-You-Can-Eat oysters brought to you by Reeds Catering and Lowcountry Oyster Co.

Firefly Distillery

4201 Spruill Avenue, North Charleston

info@fireflyvodka.com • 843-557-1405

fireflydistillery.com/event/sunday-oyster-roast-february

Girls Night Out

February 26 • 6 – 8:30 pm

We are a family-run craft winery and vineyard focused on producing high-quality small batches of local, innovative wines you can't find anywhere else. Join us for Girls Night Out the last Wednesday of every month. \$25.

City Scape Winery

589 Dunklin Bridge Road, Pelzer

864-329-0615

cityscapewinery.com

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Farm Chores with Macy

February 28 • 3 – 5 pm

This delightful event is designed for kids aged 10 and under, offering them a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience in farm life. Macy will lead young guests through a variety of engaging activities, where they can help with daily farm chores, learn about the animals, and discover the importance of sustainable farming practices. From feeding the animals to collecting eggs and tending to the garden, children will gain valuable insights into where their food comes from and how to care for the land. Cost: \$15.

Outside Inn Camp + Farm

1074 Woolbright Road, Santee

stay@outsideinncampground.com • 803-974-8585

eventbrite.com/e/farm-chores-with-macy-tickets-1082804941729

Lowcountry Creamery Group Tours

Lowcountry Creamery now offering group tours of the dairy and facility. Offered by appointment only. \$15 dollars per person (cash or check only). Great for anyone aged 8 and up. Groups of at least 10 and no more than 30 people. 1–1.5 hours for general tours, 2 hours for field trips. Available activities depend on the age, day of the week, and weather.

Lowcountry Creamery

2714 Landsdowne Road, Bowman

lowcountrycreamery.com/tours

facebook.com/lowcountrycreamery

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JD 8300 GRAIN DRILL

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antiq/vintage '60-64, 5', cuts good, lrg 18¼" spoke whl on deck, more, photos avail, \$400
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864-457-2293

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9' 3" cut, rubber rolls, EC, \$11,500
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GRC & GWC, \$4000 obo
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AC, pwr shift, 9917 hrs, \$28,000 obo
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Clarendon
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self-leveling, cab H/A, radio, 700 hrs, more, \$95,000
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8x16' ALL STEEL TRL

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hand crank, restored, VGC, \$3500; JD 963 wagon running gear, \$500
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AUGER
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15' NO TILL DRILL

Great Plains w/coulter cart, EC, \$13,000; JD 918 flex head, \$12,000
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FORD 3000 DSL

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Lecil Hembree
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864-316-1222

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864-305-7992

BARBADOS BLKBELLY EWE

w/1-2 lambs at her side, \$300; Barbados rams, \$200 ea
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

8 M/O LAMBS

\$100
Teresa Wiegert
Spartanburg
864-270-0090

KIKO DOES

\$175+, 5 m/o+, some reg
George Phillips
Williamsburg
843-992-1964

F NUBIAN GOAT

\$150
Beverly Weatherford
Lee
803-840-1685

HAY & GRAIN

HQ CB

\$10/bale; Oat straw, \$6/bale
Victor Smith
Berkeley
843-870-8522

'24 HQ FESCUE/ORCHARD

4x5 rnd, in barn, \$70 ea
Joseph Henson
York
803-448-5287

'24 4x5 RND FESCUE

fert, net wrap, stored outside, \$55/bale, vol disc, 28 bales avail
Roger Snyder
Spartanburg
864-580-9311

4x4 RND BALES

Mixed grass, outside, \$30 ea; Ryegrass, in barn, \$45; Fescue, in bard, \$40
Ron Jones
York
803-526-6308

FESCUE & RYE HAY

barn stored all year, 4x5 net wrap, NR, \$55 ea
Rogers Fowler
Union
864-426-3281

COMBINE RUN WHEAT

or shelled corn, \$10/50 lbs
Larry Green
Spartanburg
864-303-7004

'24 4x5 RND CB

net wrap, under shed, \$55/bale, in field, \$50/bale
Josiah Williams
Bamberg
843-693-1970

'24 SQ FESCUE

NR, in barn, \$7 ea; goat & cow, \$6 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

'24 MIXED GRASS BERMUDA

Fescue & other summer grasses, 4x5 rnd, no weeds, \$50/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

