Executive Summary

This report is based on a county inventory examining local and sustainable agriculture in South Carolina. Rather than focus on statewide aggregate data, which can hide disparities, the report delves into what is happening at the local level. Are counties across South Carolina benefiting equally from the local and sustainable food movement? Are state level programs and vital infrastructure reaching all 46 counties? Are county and city programs making progress? In doing a county-by-county inventory, we aim to highlight those good efforts that stand out and make note of areas of the state that are lagging behind. This progress report should be seen as a snapshot at the time of investigation (Spring and Fall 2012). Care was taken to speak with people throughout the state who are working on these issues to get as complete a picture as possible. Nonetheless, we recognize that this research may have missed some important information and that new programs and policies are constantly emerging.

Here are the highlights:

1  NON-PROFIT EFFORTS: Non-profit organizations are bringing noteworthy collaborative efforts to a number of counties and regions.

2  DISPARITIES: We found very uneven development of local, sustainable food systems across the state, with components absent or insufficient in some counties and robust in others. No comprehensive vision appears to exist in S.C. for spreading out the benefits of local, sustainable food systems.

3  FARMLAND PROTECTION: Although thousands of acres of agricultural lands are protected from development, the Conservation Bank as the sole state agency to purchase conservation easements lacks sufficient public funding. Similarly, we found a lack of basic planning tools: there are no stand-alone countywide farmland protection plans, cost of community services (COCS) studies, or Voluntary Agricultural Districts (VADs).

4  FARM TO SCHOOL: The statewide Farm to School program has done laudable work, using outside grant funding, and currently has no state funding. (The program is set up as a collaborative between the SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, SC Dept. of Agriculture, SC Dept. of Education, and Clemson’s Youth Learning Institute.) The GAPs certification process continues to present serious barriers to farm to school efforts and SCDA is working on this issue. An additional problem is that school districts may not be able to offer to small farmers fair prices comparable to other wholesale markets.
5 FARM TOURISM: Numerous agri-tourism events and activities exist throughout the state -- educating the public on the importance of farms and local food. As a further positive note, there is a growth of farm tourism focused explicitly on sustainable agriculture.

6 TRAINING: Certificate programs, workshops and courses to train sustainable farmers are sprouting up at technical colleges throughout the state. There is one incubator farm in operation (a program that incubates new farms and nurture new farmers) and more in the planning stages. Clemson, SCSU and a mix of non-profit groups are providing valuable training for farmers in counties across the state.

7 PROCESSING: Meat processing facilities and certified shared-use kitchens are not easily accessible or widely distributed for the growing demand of small livestock producers and food entrepreneurs. Information about existing facilities is hard to find. Some sites are only available for service to small producers on an ad hoc basis. Access for small scale meat producers may depend on gaps in the flow of contracts with larger producers or when deer season is not in effect. There is no certified organic meat processor in the state, despite demand.

8 MARKETS: Farmers’ markets have proliferated throughout the state following national trends. This success has been aided by SC Department of Agriculture (SCDA) and university resources. SCDA’s Certified Roadside Market Program requires that certified markets meet certain standards, making it more likely that roadside markets are reputable and offer a good supply of South Carolina farm products.

9 EXTENSION: Cooperative Extension agents in some counties and regions have shown strong interest in local, sustainable agriculture through their on-the-ground work. Extension programming offers an enormous opportunity for expanding services using the existing pool of talented and trained staff. Current funding is insufficient.

10 INFORMATION ACCESS: In general, information access is poor. State and county government websites are inadequate to meet the needs of farmers, service providers and citizens interested in local foods and farm issues. Information access by telephone is also lacking. This problem is widespread across the state.
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Methodology

Survey Tools

Part of this information was gathered with an online survey that was conducted by CFSA. It was sent out to people across the state involved in sustainable agriculture and land use issues, including Cooperative Extension agents from Clemson University and South Carolina State University. Follow up phone conversations were conducted with individuals as a way to pinpoint missing or incomplete information. Internet research was conducted as a way to fill in gaps. Due diligence was made to include information from every county, although some counties proved difficult to assess.

Areas of Inquiry

Some of the land use criteria were derived from a publication by the American Farmland Trust entitled “Planning for an Agricultural Future: A Guide for North Carolina Farmers and Local Governments.” This excellent guide points out programs, policies and conditions related to farmland protection and development. Other criteria about education, infrastructure, organizations and personnel were chosen based on CFSA staff experience and that of key informants during preliminary research, and using the existing literature on food system development.
Summary of Findings

Development and Land Use
- No counties were found to have a voluntary agricultural district, countywide farmland protection plan, or cost of community services study.
- 22 counties have included agriculture in their comprehensive plans.
- 9 counties have included the local food system in their economic development plan.
- 18 counties have active conservation easement programs.

Education
- 35 counties have organized agri-tourism opportunities.
- 18 counties are served by five technical colleges that provide sustainable agriculture curricula.

Infrastructure
- 20 counties have, within 75 miles, farm-scale slaughter / meat processors that are in SC.
- 3 counties have a value added processing site, and there is one more in the planning phase.
- One county has an active incubator farm, although more are in planning phases.
- 40 counties were found to have farmers markets, with approximately 115 farmers’ markets statewide.
- 36 counties were found to have certified roadside markets, with approximately 175 certified roadside markets statewide.

Organizations
- 18 counties are served by food system nonprofits.
- 22 counties have schools or child care centers that participated in the 2011 or 2012 state Farm to School Program.
- 9 counties were found to have voluntary and community groups working on issues of the local food system.

Personnel
- 4 counties have a Local Food Advisory Council.
- At least 6 counties have access to local food designated cooperative extension agents.
- At least 16 counties have access to agricultural economic development coordinators.
Recommendations

The following recommendations reflect what we learned from a county-by-county inventory of food system infrastructure in South Carolina. Our research revealed a number of positive projects and programs. We encourage municipal, county and state officials to continue to enhance the good things that are happening. At the same time, food system infrastructure is unevenly distributed around the state, and major parts of a vital food system are absent. We urge that new opportunities be taken up. Citizens should communicate these goals to their local and state officials. Sustainable small farms and eager local eaters will benefit.

1 **Continue to enhance collaboration among nonprofit groups and public agencies.** We see value in a food policy council or its equivalent in each county or region. Counties may also choose to designate or hire a local foods staff person. The councils and staff people can serve as an institutional presence, a bridge between local resources and an aid to resolve barriers.

2 **Create and implement regional visions for a sustainable food and farm system.** Food systems function well at the regional level. Thus, it makes sense for counties to work together to do food system work -- creating marketing, processing and distribution projects or funding technical college programs. Councils of Government (COGs) and Economic Development Commissions (EDCs) are ways for neighboring counties to coalesce around regional food efforts.¹

3 **Increase Conservation Bank appropriation levels and create appropriate resources for further conservation efforts.** We urge the state legislature to provide adequate funding for the Conservation Bank so that sufficient prime farmland is protected for future generations. Development pressure, while weaker in the current economy than in the past, will return and, without protections, more prime farmland will be lost. It is also important to retain farmland adjacent to South Carolina’s major cities, creating more compact regional foodsheds. Sufficient funding should be available for conservation easements, planning and studies.

4 **Ensure that certification processes work for small farmers so that they have the ability to sell to schools and institutions.** Food safety certification systems like Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) have been developed in the context of large farm operations. We urge officials to continue to study and modify these systems to make them small farm friendly. We support certification training and technical assistance focused on the intersection of GAPs, food safety, institutional food buying and small farms.

5 **Support and grow agri-tourism events and activities, highlighting sustainable farms where possible.** Farm tourism in S.C. takes the form of activities of single farms (U-Pick, corn mazes) as

¹ The Piedmont Food & Agricultural Processing Center is a pertinent model established among five NC counties [www.co.orange.nc.us/farms/PFAP].
well as community events (festivals and tours.) We support the growth of these activities through promotion, risk management and planning. Sustainable and organic farming are good facets of our agriculture to feature with agri-tourism.

6 **Strengthen the educational options in sustainable agriculture.** Community colleges, universities and private colleges are in the process of creating and growing programs and courses addressing sustainable farming practices and techniques. Incubator farms are in the process of being implemented or acquiring funding. We encourage local and state education officials to continue this expansion, recognizing increasing student demand and job opportunities.

7 **Assist in developing infrastructure-related projects and maintaining sensible regulations.** After years of decline, local food systems need accessible and reliable infrastructure, especially in the realm of processing. Officials should support the development of new capacity in meat processing for small producers, especially in the Upstate and southeast. Officials can also assist with the development of shared-use kitchens for small-scale farmers and food entrepreneurs. This work can be done in regional collaboratives. South Carolina also needs to maintain a regulatory environment that is supportive of small farms and food entrepreneurs, including its new Cottage Food Law that allows in-home preparation of low risk foods for sale.

8 **Sustain a strong farmers’ market and roadside stand program, and other marketing programs.** The State has dedicated resources to promote the growth of quality farmers’ markets and roadside stands throughout the state. The State should continue to fund marketing and technical assistance for small farmers and their key sales outlets. Certified SC Grown and Fresh on the Menu also deserve continued support.

9 **Encourage and provide additional resources for Cooperative Extension agents and their programs.** A number of agents have been providing noteworthy programming and services aimed at the needs of small sustainable farmers. We encourage the State to provide additional resources to these and other agents so that they may expand this type of programming. We also encourage all agents to increase their learning on sustainable agricultural issues and practices, and the needs of small and beginning farmers.

