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BRAD O'NEAL NAMED 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA FARMER OF THE YEAR

BY BECCA TURNER, SUNBELT AG EXPO

MOULTRIE, Ga. — Brad O'Neal is a minority owner in Coosaw Farms, which is located in Fairfax, South Carolina, and takes its name from the nearby Coosawhatchie River.

O'Neal said, "My parents started the farm at a time with high interest rates and low commodity prices. My dad worked for years as a loan officer for the Federal Land Bank but started farming full time in 1983. My mother taught third grade at a local elementary school and worked in the farm office during the summers. They were able to build the foundation for what Coosaw Farms is today with grit and determination."



He added, "My first job was selling watermelons and cantaloupes at the only stoplight in Fairfax when I was six years old. My goal was to earn enough money to cover lunches for the upcoming school year. Then when my legs were strong enough to press the clutch on our old 4440 tractor, I pulled harvest wagons in the cantaloupe fields. When I was 16 years old, I became the manager of our packing house."

O'Neal went on to major in Agricultural and Applied Economics at Clemson University, where he graduated in 2000 with a BS degree. It was there he met his future wife, Christie, who earned her BS degree in Accounting. They were married in 2001 and have two daughters, Tyler, 20, and Sanders, 17, and a son, Gibson, 15. Christie is the Business Director of nearby Seaside Farm, which is run by her fifth-generation farming family.

With both sets of their parents coming from an agricultural background, Christie and Brad wanted to instill traditional values in their children. "Our children understand a job is a privilege that has to be earned" O'Neal said. "Christie and I discuss business in all its variables and scope. Our children have been exposed to the good times and bad times from both of our farms. We want the kids to see and experience other places and have other work opportunities before they

commit to returning to Coosaw Farms. We see it as part of being well-rounded and well-informed individuals, and we don't want the kids to think they can just fall back on farming. Farming is a job you have to love."

When O'Neal started working full time at Coosaw Farms, it consisted of 1400 acres (745 rented and 655 owned) and has grown over the last 23 years to a total of 3300 acres (300 rented and 3000 owned). There are two local operations with two primary crops: watermelon and blueberries. Red seeded, red and yellow seedless, and red mini-seedless watermelons as well as organic blueberries are grown on the St. Helena Island farm, while the Fairfax farm grows conventional blueberries, watermelons, blackberries (the third season for this relative newcomer), field corn, cotton, and sorghum.

Crop yields are as follows: 400 irrigated acres of watermelons yielding 65,000 lbs/acre; 130 irrigated acres of conventional blueberries yielding 12,000 lbs/acre; 80 irrigated acres of organic blueberries yielding 7500 lbs/acre; 10 irrigated acres of blackberries yielding 20,000 lbs/acre; 650 irrigated acres of field corn yielding 200 bushels/acre; 600 acres of cotton yielding 1100 lbs/acre; 200 acres of sorghum yielding 80 bushels/acre.

Employing approximately 10 full-time employees, during peak harvest season Coosaw Farms hires around 300 people, including H2A workers. O'Neal commented, "Some of our full and part-time employees have been with us over 15 years. They are like family members, with actual brothers, sons, uncles, and cousins working together here. It's my belief that there are no unimportant jobs because each step in the cycle of growing crops is critical and intertwined. Every person has a key role to play. We like to say that our number one crop is people. Our team loves Coosaw Farms, and we encourage creative thinking and positive input from everyone."

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

WHY WE NEED FARMERS MARKETS



The first full week of August each year is National Farmers Market Week. This is a time for us to highlight the importance of farmers markets to our economy and our communities.

This year, our agency and the South Carolina Association of Farmers Markets worked with Gov. Henry McMaster's office to have the governor officially proclaim Aug. 6-12, 2023 to be Farmers Market Week in South Carolina. I had a nice visit with the market at Brookland Baptist Church Northeast in northeast Columbia on Aug. 8 to issue and celebrate the proclamation.

Many of us in the ag community are regular visitors to farmers markets, whichever side of the booth we're on. But we don't always stop to think why these outlets are so essential.

Farmers markets help farmers prosper: In traditional outlets for our products, farmers receive about an average of 15 cents of every dollar that consumers spend at traditional food outlets. At a farmers market, 100% of that dollar goes to the farmer.

Farmers markets increase public understanding of farms and farming. There's simply no substitute for talking face-to-face with a farmer. Consumers can learn how to pick out produce, what's in season, and put a face with a farm name.

Farmers markets help new and beginning farmers: According to a report from the Farmers Market Coalition, in 2020, producers of farms that sold local food directly were more likely than all U.S. farms to be female and age 34 or younger. This is especially encouraging.

Farmers markets increase access to fresh, nutritious food: Programs like the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program help folks in need buy more fresh fruits and vegetables. In addition, many markets accept SNAP benefits.

I know a lot of folks make a regular schedule of farmers markets visits to catch up with the latest news from their community.

You can find a market near you by visiting agriculture.sc.gov and clicking "Where to Buy Local".

Hugh E. Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Annual Sandy Oaks Pro Rodeo

August 25 & 26 • Gates 5:30 pm, Performance 8 pm
An IRPA Championship rodeo.

Lazy J Arena

2237 Highway 23 West, Edgefield

Contact: Sandy Oaks

sandyoak@gmail.com

803-637-5369 / 803-480-0045 / 803-480-1944

[facebook.com/p/Sandy-Oaks-Pro-Rodeo-100066551391293](https://www.facebook.com/p/Sandy-Oaks-Pro-Rodeo-100066551391293)

Volunteer Days

August 26 • 8 – 11 am

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are invited to help haul, repair, plant, water, paint, organize, clean, shovel, beautify, and more! This is a great opportunity for scouts, students, community groups, families, and individuals to spend time on the farm and learn about our farming practices.

Morning Glory Homestead

42 Robert And Clara Trail, St. Helena Island

morninggloryhomestead@gmail.com

843-812-0344

[facebook.com/morninggloryhomesteaders](https://www.facebook.com/morninggloryhomesteaders)

Goat Yoga

August 26 • 10 am

Come join us for an outdoor, beginner's yoga class with our sweet goats. Each ticket will include a voucher for a free drink of your choice from the Silos Brewing Company!

The Silos

122 Folgers Street, Easley

Tickets: [bluebellefarmsc.com/event-details/goat-yoga-at-the-silos-4](https://www.bluebellefarmsc.com/event-details/goat-yoga-at-the-silos-4)

End of Summer Event

August 26 • 5 – 8 pm

Break out the dancing shoes and come on down to Old Rock Quarry Winery as we welcome back The Carolina Players! With over 40 years of entertainment experience, this group will have you busting a move as they play everything from Beach, Shag, and R&B to Blues, Big Band and Top 40! Also on-site are our friends from Just-A-Smile Caribbean Food Truck, serving up mouthwatering Caribbean cuisines (for purchase)! Don't forget to bring a chair and bring all the friends for an evening of fun, food, music, and wine!

Old Rock Quarry Winery

620 Old Rock Quarry Road, Enoree

864-969-9566

[facebook.com/ORQwinery](https://www.facebook.com/ORQwinery)

Girls Night Out!