TWINED CB

Oat & Rye grass mixed, net wrap, all '24, 4x5 & shed kept, \$60/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

MOSTLY CRAB GRASS HAY

4x5 net wrap, 300 bales, \$40
James Livingston
Lexington
803-530-3169

'24 4x5 RND CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale, buy 6 & get 1 more at no chrg
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

'24 RND HQ COASTAL

\$70/bale; CQ, \$60/bale, shed kept, limed/fert, \$8/sq, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

HQ 4x5 RND COASTAL

net, no litter used, \$65 field, \$80 barn; sq, \$8.50 barn; rnd cow, \$40
George Mccoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

RND BALES

\$65/shed kept, \$60/outside
Bobby Zimmerman
Lexington
803-317-8681

'24 4x5 FESCUE

net wrap, \$45
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

COW HAY

\$40 ea; Wheat straw, \$40 ea; both 4x5 & net wrap
Richard Knight
Kershaw
803-427-6440

'24 HQ RND CB

800-900 lbs, net wrap, can del for fee, \$70
Charles Howle
Darlington
843-250-1636

HQ 5x6 RND COASTAL

wrapped, dry stored, \$180/ton, 5 bale min p-up
Sally Harrison
Saluda
803-622-8597

'24 4x5 MIXED GRASS/ FESCUE

barn stored, NR, no manure on land, fert only, \$50/bale
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

RND FESCUE

\$40
Matt McGinn
Lancaster
704-363-1099

'24 CQ 4x5 CB

net wrap, fert & lime, located Chesterfield & Lancaster Co, \$45
Gilbert Small
Lancaster
803-320-9073

CB

\$70; HQ, \$60, both 4x5 & net wrap; Rye straw, \$5/bale, all barn kept
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

'24 4x5 CQ HAY

net wrap, baled w/o rain, \$45/roll
Henry Welch
Berkeley
843-709-0488

'24 CRABGRASS HAY

\$45/lrg rnd, \$30/sm rnd
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
843-567-7774

'24 4x5 RND CB

\$50/bale
Johnnie Legree
Bamberg
803-614-4665

CB

rnd CQ, shed kept, \$40; sq HQ, \$8; rnd HQ, \$70
Warren E Coker
Florence
843-319-1884

SQ MIXED RYE GRASS/ BERMUDA

well fert, \$5/bale
Don Todd
Chester
803-209-2823

LRG/SM RND CB

\$65+ depending on size & qual; sm sq, \$8-12
Timmy Benton
Colleton
843-908-3222

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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

(35) 3' PEACH TREES

1/2 wht flesh, 1/2 yellow flesh, both free stone, \$20 ea
Kenneth Marsengill
York
803-981-7559

MONKEY GRASS

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

AZALEAS

Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$6; Tea Olives, \$8; Camellias & Carolina Sapphire, \$20; Little Gem Magnolia, \$35
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

RABBITS

REX

all colors, yng, \$15-20 ea; grown bucks, \$20 ea; does, \$25 ea; LA cottontail grown bucks, \$20 ea; does, \$25 ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

PB LIONHEADS

7 w/o, friendly, \$25 ea
Tirzah Fellows
Aiken
803-443-8572

FLEMISH GIANT

& Cottontail, \$15-25 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

LA COTTONTAILS

crossed on MS cane cutter, \$12 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

RATITES

EMUS

\$250 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

BROWN TOP MILLET

G-88%, D/HS&G-88%, cleaned, in 50 lb bags, \$35/bag
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

Beware of Potential Hay Scams

Farmers are urged to be cautious when selling hay to new clients, especially those from out of state. If possible, verify the check before sending the hay. Speak to the buyer in person to verify all information.