10 **Provide better access to information from county-level public agencies.** Finding information for this report proved to be difficult. With scant resources online at the county level, too often our researchers were sent into a loop, making multiple calls to find the answer to a single question. Counties and/or regions need a simple, web-based information hub for small farmers, and designated people to handle telephone inquiries. A more robust system would assist not only citizens, but also service providers who are tasked with readily knowing about these resources.
Inventory of Programs, Policies and Infrastructure by County
Explanation of Terms

- **Agricultural Economic Development Coordinator**
  Professionals in this position are working to promote local agriculture as an economic development tool. In South Carolina, this role is filled by Regional Economic & Community Development Agents from Ag Extension. These agents work to promote local agriculture in their multi-county regions and provide expertise in topics ranging from leadership development, strategic planning, entrepreneurial training and support, local economic development planning and support, industry cluster development, and economic impact analysis.

- **Agri-tourism**
  Agri-tourism is an agriculture-based form of tourism and includes farm tours, field trips, dinners, on-farm workshops, festivals and pick-your-own operations. This not only supplements farm income, but helps consumers become more aware of the role of agriculture within their region. Some local zoning ordinances may prohibit these agricultural land uses but may be amended to allow for flexibility.

- **Comprehensive Plan**
  Comprehensive planning is a term used by land use planners to describe a process that determines community goals and aspirations over a long-term time horizon. The outcome of comprehensive planning is the Comprehensive Plan which can influence public policy in terms of transportation, utilities, economic development, land use, recreation, and housing. Agriculture may be among several of a county’s economic development strategies but contra-indicated by land use planning.

- **Conservation Easements**
  Conservation easements are optional legal agreements that landowners, or easement donors, may voluntarily place on their land, including working or productive agricultural land. They operate as a restriction on future non-agricultural (e.g., residential) development to preserve the natural landscape in perpetuity or a defined period of time. Depending on the state, a portion of the property value is lowered requiring a lower estate tax burden and sometimes a charitable tax deduction in the case of donated land. An independent entity such as a land trust or conservation district must confirm a monitoring role as an easement holder.

- **Cost of Community Services (COCS) Studies**
  A cost of community services study provides a relatively inexpensive snapshot of the revenues and costs associated with different types of land use (agricultural, residential, commercial, etc.). Typically, agricultural land use puts a lower expense burden on the community than residential use, since “cows don’t go to school.” Even with higher gross tax revenue, residential development of farmland may create a drop in the net budgets of communities. Although it can’t predict future revenue or costs, these studies can help public officials make informed decisions about land use policies in relation to the county’s budget and may spur or support farmland protection.

- **Countywide Farmland Protection Plan**
  A countywide farmland protection plan is a community effort to figure out how to ensure that land will be available to farming enterprises for the coming decades. A more comprehensive plan might be called a Farmland Protection and Ag Development Plan and would examine more than just land availability.
ideal plan process involves key stakeholders, carefully analyzes land use issues, considers the strengths and weaknesses of agricultural activity, makes recommendations for the continued viability of agriculture in the county and is regularly updated. Plans have development, approval and implementation phases and need support in each phase. Some states provide funding to counties to encourage this planning.

- **Economic Development Plan**
  Economic development plans coordinate land use, transportation, education and capital improvement resources to spur a local economy. They may be separate from or a part of comprehensive plans. Agriculture and food can be a sector of interest in any economic development plan.

- **Farm-scale Slaughter Facility-Meat Processor**
  Investigation was done to find meat slaughterers and processors located in South Carolina who work with small farmers. Clemson provides a list (http://www.clemson.edu/public/lph/scmpid/establishments.html) of state and federally inspected meat and poultry processors in SC; it is a mix of companies who work with hunters, small farmers and large contracts. Farmers have said that facilities within approximately 75 miles are within a reasonable distance; they will and often do travel further to reach an appropriate facility. Many small processors interrupt their processing schedule for deer season, causing issues for small farmers. Packing houses are more available than full service slaughter facilities.

- **Farm-To-School or Farm-To-Institution Programs**
  These programs seek to overcome barriers to the increased use of local farm products by schools, child care centers, senior facilities, hospitals and prisons, and also provide popular educational programs like school gardens. The programs attempt to spur demand and overcome supply, regulatory and pricing issues. GAPs (food safety) certification requirements have limited the expansion of these efforts. Some programs may focus on a few items, such as seasonal watermelons or strawberries.

- **Incubator Farms**
  Similar to business incubators for budding entrepreneurs, incubator farms provide a plot of land for beginning farmers to develop their farming skills. This reduces the capital risks and start-up operating costs involved, such as owning land, equipment or farm infrastructure. Farmers are also supported with assistance via classes, peer-to-peer networking and mentoring.

- **Local Foods Cooperative Extension Agent**
  A designated extension agent who focuses on local food infrastructure, training and markets. Agents are likely to have volunteered for this role based upon their interest and growing needs among their farmer base. One agent may cover several nearby counties.

- **Municipal Poultry**
  Some municipalities prohibit or restrict the raising of poultry within their jurisdictions. Due to the popularity of urban agriculture, some municipalities that once prohibited raising poultry have adopted ordinances allowing these birds. Of the municipalities that never restricted poultry, some have adopted regulations and some have left the issue alone.

- **Recent Extension Programing**
  This inventory focused on workshops and classes related to sustainable farming or gardening practices administered by Clemson University Cooperative Extension agents within the past two years.
• **Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses**
  The South Carolina Technical College System provides learning opportunities that promote economic and human resource development through sixteen schools. Individual colleges typically serve regions of two to four counties. Some of these colleges offer classes and programs on sustainable agriculture, an important service to the regional farming community.

• **Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD)**
  In some states, these districts are established by county governments through state enabling legislation. They give landowners the option to voluntarily protect farmland from non-farm development in return for multiple tax benefits and public recognition to the farmer.

• **Value Added Sites**
  Value added sites in this study are food processing centers (e.g. shared-use and commercial kitchens) that farmers and food entrepreneurs can rent to turn a raw agricultural product into a safe food product. Examples include fruit into preserves, vegetables into frozen packages, meat into sausages or milk into farmstead cheese. The sites provide industrial-grade, code-approved appliances and kitchen equipment. Value added processing can increase farmer revenue and provides a region with a greater variety of local products throughout the year.
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The Upstate Region

Abbeville
Number of Farms: 566
Land in Farms: 91,190 acres
Food Crop Sales: $362,000
Cattle Sales: $5,066,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag included in comprehensive plan: No
Local food system included in econ development plan: No
Conservation Easements: Upstate Forever Land Trust protects 1,100 acres through conservation agreements
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Fruit and Nut Tree Sales, Home Canning, Livestock and Forages
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)
Agri-tourism: SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Abbeville Farmers Market (Abbeville), Due West Farmers Market (Due West)
Roadside Markets: No

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Upstate Forever, Society of St. Andrews
Farm to School: Calhoun Falls Charter School
Enhanced Farm to School: Yes (unspecified response)
Farm to Institution: No
Voluntary / Community Groups: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: Yes
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Anderson

Number of Farms: 1,650
Land in Farms: 173,149 acres
Food Crop Sales: $2,045,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $31,211,000
Cattle Sales: $5,066,000
Dairy Sales: $1,970,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Farming industry, food supply and sustainable farming are all briefly mentioned in the “Imagine Anderson: Anderson County Twenty-Year Vision Plan 2006-2026”
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: see above
Conservation Easements: Upstate Forever Land Trust protects over 1,600 acres through conservation agreements
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes in Anderson City, adopted in 2013

Education
Recent Extension Programing: Forage Management Program, Master Gardener Training, Jr. Master Gardener
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: TriCounty Technical College’s Bridge to Clemson-Soils and Sustainable Crop Systems Curriculum Transfer Program
Agri-tourism: Upstate Farm Tour, SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No traditional incubator, but New Seasons Farm and the AgSouth Farm Credit office have projects
Farmers Markets: Anderson County Farmers Market (Anderson), Belton Farmers Market (Belton), Iva Farmers Market (Iva), Pendleton Farmers Market (Pendleton) Anderson Area Farm & Food Association
Roadside Markets: Yes

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Anderson Area Farm & Food Association, Upstate Forever, Society of St. Andrews, Eat Smart Move More
Farm to School: Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation, Varennes Academy of Communication & Technology Enhanced Farm to School: “Grow With Me” Program, Anderson School Districts 2, 3, & 5 all participate in Fresh on the Menu. Palmetto Middle school garden (GAP cert.)
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Cherokee

Population (2010): 53,342
Number of Farms: 416
Land in Farms: 62,729 acres
Food Crop Sales: $888,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $33,122,000
Cattle Sales: $5,596,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Conservation Easements: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Sustainable Small Farms and Backyards Program
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Upstate Farm Tour

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Gaffney Station Farmers' Market (Gaffney)
Roadside Markets: Battleground Produce (Chesnee), Jolley Farms (Gaffney), Lemmons Farms (Gaffney), Strawberry Hill USA (Gaffney)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Upstate Forever, Society of St. Andrews
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Chester
Population (2010): 33,140
Number of Farms: 544
Land in Farms: 111,820 acres
Food Crop Sales: $802,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $20,275,000
Cattle Sales: $4,948,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Conservation Easements: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Cattle Producers Marketing Program, Clemson Ext. Service Ag & Nat'l Resources Program, Forestry and Wildlife Program, 100 Rain Garden Project, Community Gardening
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: York Technical College Sustainable Agriculture Certificate Program
Agritourism: Occasional farm tours through ag extension classes

