

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

SC Farmer Resource Rodeo
February 7, 2019

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Organic Certification Program Coordinator
Department of Plant Industry

"Regulation Through Education"



Certified Organic Operation in SC

- 101 certified operations
 - 60 Crops, 43 Handlers, 6 Livestock
- Clemson University certifies 68 operations
 - 49 Crops, 24 Handlers, 4 Livestock



Certified Organic Operation in SC

- Our clients include:
 - Produce growers
 - Ranchers
 - Greenhouses & Nurseries
 - Millers & Bakers
 - Breweries & Distilleries
 - Coffee roasters
 - Food processors
 - Cosmetic manufacturers
- And produce:
 - Row crops
 - Diversified vegetables
 - Seed
 - Sprouts
 - Hay and forage
 - Cattle & Poultry
 - Lamb & Swine
 - Rabbits & Quail
 - Eggs



Organic Certification Program

- Initial certification is \$750 per scope
 - Includes all activities—no additional travel fees or expenses
 - Recertification each year is \$200 plus 0.5% of gross organic sales previous year
 - Fees are capped at \$7,500 per year (\$1,500,000 in gross organic sales)
- National Organic Certification Cost Share Program
 - Renewed in the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (“Farm Bill”)
 - Reimburses operation 75% of annual certification costs up to \$750
 - Contact local FSA offices



Organic Certification Process

- Contact OCP to acquire necessary forms
- Submit application materials: Organic System Plan, supporting documents, fee
- OCP will review application and if operation appears to comply with regulations, schedule an inspection
- Certification may be granted provided no significant Issues of Concern or Noncompliances
- Certification generally takes 45-60 days



Contact Information

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Food2Market
South Carolina Food Safety &
Regulation Education for
Entrepreneurs

Adair Hoover
Food Safety Agent



The Food2Market Program exists to provide guidance through ALL of the safety and regulation requirements for producing and selling food-based products in South Carolina.

Our goal is to help make those aspects of the start-up process as smooth and easy as possible.



Food2Market SERVICES

Food entrepreneur assistance:

- DIRECT CONTACT
- PRODUCT TESTING
- NUTRITION FACTS SHEETS
- WORKSHOPS
- TRAININGS



Direct Communication

Food entrepreneur assistance:

- Deliver food safety education related to producing safe food products for sale. Available through:
 - Email
 - Phone



Food entrepreneur assistance:
Regulatory Information

Direct entrepreneurs to the correct regulatory



Product Testing

Food entrepreneur assistance:

Product testing with faculty in the Clemson Food, Nutrition and Packaging Science Department

Primarily for shelf-stable foods

- Canned
- Baked
- Dried



Product Testing

Food entrepreneur assistance:

Lab Services:

- pH
- Water activity (A_w)
- Shelf life testing

Classifications may include:

- Acid
- Acidified
- Low acid
- TCS food
- Non-TCS food

Process Control Letter:

Provides additional information to produce product safely



Food entrepreneur assistance Nutrition Facts Panels

Nutrition fact sheets

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 2 Tablespoons (15g)	
Servings Per Container 128	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 20	Calories from Fat 0
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 0g	0%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 140mg	6%
Total Carbohydrate 5g	2%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 4g	
Protein 0g	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 0%	Iron 0%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories: 2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than 65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less than 20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g	375g
Dietary Fiber	25g	30g

Calories per gram:
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

OR...

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 cup (35g)	
Servings Per Container 10	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 130	Calories from Fat 0
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 0g	0%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 200mg	8%
Total Carbohydrate 30mg	10%
Dietary Fiber 4g	16%
Sugars 10g	
Protein 3g	
Vitamin A 25%	25%
Vitamin C 25%	25%
Calcium 0%	15%
Iron 10%	10%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

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Sat Fat	Less than 20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g	375g
Dietary Fiber	25g	30g

Calories per gram:
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

INGREDIENTS: Vinegar, Sugar, Worcestershire Sauce (Vinegar, Molasses, Water, Sugar, Onions, Anchovies, Salt, Garlic, Cloves, Tamarind Concentrate, Natural Flavorings and Chili Pepper Extract), Ketchup, Mustard, Seasoning salt, Black Pepper, Spices, Artificial Smoke Flavor.

