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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) has a two-part mission: to nurture and grow agribusiness, and to protect producers and consumers in the marketplace. The agency has three divisions — Agency Operations, Consumer Protection, External Affairs & Economic Development — and an Office of General Counsel. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) Accountability Report reflects how the entire agency works together to carry out SCDA's mission.

Agency Operations

The Agency Operations Division consists of the Commissioner's Office; Finance and Administration; Human Resources; Information Technology (IT); State Farmers Markets; and Grants Administration. These program units work to ensure that people, equipment, and infrastructure are adequate, available, and positioned across the state where needed to keep the agency mission ready. Finance and Administration consists of accounting, budget, procurement, fleet, and facilities. Human Resources is responsible for recruitment, classification, benefits, payroll, training, and employee engagement, support, and development. SCDA is a Department of Administration (Admin) Division of Technology Operations (DTO)-managed customer for networking, desktop, and web applications. SCDA's in-house IT department provides end-user support for desktop, mobile-device, and web; facilitates third-party vendor sourcing and service for specialized solutions; and acts as a liaison with DTO and agency leadership to communicate user needs and implement solutions. Grants Administration manages federal grant programs that benefit farmers and consumers across the state. SCDA offers points of sale and purchase for agricultural products at three State Farmers Markets in Columbia, Florence, and Greenville. The Commissioner's Office delivers responsive constituent services, oversees special projects at the direction of the Commissioner, operates the now-fully implemented South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) Card program, and facilitates information flow between the Commissioner and internal and external partners.

Consumer Protection

The Consumer Protection Division (CPD) is now structured with six (6) departments: Animal Feed Safety; Consumer Services; Federal State Inspection Services, which includes Market News Programs and Commodities and Compliance Inspection; Laboratory Services (including the Metrology Laboratory); Retail Food Safety; and Wholesale Food and Dairy Safety. By its legislative charge, the goal of the Consumer Protection Division is to protect consumers and the buying public through routine food/feed/fuel/commodity inspections, laboratory testing and analyses, a variety of industry certifications, product sampling, licensing, auditing, grading, and oversight of commodity storage warehouses/facilities including their financial accounting. SCDA has several emergency response functions, like serving the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 11 (Food Service) and 17 (Animals and Agriculture); and Rapid Response Team (RRT) food, feed, and dairy adulteration and/or contamination, recalls, or disease outbreaks. Hiring a director to lead these programmatic responsibilities will be an emphasis in FY 28.

External Affairs and Economic Development

The External Affairs and Economic Development Division (EAED) includes External Affairs; Marketing; Communications; Agricultural Programs; and the Office of Agribusiness Development. As the lead advocate for the state's agricultural industry, the agency listens to stakeholders about pertinent issues at the federal, state, and local levels. SCDA encourages market access, development, and sustainability for agricultural products by building consumer demand in South Carolina and beyond. SCDA continues helping existing operations expand and recruiting new companies to facilitate more value-added opportunities in South Carolina. The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) facilitates industry-led research at South Carolina's research institutions, is an incubator for agribusiness innovation, and conducts business development workshops. The agency educates the public about farming and food safety, and ensures farmers and agribusinesses receive accurate, timely information.

Office of General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel handles all legal matters for the agency. This includes reviewing and developing forms, MOUs, contracts, releases, leases and other documents for SCDA; overseeing all outside litigation including cases involving SCDA with Insurance Reserve Fund and their appointed outside counsel; providing legal opinions representing the position of SCDA on regulatory matters such as Industrial Hemp, the Food Safety Modernization Act, Animal and Human Food, Standards of Identity, Food Additives, Food and Cosmetic Act, Animal Feed Act, and other laws and regulations under SCDA's purview; providing legal opinions and advice for SCDA programs including the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE), Agritourism, Farm to School, Certified South Carolina, and Fresh on the Menu; representing and advising SCDA on employment matters, including cases with the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC), State Accident Fund (SAF), State Human Affairs Commission (SHAC), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and Department of Labor (DOL); and reviewing and consulting on legal issues arising from agency HR policies and procedures.

Agency Highlights During FY26

1. Employees Earn Achievements, Awards, and Recognition

Employees are SCDA's most important and valuable resource, and the agency supports pursuit of personal and professional development that adds value to their work product and/or service. Here are some achievements, awards, and recognition earned by staff:

- Hannah Arndt, Grants Coordinator, completed the South Carolina Farm Bureau Women's Communication Bootcamp to enhance her skills in public speaking, share positive messages about agriculture, provide consumer education, and effectively talk to the media.
- Will Attaway, Commodities and Compliance Coordinator, obtained his USDA Harmonized Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Auditor License; and became licensed to conduct Shipping Point Inspections for peaches.
- Leslie Beaty, Laboratory Services Chief Chemist, completed proficiency testing and became a fully certified milk analyst by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.
- Talita Bigelow, Retail Food Safety Standards Officer, became credentialed as an FDA Standardized Retail Food Safety Inspection Officer.