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: Chester County Agricultural Innovation Center (indoor addition to the existing Chester County Farmers Market with a commercial kitchen on-site for food entrepreneurs)
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Chester County Farmers Market (Chester), Chester Farmers Market (Chester)
Roadside Stands: The Market at Cotton Hills Farm (Chester)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Society of St. Andrews, Catawba Farm and Food Coalition, several volunteer community garden groups
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: 4-H school garden projects
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Ben Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
### Edgefield

Number of Farms: 407  
Land in Farms: 76,606 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $2,179,000  
Poultry and Egg Sales: $4,514,000  
Cattle Sales: $2,109,000  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

### Development and Land Use

- Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes  
- Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No  
- Conservation Easements: No  
- Municipal Poultry Allowed: No law against having poultry

### Education

- Recent Extension Programming: Peach Field Water Use Study, Forest Management, Invasive Species Monitoring  
- Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)  
- Agritourism: SC National Heritage Corridor

### Infrastructure

- Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No  
- Value Added Site: No  
- Incubator Farm: No  
- Farmers Markets: No  
- Roadside Markets: Cook’s Roadside Market (Trenton), Pinehouse Flea Market (Trenton), Sara’s Roadside Stands (Ridge Spring)

### Organizations:

- Food System Nonprofits: No  
- Farm to School: No  
- Enhanced Farm to School: No  
- Farm to Institution: No  
- Voluntary / Community Groups: No

### Personnel

- Local Food Advisory Council: No  
- Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No  
- Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Fairfield

Number of Farms: 187
Land in Farms: 76,606 acres
Food Crop Sales: $76,0000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $23,534,000
Cattle Sales: $1,611,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: NA
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Alternative Marketing Program for Cattlemen, It's All in the Plate, From Farm to Plate Day Camp, Canning Stretches Your Budget, Nutrition for Better Health
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: No
Roadside Markets: No

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Catawba Farm and Food Coalition
Farm to School: Fairfield Elementary, Fairfield Magnet School for Math & Science (2011)
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Greenville

Number of Farms: 1,100
Land in Farms: 72,654 acres
Food Crop Sales: $6,782,000
Cattle Sales: $1,851,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes
Conservation Easements: Upstate Forever Land Trust protects 41 properties, with about 5,000+ acres, in conservation agreements

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Ornamental Plant School, Small Ruminant Processing and Food Safety Workshop, Sustainable Small Farms and Backyards, Herd Marketing and Alternatives, Fungicide Safety Testing on Squash, Peach Planting Research
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Upstate Farm Tour, Piedmont Plant & Flower Festival, GOFO Urban Farm Tour

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Vaughn Packing (Greer), state inspected, limited capacity
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Carolina First Saturday Market (Greenville), Earth Markets - Slow Food Upstate Greenville (Greenville), Fountain Inn Farmers Market (Fountain Inn), Simpsonville Farmers Market (Simpsonville), Travelers Rest Market (Traveler's Rest)
Roadside Markets: Beechwood Farms (Marietta), Bountiful Harvest, LLC (Simpsonville), Buffalo Farms (Simpsonville), County Boys #1 (Taylors), Country Boys #2 (Greenville), Fishers's at Fairview (Greer), Fisher's on S. Buncombe (Greer), Fisher's Pick Your Own (Greer), G & G Retail (Greer), Perdue's Mountain Fruit Farm (Traveler's Rest), The Tomato Vine (Greenville), Woody's Boiled Peanuts & More (Piedmont)

Organizations
Farm to School: Cherydale Elementary, St. Anthony Padua School
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: Yes
Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No

Special Programs
City of Greenville, It’s More Than Just a Market Campaign: To fund an educational and marketing campaign to increase Carolina First Saturday Market utilization.

City of Greenville, New EBT Project: Saturday Market EBT Development and Implementation Plan: To implement an electronic benefit transfers (EBT) project that increases access to fresh produce for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) clients and benefits farmers by increasing their customer base.
Greenwood

Population (2010): 69,661
Number of Farms: 1,100
Land in Farms: 70,698 acres
Food Crop Sales: $183,000
Minimal non-crop food sales
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes, included in the 2011 Greenwood County and City Comprehensive Plan
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Agribusiness and local foods included in the Economics Development section of the Comprehensive Plan
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (city of Greenwood)
Conservation easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Greenwood Forestry Association Program, Master Gardeners, Greenwood Farmers Market, Forage Demonstration Plots, Consumer and Commercial Horticulture
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)
Agritourism: Greenwood Co. Ag Fair, SC National Heritage Corridor, Upstate Farm Tour

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Northwest Meat Center, state-inspected, limited capacity
Value Added Site: No
Farmers Markets: Greenwood Farmers Market (Greenwood), Ninety Six Farmers Market (Ninety Six)
Roadside Markets: Early Bird Worm Farm (Hodges)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Upstate Forever, Saluda-Reedy Watershed Consortium
Incubator Farm: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: Greenwood School District 50
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Lancaster

Population (2010): 76,652
Number of Farms: 573
Land in Farms: 65,210 acres
Food Crop Sales: $539,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $62,826
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No county or municipal ordinances against poultry
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Rain Garden Workshop, Cattlemen's Programs, Community Gardens
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: York Technical College Sustainable Agriculture Certificate Program
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: Lancaster County Agribusiness Development Center
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Lancaster County Farmers Market (Lancaster)
Roadside Markets: Griswold's Family Produce (Monroe)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Catawba Farm and Food Coalition, Lancaster County Community Garden Project
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Ben Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Laurens

Number of Farms: 830
Land in Farms: 130,057 acres
Food Crop Sales: $348,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $24,657,000
Cattle Sales: $7,525,000
Dairy Sales: $3,296,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Yes (one of the nine economic development goals listed in the Comprehensive Plan of 2006)
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes
Conservation Easements (programs): Upstate Forever Land Trust holds 900 acres in conservation agreements

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Forest Stewards, Cattleman's Association Field Day, Master Gardeners, Food Canning
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)
Agritourism: Safe Student Farm Tours (extension), Upstate Farm Tour

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Laurens Farmers Market (Laurens)
Roadside Markets: Stewart Farms (Enoree)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Upstate Forever, Saluda-Reedy Watershed Consortium, Society of St. Andrews
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: Fresh on the Menu sites

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
McCormick

Population (2010): 10,228
Number of Farms: 79
Land in Farms: 24,934 acres
No data available on food crop, cattle, poultry and egg, hog or dairy sales
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Note: 46% of the county is publicly owned in state parks and lands

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No drafted Comprehensive Plan, but Zoning Ordinance of Sept. 15th, 2009 takes agriculture and land use into consideration for future development of the county
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Livestock & Forage Demos, Master Gardener, Woodland Clinic Competition, Forest Management
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)
Agritourism: Farm-City Day Program (extension), SC National Heritage Corridor
Tax Education: Timber Tax Workshop (extension)

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: No
Roadside Markets: John De La Howe School Farmers Market (McCormick)

Organization
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: John De La Howe School
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: Fresh on the Menu site

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Newberry

Population (2010): 37,508
Number of Farms: 614
Land in Farms: 100,796 acres
Food Crop Sales: $1,058,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $72,780,000
Cattle Sales: $5,285,000
Dairy Sales: $15,281,000
Hog Sales: $2,225,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Hedging 101 program for dairy farmers, Forestry Investment Considerations workshop, Mastitis Management Meetings, Dairy Workers Programs, Youth Dairy Activities, Master Gardener Program, Family and Community Leaders
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)
Agritourism: Newberry County Agricultural Expo

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Grow Newberry Main Street Farmers Market (Newberry)
Roadside Markets: Chappells Nursery & Garden Center (Newberry), Dreher Island Produce (Prosperity), Lever Farms (Pomaria)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Society of St. Andrews
Farm to School: Prosperity-Rikard Elementary
Enhanced Farm to School: In planning
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Oconee

Number of Farms: 804  
Land in Farms: 70,708 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $1,576,000  
Poultry and Egg Sales: $120,135,000  
Cattle Sales: $4,200,000  
Dairy Sales: $904,000  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes  
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No  
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes  
Conservation Easements (programs): Upstate Forever Land Trust holds 1,800 acres in conservation agreements

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Peach Producers Field Day (@ Clemson's Musser Fruit Research Farm), Ornamental Plant School, Watershed Water Quality, Master Naturalist Program, Sustainable Small Farms and Backyards, Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods, Cattleman's Programs  
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: TriCounty Technical College's Bridge to Clemson-Soils and Sustainable Crop Systems Curriculum Transfer Program  
Agritourism: SC National Heritage Corridor, Upstate Farm Tour

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No  
Value Added Site: No  
Incubator Farm: No  
Farmers Markets: Fair Play Farmers Market (Fair Play), Seneca Farmers Market (Seneca), Walhalla F M(Walhalla), Oconee County Farmers Market, Six Mile Farmers Market  
Roadside Markets: Ables Orchard (Long Creek), Bryson's Apple Orchard (Mountain Rest), Carver Orchards (Mountain Rest), Chattooga Belle Farms (Long Creek), M&M Dairy (Westminster), Produce Patch (Walhalla)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Lighthouse Food Farm, Upstate Forever, Oconee Forever, Society of St. Andrews  
Farm to School: No  
Enhanced Farm to School: No  
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: Yes  
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Yes  
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Pickens

