





2019 SC Farmer Resource Rodeo

an official SC New and Beginning Farmer Program Event

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Agenda

9:00 Registration

9:15 Opening Session

- Emcee
- Welcome
- Housekeeping

Jessica Cabrera
Steve Slice & Dave Lamie
Chanda Cooper

9:30 Speed Introductions I

- Clemson Organic Certification Program
- Clemson Food 2 Market
- Clemson SARE
- Clemson Soil Lab
- Clemson Extension Agribusiness
- SC State University 1890 Extension
- Greenville Technical College and SCOOL
- Organic Growers School
- SC Beekeepers Association

Stephen Nix
Adair Hoover
Kelly Flynn
Shannon Alford & John Hoben
Will Culler
Mark Nettles
Rebecca McKinney
Cameron Farlow
Rosalind & Glenn Severt

10:15 Q&A I

10:30 Break/Table Time

11:00 Speed Introductions II

- SC Cattlemen's Association
- SC Forage and Grazing Lands Coalition
- SC Sheep Industries Association
- SC Association of Conservation Districts
- SC Forestry Commission
- SC Department of Natural Resources
- US Department of Agriculture—NRCS
- US Department of Agriculture—FSA
- US Department of Labor

Roy Copeland
Gary Ward
Patty Scharko & Debbie Webster
Tina Blum & Diane Edwins
Russell Hubright & Jeff Riggin
Breck Carmichael & Michael Hook
Kellee Melton
Evelyn Whitesides & Marty Dorroh
Colin Trimble & Luis Medina

11:45 Q&A 2

12:00 Lunch by F2T Catering

Vanessa Bialobreski





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1:00 Speed Introductions III

- AgSouth Farm Credit
- ArborOne Farm Credit
- Catawba Regional Council of Governments
- SC Community Loan Fund
- SC Small Business Development Center
- Center for Heirs' Property Preservation
- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
- SC Farm Bureau

Mark Fox
Dan Rummel
Randy Pellisero & Ed Brock
Chantee Gorie & Brendan Buttimer
Jim Johnson & John Cuttino
Jasmine Brown & Trey Bailey
Gena Moore
Carrie Walker & Chalmers Mikell

1:45 Q&A III

2:00 Break/Table Time

2:30 Speed Introductions IV

- SC Department of Agriculture—Produce Safety
- SC Department of Agriculture—Good Agricultural Practices
- SC Department of Agriculture—ACRE Program
- SC Department of Agriculture—Agritourism & Certified SC
- SC Specialty Crop Growers Association
- SC Farm to School & SC Farm to Institution
- Don't Waste Food SC
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
- Rural Resource Coalition

Brooke Horton
Matthew Burleson
Kyle Player
Jackie Moore
LauraKate Anderson
Ben Sease
Adah Gorton
Doug Groendyke
Rebecca Martin

3:15 Q&A IV

3:30 Concluding Session

- Door Prizes and Evaluations
- Closing

John Newman
Diana Vossbrinck

4:00 Dismissal

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About the Midlands Local Food Collaborative

The Midlands Local Food Collaborative (MLFC) was formed in 2012 as a partnership between local government, academic, and non-profit organizations whose common goal was to promote a vibrant and sustainable local food system in the eight-county region known as the SC Midlands. The working group now includes participants from eighteen federal, state, local, academic, and non-profit organizations who meet regularly to coordinate regional food system efforts.

Mission: The MLFC's mission is to cultivate a sustainable local food system, foster land stewardship, and increase equitable food access in the Midlands by:

- Engaging and educating the community about food system issues
- Strengthening the local food economy through infrastructure developments in coordination with regional and state efforts
- Advancing policies in support of local food systems and organizing stakeholders around these issues
- Increasing access to healthy food while creating small farmer opportunity
- Increasing sustainable food production through education, technical and financial assistance

For more information about the MLFC, visit www.midlandsllocalfood.org.





About the SC New and Beginning Farmer Program

The South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program (SCNBFP) is focused on enabling new, beginning, and emerging farmers to be successful, productive, and innovative members of their local agricultural community by providing them with the tools, knowledge and skills necessary to be successful entrepreneurs, sound business managers, exemplary stewards of the natural environment, and successful marketers of the unique products they create. Most importantly, the SCNBFP seeks to develop individuals who have a sense of pride and enjoy a quality of life as a result of their investment and participation in the industry of SC agriculture.

Any legal resident of SC who is just beginning farming or who has actively farmed for fewer than 10 consecutive years is eligible to apply for the SCNBFP. This cohort-based, agribusiness training program runs from November through May of each year, and applications open online each June. Please visit our website at www.scnewfarmer.org for more information.

The SCNBFP is a signature program of Clemson Cooperative Extension – Agribusiness, working in collaboration with dozens of statewide entities on programming development and delivery. Since its inception in 2010, more than 300 aspiring and emerging farmers have graduated from the core program, while hundreds of additional SC farmers are reached through SCNBFP regional workshops and the Resource Rodeo each year. The program also supports three annual farm tours, on-farm internships, Annie’s Project, and an Alumni Association.

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