- Lorey Bell Grady, Manager of Animal Feed Safety, completed the two-year Palmetto Leadership in the Environment, Agriculture, and Forestry (PLEAF) intensive academic, experiential learning and networking curriculum designed to facilitate personal and professional growth, while sharpening character and leadership skills; and she received the American Association of Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) Appreciation Award for serving on the planning committee for the annual AAFCO Feed Administrator Seminar in Kentucky.
- Alexa Bombich, Assistant Director for Quality and Compliance in Laboratory Services, was certified as Designated Laboratory Evaluation Officer by the FDA.
- Joe Burnett, Retail Food Safety Supervisor, completed the Public Professional Development (PPD) Cohort Certification, hosted by the Department of Administration, to enhance the ability to work with teams, gain presentation skills, and manage priorities.
- Chris Doyle, Grants Manager, became credentialed as a Certified Grants Management Specialist (CGMS) by the National Grants Management Association (NGMA).
- Riley Eldridge, Livestock and Grain Market News Reporter, became a USDA certified livestock reporter, and is working towards the specialty crops reporter certification.
- Brittni Geny, Director of Finance and Administration, qualified and achieved the Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) credential.
- Alan Goodman, Retail Food Safety Standards Officer, became credentialed as an FDA Standardized Retail Food Safety Inspection Officer.
- Joanne Harrison, Microbiologist, completed proficiency testing and became a fully certified milk analyst by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.
- Michelle Haynes, Human Resources Manager, completed the Human Resources Professional Development (HRPD) program put on by the Department of Administration.
- Eva Moore, Communications Director, was nominated for and completed the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative through Furman University. The six-month program equips leaders with the tools and perspectives needed to leverage the unique skills and insights of their employees as a way to improve organizational outcomes.
- Bernadette Mundo, Feed Registration Specialist, received the American Association of Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) Appreciation Award for serving on the planning committee for the annual AAFCO Feed Administrator Seminar in Kentucky
- Kellie Senn-Taylor, Director of Federal-State Inspection Services, completed the two-year Palmetto Leadership in the Environment, Agriculture, and Forestry (PLEAF) intensive academic, experiential learning and networking curriculum designed to facilitate personal and professional growth, while sharpening character and leadership skills.
- Matthew Scott, Retail Food Safety Standards Supervisor, became credentialed as an FDA Standardized Retail Food Safety Inspection Officer.
- John Stokes, Consumer Services Director, served as President of the Southern Weights and Measures Association (SWMA), and hosted the 2025 annual conference in Greenville last October.
- John Wheeler, Retail Food Safety Special Processes Supervisor, contributed to and co-authored the Guidance for Developing HACCP Plans for Specialized Processes.
- Shay Willis, Wholesale Food Safety Compliance Officer, completed the Public Professional Development (PPD) Cohort Certification, hosted by the Department of Administration, to enhance the ability to work with teams, gain presentation skills, and manage priorities.

2. South Carolina Market Bulletin Adapts to Changing Times

Since 1913, the South Carolina Market Bulletin has been a resource for South Carolina farmers looking to buy and sell equipment and services and find information about agriculture. While its core readership remains loyal, paid subscriptions have steadily declined over the past few decades. Competition from services like Facebook Marketplace, combined with an overall decline in the print industry, have reduced Bulletin readership. Ad numbers have also declined. Concerned about the publication's continued viability, the Department explored options and decided to make the Market Bulletin available online without requiring a subscription. After a notification period, this change took effect February 5, 2026. People can continue subscribing to the print issue for $15 per year, and can sign up for email notification when a new issue is available electronically.

As there is significant overlap between Bulletin readership and South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) cardholders, the agency is now dedicating a portion of each Market Bulletin issue to SCATE education, using a portion of marketing funds collected from issuing SCATE cards.

So far, the change appears successful. Readership (print subscribers + those receiving email notifications) rose for the first time in 13 years, from 6,099 to 6,479. Open electronic access has also given a wider platform to the Bulletin, with content that can now be more easily shared on social media. SCDA anticipates a strong future for this important part of South Carolina agriculture history.