Population (2010): 119,224
Number of Farms: 829
Land in Farms: 51,264 acres
Food Crop Sales: $1,665,000
Cattle Sales: $1,819,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs): Nine Times Tract - 560 acres held by Upstate Forever Land Trust in conservation agreement. 300 additional acres held by the land trust

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Master Naturalist and Jr. Naturalist
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: TriCounty Technical College’s Bridge to Clemson-Soils and Sustainable Crop Systems Curriculum Transfer Program
Agritourism: Upstate Farm Tour, SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Clemson Farmers’ Market (Clemson), Easley Farmers Market (Easley)
Roadside Markets: Bee Well Honey & Natural Market (Pickens), Nell's Produce (Easley), The Happy Berry (Six Mile), The Veggie Patch & Produce Market (Easley), Winslett's Produce (Easley)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Upstate Forever, Society of St. Andrews
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No

Special Projects
Clemson University’s Sustainable Agriculture program is a national leader and a local resource. The Student Organic Farm is a showcase of sustainable practices.
Saluda

Population (2010): 19,875
Number of Farms: 606
Land in Farms: 109,791 acres
Food Crop Sales: $5,657,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $68,691,000
Cattle Sales: $6,892,000
Dairy Sales: $3,327,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent extension Programming: Beef Cattle Marketing Alliance, Forestry Association, Row Crop Production Meetings, Commercial Horticulture Extension Program
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Piedmont Technical College’s Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture course in the Diversified Agriculture Major (AAS)
Agritourism: Annual Crops Tour (for growers only), SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Gentry’s Poultry Co., federally-inspected (limited capacity)
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Johnston Farmers Market (Johnston), Saluda County Farmers Market (Ridge Spring)
Roadside Markets: Peaches N Such #1 (Monetta), The Nut House / Watson Farms (Ridge Spring)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: Saluda Elementary School garden (GAP cert.)
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Spartanburg

Number of Farms: 1,242
Land in Farms: 109,917 acres
Food Crop Sales: $856,000
Cattle Sales: $3,619,000
Dairy Sales: $3,947,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes (but listed as trending down, with little hope of trend reversal)
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (Spartanburg, Campobello)
Conservation Easements (programs): Upstate Forever Land Trust holds 1800 acres in conservation agreements

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Sustainable Small Farms and Backyards, Commercial Fruit & VegProduction Research, Beekeeping, Horticulture Trainings; IPM & Disease Management; 2-Day Pollinator Workshop
Regional Technical College
Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Upstate Farm Tour

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: B&W Packing (Spartanburg), state-inspected, limited capacity; Vaughn Packing (Greer), state-inspected, limited capacity
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Hub City Farmers Market - Magnolia Train Depot, Hub City Farmers Market - Morgan Square, Hub City Mobile Market, Inman Farmers Market
Roadside Markets: Abbott Farms & Fruit Market (Cowpens), Ayers & Son Market (Landrum), Cooley Peach Farms / Strawberry Hill USA #1 (Chesnee), Evans Produce and Jolley Farm Outlet (Cowpens), Frank's Produce (Boiling Springs), From Seed & Soil (Wellford), Gramling Farms, Inc. (Gramling), Green Acres Produce & More (Moore), Hobo Hollar Produce (Spartanburg), Johnson Brothers, Inc. (Inman), Nivens Apple Farm (Moore), Peach County (Campobello), Ragan Orchards (Inman), Valhalla Farms (Chesnee)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Society of St. Andrews Hub City Farmers Market programs
Farm to School: Yes
Enhanced Farm to School: Spartanburg School Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, Anderson Mill Elementary School garden (GAP cert.), Pauline-Glenn Springs Elementary (GAP cert.)
Farm to Institution: Yes

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: George Dickert & Andy Rollins
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No

Special Projects
Mobile Market, Hub City Farmers Market--Spartanburg's Food Desert Project: Connecting Local Growers to Local Need. The goal is to increase access to healthy, local food among food desert residents in Spartanburg by increasing the production and marketing capabilities of local farmers through business planning and targeted programs.
Union

Number of Farms: 262
Land in Farms: 45,512 acres
*No data available on food crop, cattle, poultry and egg, hog or dairy sales*
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

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(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

**Development and Land Use**

- Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Agriculture and land use issues are covered in the York County 2025 Comprehensive plan, not included in the City of Rock Hill’s 2020 Comprehensive Plan
- Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
- Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (Rock Hill)
- Conservation Easement (programs): No

**Education**

- Recent Extension Programming: Community Garden, 100 Rain Gardens, Cattlemen's Marketing, Forestry and Wildlife, Master Gardener and Jr. Master Gardener, Locally Grown Produce
- Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: York Technical College Sustainable Agriculture Certificate Program
- Agritourism: York to Fork, York County Ag & Art Tour

**Infrastructure**

- Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: G&W Processing (Hickory Grove), state inspected, limited capacity
- Value Added Site: No
- Incubator Farm: Yes, in planning phase, through the oversight of the York Technical College Sustainable Ag Certificate Program
- Farmers Markets: Main Street Market (York), Old Town Market (Rock Hill), Spring Farm Farmers Market (Fort Mill)
- Roadside Markets: Black's Peaches & The Cotton Belt Bakery (York), Boyd's Produce (Clover), Bush-N-Vine Farm (York), Bush-N-Vine Farm, Lake Wylie (Lake Wylie), Bush-N-Vine Farm, Rock Hill (Rock Hill), Sanders Brothers (York), South Forty Farm, LLC (Clover), Springs Farm (Fort Mill), The Peach Stand (Fort Mill), The Peach Tree (York), Windy Hill Orchard (York)

**Organizations**

- Food System Nonprofits: Eat Smart Move More, Society of St. Andrews, Catawba Farm and Food Coalition
- Farm to School: No
- Enhanced Farm to School: No
- Farm to Institution: No

**Personnel**

- Local Food Advisory Council: No
- Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
- Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Ben Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
# The Midlands Region

## Aiken

- **Population (2010):** 160,099
- **Number of Farms:** 1,206
- **Land in Farms:** 159,312 acres
- **Food Crop Sales:** $6,152,000
- **Poultry Sales:** $83,027,000
- **Cattle Sales:** $3,020,000

(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

## Development and Land Use

- **Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan:** No
- **Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan:** No
- **Municipal Poultry Allowed:** Yes (city of Aiken)
- **Conservation Easements (programs):** No

## Education

- **Recent Extension Programming:** Educational programs on livestock and forages, Master Gardeners, Forest Management
- **Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses:** No
- **Agritourism:** SC National Heritage Corridor

## Infrastructure

- **Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles:** No
- **Value Added Site:** No
- **Incubator Farm:** No
- **Farmers Markets:** Aiken County Farmers Market (Aiken)
- **Roadside Market:** Wagener Produce (Wagener)

## Organizations

- **Food System Nonprofits:** No
- **Farm to School:** No
- **Enhanced Farm to School:** No
- **Farm to Institution:** Fresh on the Menu sites

## Personnel

- **Local Food Advisory Council:** No
- **Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent:** No
- **Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator:** No
Allendale

Population (2010): 10,419
Number of Farms: 185
Land in Farms: 125,202 acres
Food Crop Sales: $9,096,000
Cattle Sales: $3,126,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Yes, but mostly forestry
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Farm and Ranch Land Preservation - Estate Planning Workshop, Small Farm Enterprises, Simplified Farm Record Keeping, Preliminary Organic Farm Inspections, Educational programs on aquaponics gardening, cattleman's programs
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Yes

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Allendale County Farmers Market (Allendale)
Roadside Market: No

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: In the planning process
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Bamburg

Number of Farms: 390  
Land in Farms: 124,935 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $10,910,000  
Cattle Sales: $1,618,000  
Dairy Sales: $4,699,000  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No  
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No  
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a  
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Cooking Healthy, Eating Smart, Healthy Eating Habits for Seniors  
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No  
Agritourism: SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No  
Value Added Site: No  
Incubator Farm: No  
Farmers Markets: No  
Roadside Market: Sandifer Farms Produce Market (Blackville)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No  
Farm to School: Richard Carroll Elementary, Richard Carroll Primary  
Enhanced Farm to School: No  
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No  
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No  
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Barnwell

Population (2010): 22,621
Number of Farms: 412
Land in Farms: 92,679 acres
Food Crop Sales: $5,600,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $9,580,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

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Calhoun

Population (2010): 15,175
Number of Farms: 341
Land in Farms: 110,525 acres
Food Crop Sales: $4,960,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $14,600,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Assisting Peanut Producers With Peanut Digging Decisions
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College’s Sustainable Agriculture Certificate; (AS) Soils and Sustainable Crops Transfer Program
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Calhoun County Farmers Market (Matthews)
Roadside Market: Oak Grove Farms of Gaston, LLC (Gaston)

Organizations
Food system Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Chesterfield

Number of Farms: 848
Land in Farms: 140,610 acres
Food Crop Sales: $6,563,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $68,586,000
Cattle Sales: $2,282,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: None
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Strawberry Festival (McBee), Pageland Watermelon Festival, Peach Festival (McBee), Ag-Cited, Pee Dee AgriTourism Passport

