## Western Colleton Community and Agricultural Exposition Center - \$2.5 Million

The Western Colleton Agricultural and Event Complex would be the County's largest meeting space. The Complex would include a Conference Center, as well as a 120' x 200' covered arena attached to the enclosed Exhibit Hall.

The Western Colleton Community and Agricultural Exposition Center is a major venue that will annually host more than 200 shows and events, many of which have a significant agricultural focus. These include three major agricultural shows, the Lowcountry Farm Show, the All-American Dairy Show, and a Livestock Exposition. It also can host a number of other agricultural shows, including rodeos, horse shows, and livestock sales. These events in total can attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Colleton County and Lowcountry area, which positively affects other businesses within the region. Studies estimate the annual economic impact in Colleton County of the major events held at the facility includes the direct economic impact of local spending by vendors, by the hundreds of thousands of visitors, and by the facility itself for operation/maintenance, and the indirect and induced economic impacts of these direct expenditures.

This facility will bring together local and regional farmers, homesteaders, farm enthusiasts, small businesses, and community members and give them a place to interact and do business. No facility like this is currently available in the Lowcountry.