3. Certified SC Cafeteria Program Gets Local Food into School Cafeterias

SCDA created the Certified SC Cafeteria program in 2025 with $1 million in funds from the SC General Assembly to tap into the largest institutional food service avenue in the state. Through this state-funded, local procurement program, SCDA connects School Food Authorities (SFAs) across the state with food producers. Program funds were spent on a variety of foods grown by South Carolina farmers: 29.4% on strawberries, 19.4% on grains, 10.9% on blueberries, 6.5% on peaches, 2.3% on honey, and more.

Applications for the program opened in November of 2025. In the first year, 67 SFAs pledged to prioritize and make good-faith efforts to purchase South Carolina-grown or -produced food. These 67 SFAs represent more than 850 school cafeterias serving 538,066 students. This program reached from the mountains to the coast, in both urban and rural communities. Funding was allocated depending on a district's enrollment numbers. Not only did the students get to eat fresh local food, the cafeterias and classrooms are working together to connect students to their food systems through education.

One success story is in Greenwood County, where SFA director Amy Stabler met with a farm cooperative down the road from her office and decided to work with the group of farmers to purchase strawberries weekly through the growing season. Greenville County hosted Greg Johnsman, owner of Marsh Hen Mill, to see his Carolina Gold Rice being served on the cafeteria line at JL Mann High School. After lunch, farmer Greg led a lesson to a high school history class about the history of Carolina Gold Rice in South Carolina. This shows how this program impacts a student's relationship with the food they are eating and the farmer that grows it.

4. Hurricane Helene State Disaster Relief Block Grant (SDRBG) Provides Relief for Farm and Forest Losses

Hurricane Helene left South Carolina with an estimated $109,492,495 in agricultural and timber losses, based on surveys from Clemson Extension and South Carolina Forestry Commission (SCFC). USDA Farm Service Agency allocated $37,529,879 in the form of a block grant to South Carolina from The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2025 for the purpose of reimbursing farmers and forest landowners for losses that were not covered by other disaster relief programs, crop insurance, or private insurance. The four loss categories are infrastructure, future economic, market, and timber losses. SCDA chose to administer this program to make this funding available to producers.

This ongoing project required SCDA to write a work plan on how the agency would administer the SDRBG program, get it approved by USDA, work with the agency's contracted grant management platform to create an online application, train Clemson Extension and Association of Conservation Districts to conduct outreach and applicant loss verification, communicate with potential applicants, accept and assist with acceptance with applications, review application claims, determine award amounts, and disburse payments to farmers and forest landowners. SCDA staff in Agency Operations, Grant Administration, the Commissioner's Office, Marketing, and Communications have been involved in these activities, along with staff from SCFC. It took from July 2025 through January 2026 to develop the work plan in coordination with USDA, and from November 2025 through May 2026 to build the application portal, train the trainers, and communicate with potential applicants. The application period ran from mid-May through mid-July 2026. 762 applications were submitted. SCDA is currently reviewing agricultural claims, and SCFC is reviewing timber claims, with a goal of making payments for approved claims by the end of 2026.

5. State Farmers Markets Offer Improved Facilities

The complete interior and exterior renovation of facilities at the Greenville State Farmers Market (GSFM) was completed in October 2025. This $2,734,426 project included the grocer area, the entire retail shed, office space, and the market office. New lighting, heat, fans, and a large walk-in cooler are more energy efficient, attractive, and functional. Glass garage-type doors allow more natural light and improve aesthetics. Updated cameras, security, and access control systems offer convenience while protecting agency assets. A regional office for SCDA staff was created on the second floor between the retail sheds. This space is accessible 24 hours a day and serves as a landing spot, particularly for field inspectors, to access reliable Wi-Fi and local area network connections, a multifunction printer, power outlets, a kitchen, and bathroom facilities. The market office now has a more functional, professional, modern workspace for the market manager and employees, a kitchen, and a larger ADA-compliant bathroom in a more private location. Finally, there is a conference room available for public rental and use.

At Pee Dee State Farmers Market (PDSFM), a full-service commissary kitchen was completed, with much of the work done in-house by the market maintenance personnel. This allows current and future vendors at the market to prepare and serve food at their leased space under the drive-through shed. Additionally, the kitchen is used by food truck vendors present for multi-day festivals.

A campus-wide signage project at the 175-acre South Carolina State Farmers Market (SCSFM) in Cayce was finished in February 2026. There are information kiosks at both entrances and at the market administration building that lists tenants, has a map, and links to upcoming events and activities. Directional signage helps customers navigate where they want to go, and site markers identify buildings and facilities. With SCDA, Department of Education (Education), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and a host of businesses on the campus, consistent, branded signs are both functional and thematic.