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Snow Hill Processing Plant, Chesterfield, limited capacity
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Chesterfield County Farmers Market (Cheraw), Jefferson Farmers Market (Jefferson), Pageland Farmers Market (Pageland)
Roadside Markets: McLeod Farms #1 & #2 (McBee), Rick Hendrix Farm (Pageland)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Jennifer Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Clarendon

Population (2010): 34,971
Number of Farms: 491
Land in Farms: 154,797 acres
Food Crop Sales: $31,468,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $39,041,000
Cattle Sales: $999,000

(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension programming: Goat Management Seminar, Master Gardener, Main Street Manning, Livestock, Forest Management
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally-inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Manning Farmers Market (Manning)
Roadside Markets: J. Mac Farms II (Manning), Richburg Farms (Manning), Robinson Ole Country (Turbeville)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: Walker Gamble Elementary
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Darlington

Number of Farms: 369
Land in Farms: 172,627 acres
Food Crop Sales: $14,642,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $41,887,000
Cattle Sales: $748,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (Programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Commodity Marketing and Risk Management Symposium, Center Coalition 4-H Community Garden, SC Women's Agriculture Network, 4-H2O Water Quality-Outdoor Adventure Camp, Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series, Master Gardener
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, Ag-Cited

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally-inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Good Living Marketplace (Downtown Hartsville), Market on Darlington Square (Darlington)
Roadside Markets: Quiet Brook Produce (Darlington), Triple R Landscape Supply, LLC (Florence), Ovis Hill Farm Store (Timmonsville, SC)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Jennifer Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Dillon

Number of Farms: 222
Land in Farms: 104,937 acres
Food Crop Sales: $11,036,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $27,429,000
Cattle Sales: $551,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs, etc.): No

Education
Extension Programming: Peanut Program, Master Gardener, Community Gardening, Tomato Contest, Forest Management
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, Ag-Cited

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: No
Roadside Market: P & D Farm Market (Lake View)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Jennifer Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Kershaw

Population (2010): 61,697  
Number of Farms: 499  
Land in Farms: 85,527 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $1,763,000  
Poultry and Egg Sales: $155,149,000  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No  
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No  
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No  
Conservation Easement (Programs): No

Education
Extension Programming: 4-H FACE Program (Food and Cover Establishment), Master Gardeners, Kudzu Bug Survey, Canning, Pond Weed Management, Alternative Marketing for Cattleman, Irrigation Systems for On-Farm Stability  
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No  
Agritourism: Midlands Farm Tour sponsored by CFSA and Whole Foods Market

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No  
Value Added Site: No  
Incubator Farm: No  
Farmers Markets: Kershaw County Farmers Market (Camden)  
Roadside Markets: 521 Bait Tackle (Camden), Elgin Quick Shop (Elgin)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No  
Farm to School: Doby's Mill Elementary  
Enhanced Farm to School: No  
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No  
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No  
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Lee

Number of Farms: 476
Land in Farms: 141,037 acres
Food Crop Sales: $17,716,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $42,039,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Extension Programming: Pond Weed Management, Kudzu Bug Control, Livestock Programs, Irrigation Program, Horticulture
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Lee Co Cotton Festival & Ag Fair, Ag-Cited

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: No
Roadside Markets: No

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Lexington

Number of Farms: 948
Land in Farms: 90,324 acres
Food Crop Sales: $2,613,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $115,568,000
Cattle Sales: $1,682,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (Lexington and Cayce)
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Extension Programming: Sustainable Schoolyard Habitats, Row Covers for Frost Protection in Strawberries,
Preparing Small Farmers for GAP Certification, Broccoli Production in SC, Extending IPM Technology to
Small-Scale Veg Growers; Master Gardener, Forest Mgt. Programs, Livestock & Forages Opportunities
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Midlands Farm Tour sponsored by CFSA and Whole Foods Market

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Certified SC Winter Farmers Market (West Columbia), Community Market at Brookland Baptist
Church (West Columbia), Crooked Creek Farmers Market (Chapin), Local Farmers Market at the Shoppes
at the Flight Deck of Lexington (Lexington), The Town of Lexington Farmers Market (Lexington)
Roadside Markets: Beaver Creek Farm & Market (Swansea), Cayce Farmers Market (Cayce), Deep Creek Produce
(Chapin), Four Oaks Farm (Lexington), Gantt's Stone Mill, LLC (Leesville), Green Spot Produce (Swansea),
James R. Sease Farms #1 & #2 (Gilbert), Livingston Farms (Swansea), Peaches N Such #2 (Gilbert),
Randall's Produce (Batesburg), Rikard's Country Market (Gilbert), Shealy's Market (Lexington), Southern
Blues (Chapin), The Farmers Shed (Lexington), Trudy's Produce (Lexington)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: Lexington School Districts 1 & 5
Farm to Institution: Fresh on the Menu

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Powell Smith
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Marlboro

Number of Farms: 233
Land in Farms: 122,522 acres
Food Crop Sales: $5,417,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $18,501,000
Cattle Sales: $2,558,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Collard IPM Training, Goat Management Seminar, Farmers’ Market: Small Farm Profit Opportunities
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, Collard Festival & Cooking Contest (extension), Strawberry Festival (Bennettsville), Peach Festival (Bennettsville), Ag-Cite

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: Yes
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Marlboro County Farmers Market (Bennettsville)
Roadside Markets: Johnson's Produce (Bennettsville), McArthur Farms (Bennettsville), Produce Barn (Wallace)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Yes
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Yes
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Jennifer Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Orangeburg

Number of Farms: 1,002
Land in Farms: 287,524 acres
Food Crop Sales: $28,966,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $61,857,000
Cattle Sales: $3,301,000
Dairy Sales: $9,645,000
Hog Sales: $9,290,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

Education
Recent Extension Programming: none
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College’s Sustainable Agriculture Certificate; (AS) Soils and Sustainable Crops Transfer Program
Agritourism: SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Orangeburg Farmers Market (Orangeburg), Right Choice, Fresh Start FM (Orangeburg)
Roadside Markets: Cannon Bridge Berries (Orangeburg), Hinnant Farm & Orchard (Eutawville), L & W Produce (Orangeburg), Lee Hughes Farm Fresh Produce (Neeses), Livingston Farms - Woodford Produce (North), Pine Hill Produce (Neeses), River Run Farms (Vance), Shuler Peach Company (Holly Hill), The Roadside Garden, LLC (Neeses), Tills Fresh Produce (Orangeburg)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Richland

Population (2010): 384,504
Number of Farms: 364
Land in Farms: 58,805 acres
Food Crop Sales: $3,984,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (city of Columbia)
Conservation Easements (programs): Conservation Commission of Richland County

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Cattleman's Association, Pasture & Hay Field Weed Control, Pasture Management,
Beef Cattle Genetics, Master Gardener, Urban Horticulture Center
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Midlands Farm Tour sponsored by CFSA and Whole Foods Market, Richland County Farm-City Week,
Midlands Plant & Flower Festival, Slow Food's Blues & BBQ Picnic, The Palmetto Tasty Tomato
Festival, Central Carolina Wine & Food Festival

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: All-Local Farmers Market (Columbia), Forest Acres Farmers Market (Columbia), Healthy Carolina
Farmers Market (Columbia), Main Street Marketplace (Columbia), Northeast Farmers Market (Columbia),
Sandhills Farmers Market (Columbia), various Seeds of Hope markets at multiple locations
Roadside Markets: City Roots (Columbia), Cottle Strawberry Farm (Columbia), Ringo's Produce Market (Eastover), S
& S Produce (Blythewood), Wood Produce (West Columbia), Yandle's Roadside Market (Columbia)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Seeds of Hope, Sustainable Midlands, City Roots, Organic Richland Initiative
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: Richland School District 5
Farm to Institution: Walden Correctional Institute Farm; Fresh on the Menu

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
The Low Country Region

Beaufort
Number of Farms: 125
Land in Farms: 49,401 acres
Food Crop Sales: $243,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes, Commercial seafood villages; Establishment of municipal growth boundaries and rural preservation areas; Conservation/cluster subdivisions
Local Food System included in Economic Development Plan: Yes
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (city of Beaufort)
Conservation easements (programs, etc.): Wetlands Reserve Program, Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program; Rural & Critical Lands Program; military base sees farming as a buffer against residential housing
Lowcountry Open Land Trust, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

Education
Recent Extension programming: Shrimper Training Program, Shrimp Marketing Opportunities Program, Master Gardener Program
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: plan to implement ag tourism model from Horry County

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: South Carolina Coastal Community Development Corporation (commercial kitchen and business incubator), Low Country Farmers Processing Facility
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Beaufort Downtown Farmers Market (Beaufort), Buckwalters Farmers Market (Bluffton), Habersham Farmers Market (Beaufort), Pigeon Point Farmers Market (Beaufort), Port Royal Farmers Market (Port Royal), The Farmers Market of Bluffton (Bluffton), The Mall at Shelter Cove Farmers’ Market (Hilton Head); Hilton Head Island Farmers Market at Honey Horn (Hilton Head)
Roadside Market: Barefoot Farms (St. Helena), Dempsey Farms (Sheldon), Rest Park Farm (Beaufort)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Gullah Farmers Cooperative Association, Beaufort County Open Land Trust Urban Garden and St. Helena Community Farm Programs, Coastal Conservation League
Farm to School: Whale Branch Elementary
Enhanced Farm to School: Beaufort County Schools (Fresh on the Menu), Mindstream Academy (Fresh on the Menu)
Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Yes, York Glover
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Robert Guinn, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Berkeley