MISCELLANEOUS

5 FRAME HONEYBEE NUC

in waxed cardboard nuc box, \$200
Sam Bolick
Fairfield
704-900-4580

4' TUBE GATE

\$40; 7'x3/8 chain hook one end, \$20
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

CAST IRON COOK POT

Baltimore 12 gal, EC, \$150
Douglas Cooper
Richland
803-315-2454

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

sold & mailed in lots of 5 for \$85 ppd
William F Timmerman
Aiken
803-640-6265

HDWD LUMBER

boards 1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will custom cut for lrg dels
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

OAK FIREWOOD

long bed p/up, del & stack, cut to size, \$150
Ronald Wright
Richland
803-606-1666

HONEYBEES

5 frame Ital honeybee nucs, \$180
Dale Staners
Lancaster
803-577-7871

2 REAR WHL CTR DISC RIMS

for older mod Ford tractor, 8 bolt hole w/no bolts, \$175 ea
David Fralix
Dorchester
843-560-1013

HARDEE SPRAY TANK ONLY

200 gal, FC, \$100
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

8' SHEET METAL BRAKE

EC \$3900
Bob Morgan
Dillon
843-845-7914

GOURDS

for Purple Martin houses or crafting, \$6/lrg, \$4/med, \$2/small
Glen Clamp
Lexington
803-673-8013

(3) 7500 BU GRAIN BINS

GC, \$10,000 for all 3
John Till
Orangeburg
803-707-5646

FIREWOOD AND/OR LOGS

hdwd trees on the ground, \$5/load
Clyde Bridges
Greenville
864-354-7619

HORSE MANURE COMPOST

you load, we will help, \$20/truck load
Stephanie Scharf
Kershaw
864-992-6131

5 HP ELEC MOTOR

new, bought for grain auger, nvr used, \$750
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

8' CEDAR RND POSTS

6-3" dia, \$8 ea
Douglass Britt
McCormick
864-391-3334

CHICKEN LITTER

tractor trl qty, \$500/load w/ in Newberry Co, \$500/load + del fee outside Newberry Co
Evan Horne
Newberry
803-960-2699

GARDEN TRACTOR

Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler, hydro trans, hyd lift, spare tire, mwr frame, \$400 obo
Ralph Taylor
Chester
803-789-5110

HAND LIFT ATTACH

for man FA cub, \$40; lrg Hobart coffee grinder, EC, \$800
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

\$2/yd
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

2H WAGON

\$500; plastic barrels, \$10 ea; more
Gary Seay
Spartanburg
864-578-8214

OLD COMP FARM BELL

old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 ea; #15, \$150; more
Perry Masters
Greenville
864-561-4792

55 GAL FG DRUMS

metal & plastic open top w/ top & rings, \$20+; solid top 55 gal, \$20ea; 275 gal portow tanks, \$60ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

RED OAK

Pecan, Maple, Pine, Wht oak lumber, 1-2" thick x 6" & 8"W x up to 20'L, \$4/bdft obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
864-316-1222

OAK FIREWOOD

freshly cut & split, \$8/12 pcs bundle; or \$150/full truck bed
Nolan Harmon
Saluda
864-992-3190

LIQUID LICK TANK

\$100; Pecan wood, \$10/bundle
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

MEAT SAW

GC, needs motor, \$300
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
843-567-7774

SUCTION HOSE

for water pump, 4"x20', \$70
L E Fogle
Orangeburg
803-747-2755

21 GALV CORRAL PANELS

12', 1 w/gate, makes 80' rnd pen, used 1x & stacked, \$3600
Jack Griffin
Laurens
864-876-0168

POULTRY

RIR & DOMINIQUE

roos & hens, \$12 ea; Wood & Mandarin ducks, \$45 ea; Bantams, Jungle Fowl, Guineas, more, \$7-12 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

4 YNG SILKY CHICKENS

\$10 ea
Wilbur Edgerley
Saluda
803-685-5613

JACOBIN PIGEONS

\$75 ea; Samaritan chickens, \$60/pr
James Malphrus
Dorchester
843-821-8172

BOB WHT & TN RED QUAIL

all flight cond, transport boxes provided, \$6 ea
Dwight Gilliland
Saluda
864-941-0958

3 ROOS

raised from var hen types, big Red, big Wht, med sized speckled, \$1 ea
Gerald F Barks Jr
Abbeville
864-554-0686

4 SAPPHIRE SPLASH ROOS

\$10 ea
Kenneth Marsengill
York
803-981-7559

HUBBLE PIGEONS

breed is raised commercially for squab production, solid wht, \$15+
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

BOB WHITE QUAIL

flight & weather cond, \$5.75 ea
John Reed
Sumter
803-464-5757

WHT KING PIGEONS

\$15 ea
Benson Ray
Georgetown
843-933-5367

GROWN GUINEAS

\$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochin bantams, \$10+
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