August 30 • 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. Open year round for wine tastings, special events, and long walks through our vineyards. 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

[facebook.com/cityscapewinery](https://www.facebook.com/cityscapewinery)

Hive Tour & Honey Tasting with Beeyond Bees

BOOK NOW for available dates:

September 13, 20, 27, October 4 & 11 • 10 am – 12 pm

Hive + Honey / Tour & Tasting is a fully immersive, 2.5-hour experience hosted at the Ivy Place farm. Gear up in bee suits and enter the world of bees guided by our knowledgeable beekeepers. Enjoy sampling regional honeys afterward in a peaceful farmstead setting. \$89 per person plus taxes and fees. 2.5 hours, ages 18+. We will provide bee suits, honey for tasting, water, cheese, crackers, nuts.

The Ivy Place

8525 Van Wyck Road, Lancaster

704-650-2412

Tickets: [beeyondbees.org/?fbclid=IwAR3S_CODnBm-qBclKag352-srues-nlStc9Xf9CSzmvHqzT5bd4FvdEcSZU](https://www.beeyondbees.org/?fbclid=IwAR3S_CODnBm-qBclKag352-srues-nlStc9Xf9CSzmvHqzT5bd4FvdEcSZU)

South Carolina Green Industry Association 20th Annual Fall Field Day

September 20 • 8 am – 3:30 pm

Register toady for SC Green's 20th annual Fall Field Day! Join us for a day filled with educational presentations on irrigation, weed management, calibration, hardscape management, and interpreting pesticide labels, equipment and product demos with exhibitors, and a catered lunch. Continuing credit hours available.

Modern Turf

5740 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell

Contact: SC Green Industry Association

adrienne@scgreen.org • 803-939-6884

scgreen.org

SALES & AUCTIONS

Claxton's Auction

August 19 & 26 • 11 am – 5 pm

Special Sale September 17 • 1 pm

Every Saturday. Equine, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, camelots, ratites, poultry, and small animals.

18627 Lowcountry Hwy, Ruffin

Contact: William Claxton

843-909-4285 • wlcjr@yahoo.com

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

BLUEGILL

50¢; Catfish, 75¢; Carp, \$12; Bass, \$2; Tilapia, \$2; Minnows, \$20/lb
Derek Long
Newberry
803-944-3058

STERILE CARP

\$12; Bluegill, 55¢; Shlckr, 65¢; Rdbst, 65¢; Ch Cat, 65¢; Mosquitofish, 40¢
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

3-4" KOI FISH

\$1 ea; lrg fish, \$5 ea; lrg quant, \$1, each all colors
Tommy Sherman
Laurens
864-546-2778

CATTLE

10-12 CALVES

700+ lbs ea, \$1200 ea
Dan Coward
Dillon
843-472-8122

4 REG RED ANG BULLS

1-3 y/o, all AI sired, low BW, BSE tested, \$2500+
Allen McGee
Aiken
803-480-9408

DEXTER CATTLE

4 y/o hefr, 1 y/o bull, poss bred hefr, all dun, \$600-800
Theresa Watford
Darlington
843-687-8724

REG BFMSTR BULL

25 m/o, red & wht w/ speckles, \$3500
Joe Calwise
Laurens
864-923-6887

REG BLK ANG BULL

7 m/o, Payweight b'line, \$1500
Annette Whitaker
York
803-925-2129

WEANED BEEF CALVES

3-5 m/o, vac/wormed, \$350+
Casey McCarty
Newberry
803-924-5239

17 M/O BRANGUS BULL

blk, gray, & red, friendly, \$1500, lv msg
Cathy Sanders
Darlington
843-383-1958

3 REG CHAR BULLS

15 m/o, Cigar & Ledger breeding, gentle natured, \$2800 ea
Darrell Callis
Oconee
864-482-1778

REG BLK ANG

8 mature cows, bred back; 8 calves, 4 hefrs, 4 bulls, \$2250+
Van Davenport
Horry
843-222-8153

BLK & RED ANG CATTLE

reg, \$2500+
Danny Winchester
Pickens
864-637-8592

FB RED POLL YRLG BULLS

open & bred hefrs, cow/calf prs, \$1500-2500
J Wyatt
Marlboro
803-651-3086

REG & COMM BULLS

& hefrs, all low BW, gentle, serv ready, \$1500-3000
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

REG BFMSTER PB BULLS

\$1400+; reg hefrs, \$1500+
John Steele
Lancaster
803-283-7720

POL HRFRD BULL CALVES

9 & 8 m/o, from reg stock, no papers, \$800
Scott Hornsby
Richland
803-530-8667

BLK ANG BULL

12 m/o, \$1100
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

REG BRANGUS BULL

4 y/o, low birth wt, EPD, gentle & exc, \$3000
Carol Bailey
Anderson
864-314-3384

9 BREEDING AGE HEFRS

15-17 m/o, 6 baldies, 2 Blk Ang, 1 red baldy, short exp to LBW Brangus bull, \$1800 ea obo
Dakota Schrock
Barnwell
330-663-6326

F1 RED BALDY

16 m/o, \$1800; reg Hrfrd cow w/red baldy hefr calf, \$3000; wormed & vac
Travis Cushman
Aiken
803-640-1982

HERD DISPERSAL

bred cows, bred hefrs, open hefrs, prs, 3 herd bulls, EQ, \$1500-2200
Tracy Lawing
Chester
704-617-6165

9 ANG & SIM ANG COWS

5-10 y/o, w/calves & bred, in Fairfield Co, \$1500+
Bill Harris
Out of State
865-567-1252

FB BLK ANG BULLS

12-15 m/o, Montana & Biltmore b'lines, \$1350-\$1600
James Elder
Spartanburg
864-909-4125

REG BLK ANG BULLS

14-24 m/o, calving ease, docile, \$2000+; Blk Ang hefrs, weaned, vac, \$1500+
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

WOODS DHM6 DISC HARROW

VGC, \$2200; Dirt Dog APP66-7 scarifier, EC, \$1100
Greg B Sosebee
Pickens
864-650-6565

'57 JD 820 TRACTOR

2 cyl dsl w/pup start, 5 sets whl wts, 1 HD outlet, PS, \$6500
Ray Overholt
Abbeville
864-379-4011

JD 261 FINISH MWR

for parts, gear box, belt & pulleys all functional, \$150
William Yarborough
Colleton
843-708-3665

8' W NH 616 DISC MWR

well maint & barn kept, 1 owner, FR, \$4500
Daniel Adkins
York
803-984-7009

BURROUGHS SPRYR 110G

28' w/Centerline 220 GPS unit, \$2700; 8 1/2' Morra Rotary hay rake, \$1650; both dry store & EC
Bob Morgan
Dillon
843-845-7914

AGROTK/MOWERKING

72" Skid Steer Brush Cutter, new, \$2200
Rick Rankin
Lexington
803-518-2865

5' BUSH HOG

\$850
R B Brown
Greenville
864-244-8292

595 FRANKLIN SKIDDER

GC, \$12,000; Rome bedding plow, \$1000
Samuel Cribb
Williamsburg
843-558-2256

FORD 1920 DSL TRACTOR

32 hp, PS, well maint, \$7000
Fred Jackson
Abbeville
864-378-8078

IH 140 TRACTOR

new tires, w/cults, plntrs & fert distrib, EC, \$5000
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