Population (2010): 177,843  
Number of Farms: 314  
Land in Farms: 52,719 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $911,000  
Minimal non-crop food sales  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Last Use  
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes  
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No  
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a  
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land trust

Education  
Extension Programming: Master Gardener Program, Feral Hog Management Program  
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Trident Technical College's Horticultural Sustainability Certificate  
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure  
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally -inspected  
Value Added Site: No  
Incubator Farm: No  
Farmers Markets: Cross Community Center's Farmers Market (Cross), Goose Creek Farmers Market (Goose Creek), Moncks Corner Farmers Market (Moncks Corner)  
Roadside Market: Hwy 27 Country Store (Ridgeville)

Organizations  
Food System Nonprofits: No  
Farm to School: J.K. Gourdin Elementary  
Enhanced Farm to School: No  
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel  
Local Food Advisory Council: No  
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No  
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Harry Crissy, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Charleston

Number of Farms: 332  
Land in Farms: 41,702 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $8,462,000  
Minimal non-crop food sales  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes  
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Yes  
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes (Charleston, North Charleston); No (Mount Pleasant, Summerville, James Island)  
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

Education
Recent Extension Programming: Annual High-Tunnel Vegetable Field Day, Vegetable Grafting  
Training/Demonstration, Farm Food Safety Training, Master Gardener Community Gardens, Consumer Urban Horticulture Education, Carolina Friendly Yards, Master Gardeners, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Organic and Transitioning Vegetable Growers  
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Trident Technical College’s Horticultural Sustainability Certificate  
Agritourism: Low Country Local First April Farm Tour; April is Eat Local Month including a breakfast, farm tours, chefs’ potluck and fair, SC National Heritage Corridor  
Other: Growing New Farmers Apprentice Program (Lowcountry Local First) with an incubator farm site

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected  
Value Added Site: GrowFood Carolina  
Incubator Farm: Lowcountry Local First  
Farmers Markets: Awendaw Farmers and Fresh Seafood Market (Awendaw), Charleston Farmers Market (Charleston), Freshfields Village Farmers Market (Charleston), James Island Presbyterian Church Farmers Market - Seeds of Hope (Charleston), John Wesley United Methodist Church - Seeds of Hope (Charleston),

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2 "These are good examples of what the City continues to need as it grows … community gardens, urban farms or other means of local food production" (2010 Century V Plan, p. 63); Neighborhood Recommendations: "3. Revise land development regulations to allow for sustainable urban farming and small-animal husbandry" (p. 63); Urban Growth Recommendations: "7. Ensure land development regulations protect existing farms and agricultural uses and encourage urban farming" (p. 60)]

3 [ED 6. Focus Rural Area economic development efforts on agritourism and businesses/services that provide jobs for the local population. ED 7. Promote and enhance agricultural activities in the Rural Area by providing incentives to keep land in active agricultural production. (2011 Charleston County Comprehensive Plan Update, Chapter 3.2 Economic Development)]
Mount Pleasant Farmers Market (Mt. Pleasant), MUSC Farmers Market (Charleston), North Charleston/Hanahan Farmers Market (North Charleston), Ralph H. Johnson Medical Center Farmers Market (Charleston)

Roadside Markets: Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens / Boone Hall Farms (Mt. Pleasant), Freeman Produce Stand, Geechie Boy Market and Mill (Edisto Island), Joseph Fields Farm, LLC (John's Island), King's Market/King Brothers Farm (Yonges Island), Legare Farms, Inc. (Johns Island), Rosebank Farms (John's Island), Stono Farm Market (Johns Island)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: Lowcountry Local First, Farm Fresh Market SC, GrowFood Carolina, Lowcountry Food Bank, Fields to Families, Wine and Food, Slow Food chapter, Farming and Agricultural Recommendations for Mount Pleasant (F.A.R.M.)
Farm to School: Angel Oak Elementary, Charleston Progressive Academy, Ladson Elementary, Lambs Elementary, Minnie Hughes Elementary, Sanders Clyde Elementary, St. John's High School
Enhanced Farm to School: In planning
Farm to Institution: Charleston Southern University - Aramark (Fresh on the Menu), Kiawah Golf Resort - The Atlantic Room at the Ocean Course (Fresh on the Menu)

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Roger Francis, Cooperative Extension
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Harry Crissy, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Colleton

Number of Farms: 525  
Land in Farms: 174,822 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $2,791,000  
Cattle Sales: $976,000  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

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Dorchester

Number of Farms: 125
Land in Farms: 49,401 acres
Food Crop Sales: $6,189,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $14,284,000
Cattle Sales: $616,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes (brief mention)
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No (Not in Econ Dev section of Comp Plan
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

Education
Extension Programming: Expanded Food & Nutrition Education
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: Trident Technical College’s Horticultural Sustainability Certificate
Agritourism: SC National Heritage Corridor

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federal-inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Summerville Farmers Market (Summerville)
Roadside Markets: Coastal Produce #1 (Summerville), Cordray’s (Ravenal), Strobles Produce Farm (Harleyville), Trico Business Services Inc. Baker's Pond and Garden (Summerville)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: Harleyville Ridgeville Elementary
Enhanced Farm to School: Ashley Ridge High School garden program 4, Dorchester School District 4 5
Farm to Institution: MacDougall Correctional Institute Farm

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: Harry Crissy, Clemson University Cooperative Extension

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4 400 lbs. last year GAPs cert., sell produce in cafeteria directly to students
5 Purchased a high efficiency convection food steamer. The school district strives to serve fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables whenever possible
Florence

Population (2010): 1336,885
Number of Farms: 675
Land in Farms: 158,717 acres
Food Crop Sales: $16,733
*Minimal non-crop food sales*
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes 6
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Yes 7
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Extension Programming: Master Gardener, Pee Dee Cattleman's Association, Goat Management Seminars
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, Southern Plant & Flower Festival, Ag-Cited, Rural Heritage Celebration

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally-inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Lake City Farmers Market (Lake City), Pee Dee State Farmers Market (Florence)
Roadside Markets: Burch Produce (Lake City), Lamb's (Florence), M & M Farms & Flowers (Olanta), Mathews Produce (Coward), McKenzie Farms & Nursery (Scranton), Sacred Sky Farms & Greenhouses (Effingham), Willis Produce & General Store (Florence), Ovis Hill Farm Store

Organizations:
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: Williams Middle
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Jennifer Boyles, Clemson University Cooperative Extension

6 “Goal 7: Explore and encourage the purchase of local and sustainable products. Goal 8: Support and encourage best mgt practices for silviculture and agriculture.” (Economic Element Section of Florence Co. Comprehensive Plan)
7 Regional Agribusiness Development Program: “Develop a strategic plan and conduct a feasibility study for the recruitment of value added food processors and other agribusinesses in the region with the goal of helping the region's farms capitalize on the growing number of Palmettovores.”
Georgetown

Population (2010): 60,158  
Number of Farms: 252  
Land in Farms: 57,647 acres  
Food Crop Sales: $1,903,000  
*Minimal non-crop food sales*  
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

**Development and Land Use**  
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes  
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No  
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No  
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

**Education**  
Extension Programming: Commercial Vegetable Growers, Livestock and Forages Programs, Master Gardener Programs, Consumer Horticulture Programs  
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No  
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, online Pee Dee Agritourism Passport (extension), Ag-Cited, SC National Heritage Corridor

**Infrastructure**  
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected  
Value Added Site: No  
Incubator Farm: No  
Farmers Markets: Georgetown County Farmers Market (Georgetown), Pawley's Island Farmers Market (Pawley's Island)  
Roadside Markets: Cannon Vegetable Farm (Andrews), Lee's Farmers Market (Murrells Inlet), Millgrove Farms, LLC (Georgetown)

**Organizations**  
Food System Nonprofits: Coastal Conservation League  
Farm to School: No  
Enhanced Farm to School: No  
Farm to Institution: No

**Personnel**  
Local Food Advisory Council: No  
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No  
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Hampton

Population (2010): 20,090
Number of Farms: 295
Land in Farms: 126,753,647 acres
Food Crop Sales: $5,539,000
Minimal non-crop food sales
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: No
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

Education
Extension Programming: Serving Safe Food, Wild Hog Management, Grower Demonstrations, Farm and Ranch
Land Preservation - Estate Planning Workshop
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Hampton County Farmers Market (Hampton), Yemassee Farmers Market (Yemassee)
Roadside Markets: No

Organizations
Farm System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Horry

Number of Farms: 914
Land in Farms: 163,622 acres
Food Crop Sales: $15,331,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $10,968,000
Cattle Sales: $2,007,000
Hog Sales: $9,132,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes 8
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Yes
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes
Conservation Easements (programs): Wetlands Reserve Program; Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program

Education
Extension Programming: Waccamaw Market Cooperative, Livestock & Forage Programs (e.g., goat management seminars), Master Gardeners, Blackwater Beekeepers Association
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, online Pee Dee Agritourism Passport, Veggie Fest (Myrtle Beach)