CONTAINS ANCHOVIES



Food Safety Workshop

Food entrepreneur assistance:

- 8 week online study and one day in-person meeting
- Comprehensive training for entrepreneurs who wish to learn more about producing safe food products for sale in the marketplace.

Topics include:

- State and Federal regulations of food products
- What is an approved facility?
- Food safety planning
- Product testing
- Nutrition labeling
- Food processing 101
- Food packaging
- Documents and record keeping
- Traceability and recall



Industry Trainings

Food entrepreneur assistance:

Team assists in delivering industry trainings

- HACCP Certification
 - Meat and Poultry
 - Seafood
- Better Process Control School
- Preventative Controls for Human Foods
- Preventative Controls for Animal Feed



Regulatory Overview

Type of Product		Regulatory Agency
Retail	Prepare and serve product onsite (restaurant)	SC DHEC Food Safety Division
	Prepare and sell product directly to the public (retail) only	SC DHEC Food Safety Division *SCDA or SC Meat and Poultry Inspection Dept. may be involved depending on the product type
Wholesale	Contains >3% raw or >2% cooked beef, pork, chicken or lamb	SC Meat and Poultry Inspection Department
	Cheese, grade A dairy, soft drinks or water products	SC DHEC Dairy Division
	Seafood products	SC Department of Agriculture
	Contains >7% alcohol	Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms Tax and Trade Bureau
	All other food products	SC Department of Agriculture

CURRENT FOOD TRENDS

- **Elderberry Syrup**
- **Black Garlic**
- **Fermented Vegetables**
- **Wild Yeast**
- **Kombucha and SCOBY**
- **Cold Brew Coffee**
- **Barbecue Sauce**
- **Breads and Cakes**
- **Gluten Free Foods**

QUESTIONS ?





CLEMSON[®] SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The Clemson University Sustainable Agriculture Program offers sustainable agriculture training and outreach services with support from Clemson Extension and the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education programs (SARE) .



PROGRAM PARTNERS



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Program Staff:

Dr. Geoff Zehnder, Professor of Entomology, SARE State Program Coordinator

Kelly Flynn, SARE Model State Program Assistant



PRIORITY AREAS FOR TRAINING ARE DETERMINED BY STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH ANNUAL PUBLIC OPEN FORUM AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF FARMERS, 1862 AND 1890 EXTENSION PERSONNEL, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND NGO REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHERS WITH AN INTEREST IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT.

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SUSTAINABLE AG PROGRAM WEBSITE.



EXAMPLES OF PAST EVENTS



Cover Cropping for Weed Management



Mark Schonbeck



Buz Kloot



Nishanth Tharayil



Dave Robb



**Oil Seed Crops & On-farm Processing of Edible
and Non-edible Oils
(SARE Energy Training)**

- *David Thornton (CU)*
- *Matt Rudolf (Virgin Oils)*
- *Kim Baker (CU)*



ORGANIC FRUIT AND NUT TREE PRODUCTION



Curt Rom



Juan Melgar



Cory Tanner



Mark Arena



Panel Discussion



Irrigation 101: Concepts and Tools



Plans for 2019!

Grant funded trainings...

Pest Management

- Conservation Biocontrol Practices (12 votes)
- Comprehensive Weed Management (9 votes)
- Cover Cropping/No Till for Pest management (7 votes)
- Invasive Species (plants & animals) (4 votes)

Soil Health

- Alternative Soil Testing Options & Application of Organic Soil Amendments (12 votes)
- Soil Microbiology and Effective Microorganisms (12 votes)
- Economic and Social Impacts of Soil Health Practices (11 votes)

Other

- Crop Production Planning; Succession Planting (10 votes)
- Integrating Grazing Animals into Production Systems (6 votes)
- Agritourism: Diversification Strategies for Farmers (5 votes)



PLEASE CONTACT US!!



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More info on the table!!!!