14' WOODS1680 BUSH HOG

\$3000
Jimmy Forrest
Saluda
803-685-7735

JD 3520 4x4 TRACTOR

w/74 hrs & ldr, MX5 cutter & 60" Beafco finishing mwr, \$25,000
Lois Sellers
Chesterfield
843-623-7384

JD 915 FLEX HDR

& combine, FC, \$2500 obo
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

20 DISC HARROWS

USA made, 3ph, GC, \$1600
Jim Atkinson
Pickens
864-207-8854

JD 350 HAY RAKE

\$700; 2r cult, \$650; hay elevator, \$200
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

JD 6500 HI BOY

60' boom, \$22,000
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

KUBOTA L4701 W/LDR

4x4, 6' Land Pride box scrap, LT 200 hrs, \$26,500
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

BUSH HOG OFFSET HARROW

16 disc w/cyl, EC, \$5000
Debo Jacks
Laurens
864-923-0522

6x12 DUAL AXLE TRL

\$1200; JD 524 frt mntd blade, \$1500
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

OFFSET DISC HARROW

3ph Burch, VGC, \$1400
Rowland Alston
Sumter
803-491-7180

POST HOLE DIGGER

Bush Hog HD w/9" auger, \$500
Harold Wright
Cherokee
864-838-4763

CLAAS VARIANT 280 RND BALER

shed kept & maintained yearly, \$11,000
Sonya Parnell
Calhoun
803-518-2916

JD 4720 4WD LDR

\$32,000; Cat D7F, \$35,000; MF 1105, \$15,000; JD 3020, \$10,000; MF 1080, \$9500
Ronald McGraw
Lancaster
980-255-8584

JD BD1113 GRAIN DRILL

small seed box, light kit, 13' 7-5 spacing, new, \$19,500
Steve Sease
Anderson
864-304-6313

RHINO ROTARY CUTTER

mod TW84, same used by hwy dept, GC, \$4000
Stephen Gedosch
Greenville
864-982-4490

NH 1003 STACK WAGON

shed kept, \$4900 obo; JD 25' field cult, FR, \$3700 obo
Drake Kinley
Abbeville
864-353-9628

JD 925F GRAIN HDR

\$6000
Ronald Friday
Richland
803-210-6103

HYD V-RAKE

good tires, needs rakes, \$1500
Bobby Baker
Lancaster
803-804-2230

JD 450C CRAWLER DOZER

w/open-close bucket, does not twist to side, \$11,000; 7' boom pole, \$140, call/text
Franklin Brown
Charleston
843-224-4711

NH RND BALER 640

net & string wrap, \$4500; Adam stock trl, w/tack room, \$5500
Matt McGinn
Lancaster
704-363-1099

'61 FORD 851 TRACTOR

45 hp, \$4975
Tom Kirkley
Lancaster
803-246-8195

1R SUBSOILER

2r btm plow, 1r cult, more, \$100+
Bill Heard
Greenwood
864-993-8600

DISC MWR

Bush Hog DM8 for parts, \$700
Jacob Cathcart
Fairfield
803-603-7322

75 HP JD 3020

wide frt, Rops added, GRC, \$11,000
Jim Blackwell
Greenville
864-617-3344

MF 4x5 BALER

\$2000; CI 3206 mwr for parts, \$500; 3ph dirt pan, \$150
Daniel McMahan
Greenwood
864-223-9497

JD 300 CORN PKR

w/244 W row head, EC, \$2700
Addison Livingston
Lexington
803-608-0998

500 GT BATCH GRAIN DRYER

GRC, \$3000; Powell Strip till 4r subsoiler, \$4000
Manning Bair
Dorchester
843-563-4114

JD 310-A BACKHOE/FRONT END LDR

cranks & all functions in WC, \$13,500 obo
John Ramsey
Richland
803-600-5099

15' IH 1020 HDR AUGER

\$400; NH rnd baler, \$2700
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-445-8350

'22 DOVETAIL DECK OVER TRL

dual 6500# axles, pintle hitch, new bearings, reinforced frame, \$8000
Matthew Kears
Hampton
803-842-0377

2000 FORD TRACTOR

needs wiring repairs, has no brakes, as is, \$2000
Samuel Edwards
Georgetown
843-546-0691

JD6500 SPRYR

w/60' frt fold booms, \$25,000; JD1700 6r vac plntr, row cleaners, liq fert & spray, \$16,000
Joe Phillips Jr
Lexington
803-600-2928

DISC HARROW

Massey 120 HD, 16 scalloped disc, EC, new bearings, 6.5' W, \$1500
Heath Hoover
Sumter
803-499-4572

12' STOCK TRL

\$1800 obo; road scraper, \$700; in Fairfield Co
Bill Harris
Out of State
865-567-1252

'12 DR POWER WAGON

power whl barrow, 10 hrs, elec & pull start, garage kept, \$995
Cameron Floyd
Darlington
843-687-3515

JD 40 T

\$3500; JD 1010, dsl, \$3500; JD 2955, parts tractor w/ldr, \$9000; Ford 600, \$2500
Furman Mahon
Laurens
864-684-9525

INT 1086

GRC but needs some work, \$12,000 obo
Joshua Clayton
Laurens
864-871-3803

JD 2010 TRACTOR

w/canopy, new rear tires, w/2r cult & plntrs, GC, \$7500; GMC 7000 boom, 37' w/16' dump, \$12,000
Jimmy Wilson
Anderson
864-923-2348

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FARM LABOR

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

WILDLIFE MGMT

nuisance wildlife control & removal
Jarod Goins
Lexington
803-381-8917

TRACTOR/EQUIP REPAIR

tractor, dozer, skid steer, misc equip, mech, elec, hyd, ref avail
Paul Hammitt
Spartanburg
864-921-2294

FORESTRY MULCHING

land clearing/grading, excavation & fence work
Scotty Proctor
Newberry
803-586-4572

HAULING HAY

your location to POD, statewide, call for est
Bruce Thomas
Dorchester
843-636-1699

LIGHT TRACTOR WORK

incl bush hogging, discing, cut up & removal of downed trees, light landscaping
John Tanner
Lexington
803-422-4714

FORESTRY MULCHING

& clearing, clear land w/ mulcher or excavator, small to lrg tracts
Dakota Hollman
Lexington
803-687-6382

FORESTRY MULCHING

land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging
Jay Lowder
Clarendon
803-473-0646

LIGHT BUSH HOGGING

tractor work, lawn maint
Glenn Goins
Lexington
803-381-8287

RECLAIM PASTURES

pond builds, demo & removal of old bldgs, land clearing, insured, free quotes, veteran owned
Paul Irby
Chester
803-374-3142

PASTURE MGMT SERV

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

FORESTRY MULCHING

& clearing, pine site prep, mulching, land clearing, ditching/drainage, ponds, road work
Andy Anderson
Florence
843-862-1080

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

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

LIME SPREADING

specialize in TN, call for prices
Drake Kinley
Anderson
864-353-9628

CERTIFIED FARRIER

trims goats & donkeys; also trims & shoes trail horses
Joe Payne
Oconee
864-888-7642