6. SCDA offers Accountability Returns and Customer Service Enhancements

Office of State Auditor (OSA) conducts an Audit of Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) on state agencies' financial procedures like revenue and expense classification and documentation; adherence to state law, regulations, and policies, including provisos and internal SOPs; personnel and payroll transactions; vehicle and building insurance coverage; and asset inventory and handling. For the audit completed in June 2026 covering FY 25 and FY26, there were no findings. This is extremely rare and a great reflection of the seriousness SCDA places on stewardship of taxpayer dollars, revenue generated, and federal funds it handles.

Examples of customer (both internal and external) service enhancements that were put in place during FY26 are:

- Online and/or electronic payment options are now being offered for more public facing programs, including the three State Farmers Markets, Certified SC merchandise, agency sponsored event registration, and Retail Food Safety enforcement penalties.
- Telematics devices are installed on all 195 agency vehicles to help supervisors deploy and utilize resources efficiently, track service and maintenance needs, offer better employee safety through crash detection, and create greater accountability in the use of state assets.
- Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance training was conducted for employees who receive payments from customers to ensure customer data is handled securely.
- Finance and Administration implemented mandatory (proviso 104.10) purchase card training for all card holders, so they understand the rules and use the cards appropriately; the agency purchase card manual was updated to reflect changes in the proviso.
- Grants Administration successfully completed implementation of a new, online Grants Management Solution, where grant applications, competitive reviews, subawards, document submission, and performance measures can all be completed online.
- The Local Food Connector (LFC) online portal was launched with 60 farmers and most school districts in the state to facilitate relationships between farmers and school food purchasers.

7. Agribusiness Growth Continues in South Carolina

SCDA and South Carolina Department of Commerce continue working to aggressively expand the state's agribusiness industry through strategic economic development. SCDA works with nearly every county and regional economic development alliance to educate them on incentive opportunities for businesses. This includes using the Agribusiness Infrastructure Incentives Distribution Initiative and the Growing Agribusiness Fund to engage existing and prospective South Carolina agribusinesses.

The original $40 million appropriation for the Growing Agribusiness Fund has helped many existing South Carolina agribusinesses expand. The $40 million is creating more than $1 billion in economic activity, creating more than 1,400 jobs. Announcements have included projects in food and beverage processing, fresh produce, seafood, forestry, poultry, and agricultural technology. Here are two project highlights from FY26:

- **Signature Foods/ Anderson, SC/ $250,000.00**: This leading manufacturer of ready-to-eat products in Europe was recruited to invest $13.4 million dollars to locate a manufacturing facility that will employ 202 people, sourcing ingredients in state.

- **Harbour Logistics/ Berkely, SC/ $600,000.00:** Serving customers throughout the Southeast with warehousing, rail, and drayage infrastructure, Harbour Logistics is investing $2.7 million dollars to relocate and expand its soybean transloading operation. Capacity will increase from 15 to 50 daily trucks with an annual throughput of five to seven million bushels of soybeans for export.

8. Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) Expands Reach

In 2017, the South Carolina General Assembly designated funding to grow agricultural entrepreneurship in our state. SCDA used that funding to create the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship. Thus far, ACRE has awarded $1,862,500 to 163 entrepreneurs, funded 79 major industry-driven research projects, led dozens of business workshops, helped create 11 agricultural cooperatives, and served people in every South Carolina County. State dollars have been used to leverage nine USDA Rural Business Development Grant awards to reach deeper into rural communities. Successful entrepreneurs that completed and were awarded funds in the Curriculum and Advanced Programs this past year included:

- **Hickory Bluff Farms LLC / Berkeley County / Michael and Karen Parker ($25,000):** Located in Located in Berkeley County, Hickory Bluff Farms is a multi-generational, family-owned agribusiness that serves customers throughout the South Carolina Lowcountry and expanding regional markets. It has become a diversified specialty crop, agritourism, and value-added enterprise producing strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, seasonal vegetables, and processed food products. The farm is GAP certified and maintains essential infrastructure such as a packing shed, walk-in refrigeration, and certified commercial kitchen.

- **SC Cut Flower Growers Marketing Cooperative / Oconee County / Julie Rainey ($15,000):** Located in Oconee County, the South Carolina Cut Flower Growers Marketing Cooperative (SCCFGMC) is a farmer-owned, member-governed organization connecting small and mid-scale flower farms with professional buyers across the state. SCCFGMC is finalizing two primary cooler hubs in Greenville and Columbia to form the backbone of a statewide floral distribution network.