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Conway Farmers’ Market (Conway), Myrtle's Market (Myrtle Beach), North Myrtle Beach Farmers Market (North Myrtle Beach), The Loris' Farmer's Market (Loris)
Roadside Markets: Bellamy Farms (Loris), Cad's Produce (Myrtle Beach), Graham's Produce (Myrtle Beach), Holmes Farms (Loris), Hyman Farms & Vineyards (Conway), Indigo Farms Produce & Garden Center (Little River), Johnson Farms & Produce (Conway), L & L Farms (Conway), RBS Farms, Inc. (Loris), Seven Seas Seafood Market (Murrells Inlet), Tyler's Produce (Conway)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: Bridgewater Academy Charter School, Burgess Elementary, Loris Middle, Myrtle Beach Intermediate School
Enhanced Farm to School: No

8 “Preserving Agriculture: 1) Adopt a right-to-farm ordinance in the County to ensure that active farming operations are not adversely affected by new residential developments. 2) Work with local agricultural landowners to highlight and market products grown and made in Horry County. 3) Encourage agricultural landowners to participate in the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program of the Natural Resource Conservation Service. 4) Partner with the Convention and Visitors’ Bureau to promote agricultural and heritage tourism.” (Envision 2025: Horry County Comprehensive Plan 2008)
Farm to Institution: No

**Personnel**
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Blake Lanford, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Jasper

Population (2010): 24,777
Number of Farms: 109
Land in Farms: 52,132 acres
Food Crop Sales: $272,000
Minimal non-crop food sales
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): Lowcountry Open Land Trust

Education
Extension Programming: Kids in the Kitchen
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: No

Infrastructure
Farm-scale Slaughter Facility / Meat Processor with 75 miles: No
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Jasper County Farmers Market (Ridgeland)
Roadside Markets: No

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: Ridgeland High
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Robert Guinn, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Marion

Population (2010): 33,062
Number of Farms: 308
Land in Farms: 69,530 acres
Food Crop Sales: $5,334,000
Cattles Sales: $1,726,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: n/a
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Extension Programming: Farmers Make Their Own Biodiesel, Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program, 4-H Financial Fitness, Livestock Program, Healthy Eating
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, Ag-Cited

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Marion County Farmers Market (Mullins)
Roadside Markets: Atkinson Farm (Mullins), Miller Farms (Nichols)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
Sumter

Population (2010): 107,570
Number of Farms: 554
Land in Farms: 153,457 acres
Food Crop Sales: $18,586,000
Poultry and Egg Sales: $53,054,000
Cattle Sales: $1,051,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: Yes
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: Yes
Municipal Poultry Allowed: Yes
Conservation Easements (programs): No

Education
Extension Programming: Pond Week Management, SC 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Challenge, Master Gardener Program, Cattlemen’s Association, Livestock Production Program
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Veggie Olympics (extension)

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally-inspected; Palmetto Pigeon Plant offers poultry processing, federally-inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Downtown Sumter Farmers Market (Sumter), Sumter County Farmers Market (Sumter)
Roadside Markets: Geddings Produce (Dalzell), Stafford's Farm & Market (Sumter), The Farm Store (Sumter), Willard Farms (Gable)

 Organizations
Food system Nonprofits: No
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: Wateree River Correctional Institution Farm & Dairy

Personnel

9 “The Sumter City and County governments should establish a program to purchase the development rights for prime farmlands or sensitive environmental areas that are in danger of being converted to strip commercial developments, housing, apartments....The City and County governments can establish a program similar to a Conservation Easement that is financed through building permit fees collected from the land development industry.” (Economic Development Recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan)
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: Barbara Brown, Clemson University Cooperative Extension
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No

Other Local Foods Projects: SCF Organic Farms Ltd received a grant to work with African American and women producers to complete a vegetable marketing study for organic producers, assist both produce and poultry producers establish organic farming operations, and develop business skills.
Williamsburg

Population (2010): 34,423
Number of Farms: 861
Land in Farms: 209,402 acres
Food Crop Sales: $14,931,000
Cattle Sales: $1,043,000
(Farm Data: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture)

Development and Land Use
Ag Included in Comprehensive Plan: No
Local Food System Included in Econ Development Plan: No
Municipal Poultry Allowed: NA
Conservation Easements (programs): Upstate Forever Land Trust holds 800 acres in conservation agreements

Education
Regional Technical College Sustainable Ag Program or Courses: No
Agritourism: Pee Dee Agritourism Plan, Ag-Cited

Infrastructure
Farm-scale slaughter facility/meat processor within 75 miles: Williamsburg Packing (Kingstree, NC), federally inspected
Value Added Site: No
Incubator Farm: No
Farmers Markets: Williamsburg County Farmers Market (Kingstree)
Roadside Markets: Black River Berries (Salters), Callaway Farms (Hemingway), Lucky B's Farms (Hemingway), Natural Grown Vegetables (Greeleyville)

Organizations
Food System Nonprofits: People's Farmer Cooperative provides training and technical assistance that will help members increase production, profitability, and develop markets, and assist in operating a hydroponic garden, utilizing greenhouses, and transitioning to organic farming.
Farm to School: No
Enhanced Farm to School: No
Farm to Institution: No

Personnel
Local Food Advisory Council: No
Local Foods Coop Ext. Agent: No
Ag Econ Dev. Coordinator: No
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Noteworthy Projects and Programs

County and Regional Level

- **Beaufort Local Food System**
  Beaufort County has been a leader in food systems work for several years. Projects have included farmers markets, farm to school work, distribution channels, special trainings and events. The Economic Development Plan states: "encouraging non residential activities that are compatible with rural areas through uses such as rural business districts, cottage industries, and continued agriculture and forestry." (Comprehensive Plan, 2010)

- **Catawba Farm and Food Coalition**
  Working in Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union and York Counties, the Coalition is a network of agricultural organizations and agencies, farmers and ranchers, community non-profits, businesses, and individuals. The purpose of the Coalition is to facilitate communication, coordination, and collaboration among all the sectors of the community that care about local agriculture and local food production. The Coalition has spearheaded a commercial kitchen, farmers markets, trainings, farm tourism, community gardens and a farm incubator. [www.clemson.edu/extension/community/catawba/programs/localfood/index.html](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/community/catawba/programs/localfood/index.html)

- **Chester County Agricultural Innovation Center**
  This center is funded by a $125,000 USDA rural development grant. It was conceived by the Catawba Regional Local Food Initiative after a local resident saw the need for a year-round farmers market and a commercial kitchen. The building was donated by the Town of Chester and sits directly next to the existing open-air downtown Chester Farmers Market. The new space houses an indoor market and rentable certified commercial kitchen space.

- **GrowFood Carolina**
  GrowFood Carolina, located in Charleston, has a mission to help link local farmers to local and regional markets. It provides infrastructure and coordination so that fresh produce can move seamlessly from local farmers’ lands to consumers’ hands. By providing meaningful opportunities to rural farmers, it is strengthening the regional food supply in the Lowcountry, and encouraging that local rural lands remain in agricultural use.

- **Lowcountry Local First**
  This Charleston-based organization is a membership alliance committed to educating and encouraging the public to invest in their local economy with “their dollars, their voices, their votes and their hearts.” Through their two initiatives, ‘Buy Local’ and ‘Eat Local,’ they provide a variety of education, outreach and apprentice programs. They promote the many benefits that come from choosing to buy from local, independent businesses and farmers.

- **Organic Richland**
  Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District is advocating for local and sustainable growers through this two-year initiative funded by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). The initiative is focused on building markets for, and interest in, local and sustainably-grown produce. It
promotes farm conservation planning, conservation cost-share programs, organic certification and transition to organic training, and preserving farmland. Richland Soil and Water is also acting as a local liaison to directly link local farmers to NRCS services and speakers. They are working with Clemson University Extension to support and build the Market Maker database and to develop a local food guide/agritourism website for the Midlands area using Market Maker's data. They work with Sustainable Midlands to host the annual Palmetto Tasty Tomato Celebration.

- **Slow Food Upstate**
  This organization is the local chapter of Slow Food USA and includes the counties of Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Pickens, Cherokee, Oconee, Union, Laurens, Greenwood and Abbeville. The general mission of Slow Food USA “envisions a future food system that is based on the principles of high quality and taste, environmental sustainability, and social justice—essentially, a food system that is good, clean and fair.” Slow Food Upstate offers educational outreach, community building and what they call “convivium” (sharing, honoring and celebrating the bounty of slow food). The organization has a grant program to help underwrite projects that advance food and nutrition education.

- **Waccamaw Market Cooperative**
  This non-profit organization coordinates and manages all of the community-based farmers’ markets in Horry County. They believe that public markets are not just a place for commerce, but that successful markets will help to strengthen the bonds between rural and urban economies. WMC works to ensure that market dates, times, and locations do not overlap and compete with one another. Farmer members are eligible to participate in the Waccamaw Grown program. This program helps to brand and identify farmers’ products as local for the benefit of both the consumer and the producer.

- **Upstate Forever**
  Upstate Forever works to promote sensible growth and to protect natural resources in a ten-county Upstate region. These counties are Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg and Union. Through its main programs, Upstate Forever is doing important work improving air and water quality, and promoting economically, socially and environmentally sound growth. It is protecting more than 16,000 acres of farms, forests, natural areas and other special places through conservation agreements.

**Statewide**

- **Certified Roadside Stand Market Program**
  This program, established in 1972, holds roadside markets accountable to State standards. It is designed to encourage markets to be reputable and offer a good supply of SC farm products. It offers an online directory of markets.