ONSITE MOBILE WELDING

& fabrication, farm & hvy equip, fences, gates, etc
Garrett Stephens
Greenville
828-405-2176

POND CONSULTATIONS

& stocking; feeders; aerators, traps-turtle, fish, etc; feed, lime, fertilizer; structure
Clay Chappell
Richland
803-776-4923

WANT PERSON

to replace/repair wooden 3 board horse fencing, GQ work needed
Paul Cromer
Newberry
803-513-0795

LAND CLEARING

stumping/raking, site prep, house/building pad, driveways, licensed & insured, serving upstate of SC
Ben Leonard
Pickens
864-901-8155

TRACTOR WORK

frt end ldr, dirt blade, bush hog, chain saw trees, back hoe work w/in 20 mi
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

DOZER/TRACKHOE WORK

land clearing, ditching, ponds, roads, trackhoe bush hog, building pads
Fred Morris
Florence
843-621-8647

PECAN CRACKING/ SHELLING

cracking only, 50¢/lb; 85¢ for both
Richard Naumann
Richland
803-546-4603

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 NOW SUBMIT ADS FOR LAND IN SC.

WANT LAND TO LEASE

for hunting, Darlington or surrounding Cos, have equip to repair & maintain property
Ray Sealey
Darlington
843-409-1717

26A FARM SALUDA CO

on Fairfax Rd, pastured w/ pond, house & workshop, \$260,000
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
865-993-4212

WANT LAND

on Broad River Rd for hunting & fishing, will buy, lease
David Richard
Chester
803-581-5585

WANT LAND TO BUY

cutover, abandoned, or timbered land in Bamberg, Clarendon, Hampton Co
James Simons
Charleston
843-708-7361

WANT 5+A

suitable for livestock, Fairfield, Kershaw Co
Mason Motley
Richland
803-754-3224

WANT LAND TO LEASE

for cattle, west York Co area
Jason Straub
York
803-417-5200

FRESH PRODUCE

PRODUCE MUST BE RAW AND NON-PROCESSED. RAW MILK, BUTTER, AND CHEESE PRODUCTS MUST BE PERMITTED BY THE SC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. AN EGG LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ON-FARM POINTS OF SALE.

EGGS

guinea, duck, & chicken, \$2.50/dz
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

FRESH BROWN EGGS

free range, \$3/dz; \$4 for 18
Timothy Lemasters
Barnwell
803-300-6110

FARM FRESH EGGS

\$3/dz
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7598

MUSCADINES

golden & purple var, u-pick, \$10/gal
Katie Wilson
Spartanburg
864-430-4547

FRESH OKRA

picked daily, \$2/lb
Shirley Best
Darlington
843-616-4830

MUSCOVY DUCK EGGS

fresh, free range, \$5/dz
Clifford Scott
Charleston
843-225-1137

BROWN TURKEY FIGS

\$12/gal, del Irmo area
Glenn Garrett
Richland
803-730-1902

BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE

\$75/100 stalks
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

CHICKEN EGGS

farm fresh, \$3/dz, \$4/18
Rose Roof
Lexington
803-315-7307

GARDEN

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

FIG & POMEGRANATE

& Elderberry trees, \$20; grapevines, \$25/2; Blueberry bushes, \$20/3; Loquat, \$30
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

POTTED MUSCADINE VINES

Scuppernong, Blk Beauty, Supreme & Carlos var, \$10/pot
Kathryn Wilson
Spartanburg
863-430-4547

MUSCADINE PLANTS

purple, lrg fruit & hvy bearing, \$5 ea or 5 for \$20
Brian Gray
Greenville
864-908-9777

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

8 M/O KIKO BILLY

good breeding stock, \$200
Jane Blackwell
Lexington
864-377-4606

F NGN DWARF GOAT

3 m/o w/nice markings, \$175
Lisa McGrath
Marion
240-210-0200

NGN DWARF BUCK

1 y/o, \$150; Pygmy mix buck, 1 y/o, \$125; or both for \$250
Patty Jackson
Cherokee
864-316-0741

6 M/O KAT X DOPER RAMS

some ¾ Doper, \$200 ea, less for all
Deborah Goff
Kershaw
803-269-8189

KATAHDIN RAM LAMBS

B-2-3/23, \$200 ea
Bill Heard
Greenwood
864-223-1606

3 M/O BOAR KIKO CROSS

& adult goats, \$200+
Terry Gibert
Greenwood
864-993-4212

BRIAR GOATS

1 billy & 3 nannies, all 4 y/o, \$250 ea; 1 y/o billy, (2) 6 m/o billies, \$150 ea
Leroy Smith
Lexington
803-356-3602

(2) 9 W/O MINI BILLIES

domesticated, blk/wht w/ blue eyes, can neuter for free, \$200 ea
Joseph Smith
Calhoun
803-878-1337

BEWARE OF AD SALES SCAMS

Often suspicious buyers are located in another state or country and refuse to meet in person, and may offer to pay with an easily falsifiable payment method like a money order. Protect yourself by buying and selling in person, verifying the payment, don't give out personal information, and trust your gut.

HAY & GRAIN

SQ RYE & WHEAT STRAW

\$4/bale; Oats, \$45, your 55 gal drum; Wheat, \$60, your 55 gal drum
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

'23 4x5 RND BALES

spring cut rye grass, fert, in barn, \$60; outside, \$50
Danny Leitner
Fairfield
843-200-0887

'23 WHEAT/OAT/RYEGRASS

\$45; '23 Fescue/Grass hay, \$40; both 4x5 & net wrap
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-9292

'23 4x5 CB

shed kept, fert & lime sprayed, \$75; oats, \$65, del avl for fee
Edward Chavis
Barnwell
803-671-3108

WHEAT STRAW

4x5 net wrap, \$40 ea
Richard Knight
Kershaw
803-427-6440

OATS STRAW

\$4; '23 Alfalfa, 3rd cut, 4x4 net wrap, \$125
Tom Fink
Lexington
803-622-4678

'23 SQ FESCUE

NR, in barn, \$7 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

'23 5x5 MIXED HAY

in barn, \$60
John Telligman
Chester
803-374-6231

RAIN DAMAGED HAY

4x5 rnd, for mulch, \$20
Ed Hagan
Abbeville
864-378-6992

'23 HQ SQ CB

shed kept, \$7.50 ea, del avail for fee
Nathan Oswald
Lexington
803-317-3090

'23 HQ COASTAL

limed, fert, shed kept, 4x4 rnd, \$70; sq, \$8, del avail
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

NEW CROP WHEAT

\$65/your supplied 55 gal, less per qty, lrg amnts avail
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922

ALFALFA

\$12/sq; Grass-Alfalfa mix, \$65/rnd; Grass, \$45/rnd; rain damaged Alfalfa hay, \$35/rnd, all SC grown
Jackie Rogers
Spartanburg
864-381-5971

'23 FESCUE

4x5, \$40
Ralph Grant
Saluda
864-445-2439

'23 FESCUE & RYE GRASS

rnd net wrap, fert, HQ, \$45/bale
Don Counts
Newberry
803-315-1016

'23 4x5 NET WRAP CB

shed kept, \$70/bale
Carlisle Kinard
Bamberg
803-824-9247

4x5 OAT STRAW

net wrap, \$30/bale
Addison Livingston
Lexington
803-608-0998

WHEAT STRAW

sq, \$5/bale
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

'23 RND 4x5 CB

NR, barn stored, \$70/bale, vol disc avail
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