9. Agency Invests in Employee Wellbeing On and Off the Job

The Department intentionally offers resources for employees to take care of themselves personally and while they serve the public. Here are a few examples:

- Continue to refresh older, unreliable, and less safe vehicles inherited from the former Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in the S.399 transfer of Retail Food Safety programs by purchasing 22 new crossover vehicles for inspectors.

- The agency cellular phone plan was switched to one that included satellite calling as a failsafe and both the hardware and the users verified they could utilize that service.
- In response to the SC Hands-Free Act and the SCDA vehicle use policy, all agency vehicles were equipped with phone mounts for employees to use.
- In September 2025, SCDA planned and hosted its second annual employee benefits fair with 46 different vendors, hearing tests, flu shots, blood pressure checks, and food trucks at the Phillips Market Center (PMC); 95 employees from three state agencies attended, and 35 got hearing tests. One 47-year-old employee told SCDA Human Resources that the hearing test "changed her life" because she didn't previously realize how much she was missing.
- 77 people got flu shots at two clinics that were offered to employees and their covered family members.
- Human Resources offered three open enrollment seminars and a seminar about the state's deferred compensation program.
- *The Resource*, a monthly newsletter for agency employees, offers health and wellness, state and agricultural history, financial management, and other articles; showcases employee profiles, pictures, birthdays, and achievements; and features information about benefits, security awareness tips, and other things happening around the agency.
- Finance and Administration made the travel module in SCEIS, the state's accounting system, available for employees to submit travel reimbursement requests; the classic pdf and excel documents, in either electronically or hard copy form, are still options.
- SCDA continued paying for all employees to access First Sun Employee Assistance Program (EAP), where they have access to mental health sessions (counseling, coaching, spiritual care) and life management services (elder care resources, education, financial planning, adoption assistance, legal consultation, child and family services, and pet service referrals).

10. Consumer Protection Division (CPD) Repositions Resources to Better Serve Citizens

In FY26, CPD instituted several organizational changes to expand service and make regulatory compliance easier to understand and achieve. Milk Safety (grade A milk products) was moved to Wholesale Food and Dairy Safety to ensure program standards would translate to manufactured graded dairy products. Employees were cross trained to perform all milk and dairy product inspections. Standard Operating Procedures are being rewritten and forms standardized to be consistent and ensure Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) are met.

The Metrology Laboratory was moved from Consumer Services Department to Laboratory Services Department in March 2026 for two primary reasons. Having all Laboratory Services under one department with similar operational and compliance requirements serves both internal and external clients with more uniformity and consistency. Resource procurement, training, and accreditation are more streamlined and efficient. Second, Laboratory Services processes and personnel should expedite the Metrology Laboratory's goal for International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) accreditation. For example, the CPD Residue Laboratory became ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited in FY26 for total THC quantification and become the official compliance testing laboratory for the state's hemp farming program.

Risk Assessment

The most negative impact, should the agency fail in accomplishing its goals and objectives, would be on public health and safety. The agency's regulatory and marketing functions both ultimately ensure a safe, affordable, local food supply. Without SCDA's inspection and oversight throughout marketing channels, there would be no confidence among consumers in the safety of the food they eat or the pet feed they purchase. Foodborne illnesses could cause sickness, starvation, or even death. Less seriously, but still important, consumers would likely not receive the volume or quality of product for which they were paying. Producers would not know they are being paid for the accurate quality grade or quantity of product they are selling.

Agribusiness, including farming and forestry, is the largest industry in the state with an economic impact of over $51 billion and accounting for about 260,000 private sector jobs. If SCDA did not nurture and grow this industry, the negative economic impact and loss of jobs, particularly in rural communities, would be substantial. Obviously, not all the variety of food consumed by South Carolinians comes from in-state. However, if South Carolina could not produce any of its own food, a national security and public safety crisis would occur.

SCDA works cooperatively with other local, state, and federal agencies to accomplish its mission and prevent the worst-case scenario described above. The best "outside" help that can be provided is for the South Carolina General Assembly to lean on SCDA's technical expertise to guide recommended periodic statutory and regulatory updates as technology evolves and new products are developed. Keeping pace with neighboring states and the federal government, when prudent, streamlines the regulatory process, and reduces the burden on South Carolina businesses.

By state statute, Commissioner Weathers or his designee serves as a board member of the Conservation Bank, Drought Response Committee, Water Resources Working Group (WaterSC), Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD), South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and the Statewide Resilience Plan Advisory Committee.