- **Certified SC Grown**
  This program is a cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers and SCDA to brand and promote South Carolina products. The goal is for consumers to be able to easily identify, find and buy South Carolina products.
• **Farmers Market Nutrition Program**
  This SCDA program works with many of the 100 community-based farmers markets in SC. Through the program, eligible recipients in the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program and the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Programs are issued checks. These can be used to buy fresh, unprepared fruits, vegetables and cooking herbs from farmers or farmers’ markets that have been approved to accept them. The program provides wholesome food to people who are nutritionally at risk; it provides an additional market for SC farmers.

• **Fresh on the Menu**
  This SCDA initiative is a second phase of the Certified SC Grown program. Participating restaurants, institutions and chefs agree to prepare menus that include at least 25% Certified SC Grown foods and products in season, and to feature the Fresh on the Menu brand.

• **Organic Certification**
  Clemson University’s Department of Plant Industry (DPI) is a USDA approved Accredited Certifying Agent. This accreditation allows DPI to certify organic operations in the three major categories of certification: crop or greenhouse, livestock and handling.

• **Rural Resource Coalition SC**
  This is an alliance of rural leaders who work to strengthen the state’s rural communities and foster stewardship of natural resources. The group is active on farm entrepreneurship projects and food business development.

• **School Gardens Program**
  The goal of this SCDA initiative is to provide schools and communities with the opportunity to learn healthy eating habits through gardens. It provides an effective and fun way to instill in children an appreciation for local farms and food production.

• **SC Agricultural Council**
  This non-profit organization is dedicated to the promotion of South Carolina agriculture and forestry. They hold seasonal agricultural tours throughout the state and sponsor the observance of Farm-City Week. This annual national event takes place the Friday before Thanksgiving through the following Thursday and promotes a better understanding between agricultural and urban communities.

• **SC Association of Farmers Markets**
  This statewide non-profit is the voice of the more than 90 farmers markets in the state. The association advocates for markets, and provides training and professional development. It has electronic benefit transfer (EBT) projects to enhance the consumption of locally grown food by low-income families. It funds promotional campaigns for farmers markets across South Carolina and EBT projects at underserved areas.

• **SC Conservation Bank**
  The SC Conservation Bank was founded in 2002. The Bank protects wildlife habitat, natural and historic areas, farmland, watersheds and open space throughout the state. It encourages cooperation and innovative partnerships among landowners, state agencies, municipalities, and non-profit organizations.
Landowners who wish to participate may sell property outright or enter into conservation easements. The Bank is funded by the state legislature and private donations.

For its first five years, the Bank protected 10,000 acres of farmland at a cost of $10 million; during that same period it protected 153,000 acres of total land at a cost of $81 million. From 2008 to 2011, the Bank received no funding. In 2012-2013, the Bank protected an additional 2,000 acres of farmland at a cost of $1.5 million, and 10,000 total acres for $5 million. Over its entire life, the Bank has spent an average of $1 million per year to protect farmland. This represents 13% of the Bank’s funding.

• **SC Farm and Ranchland Protection Plan**
  Administered by NRCS, this is part of the national Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program (FRPP). It is a voluntary Farm Bill program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. Eligible entities are state, tribal, and local governments and non-government organizations that acquire conservation easements from landowners who agree not to convert their land to nonagricultural uses and to develop and implement a conservation plan for any highly erodible land. Land proposed for FRPP must meet one of two eligibility categories: this includes land that has at least fifty percent prime and unique farmland soils, and soils of statewide and local importance, or contains historic or archeological resources.

• **SC Farm to School Program**
  Implemented in early 2012, this new program is a joint effort between SC’s Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Environmental Control, and Clemson University’s Youth Learning Institute. Core components of the program include the following: increasing the number of farmers that are certified to provide locally grown products in schools; providing education to foodservice staff and teachers on Farm to School practices; and providing hands-on learning activities to promote healthy eating among school children. Finding GAPs certified farmers to provide locally-grown products remains a major barrier in bringing local foods into schools. Lowcountry Local First, SC Dept of Agriculture and Clemson are working together to provide statewide comprehensive trainings on how to become GAPs certified.

• **SC Food Policy Council**
  This statewide body is made up of volunteer members from state government, universities, agricultural commodity associations, food banks, farmers, elected officials and agribusiness. The Council serves as a forum about policies and initiatives related to the food system in South Carolina. The Council works towards the expansion of healthier food choices for South Carolinians. A 2010 report published by the Council provides the findings of an interagency workshop dealing with food systems within the state (http://agriculture.sc.gov/userfiles/file/Food%20Policy%20Council/Sustain%20Report.pdf).

• **SCMarketMaker™**
  SCMarketMaker is an e-commerce business tool to help facilitate the direct buying and selling of South Carolina agricultural and seafood products. It serves consumers, producers and other businesses in the food industry. SCMarketMaker works through an interactive website where buyers and sellers can meet and transact business. SCMarketMaker is part of a growing national MarketMaker network of websites developed in collaboration with state land-grant universities. It provides access to information on growers, food processors, food wholesalers and retailers, farmers markets and restaurants.
• **SC Small Farms Program**
  This SCDA program provides assistance to small family farmers with an emphasis on dissemination of information, referrals, and counseling on issues such as: land retention, alternative land use, and community development. The program focuses on assisting small farmers in understanding the challenges associated with retail marketing and in helping them to find solutions to their specific problems.

**Educational**

• **Clemson University Sustainable Agriculture Program**
  This model program provides sustainable agriculture education and outreach to students, as well as Cooperative Extension Service personnel, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff and other professionals, farmers, and landowners with an interest in sustainable agriculture. The program features a 15-acre certified organic student farm. The project is interdisciplinary and involves faculty and students from a variety of colleges and departments.

• **Commissioner’s School for Agriculture**
  This week-long academic summer program is coordinated by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture & Clemson University’s College of Agriculture, Forestry & Life Sciences. Participants are students entering their junior and senior years of high school who are interested in pursuing college coursework related to the agricultural and natural resources majors at Clemson.

• **Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College’s Sustainable Agriculture Certificate**
  This 30 semester hour university transfer program teaches students the practical applications and benefits of using sustainable agriculture practices. Students completing this program obtain skills needed to improve their success in agricultural production.

• **SC LEADS**
  This leadership program is designed to provide training and networking for young people involved in South Carolina’s food, fiber and farming sectors. The program brings together demonstrated leaders within these sectors. The program provides a curriculum of seminars and site visits.

• **Trident Tech Horticultural Sustainability Certificate Program**
  This eight month program offers course instruction in resource management and conservation in a variety of topics, including ornamentals, landscape construction, pest control and soils. It primarily serves students in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties.

• **York Technical College Sustainable Agriculture Certificate Program**
  This 10-week program covers a wide range of essential topics for beginning sustainable farmers. It is a combination of classroom lectures and hands-on training in the field. Students have access to small equipment, greenhouses, processing facilities and farmland. Those who successfully complete the course will be able to continue growing on an assigned plot with access to shared resources, equipment and technical assistance.
Agri-tourism

- **Ag-Cited**
  This initiative, created by the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau, is intended to increase farm tourism in the Pee Dee region by offering family-friendly events every weekend of a season. Events range from farm festivals to wine tastings and include fun activities for families like planting and storytelling. The Bureau puts out a brochure that highlights seasonal events as well as local community-based farmers' markets.

- **Midlands Farm Tour**
  Begun in April 2013, the tour is self-guided. In 2013, it featured ten farms and led to nearly 3,000 farm visits by area residents. Farms were located in Richland, Lexington and Kershaw Counties. The event is planned as an annual tour and is co-sponsored by CFSA and Whole Foods Market.

- **Pee Dee Agri-Tourism Passport**
  The Agri-Tourism Passport is a collaborative initiative of Clemson University Cooperative Extension and the University of Illinois Extension that is funded through USDA Rural Development grants. It is an online tool that provides consumers with an interactive map of agri-tourism sites throughout the Pee Dee Region. The website incorporates Google Maps to enable residents and visitors to locate on-farm lodging, produce stands and other agriculture-related businesses.

- **SC National Heritage Corridor**
  The SC National Heritage Corridor was established in 1996 as one of a select number of National Heritage Areas. These are regions in which entire communities live and work, and where residents, businesses, and local governments have come together to conserve special landscapes and their own heritage. The SC Corridor is divided into four regions and contains the following counties: Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Georgetown, Greenwood, McCormick, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens and Saluda. The Corridor gives special attention to agri-tourism. It publishes a guide for farmers and food producers called “Ag Tourism Marketing: What You Need to Know.” They also publish an annual “Spring into Summer Farm and Garden Event Guide,” promoting agricultural festivals and events throughout the region.

- **Upstate Farm Tour**
  Carolina Farm Stewardship Association has been operating this early summer event since 2006. The tour is self-guided. Farms and gardens are located throughout the Upstate in Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Laurens, Greenwood and Spartanburg Counties. The tour showcases organic and sustainable farms, teaching the general public about farming techniques and ways to grow food ecologically. It is co-sponsored by Whole Foods Market. It features 25 farms and garners thousands of farm visits.

- **York to Fork**
  This project came out of work of the Catawba Regional Local Food Coalition. It is an online tool that links consumers to local farms, farmers’ markets, food-based businesses and restaurants serving local products. It incorporates Google Maps and provides an easily accessible online tool.