LAVENDER ORPINGTONS

Sex Links, Blk Copper Marans & jumbo Coturnix quail, \$5 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

15' BATWING BUSH HOG

in useable cond
F Rowe
Newberry
803-271-7768

TRANSPORT AUGER

10" 30-40"
Jimmy Sikes
Calhoun
803-707-3049

GRAPPLE TRUCK

light-med sized w/dump cap, trucks only, no trlrs
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

BOAR TO RENT

Berkshire or Red Wattle to breed sow
Rebekah Olson
York
803-351-4994

BOAR GOAT

non-trad colored buck, prefer LT 12 m/o
Dennis Childs
Richland
803-429-9054

MODENA

& wht Homer pigeons
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

BEEF CATTLE

any age or size
Kenneth Satterfield
Laurens
864-304-3172

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

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

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls & weathervane, more
Perry Masters
Greenville
864-561-4792

FARM WAGON

w/wood spoke whls, 1 or 2 horse
Harry Isbell
Anderson
864-617-2627

NON GMO CORN

low aflatoxin, 800 bu
David White
Darlington
843-687-7349

RABBIT OR QUAIL PENS

call/text
Bradley Moore
Newberry
803-924-4931

ANY SIZE FARM BELLS

& wash pots, blksmith anvils
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

LEARN TO IMPROVE QUAIL HABITAT AT SCDNR SEMINAR MARCH 6-7

BY SCDNR

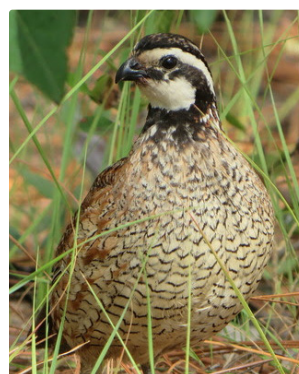
The S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will host its annual Wild Quail Management Seminar March 6-7 at the James W. Webb Wildlife Center and Management Area in Hampton County.

The registration fee is \$95 per person and includes meals, overnight accommodations and seminar materials. The deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 14. Registration is limited to 30 participants. For more information, contact the SCDNR Small Game Program in Columbia at 803-734-3609, e-mail Patty Castine at CastineP@dnr.sc.gov or visit dnr.sc.gov/education/quail.html.

Field demonstrations and classroom instruction will focus on habitat practices including firebreak establishment, prescribed burning, forest

management, brush control, discing for native foods and supplemental food patch plantings. Presentations will be given on wild quail natural history, biology, predation and other factors that may be contributing to the population decline. An update on current research will also be presented. Speakers will include wildlife and forestry professionals from state and federal agencies.

Bobwhite quail populations in the Southeast, including South Carolina, have been declining steadily over the past 60 years due to major land use change and reduction in suitable habitat. The annual Wild Quail Management Seminar is designed to instruct landowners and land managers in the proper techniques of creating habitat that



will support native populations of bobwhite quail.

"The annual quail management seminar is a great place to meet and learn from many experts in the natural resources field," said Michael Hook, SCDNR wildlife biologist and Small Game Project supervisor. "So if you have any interest in creating better habitat for bobwhite quail

and the other assorted species that use these early successional habitats, this seminar is for you."

More than 1,500 people have attended the seminar since its inception in 1987. These sportsmen and sportswomen have positively affected thousands of acres across South Carolina by applying basic techniques to improve habitat on their lands.

RUSTGI SEEKS TO IMPROVE COTTON, PEANUTS AND WHEAT

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Sachin Rustgi directs the molecular breeding program at Clemson University's Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence, South Carolina, where his work in the Advanced Plant Technology Program seeks to improve the nutritional profile of small grains and legumes.

Rustgi's small grains and legumes research targets antinutritional elements. His team is developing peanut and wheat varieties with reduced allergenic proteins.

"Wheat and peanuts are major sources of energy and protein for millions, yet they also rank among the top food allergens," Rustgi said. "Our goal is to breed safer crops for people affected by foodborne disorders."