'23 4x5 RND FESCUE MIX

net wrap, in Honea Path, \$40/bale or \$45 to del
Suzanne Reed
Anderson
864-293-0363

'23 SQ HQ CB

\$8; Crabgrass, \$50; Rye Straw, \$5 ea; all shed kept
Clayton Leaphart
Lexington
803-892-2642

'23 4x5 CB

net wrap, \$70; Rye straw, \$5 ea, all barn kept
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

EAR CORN

50 lb bag, \$8/bag
Craig Henry
Beaufort
843-521-3826

'23 4x5 FESCUE

twine tied, barn kept, well fert, HQ, NR, \$45/bale
Jim Wood
Pickens
864-979-8145

FRESH CUT HAY

4x5 rnd bales, Wheat & Mixed Grass, GQ, \$40/bale
David Gardner
Saluda
803-730-3485

MIXED GRASS

4x5 net wrap under shed, \$50/bale, del avail for fee
Jacob Cathcart
Fairfield
803-603-7322

HOGS / PIGS

CROSS PIGLETS

90% Berkshire, 10% York, 5 F, 2 cut M, 8 w/o, \$150 ea
J Painter
Spartanburg
864-641-9855

YORKSHIRE/DUROC PIGLETS

25-30 lb, \$65 ea
Clayton Culler
Orangeburg
803-622-9790

4 M & 4 F PIGLETS

cut, blacken & old spotted
English, \$60
Jeremy Shealy
Lexington
803-513-9645

OLD SPOTTED BREED

1 y/o M, 300 lbs, \$100
William Shealy
Lexington
803-513-3485

FEEDER PIGS

35-60 lbs, \$75 ea
Earl Watts
Lexington
803-917-4794

2 PB RED WATTLE GILTS

1 y/o on 7/31, \$300 ea
Harold Crane
Pickens
864-506-5021

MISCELLANEOUS

5 MH AXLES

4 w/o brakes & 1 w/brakes, all for \$350
Mike Dixon
Chester
803-385-7057

750 BLK GROWING POTS

plastic, 1-3 gal sizes, \$50 for all
Charles Whitehead
Lexington
803-629-4700

STEAK CUBING MACHINES

used Hobart mod 403 comm grade, G-EC, \$1200+
Lamar Snipes
Lexington
803-465-6094

DAIRY FARM SURGE JAR

glass, no chips/cracks, p-up, \$150 cash only
Debbie Burgess
Spartanburg
864-498-8175

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT

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

CRAFTSMAN LAWN MWR

42" deck, old needs some work, can be used for parts, \$150
Jarod Goins
Lexington
803-381-8917

CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

to catch & control, sold & ship in lots of 5, \$85 incl ship
Bill Timmerman
Aiken
803-640-6265

16x9.38 BKT TRACTOR TIRE

8 ply, new, \$675
Edward Klugh
Greenwood
864-374-3162

1500 GAL POLY TANK

\$1000
Jeffrey Gilmore
Chesterfield
843-517-0315

RND CEDAR POSTS

cut to var sizes, 4-10" dia, 6-12' L, \$6-12 ea, depend on size; cut 4x4, \$2/bdft
Douglass Britt
McCormick
864-391-3334

DEHORNING TOOLS

& dehorning, hoof cleaning, more, \$25 ea or \$90 for all
George Whittle
Edgefield
803-275-3729

2 FUEL TANKS

300 gal w/elec pump, \$400; 200 gal, \$100
Neely Dove
Chester
843-374-4362

HONEY EXTRACTOR

manual, holds 2 lrg or 2 small frames, \$195
Sylvia Owens
Anderson
864-221-8368

1"x6" CEDAR LUMBER

\$1.50/ft cedar posts, 30' utility poles, \$3/ft
James Burns
Laurens
864-918-6308

SNAPPER 22" PUSH MWR

7 hp, GRC, extra parts, \$95
Tom Kirkley
Lancaster
803-246-8195

SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL

5 ton load, \$60/sand clay; \$90/topsoil, del w/in 20 mi; rock or sand, \$2/mi del
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

HDWD LUMBER

var Oaks & Poplar, boards 1"x12"x8'L, \$4/bdft, free del
300 bdft or less in upstate
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

RADIATOR

for IH 715 combine, \$300; new 5 hp elec motor, bought for grain auger, will work w/anything, \$800
Jason Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

105 KW GEN

w/400 amp ATS, \$10,500; 57" high efficiency barn fans, \$375
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

MEADOWS #1 SAWMILL

auto set, Friction feed, \$12,500; Cat D4E straight blade w/tilt, GC, \$18,500
Furman Mahon
Laurens
864-684-9525

B N GAS HOLE DIGGER

w/2 augers, \$435; 280 gal skid tank, \$165; all cash, more
Randy Orr
Anderson
864-295-3736

5 HP IRRIG PUMP

new, \$250; p-up hose, \$25; Rainbird sprinklers, \$20 ea; TroyBilt self-propelled mwr, EC, \$225
George Schwab
York
803-493-8021

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

JD SHORT BLOCK

\$1200; radiator, \$150; both fit JD 2755 tractor
Robert Hurley
Laurens
864-981-5352

BELT PULLEY

for hand turn meat grinder, \$40; Wizard push reel mwr, \$75; more
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

25 GAL WASH POT

straight side, LN, \$400; wooden peach boxes, \$25
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

TARTER #3 SQ CHUTE

EC, \$3500; 20 water tubs, \$20 ea, in Fairfield Co
Bill Harris
Out of State
865-567-1252

PLANTS & FLOWERS

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1 GAL AZALEAS

\$5; Crepe Myrtles, Camellias, Lime Hydrangeas, \$20; Tea Olives & dwarf Mex Petunias, \$7; Boxwoods, \$6
FC Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

STELLA D'ORO DAYLILIES

3 plants, \$2; Bengal Tiger & yellow Cannas, \$1 ea, no ship
Robert Yonce
Aiken
803-685-7240

MONKEY GRASS

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

JAP MAPLES

Gingko's, Hollies, \$25
George Luthren
Lexington
803-319-1380

RABBITS

BABY RABBITS

wht/pink eyes & blk/wht markings, \$15 ea, 2/\$25 obo
Lorie Truhn
Anderson
864-993-2590

PURE MINI REX BUNNIES

6 w/o, calico/marbled, friendly, \$30
Kezia Fellows
Aiken
803-443-8572

WHT NZ/REX CROSS

diff age groups, \$8
Barbara Kidd
Chester
803-444-9327

4 BABY RABBITS

mini Rex mother, standard Rex father, \$35
Chad Larsen
Charleston
843-297-2649

2 LITTERS OF BUNNIES

Rex CA/NZ & Rex/Silver fox cross, \$25
Charissa Lowe
Lexington
843-384-3539

FLEMISH GIANT

Redback, Cottontail, French Silver, Chinchilla, \$10-20 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

LA COTTONTAIL CROSSED

on Mississippi cane cutter, \$10 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