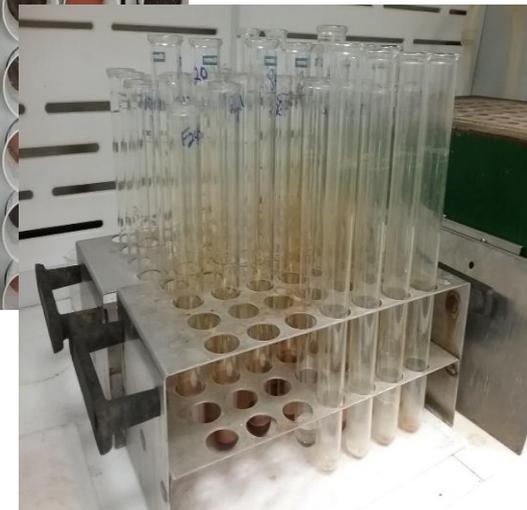


Who we are

- Analytical laboratory, part of Clemson's Public Service and Agriculture programs
- Staff: 9-12 staff members- 2 scientists, 2 chemists, 2 other lab staff, 3 office staff, and 1-3 student workers

What we do

- Provide analytical testing and information for agricultural samples
- Individual clients, commercial dealers, crop consultants, Cooperative Extension personnel, and researchers may submit samples to the laboratory.



Soil-testing at Clemson

By 1938: The South's first public soil-testing program was established at Clemson University, testing 1,983 soil samples.

Today: We test ~50,000 samples/year from all over the state.



Why soil test?



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Collect soil sample



Analyzed on instruments for nutrients and pH



ANALYSIS	RESULTS
Soil pH	5.62
Soil pH	5.6

PARAMETER	UNIT	Low	Medium	Saturated	High	Saturated
Phosphorus (P)	ppm					
Potassium (K)	ppm					
Calcium (Ca)	ppm					
Magnesium (Mg)	ppm					
Zinc (Zn)	ppm					
Manganese (Mn)	ppm					
Copper (Cu)	ppm					
Iron (Fe)	ppm					
Sulfur (S)	ppm					
Organic Matter	%					

CALCULATIONS	Units	Soil Solution
Ca (ppm) / 20	ppm	18.1
Mg (ppm) / 16	ppm	10.6
K (ppm) / 39	ppm	2.3
P (ppm) / 31	ppm	0.7
Zn (ppm) / 65	ppm	0.03
Mn (ppm) / 55	ppm	0.04
Cu (ppm) / 63.5	ppm	0.001
Fe (ppm) / 55.8	ppm	0.03
S (ppm) / 32	ppm	0.03

Receive soil report



Make decisions for best crop yield

You will receive recommendations about lime for pH adjustment and nutrient requirements based on your specific crop(s).



What else do we test?

1. Feed/forage- to improve feed and forage quality and strengthen feeding programs
2. Plant tissue- for fertilizer application guide, or to diagnose nutrient problems



What else do we test?

3. Manure/waste/compost- to determine the nutrient content as initial step in utilizing the nutrients for crop production
4. Irrigation water- test for salinity if suspected, or to check the plant nutrient content of water



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AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
LABORATORY

Lab Certifications

- ALP- soil, water, and plant
- AAFCO- feed, pet food
- MN DA- manure



To send us samples

- Drop off at your local County Cooperative Extension office
- Mail directly to us

Address: 171 Old Cherry Rd.
Clemson, SC 29634

Email: agsrvlb@clemson.edu

Phone: 864-656-2068

Website:

<https://www.clemson.edu/agsrvlb/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/agsrvlb/>



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PROGRAM AREAS

4-H & Youth Development

4H Youth Development programs provide educational information and resources that empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.

Agribusiness

Agribusiness programs provide educational information and technical assistance to communities and businesses to build a prosperous and sustainable future by leveraging the capacity of existing, physical and natural resources.

Agriculture | Agricultural Education | Agronomy | Horticulture Livestock & Forages

Agriculture programs provide educational information and resources on production practices that enable producers to improve their economic



Program Areas

Food, Nutrition and Health | Food Systems and Safety | Rural Health

Food, Nutrition and Health programs provide educational information and resources to businesses, consumers and communities that ensures post-harvest food safety, food quality, human nutrition and economic development opportunities.

Natural Resources | Forestry & Wildlife Resources | Water Resources

Natural Resources programs provide educational information and resources to improve the quality and economic potential of land, water, wildlife and other natural resources.

Clemson Extension agents are located in all 46 counties and at the university's six Research and Education Centers.