A native of Uttar Pradesh, India, where wheat is a primary crop, Rustgi is no stranger to the impact of foodborne illnesses. He noted that wheat contains gluten, a trigger for celiac disease—a condition affecting about 1.04% of India's population and roughly 3.2 million Americans. Peanut allergies impact more than 6 million people in the United States.

Rustgi emphasizes student involvement in his research.

"I work with students to build a strong foundation in plant breeding, research techniques and ethical practices," he said. "We combine basic science with practical applications to benefit both producers and consumers."

Graduate student Zachary Jones is collaborating with Rustgi on a project to develop wheat with lower levels of gluten proteins. Jones said he believes what he has learned under Rustgi's guidance will help him in his career.

"Dr. Rustgi has helped shape me into a well-rounded scientist who can take on complex challenges in molecular biology and use the problem-solving skills I have strengthened under

his tutelage to achieve my objectives and reach my career aspirations," Jones said. "One of the most valuable lessons I have learned from him is the importance of thinking critically and not limiting myself to a single discipline. Instead, incorporate knowledge from multiple aspects of science in my

While research is important to humans and the planet, Rustgi also believes that research must go together with public awareness.

Sachin Rustgi discusses his research to improve nutritional quality and yield in plants.

"Scientific breakthroughs should be paired with an understanding of public opinion and ethical responsibility," he said. "I strive to instill these values in my students."

In addition to studying wheat and peanuts, the researchers are also exploring the use of nucleic acids in managing the parasitic fungi of *Armillaria* species in peaches and aphids in sorghum.

Rustgi's research includes creating cotton genotypes with reduced regrowth after defoliation and enhanced lint yield. Cotton is a perennial plant with a growth

habit and structure that supports regrowth after defoliation, which impacts productivity, profitability and management strategies for production.

He and his team are determining how to develop an annual variety that can produce higher-yielding cotton with high-quality fiber.

The researchers are looking at how plants use environmental and hormonal cues to transition from vegetative growth to reproduction.

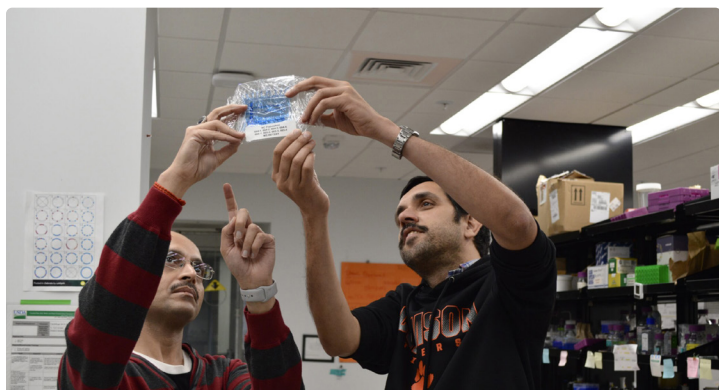
In addition to being director of the molecular plant breeding program at the Pee Dee REC, Rustgi is a faculty scholar for the Clemson School of Health Research and Center for Human Genetics. He is also an adjunct associate professor for the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Washington State University, and the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding at Chaudhary Charan Singh University in Meerut, India.



Sachin Rustgi



Clemson graduate student Zachary Jones and Clemson molecular breeder Sachin Rustgi work to develop less-immunogenic wheat varieties at the Pee Dee REC.



Clemson researchers Sachin Rustgi and Guatam Saripalli use facilities at the Clemson Pee Dee REC in Florence, SC, to compare gluten-free products to their gluten-containing counterparts.



Sachin Rustgi, a Clemson molecular biologist, analyzes plant genes in an Advanced Plant Technology lab at the Pee Dee REC.

work to help solve challenging problems.

"He regularly encourages me to use ideas from my medical background or other areas and apply them to plant sciences to work towards developing innovative solutions to improve human health."

In another study, researchers in Rustgi's lab compared gluten-free products with their gluten-containing counterparts. Graduate student Tariq Alam and postdoctoral researcher Gautam Saripalli worked with Rustgi on a study that found, on average, gluten-free products available to consumers in the U.S. contained significantly less protein and more sugar and calories than their counterparts that contain gluten. They also found gluten-free products tend to be more expensive than those containing gluten.