EXC BREEDER TURKEYS

1st yr, Royal Palm tom, Blue Slate hen, \$75 ea or both for \$125
Jack F Smith
Anderson
864-309-1710

PEACHICKS & ADULTS

whites, peds, Indian blues & Blk Shoulder, H-23, SR, \$40+
Buddy Sanders
Anderson
864-221-1264

CHICKS & HEN S

good egg layers, \$10+ ea
Mike McBride
Anderson
864-992-4301

5 M/O GOLDEN COMETS

starting to lay, \$30 ea; 4 m/o Bantam RIR, \$25/pr
Tommy Axson
Greenville
864-350-1450

BULL STAGS

2 sweaters, 1 Sweater/Kelso, \$50 ea
Russell Goings
Union
864-426-2309

YNGRINGNECK PHEASANTS

& guineas, \$10 ea; Easter Egger pullets, \$15 ea
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

YNG GUINEAS

\$5 ea; 8 w/o Silkie chicks, \$4 ea
Joyce Ligon
York
803-684-3518

MUSCOVY DUCKS

3 trios, \$75/trio obo
Bob Cathey
Anderson
864-303-8203

MUSCOVY DUCKS

3+ m/o, \$12 ea
Betty Campbell
Richland
803-429-0677

MUSCOVY DUCKS

asst ages, \$5-20 ea; Mallard ducks, 4 m/o, \$30/pr
Brenda Fogle
Orangeburg
803-707-5678

ASIL GAMES

\$10+; eggs, \$5/dz; wht & colored King pigeons, \$16 ea
Lynn Claxton
Colleton
843-909-4285

WHT & BRN LEGHORN

Jersey Giant, RIR pullets, 12-18 w/o, laying soon, \$12-15 ea; Blk Sexlink pullet chicks, \$3+
Marc Renwick
Newberry
803-271-8691

SILKIE HENS

& chicks, \$8; pls text
Lisa Obert
Newberry
803-924-7378

BACK TAILS

4 prs, \$25/pr
Barbara Long
Lexington
803-604-7377

HATCHING EGGS

Coturnix Quail, \$4/dz
Barbara Kidd
Chester
803-444-9327

DIAMOND DOVES

\$20 ea
Mosco Faulk
Sumter
803-494-8499

WHT KING PIGEONS

banded prs, \$15/bird
Benson Ray
Georgetown
843-933-5367

D/O QUAIL

\$2 ea
Brian Motley
Kershaw
803-315-7508

MILLE FLEUR OE BANTAMS

\$20/pr
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922

4 BROAD-BREADED TURKEYS

Giant wht, 5 m/o, 25lbs, \$50 ea or 4 for \$175
Terry Simmons
Abbeville
864-314-0776

WHT SILKIE CHICKS

5 m/o, \$10 ea; Silkie & Bobwhite hatching eggs, \$12/dz
Ernie Redmond
Orangeburg
803-535-8038

POULTRY

pigeons, homers, blue bars, check's, African eagles, solid wht racers, brown racers, 3 m/o, \$10+
Smittie Smith
Pickens
864-561-5534

INDIAN BLUE PEACHICKS

several w/o, open run, incubator hatched, \$40 ea
Barbara Long
Lexington
803-920-3421

RED & GRAY JUNGLE FOWL

\$25/pr; Guineas, Ducks, Roller pigeons, Pheasant, \$5-9 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

HAY WAGON RUNNING GEAR

any cond
Paul Hammitt
Spartanburg
864-921-2294

JD FIBER CANOPY TOP

from any model later than '95
Talmadge Luker
Greenwood
864-456-2253

MF 362 TRACTOR

junked for parts
Jack Edmonds
Cherokee
864-461-8812

FRT END LDR

for Ford 4000 dsl tractor
Carter Wadford
Berkeley
843-693-3150

JD 653A ROW CROP HDR

Henry Gunter
Lexington
803-260-5502

DSL MOTOR W/INJ PUMP

for JD 1520 tractor, in GC or rebuildable
Robert Edwards
Newberry
803-920-6479

BLKSMITH ANVILS

wash pots, any sized farm bells, #3 bell cradle
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

AUGER ATTACH

for mini excavator
Andrew Oakes
Clarendon
843-343-1804

FILSON GOAT TABLE

Cal Norris
Edgefield
864-378-2693

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

RABBITS

peacocks, turkeys, guineas, swans, ducks, geese, chickens
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

WANT PIGEONS

& poultry, reasonably priced
Lynn Claxton
Colleton
843-909-4285

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OLD FARM WAGON

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

ELEC FUEL TANK PUMP

goes into 500 gal dsl tank
Charles Nichols
Saluda
864-992-2753

BEEKEEPING EQUIP

to incl frames, boxes, tops or bottoms, will pay reasonable price
David Gainey
Darlington
843-861-2745

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, pay top prices, 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

LONG LEAF PINE STRAW FIELDS

for raking
David Shull
Lexington
803-318-4263

5V CRIMP TIN

any old farm equip or metal items removed for free
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

FARMER OF THE YEAR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

O’Neal makes a point of incorporating innovations in ergonomic aids for harvesting and packing. Continuous farm, field, and food safety training is also in place to ensure a team-based culture of safety and quality. All marketing of produce is done in house. O’Neal said, “We meet regularly with our customers to gauge their desires and tailor our produce to fit their needs. Food trends are always evolving, so we partner with retail stores to provide the end consumer with the premium-quality healthy and delicious produce they expect and deserve. What Coosaw Farms grows essentially sells itself.”

Every cultivated acre of row crop land is strip-tilled to protect it from soil erosion. O’Neal added, “We use a cloud-based, remotely accessible system of moisture sensors to manage our irrigation and monitor soil temperature and the depth that fertilizer moves through it. This type of system enables us to deploy ‘just the right amount’ of water and fertilizer with benefits to both plant vigor and water conservation.”



On Coosaw Farms there’s a culture of old-fashioned thrift where the O’Neal’s re-purpose and reuse whatever’s possible, striving for near zero waste. The company has an active recycling program that includes plastics, metal, packaging, and office paper. Coosaw Farms carefully levels its fields to a degreed plane before crop cultivation and follows with GPS technology to build and shape precise rows. This enables optimal drainage and the capability for rainwater recapture through channeled flow. Carefully planned networks of ditches and trenches capture water and establish reservoirs for holding that water throughout the year; that water is then used in frost protection, and irrigation.

Crop rotation helps suppress weeds, pathogens, and insect pests, and crop diversity helps spread economic risk that’s a constant in farming. Rotational crops like field corn, cotton, and sorghum have a stabilizing effect on the agro-ecosystem by holding soil and nutrients in place, conserving soil moisture and water-holding capacity, and protecting against soil-borne diseases and depositing valuable natural minerals. These practices reduce the need for both chemical inputs and costly manufactured fertilizers, and therefore benefit the consumer as well as the environment.

O’Neal noted, “We are in regular collaboration with researchers, including ongoing on-farm research with Clemson University, to discover improved growing methodologies and conservation. Our

company culture embraces advancing technologies (we even invent them) and makes annual investments back into the company for continuous improvement and deployment of smart innovation for cost savings, efficiency, and improved crop quality.”