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College of AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY AND LIFE SCIENCES

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/index.html>

HG Clemson Cooperative Extension
IC Home & Garden
Information Center

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/>

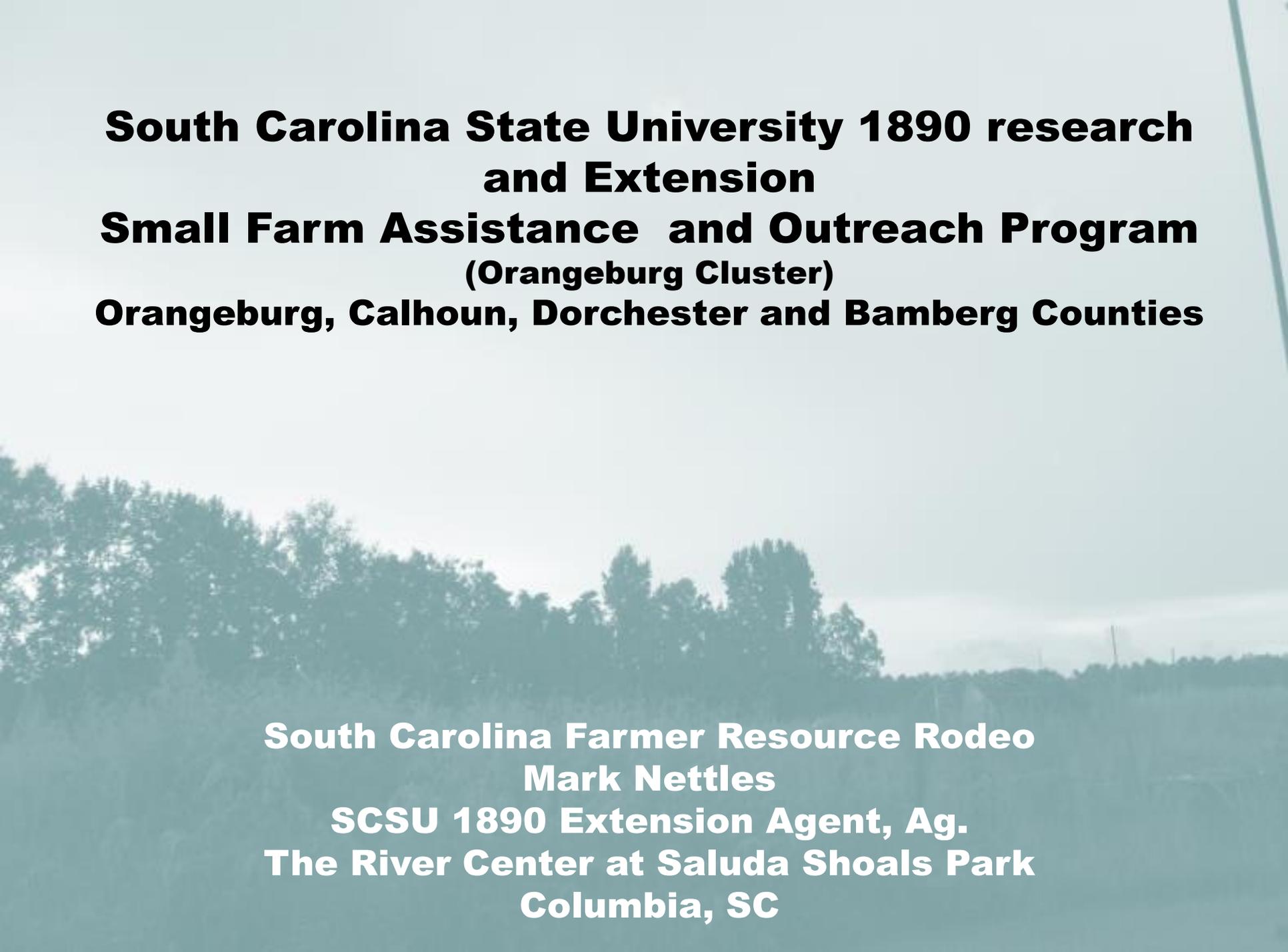


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**South Carolina State University 1890 research
and Extension
Small Farm Assistance and Outreach Program
(Orangeburg Cluster)
Orangeburg, Calhoun, Dorchester and Bamberg Counties**

**South Carolina Farmer Resource Rodeo
Mark Nettles
SCSU 1890 Extension Agent, Ag.
The River Center at Saluda Shoals Park
Columbia, SC**