The researchers believe their findings may be used to help individuals with celiac disease, wheat allergy and non-celiac wheat sensitivity, as well as those who choose a gluten-free lifestyle based on personal preference rather than medical necessity.

SC AGRITOURISM ASSOCIATION 2025 CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The South Carolina Agritourism Association held its 2025 Conference January 26–28 in the Midlands region of the state, visiting six farms in Newberry, Kershaw, and Lexington countries. Speakers covered topics including risk management, marketing, land trusts, Clemson Extension, and working with tourism agencies. Commissioner Weathers visited Lever Farms and addressed the group, too.



AFBF PRESIDENT DUVALL SHARES AGRICULTURE CHALLENGES WITH SENATE

BY AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

America's farmers and ranchers need a new, modernized farm bill, a strengthened farm safety net, and open trading markets. American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall traveled to the Capitol to emphasize those priorities to the Senate Agriculture Committee today as he testified in the hearing "Perspectives from the Field: Farmer and Rancher Views on the Agricultural Economy, Part I."

"Farm families across the country are grateful that you recognized the incredibly hard times across the agricultural economy and included much-needed economic assistance and emergency aid for communities devastated by natural disasters in December's Continuing Resolution," Duvall said. "Despite the assistance in the CR, farmers still are looking to you all to pass a modernized, five-year farm bill as soon as possible."

President Duvall took questions from lawmakers, including Chairman John Boozman (R-AR), who asked about the challenges farmers face without a new, modernized farm bill. Duvall said, "We are hearing that maybe 20% or more of our farmers are having difficulties getting operating loans. We're in a time where that should have already been done, and they should have seed in the barn, ready to start planting. And, it's really hitting them at a hard, difficult time. They're telling us they're losing money per acre – corn over \$100 an acre losing. They're having to make a decision to plant and not to plant."

Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) asked about the impact of tariffs. "We need more access, not less," replied Duvall. "We need this administration– because we haven't seen it for almost a decade – really getting fair trade deals to be put in place and stick with good rules and keep

people working under it. The other issue is the cost of production. I think you said it yourself, over 80% of the potash comes out of Canada that goes on our cropland. And, that would be devastating to our farmers – just that one example is difficult for our farmers."

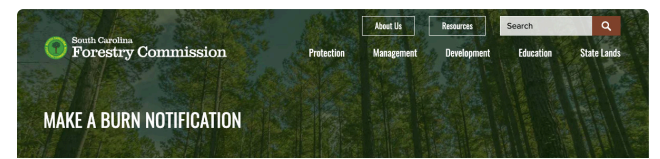
As public discussions increase about efforts to make the food system healthier, Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) asked President Duvall to elaborate on the importance of maintaining scientifically proven farming methods. He responded, "It is absolutely critical that we continue to have faith in the system that provides the science-based tools that we use on our farm... It takes almost 11-years to get a product to the market. They got 350 scientists at the EPA... making sure that those things are safe. And, our farmers apply it according to the label."

Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA) observed that some farmers are not eligible for risk management assistance. President Duvall said access to the farm safety net needs to be expanded, "Any farmer out there that's putting a crop in the land, and depending on the good Lord to give him things to grow it with, and with the markets like they are deserve to have some risk management program. Now, the difficulty comes by making it very complicated. And, the smaller farm it is, the more difficult it is. It needs to be simplified. A lot of people aren't going to do it because it's just too difficult. They're in the field working. A lot of these are farm to table, farm to market people, and they deserve a shot to be able to have that risk management tool, too."

Read President Duvall's testimony as prepared at fb.org.

CITIZENS CAN NOW MAKE OUTDOOR DEBRIS BURN NOTIFICATIONS ONLINE

BY SC FORESTRY COMMISSION



Citizens who live outside of city limits can now make their legally required notification of an outdoor debris burn on the agency's website.

COLUMBIA—The South Carolina Forestry Commission is making it easier for the public to conduct safe residential yard debris burns. Citizens who live outside of city limits can now make their legally required notification on the agency's website at scfc.gov/notify.

State law requires people who live in unincorporated areas to notify the Forestry Commission before they conduct an outdoor debris burn. For decades the only way to make such notification was by calling a tollfree number and leaving a voicemail with the burner's name, address and phone number.