He added, “We try not to waste any produce and partner with food banks and other service organizations locally and nationally. To that end trucks pick up here at the farm and deliver to places of need. For example, through our partnership with Farm to Food Bank in 2015, Coosaw Farms shared fresh produce that was transformed into 986,208

meals for the hungry, and 374,298 pounds were donated directly from the fields in 2016.”

On the county level O’Neal is a member of the Farm Bureau Board of Directors and is on the Holy Trinity Classical Christian School Board of Governors. On the state level he is a member of the South Carolina Watermelon Association. On the national level he’s a member of the North American Blackberry and Raspberry Association, the National Watermelon Association and the Southeast Produce Council.

Christie O’Neal is the Business Director of Seaside Farm. She’s a former member of the vestry at St. Helena’s Anglican Church and is a current HTCCS (Holy Trinity Classical Christian School) Finance Committee member as well as a Women’s Small Group Leader at St. Helena’s Anglican Church.

On the subject of overcoming the challenges of farming as a career, O’Neal stated, “Over a decade ago, we began to see significant crop losses of watermelons to fusarium wilt. By adjusting the production system we have been able to restore our crop yields to previous levels. Aside from the inevitable market, labor, and weather ups and downs, you just have to realize at some point that some things are simply out of your control. All you can do is your best, do things correctly, and let go of the rest.”

One of the most important and rewarding aspects of O’Neal’s daily life is seeing Coosaw Farms employees develop their full potential in whatever job they’re tackling. He observed, “Over time I

can see remarkable growth in people—growth in capability, confidence, and good decision-making.”

The O’Neal’s are also faithful members of St. Helena’s Anglican Church and have helped build, support, and sponsor the Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort as well as its sister school, the Good Shepherd Academy in Juba, South Sudan.

The O’Neal family takes an annual trip to Islamorada in the Florida Keys, to kick back, fish, and enjoy living like Jimmy Buffet for a week. Whenever they can take time for the two of them, Brad and Christie like

to head to one of the Caribbean islands like Antigua, Tortola, or Turks & Caicos.

Summing up his personal philosophy, O’Neal said, “If you’re not growing, you’re dying. And there’s nothing wrong with competition, but you should compete with yourself, not the other guy. I think prosperity is infinite if you’re willing to work hard for it. But it’s also necessary and a Christian duty

to ‘throw the rope back over the fence’ and help someone else climb over. Lastly, you better have fun farming because you’re not going to have much time to do anything else!”

Robert Last nominated Brad O’Neal for South Carolina Farmer of the Year. He is the Commercial Horticulture Agent, Cooperative Extension for Clemson University in Lexington County. Last said, “It is my pleasure to nominate Brad O’Neal for the coveted farmer of the year award. I have worked with Brad on research projects, and developing new enterprises for the farm. He’s an outstanding example of someone who’s open to innovative ideas, practices, and technology, and making the difficult but necessary adjustments when major farming trends change.

“As a member of Farm Bureau, Brad has been an excellent advocate for South Carolina agriculture on the state and national levels. He also has the ability to achieve expansion and maintain quality yields through careful management of both the farm and developing critical human resources. He is committed to giving back to others in the farming community and prioritizing time with his family. The entire team at Coosaw Farms is dedicated to providing first-rate produce grown with care and dedication.”

The Sunbelt Expo is coordinating the Southeastern Farmer of the Year awards for the 33rd consecutive year. A total of \$1,284,000 in cash awards and other honors have been awarded to 286 southeastern farmers since the award was initiated in 1990. Learn more at sunbelttagexpo.com.

HUB CITY ROOTS ANNOUNCES 2023 URBAN FARM YOUTH CREW

BY DORI BURGESS, HUB CITY ROOTS

Hub City Roots, formerly known as Hub City Farmers Market, is dedicated to strengthening the local food system through Markets, Equitable Access, and Youth Development. As part of this mission, the "Youth Crew at the Farm" paid internship program provides real-world experience in agricultural concepts to develop employable skills for young people. Participants will work on our quarter-acre urban farm located in Spartanburg City Limits. The farm features 29 raised beds built by students, a 30x50 ft greenhouse, and a 10x15 pavilion for classroom-style learning and hands-on activities. The comprehensive education Hub City Roots provides covers a broad range of essential subjects. Students are exposed to regenerative agriculture, carbon offset education, renewable energy topics in STEM courses, and critical curricula like financial literacy, college and career readiness, among others.



The program's STEM programming is crucial as high-quality internships that link high school students and community college students to local businesses and other employers in formal learning structures are underutilized in South Carolina. Creating strong connections between students and the workplace ensures that education is relevant for students and provides local employers with the skilled workforce they need.

The number of young farmers is not keeping pace with the number of farmers aging out of the field, and the average age of primary producers is increasing. The widening gap between primary producers over 65 and under 35 reveals an attrition crisis in agriculture as farmers retire without a successor in place. The "Youth Crew at the Farm" internship program may spark the interest of young people in agricultural careers and help secure future farmers.

This year, students were given a wonderful opportunity to work alongside the highly skilled Master Gardeners of America at their "Plant-a-Row" farm located in Cowpens. Together, they harvested crops to be distributed for free on Hub City Roots' Mobile Market to Spartanburg Housing Authority senior complexes. This experience allowed the students not only to gain valuable skills but also to contribute to their community in a meaningful way.

The enrolled students range in age from 14 to 19 and include both crew members and crew leaders. Two of the crew leaders are returning participants who received leadership training through Hub City Roots last fall and are now taking on leadership roles in this program.

Hub City Roots is excited to announce the support we received in recruiting our additional crew leader from the Shi Institute at Furman University. At Hub City Roots, we strongly believe in the importance of forging meaningful partnerships with institutions of higher learning, with a particular emphasis on environmental and sociological sustainability. Our non-profit organization is incredibly grateful for the invaluable guidance and support these partnerships provide, as they enable us to access the resources we need to positively impact our community. Through these collaborative efforts, we can work towards achieving our shared goals of creating a sustainable and thriving future for all."

Raven Logan, the Education Coordinator at Hub City Roots, has designed the curriculum and arranged for students to attend sessions with Healing Solutions of Spartanburg. The objective of these sessions is to assist in fostering a "growth mindset" for personal advancement and progress. These sessions are donated in kind by Healing Solutions.

Hub City Roots achieved remarkable success thanks to the generous support of Bank of America, Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union, the Mary Black Foundation, Spartanburg Academic Movement, AFL, and the Northside Development Group. The funding support provided by these partners was instrumental in helping this initiative reach its full potential.

MARKET BULLETIN

BARRIER BREAKERS PROGRAM CONNECTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO AG

The Barrier Breakers "As We Grow" program combines STEM and Agriculture Education outreach to underserved students across the state.

As We Grow seeks to engage underserved minority students ages 6-12, living in South Carolina, into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) & Agriculture. Through two 3-week project-based educational summer camps, students learn with the goal of encouraging agricultural career pathways, limiting summer slippage, and addressing food insecurity for students living in low-income communities located in a food desert.

Kyle Player, director of the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, visited one of the summer camp sessions. Founder and director Jennifer Cunningham brought in some Clemson Extension staffers to teach the student how to make strawberry jam.