Four Program Areas

Sustainable Agriculture

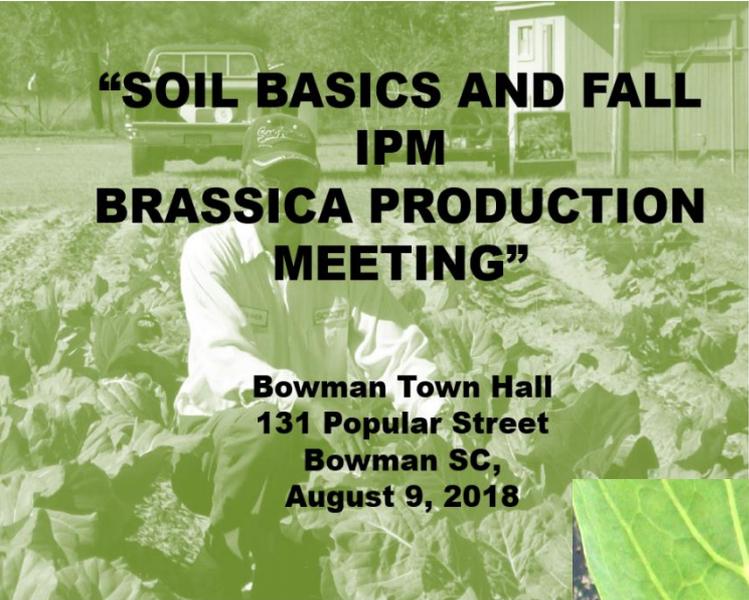
Commercial Vegetable
Production

Sustainable Animal
Production

Risk Management



Sustainable Agriculture



**“SOIL BASICS AND FALL
IPM
BRASSICA PRODUCTION
MEETING”**

**Bowman Town Hall
131 Popular Street
Bowman SC,
August 9, 2018**



Assisting a farmer with micro-irrigation installation. (NRCS Cost Share Program.)



Commercial Vegetable Production



2018 Fall Squash Trial, Orangeburg County on Small Farm, A joint effort with local Clemson Agent.



Sustainable Animal Production



Raising Backyard Hogs

Lindsey Craig

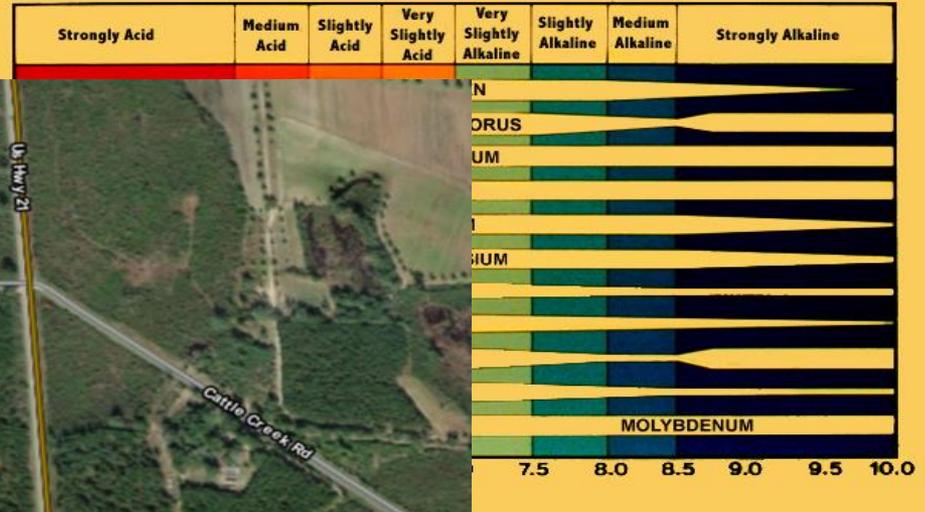
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Risk Management