"The notification system is in place to help the Forestry Commission quickly determine if a detected fire is a wildfire or a legal debris burn that is being conducted safely," said SCFC Fire Chief Darryl Jones. "Not only is this new method faster and easier for citizens, but our ability to see these notifications instantly in real time adds greatly to our wildfire response capabilities."

The existing phone/voicemail notification process is still available for citizens who would rather call in their burns, but agency officials believe the convenience of the new online system will eventually make it the preferred method.

"It's important to note that this notification system does not apply to prescribed burns," said Jones. "People who are planning these larger kinds of agricultural and forestry burns must call (800) 777-3473 and speak to a Forestry Commission dispatcher, who will walk them through the approval process."

In addition to notifying the Forestry Commission before conducting a residential yard debris burn, citizens must also take the proper precautions:

- Limit fires to vegetative material like leaves, pine straw, limbs and branches that originate from the property of the burn;
- Clear a wide firebreak around the burning site;
- Have the right equipment – water, rakes, etc. – available to keep the fire under control; and
- Stay with the fire until it is completely out.

As the only state agency responsible for wildfire suppression in all unincorporated areas of the state, the South Carolina Forestry Commission protects nearly 13 million acres from wildland fire. More than 500 county, municipal and volunteer fire departments operate more than 1,100 fire stations in South Carolina. The Forestry Commission cooperates with these departments to prevent and control structural and wildland fires, employing highly trained firefighters and specialized equipment when fires burn into forested areas that are difficult to reach.

CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTS FROM MEXICO RESUME UNDER NEW PROTOCOL

PROTOCOLS ENSURE SAFE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS WHILE MITIGATING THE THREAT OF NEW WORLD SCREWORM

BY USDA

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 1, 2025 – The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing the resumption of cattle and bison imports from Mexico. Imports are scheduled to resume within the next several days.

To protect U.S. livestock and other animals, APHIS halted shipments of Mexican cattle and bison in November 2024 after a positive detection of New World screwworm (NWS) in southern Mexico. After extensive discussions between representatives from the countries, APHIS and Mexico agreed to and implemented a comprehensive pre-clearance inspection and treatment protocol to ensure safe movement and mitigate the threat of NWS.

APHIS' top priority is to protect American livestock from foreign pests. As part of the protocol signed between the countries, Mexico identified and prepared pre-export inspection pens in San Jeronimo, Chihuahua, and Agua Prieta, Sonora, which APHIS has now visited, inspected, and approved. Cattle and bison will be inspected and treated for screwworm by trained and authorized veterinarians prior to entering the pre-export inspection pens, where they will again undergo inspection by Mexican officials before proceeding to final APHIS inspection then crossing at the Santa Teresa and Douglas Ports of

Entry, respectively. Cattle and bison approved for importation will also be dipped in a solution to ensure they are otherwise insect- and tick-free. The United States and Mexico are working closely to approve additional pre-export inspection pens and reopen trade through other ports of entry.

To support our efforts to keep NWS out of the United States, APHIS will continue working with partners in Mexico and Central America to eradicate NWS from the affected areas and to reestablish the biological barrier in Panama, which we have worked to maintain since 2006.

In the last two years, screwworm has spread north of the barrier throughout Panama and into Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize and now Mexico. This increase is due to multiple factors including new areas of farming in previous barrier regions for fly control and increased cattle movements into the region. APHIS is releasing sterile flies through aerial and ground release at strategic locations, focusing on Southern Mexico and other areas throughout Central America. A complete list of regions APHIS recognizes as affected by screwworm as well as more detailed information on trade restrictions can be found on the USDA APHIS Animal Health Status of Regions website.

LEARN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS AT THE 2025 FORAGES AND LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY

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BLACKVILLE, S.C. — Several factors, including livestock nutritional requirements, forage species, climate and land conditions, influence sustainable forage management.

Livestock producers in and around South Carolina can learn how to address these factors during the 2025 Clemson Extension Forages Field Day, set for March 13 at the Edisto Research and Education Center, 64 Research Road, Blackville, South Carolina, 29817.

On-site registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Online registration is encouraged. To register online, visit Clemson Forages Field Day. The fee is \$25. This event ends at 4:30 p.m. Participants are eligible for one pesticide credit.

