

South Carolina Department of Agriculture



Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA)

Mission:

To promote and nurture the growth and development of South Carolina's agriculture industry and its related businesses while assuring the safety and security of the buying public.



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- Agricultural Services
 - Marketing
 - Grading and Inspection – F&V, grain
 - Market News Service – F&V, livestock
 - State Farmers Markets
- External Affairs and Economic Development
 - Legislative Affairs
 - Agribusiness Development
 - Grant Programs

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- **Consumer Protection**

- Food & Feed Safety
- Laboratory Services
- Consumer Services
- Metrology

- **Agency Operations**

- Office of the Commissioner
- Administration
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Public Information



Certified South Carolina

- 2,050 members
- 91% of consumers are more likely to purchase CSC over other products
- 67% of consumers are willing to pay more for food items labeled CSC

Fresh on the Menu

- 310 members
- Program awareness is up 10 percentage points from 2013



AGRIBUSINESS

#1 INDUSTRY
in South Carolina

AGRIBUSINESS HAD A
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
\$41.7 BILLION

IN 2013

ECONOMIC IMPACT HAS
INCREASED 23%
SINCE 2006

ACCOUNTS FOR

212,530

JOBS TOTAL

REPRESENTING

10.5%

OF THE STATE'S WORKFORCE

2015 Flood and Rain Damage





Clarendon County farm under water

SCDA Involvement



- SERT ESF 11 (food) and 17 (animal agriculture)
- Damage assessment
- Hay and feed analysis
- Sample grades of peanuts and grain
- Communication with crop insurance agents
- Fuel quality
- Developed protocols for evaluation of food crops in flooded areas
- 5 Team SC events and 6 farmer meetings
- Meeting with RMA Deputy Administrator

50 x 20

Working toward our goal of agribusiness being a \$50 billion industry by 2020.

- Access
- Partnerships
- Recruitment
- Diversification



Questions?



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