COLLARDS - IRRIGATED (HAND HARVEST)						
ESTIMATED COSTS AND RETURNS PER ACRE				FARM SIZE:	30	Price
600 BOXES - (20 LBS) HARVEST IN OCTOBER						\$0.60 /lb
						\$12.00 /box
	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE OR COST/UNIT	TOTAL PER ACRE	YOUR FARM	
1. GROSS RECEIPTS						
COLLARDS ***	BOX	600.00	\$15.00	\$9,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$0.75 /lb
TOTAL RECEIPTS:				\$9,000.00	\$270,000.00	
2. VARIABLE COSTS						
SEEDINGS ****	THOU	16.00	\$20.00	\$320.00	\$9,600.00	
FERTILIZER						
5-10-10 (SPREAD)	CWT	12.00	\$20.25	\$243.00	\$7,290.00	
SIDE DRESSING-CALCIUM NITRATE	CWT	4.00	\$23.75	\$95.00	\$2,850.00	
LIME (PRORATED)	TON	1.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$1,200.00	
HERBICIDES	ACRE	1.00	\$4.57	\$4.57	\$137.10	
INSECTICIDES	ACRE	1.00	\$172.34	\$172.34	\$5,170.20	
FUNGICIDES	ACRE	1.00	\$164.96	\$164.96	\$4,948.80	
SPREADER/STOCKER	ACRE	1.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$60.00	
TRANSPLANT LABOR	HRS	10.00	\$6.50	\$65.00	\$1,950.00	
IRRIGATION, MACHINERY & LABOR	ACRE	1.00	\$74.73	\$74.73	\$2,241.90	
HARVEST & HAULING	BOX	600.00	\$1.50	\$900.00	\$27,000.00	
COLLARD BOXES	EACH	600.00	\$1.35	\$810.00	\$24,300.00	
MARKETING	BOX	600.00	\$0.50	\$300.00	\$9,000.00	
TRACTOR/MACHINERY	ACRE	1.00	\$114.95	\$114.95	\$3,448.50	
LABOR	HRS	21.67	\$9.00	\$195.03	\$5,850.90	
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	DOL	\$1,750.79	9.0%	\$157.57	\$4,726.65	
TOTAL VARIABLE COSTS:				\$3,659.15	\$109,773.45	

Returns at Various Farm Sizes		
Acres	IACV	NET
5	\$26,704	\$17,607
10	\$53,409	\$44,311
15	\$80,113	\$71,016
20	\$106,817	\$97,720
25	\$133,521	\$124,424
30	\$160,226	\$151,128

How Soil pH Affects Availability of Plant Nutrients



**EXTENSION- "DON'T LISTEN TO
EXTENSION OR THEY WILL BREAK
YOU."**

At our core, we in Extension provide

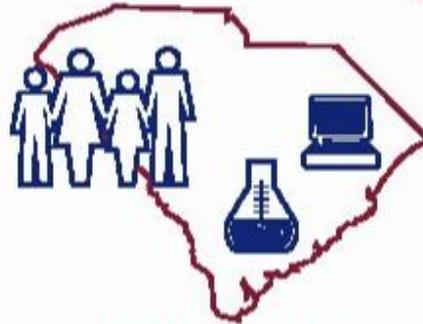
RESEARCH-BASED, NON-BIASED INFORMATION.

From there, the growers decide how to take it to the field, and find success.

Bob Kemerait, Georgia Extension Plant Pathologist, From the December 19, 2018 Southeast Farm Press "Tailgate Talk"



SC State University



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Extension





Greenville
Technical College
Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable Agriculture at Greenville Technical College

- Agriculture is housed in the Culinary Institute of the Carolinas.
- Interaction between chefs and farmers deepens the education.
- Culinary and agriculture students are cross-pollinating.