Risk Mitigation Tools and Strategies

Three options for the general assembly to prevent such a crisis:

- Support and pass the model feed law described in the following restructuring recommendation.
- Work with agribusiness to determine competitive barriers and use a balanced approach (pro-growth versus public safety) to overcome those obstacles.
- Use SCDA resources, producers, agricultural service providers, and others who live and work daily in the industry, to gain a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities that exist.

Other mitigating controls instituted by SCDA to ensure proper use and oversight of taxpayer, producer, and industry dollars:

In certain instances, SCDA provides state-funded grants for economic development projects, as reimbursements for county and/or private-sector expenses. These grant reimbursements are meant to incentivize investments in rural South Carolina, particularly counties that SCDOR has deemed Tier III or IV

(least developed). SCDA mitigates any losses by ensuring legal contracts (performance agreements) are in place to require certain thresholds of investment or job creation are achieved and maintained for a certain time. If any performance agreement is broken, SCDA requires repayment of grant funds.

The South Carolina Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee provides an additional avenue for commodity producers to be at the table with SCDA leadership, communicating and monitoring for any commodity dealer failures, which affect many farmers, before they become catastrophic losses and have direct and indirect consequences for the industry.

Restructuring Recommendations

1. Take legislative action to adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials, which 49 other states have already adopted in full or by part.
   - This adoption would create a uniform and consistent platform for the feed industry to follow.
   - This legislation would allow firms operating in South Carolina to be on a level playing field with firms in the other 49 states.
   - Conforming South Carolina's feed law, which has been in place for more than 50 years, would provide simple and modern guidelines for industry to follow.
   - Forthcoming regulations would provide uniform labeling requirements, allowing South Carolina firms to establish an easier way to distribute and market products nationally and globally.

1. Update state retail food safety regulations to align with the 2022 federal food code, which is a "model for best practices to ensure the safe handling of food in a retail setting." Current state regulations are based on the prior food code from 2017.
   - The proposed revision provides state and federal compliance consistency for retail food establishments.
   - It will only include changes with common-sense application for South Carolina establishments.
   - SCDA will hold stakeholder meetings, engage with South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (SCRLA), and receive public comment during the drafting process to gain industry support.

2. Update Regulation 61-36, Manufactured Grade Dairy Products
   - Standardize language and with other food and beverage programs to increase clarity and ease regulatory compliance.

3. Update Regulation 61-32, Wholesale Bottled Water, Soft Drink, and Ice Manufacturing
   - Harmonize terminology and procedures with SCDA wholesale food and dairy product regulations to reduce confusion.

Attachments

1. *Grown in SC* Magazine, Issue 6 (2026): https://agriculture.sc.gov/magazine/

2. Certified SC Cafeteria Program Overview: https://scfarmtoschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/CSCCafeteriaOverviewReport2026_V2_digital.pdf

3. Shrimp Disclaimer Law Compliance Guide: https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/RFEShrimpDisclaimerLaw2026.pdf

4. ACRE Business Plan Development Guide: https://acre-sc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ACREBusinessPlanGuide2025_digital.pdf