The morning session begins with remarks by John Andrae, director of the Edisto Research and Education Center. Liliane Silva, Clemson Cooperative Extension Service livestock and forages specialist, will give a keynote presentation on climate change and management strategies for adaptive forage.



The 2025 Clemson Extension Forages Field Day is March 13 at the Edisto Research and Education Center in Blackville, South Carolina.

Matthew Fischer, a livestock economist with the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service, will provide updates on the livestock market and cattle inventory.

The morning session concludes with producers sharing their practical experiences and insights about the importance of sustainability in livestock

operations. They will also discuss the challenges associated with adopting these practices and the economic feasibility of integrating these efforts into their operations.

A trade show featuring sponsors and poster presentations will also be included.

Lunch will follow the morning session and include presentations by sponsors. Silva will also discuss her forage and livestock program.

Afternoon activities include tours of demonstration plots, where experts Silva and Clemson Extension weed scientist Michael Marshall will provide updates on research for using cover crop forage systems, weed management practices, nutrition strategies and nutrient cycling in year-round forage systems.

For more information, contact Liliane Silva at lseveri@clemson.edu.

ACRE NURTURES INNOVATION IN SC AGRIBUSINESS

EIGHT YEARS IN, THE AGRIBUSINESS CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS STILL LOOKING AHEAD

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When Kyle Player moved back to South Carolina from Washington, DC to help launch the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE), she thought she'd be working with a lot of agriculture technology startups.

Instead, ACRE has turned out to be much more.

"We're working with more industry segments than I expected, and also more age ranges — we have participants from college students to post-retirement," Player says.

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture created ACRE in 2017 with the goal of advancing agribusiness in the state. Since then, ACRE has awarded more than \$1.4 million to 131 entrepreneurs, funded 49 industry-driven research projects, and led dozens of business workshops throughout the state.

Launched with an allocation from the South Carolina General Assembly, ACRE has continued its work with the help of grants from USDA Rural Development and the Duke Energy Foundation, and the ongoing support of the Legislature.

In addition to agriculture technology companies, ACRE has helped entrepreneurs develop businesses involving dairy farming, food distribution, livestock, oyster farming, produce farming, ag education, value-added products, and more.

Some notable participants over the years include Covered in Cotton, a Pee Dee family farm business that developed a local supply chain for its high-end cotton textiles; Project Victory Gardens,



Barrier Island Oyster Co. was an early participant in ACRE's Advanced program.

which helps train military veterans to start a post-retirement career in agriculture; nationally famed heritage pork producer Peculiar Pig Farm; award-winning goat dairy Split Creek Farm; and Sakhar Jams, which makes artisanal products using South Carolina fruit — a prime example of a value-added business that supports local agriculture.

The centerpiece of ACRE is its two business development programs. One track helps guide beginning entrepreneurs through creating a business, including marketing, financial planning, value-added processes, legal requirements, state and federal grant opportunities, and writing a business plan. Upon completing the program, each participant has the chance to compete for one of seven \$5,000 grants.

The other track is for experienced entrepreneurs, those who already have a business plan and proof of concept. South Carolina entrepreneurs selected for the program pitch their business to a panel of judges, competing to earn business mentoring and funding. The awardees can be granted up

to \$25,000 for their company or product. (Applications for the 2025 Advanced program are open through March 7.)

More than one-third of those who participate in ACRE's beginning program end up applying and getting accepted to the advanced track.

Thousands of dollars would certainly be a boon to any budding agribusiness. But participants tell Player that the support and business training they get through ACRE is key.

"It's not just about the money," Player says. "People are finding lots of things valuable besides the funding."

Some evidence of ACRE's impact comes from a recent survey of past participants. It showed that 51 percent of participating businesses have added new jobs after ACRE, an average of 1.95 jobs per company. Those aren't huge numbers, but they show that ACRE is helping entrepreneurs succeed and grow.

ACRE continues to till new ground. Four years ago, ACRE partnered with Dr. Najmah Thomas to create the Career Pathways program, which incentivizes young professionals to explore careers in agribusiness. And last year, Player worked with South Carolina FFA to create a high school-level ACRE Pitch Day, which recently had its second successful event. The Center also funds agriculture research in South Carolina, working with businesses to develop crops that thrive in South Carolina and other key technologies.

To learn more about ACRE, visit acre-sc.com.