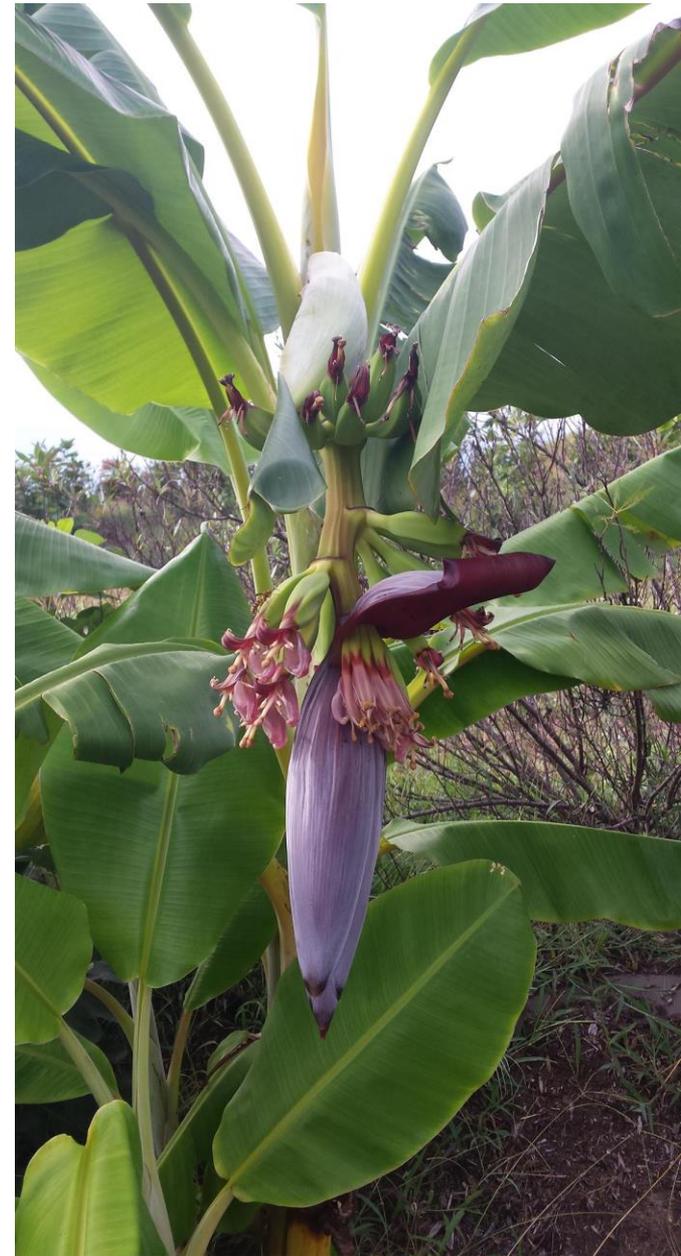
Why offer a certificate program in sustainable agriculture?

- Little training for new farmers at 4-year institutions, in traditional degree programs.
- Continued growth in demand for local products, which already has outstripped supply.
- We saw a need for agribusiness training in general.



Components of Microfarm

- $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of tiered growing areas
- Additional space for herb garden
- Beehives



Farm contributions to ecological health of our campus:

- Managing cover crops to improve the soil.
- Using low-till system.
- Providing beneficial insect habitat.
- Using drip irrigation.





Organic Growers School

Supporting you to GET GROWING



Home Growers

We support home-growers to build the confidence, skill, & experience to “Get Growing”

- *One-on-one Consulting*
- *Hands-on Education*
- *Inspiration*
- *Supportive Connections*



Farmers

We offer a path to success for emerging & expanding farmers by providing,

- *Training & Assistance*
- *Peer-to-Peer Networks*
- *Skill Sharing*
- *Mentoring for Success*



Organic Living

We advocate sustainable living approaches & eating organically through,

- *Celebrating Food & Health*
- *Workshops & Conferences*
- *Community Engagement*
- *Regional Partnerships*



The Farming Journey

Step 1: EMERGING - Farm Learning Opportunities & Farm Dreams

Field days/Skill Sessions/Farm Tour
Conferences/Workshops
Practice growing where you live.



Step 2: IN-TRAINING - On-farm Training Activities

Work Exchanges/Internships/Farm Employment
Field days/Skill Sessions/Farm Tours
Conferences/Workshops



Step 3: START-UP - Farm Beginnings & Farm Pathways

Year-long training program
Whole Farm & enterprise planning
Connection to a farmer network
Growing season learning plan
On-Farm Field days & workshops



Step 4: SEASONED - Technical Assistance

Individualized syllabus
Production, marketing and financing assistance
Address land access/Equity building opportunities
Mentorship with an experienced farmer



OGS Farmer Programs



Spring Conference



**SPRING
CONFERENCE**

**March 8–10, 2019
Mars Hill University**

Community Food

Cooking

Earth Skills

Beginning Farmers

Experienced
Farmers

Gardening

Herbs

Homesteading

Livestock

Mushrooms

Permaculture

Pollinators

Poultry

Soils

Sustainable
Forestry

Sustainable
Living

Thinking Big

Keep In Touch!