5. SCDA Website Redesign: https://agriculture.sc.gov

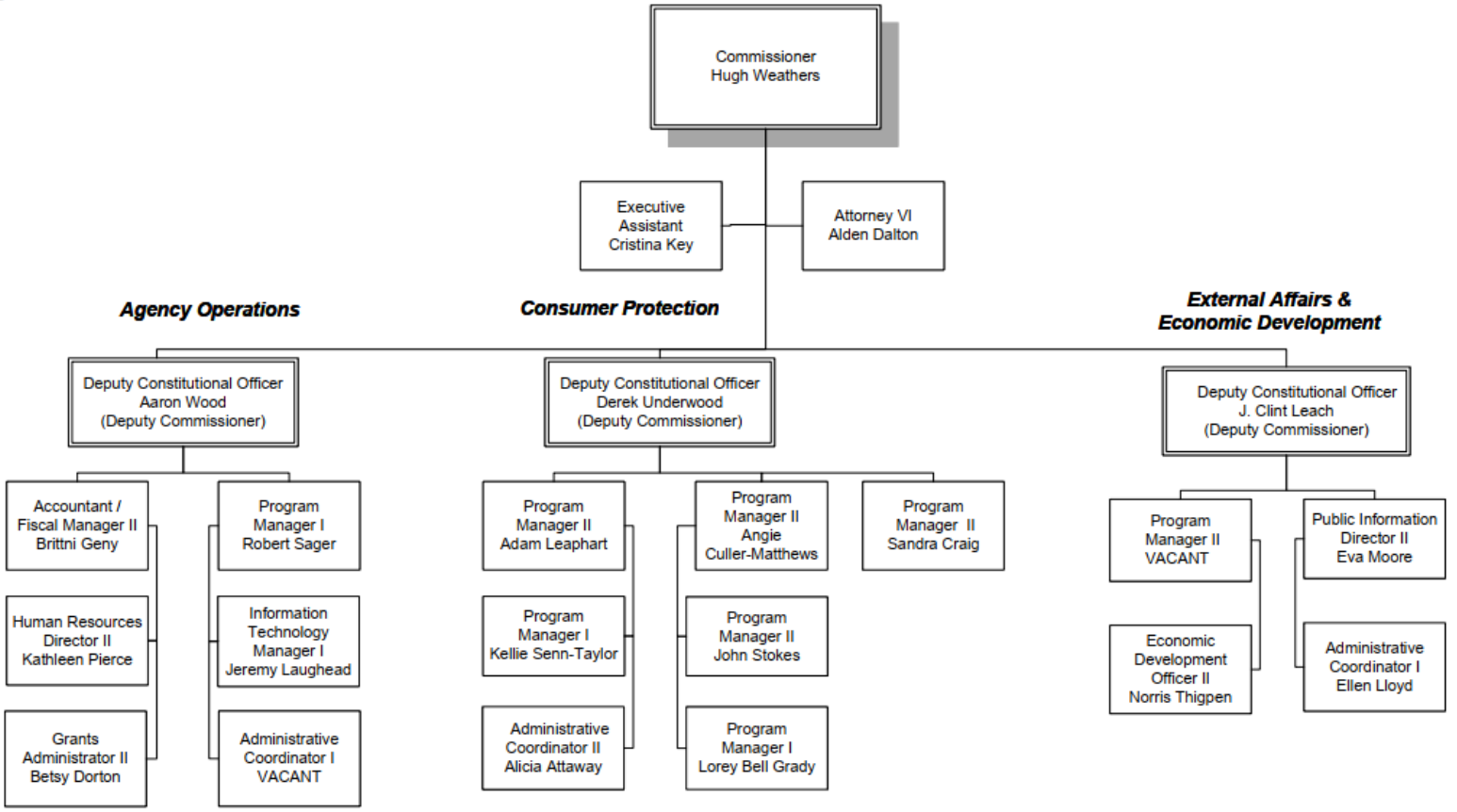
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AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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Agency Mission	**Adopted in:**	**1980**

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is 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.

Agency Vision	**Adopted in:**	**1980**

For the State's economy to grow and prosper, providing everyone, producers and consumers, opportunities to enjoy the benefits of agriculture.

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

1. Take legislative action to adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials, which 49 other states have already adopted in full or by part;
2. Update retail food safety regulations to align with the 2022 Food Code.

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

1. Move the Milk and Dairy Safety Program to the Wholesale Food Safety Department, which will now be called Wholesale Food and Dairy Safety; 2. Restructure staff at the Columbia State Farmers Market to create an Operations Manager and a Business Manager to report directly to the Market Manager;

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
SCDA is administering the Hurricane Helene State Disaster Relief Block Grant (SDRBG) on behalf of USDA Farm Service Agency	July	June	Engage with trade groups and associations of colleagues by participating in meetings and trainings in order to exchange the most current information about regulatory and industry topics. Examples are the National State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), Southern State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA), National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM), Association of Feed Control Officials (AFCO), and Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)	This ongoing project took significant amounts of time from staff in Agency Operations, Grants Administration, Commissioner's Office, and Communications. This is obviously time that staff could not spend on other projects and required workload. Administration of this block grant led to more engagement with state partners and other state departments of agriculture.

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).	Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)	

Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).	Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?	Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**S.C Code Ann. §§ 6-3-20; 46-3-145; 46-3-280(C); 46-15-20(12); 46-15-40; 46-19-300; 46-21-25(4); 46-21-45(A); 46-21-215; 46-21-217; 46-21-345; 46-27-30; 46-27-70; 46-27-80; 46-27-310; 46-27-310; 46-40-10; 46-41-95; 46-41-140; 46-42-70; 46-49-9; 46-50-50; 39-25-10. et seq.; 39-9-68; 39-26-50; 12-6-3590(B); 44-1-140(3)**
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?	Yes
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?	Yes
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)	

Strategic Plan Results

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FY2026

Goal 1 Improve agency operational readiness and workforce development

Goal 2 Protect consumers and business entities through physical inspections, laboratory analysis, accuracy and precision calibrations of measuring devices, product (food, feed, fuel) sampling, facility and product licensing, and routine, risk based, or consumer complaint driven inspections