SC FARMERS AND FOOD PROCESSORS SEEKING ORGANIC CERTIFICATION MAY QUALIFY FOR GRANT FUNDING

COLUMBIA – South Carolina farmers and food processors who want to pursue organic certification may qualify for reimbursement through a grant administered by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) and funded by the US Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

For some producers, organic certification can help reach new customers and align with existing ones.

"This funding enabled our farm to enhance our commitment to delivering premium, eco-friendly vegetables and chicken to our community while furthering our mission to promote environmental stewardship in agriculture," said Tim Rowe, who manages the Walterboro-area Blue Sky Sunny Day Farm, which received a cost share grant last year.

The Organic Certification Cost Share Program will reimburse producers and handlers of agricultural products up to 75 percent of the operation's total allowable certification costs, up to a maximum of \$750 per certification scope: crops, livestock, wild crops, and handling (i.e., processing).

In addition, two farm credit associations are supplementing the cost-share funding available under this grant. AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA and ArborOne Farm Credit, ACA have generously offered to supplement the Organic Certification Cost Share Program for South Carolina producers with an additional reimbursement of 25 percent of certification costs up to a maximum of \$250 per certification scope.

The deadline to apply for reimbursement this year is December 8, 2023.

SCDA also has five other cost share reimbursement programs available as projects of the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. These programs help offset the costs of operating a farm business, including installing cold storage, implementing value-added packaging, marketing at trade shows, and costs associated with Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Produce Safety Rule audits.

To apply for reimbursement programs through SCDA, visit agriculture.sc.gov/grants.

IT'S OKRA SEASON

HOW TO USE FRESH LOCAL SOUTH CAROLINA OKRA

BY CHASE MCINTOSH BAILLIE, CLEMSON COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

There are many foods and ingredients that elicit strong opinions among eaters, often based on one unpleasant sensory experience due to poor preparation, and not the food itself. Okra, a mucilaginous member of the Mallow family, is among the most common examples.

The natural sugars and soluble fiber contained in the plant, known as mucilage, are what cause okra to sometimes be gooey and slimy. This can be desirable as a thickener in soups, stews, gumbos — and also offensive to some. However, it is possible to significantly reduce the slime factor, depending on the method of preparation and cooking. Keeping the pods whole, dicing and adding to your favorite cornmeal batter for muffins, hushpuppies, fritters, and skillet cornbread, or adding an acid, such as in pickling, can transform the once-slimy okra into a unique snack or condiment palatable to even the most sensitive critics. Try the following

raw pack water bath canning pickle recipe from the National Center for Home Food Preservation at University of Georgia.

Note: Peppers can be omitted. If pickles are not processed in a water bath or steam canner, product may be stored in the refrigerator for 2 weeks.

If you decide to experiment with okra, we welcome you to share that experience as a comment on our Carolina Canning Facebook page at facebook.com/carolinacanning. For more information on safe and effective food preservation and preparation, visit



Clemson's Home and Garden Information Center website (clemson.edu/hgic). In addition to web-based resources, Food Systems and Safety agents across the state offer classes, outreach, and support to the public related to Food Systems, Safety, and Preservation throughout the year. For more information about upcoming

extension programs stay tuned to the Clemson Extension events page at clemson.edu/extension/events/index.html and filter by the topic area or region you are interested in.



Pickled Dilled Okra

Yield: 8 to 9 pints

- 7 lbs small okra pods
- 6 small hot peppers
- 4 tsp dill seed
- 8 to 9 garlic cloves
- 2/3 cup canning or pickling salt
- 6 cups water
- 6 cups vinegar (5 percent)

Wash and trim okra. Fill jars firmly with whole okra, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Place 1 garlic clove in each jar. Combine salt, hot peppers, dill seed, water, and vinegar in large saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour hot pickling solution over okra, leaving 1/2-inch headspace.

Process pints in a boiling water bath canner for the following times based on altitude. (Feet above sea level)

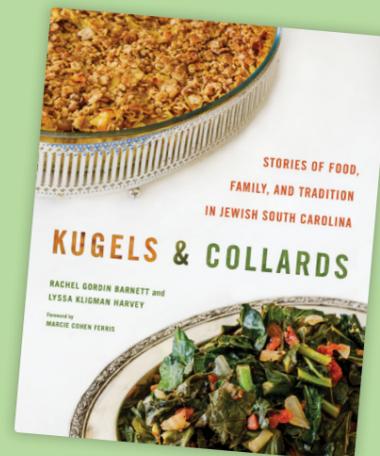
- **10 min:** 0–1,000 ft
- **15 min:** 1,001–6,000 ft
- **20 min:** Above 6,000 ft

If okra has been on your list of “foods I don’t eat,” maybe it's time to revisit and experiment with this or one of the many other transformative methods of preparation. Whether fresh, frozen, raw, boiled, steamed, sautéed, fried, in a gumbo, jambalaya, succotash, stewed with tomatoes, dehydrated, freeze-dried, pickled, or in a favorite cornmeal batter, okra can be enjoyed year-round by just about everyone willing to give it a chance, barring any allergies of course.

ANNIE GAILLIARD'S OKRA GUMBO

EXCERPTED FROM *KUGELS & COLLARDS*
BY RACHEL GORDIN BARNETT AND LYSSA KLIGMAN

Kugels & Collards, a new book by South Carolina natives Rachel Gordin Barnett and Lyssa Kligman Harvey, celebrates the Southern Jewish table. Featuring more than 80 recipes, full color photos, and accompanying stories, *Kugels & Collards* explores the intersection of traditional Jewish dishes and classic South Carolina ingredients and African American culinary traditions. Learn more at kugelsandcollards.org. On sale August 30 wherever books are sold.



Annie Gailliard shared this recipe with my Aunt Lynda Firetag Denberg, who then told it to me. It was a spoken recipe until now. Lynda changed the recipe slightly by using a mix of fresh and frozen vegetables and adding a dollop of ketchup. This recipe calls for lima beans, though not all recipes for okra gumbo do. I have given the recipe a Jewish touch, with a dollop of schmaltz and olive oil, served with a Jewish grain dish called kasha varnishkes rather than white rice. The okra gets very slimy when you cut it. Sautéing the okra over high heat or blanching it before sautéing can lessen the slime. Or you can soak the okra in vinegar for half an hour before cutting. Rinse and pat dry. Annie used vegetable oil to sauté the onions and okra. I add schmaltz to give it extra flavor with a Jewish touch!

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon schmaltz (rendered chicken fat)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 pound fresh okra, chopped
- 3 ears fresh corn, cooked and kernels taken off the cob
- 1 pound baby lima beans (fresh or frozen)
- 1 large can diced tomatoes or 4 fresh tomatoes, diced
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cover the bottom of a large heavy skillet with olive oil and a tablespoon of schmaltz. Cook on the stovetop on medium temperature. Caramelize the onions and garlic together. Put aside. Sauté the chopped okra on medium temperature to cook off the slime. Cook until tender. Add the corn and lima beans to the okra. Stir until well mixed and cook until tender. Add the tomatoes and the ketchup and cook on low until the vegetables are tender. Salt and pepper to taste. MAKES 6 TO 8 SERVINGS

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