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South Carolina State Beekeepers Association

Rosalind Severt --- Midlands Regional Representative

Glenn Severt --- President Wateree Beekeepers Association

Danny Cannon --- President Elect of the South Carolina State
Beekeepers Association

Mission

Our mission includes public education as we strive to provide individuals, and public and private organizations with factual and up to date information about the honey bee, beekeeping, and its importance to our food supply.

We have 24 local beekeeping associations in South Carolina with members who are ready willing and able to talk to you about beekeeping in our state and if you ask, might be willing to tell you where you can get good, wholesome, local honey.





Why should the SCBA
matter to YOU?

“If you kill a beneficial
insect, you inherit its job.”

Never spray plants (including weeds) with contact insecticides when blooms or pollinators are present. Instead, select friendlier practices and products, like handpicking and using horticultural oils and insecticidal soaps. Spray when plants are not in bloom and when pollinators are not active.

- Apples
- Plums
- Peaches
- Nectarines
- Rose Hips
- Pomegranites
- Pears
- Black and Red Currants
- Alfalfa
- Okra
- Strawberries
- Onions
- Prickly Pear
- Apricots
- Lima Beans
- Kidney Beans
- Adzuki Beans
- Green Beans
- Custard Apples
- Cherries
- Walnut
- Cotton
- Flax
- Sunflower Oil
- Buckwheat
- Figs
- Fennel



- Without insect pollination, many fruits and vegetables will not produce quality fruit.
- With just a few bees, you may get inadequate pollination, since most flowers need more than one bee visit.
- As an example --- Unless a cucumber flower gets at least **nine** visits, its fruit will either fall off or become misshapen.

South Carolina's LOCAL Associations . . . here for you . . .



- The best way to get to know other beekeepers in your area, and to increase your knowledge about beekeeping, is to get involved in a local beekeeper association. Local associations sponsor monthly meeting, open-hive session, educational events, and guest speakers.
- Each Association meets monthly and serves their region. The South Carolina Beekeepers Association is governed by a Board of Directors, and meet regularly to make decisions that guide SCBA forward in beekeeping and honey bee education.

Aiken County Beekeepers



2724 Whiskey Road

Aiken, 29803

803-645-6725

www.aikenbeekeepers.org

Robert Abshire, President

Meets Fourth Tuesday Monthly

Lancaster Beekeepers
Association
1982 Evans Dr
Lancaster, SC 29720
803-577-7871



www.lancastercounters.com

Dale Starnes --- President

Meets the First Thursday of
every month

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(Lexington, Richland, Calhoun
Counties)

6505 Saint Andrews Road
Columbia, SC 29212
803-360-7978

www.scmidstatebeekeepers.org
Luther Lown --- President

First Tuesday --- monthly

Ridge Beekeepers Association (Edgefield County)



**Meeting Monthly at the Edgefield County Chamber of Commerce
416 Calhoun Street
Johnston, SC**

President --- Sheryl Brousseau

ridgebeekeepersbuzz@gmail.com

(Calendars at the back table,
With contact information)

2019

RIDGE BEEKEEPERS

Monthly Meetings
6:30 p.m.
Edgefield County
Chamber of Commerce
416 Calhoun St.
Johnston, SC

Contact:
ridgebeekeepersbuzz@gmail.com
<http://www.facebook.com/ridge201704>

Wateree Beekeepers Association

(Kershaw, Richland
& 34 Dekalb Street Sumter Counties)
Sumter, SC 29020
803-900-4891

www.watereebeekeepers.com

Glenn Severt --- President

Meets the First Thursday of every

(Flyers at the back table with contact information)





What you can do

- ▶ Join the State Association as well as a local Association
- ▶ Anyone with an interest in bees and pollinators in South Carolina is encouraged to join the South Carolina Beekeepers Association.
- ▶ SCBA publishes a monthly newsletter, provides continuing education through the Certified Beekeeper Programs and seminars, offers educational programs throughout the state, and supports the important work of local chapters.
- ▶ The level of experience of our members does not matter. Every beekeeper started somewhere, and we believe that strong beekeeper mentoring is critical in supporting the future of our bees.
- ▶ A one year membership to the association is only \$10. We encourage members to also be members of a local association near you. As you become a member of a local bee club, you can pay your state dues at the local level.