Goal 3 Promote, develop and expand South Carolina's agriculture/agribusiness industry, both domestically and internationally, by providing opportunities to farmers and industry players

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Ensure employees have the best available resources, including facilities, fleet, equipment, training, and information, to deliver complete, concise and consistent customer service**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.1.1	SCDA IT helpdesk tickets are assigned, acknowledged, and addressed within two business days of submission	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	The number of tickets assigned and acknowledged as a percentage of all help desk tickets submitted by employees	IT Help Desk records	HappyFox; IT	IT Solutions	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.1.2	Offer at least three agency-wide training options for pertinent policies, procedures, or tools	4.00	3.00	5.00	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of training opportunities	Agency documentation	Sign up records; Agency Operations	Increased employee knowledge/skills	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.2	**Encourage employee well-being and work/life balance**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.2.1	Maintain the percentage of employee turnover year over year	10.40%	15%	15.55%	Percent	Equal to or less than	State fiscal year	Annual turnover rate percentage	Reconciliation of SCEIS and agency HR data	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee satisfaction	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.2.2	Zero verified true discrepancies on the Compensated Absences Report at year-end	1	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State fiscal year	Cross check the Compensated Absences Report with employee leave statements, investigate any discrepancies, and count those that can not be reconciled	Provided at year-end by the Comptroller General	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee work/life balance, appropriate staffing levels, improved personnel management	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.3	**Ensure agency compliance with US Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration by confirming employment eligibility of prospective employees**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.3.1	Complete E-Verify online submission within 3 days of hire of new employees	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of E-Verifications divided by total number of new hires	Human Resources	Contact SCDA Human Resources	Assurance that SCDA is hiring legal employees	All constituents and customers	0120.050000.000	
1.3.2	Complete evaluation stage universal review period EPMS documents by 1 December	100%	98%	94.20%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of completed evaluation stages by the dates outlined divided by the total number of employees required to have an EPMS	HR records	Human Resources files	Feedback on performed job functions and success criteria	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
2.1	**Provide food, feed, produce, commodity safety oversight of SC manufacturers, retail food establishments, processors, distributors, farms, dairies, mills and certain retailers through risk based, compliance, mandatory inspections, and laboratory analysis of collected and submitted samples**									**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
2.1.1	Lead and perform inspections under state regulatory authority or under federal contract involving such program areas MFRPS, AFRPS, FSMA, COOL, RRT, State Hemp Farming Program, USDA AMS, and by providing training and regulatory oversight for GAP, GHP, Produce Safety, PC Inspections, and HACCP	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of completed inspections and training dates for customers/growers divided by the inventory of customers and growers	Software, data queries, scheduled inspections	Consumer Protection	Virtual options, inspection feedback/reporting, workable regulatory framework, quick turnaround/response time, centralized training locations if applicable	Customers, industry, farmers, general public and staff	0702.010000.000	
2.1.2	Engage with trade groups and associations of colleagues by participating in meetings and trainings in order to exchange the most current information about regulatory and industry topics. Examples are the National State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), Southern State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA), National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM), Association of Feed Control Officials (AFCO), and Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percentage of those required attending	Number of staff attending required workshops, conferences and events	Consumer Protection	Value added information required for any attendees regardless of seniority or supervisory roles.	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0702.010000.000	
2.1.3	Analyze official and submitted samples for quality, purity, safety and compliance with standards internally or through cooperation with other agencies (USDA, FDA, DPH, DES, Clemson) during normal operations or during emergencies	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Completed LIMS, Lab Reports, Midyear reviews and audits by federal partners	Lab Reports, lab analysis, standards adherence with FDA/USDA milestones	Consumer Protection	New LIMS implementation with software able to communicate with current inspection, sampling, and audit software	Agency employees including field and laboratory personnel	0702.010000.000	
2.2	**Maintain the accuracy and precision of the State's mass and volume measurement system standards, industry measuring devices, and agency inspection tools by providing high quality, traceable, and precise calibration services to public and private customers**									**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
2.2.1	Perform routine inspections of establishments under SCDA oversight. Follow up communications with inspectors in response to complaints within 24 hours.	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of devices checked divided by total number of devices in inventory	WinWam software queries, consumer complaint files	Consumer Protection	Proper and adequate staffing, current equipment in all territories assigned	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	0702.010000.000	
2.2.2	Perform routine inspections of retail food establishments per risk assessment.	n/a	75%	75%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of retail food establishments inspected factored with the frequency needed	WinWam software queries	Consumer Protection	Proper and adequate staffing, current equipment in all territories assigned	Consumers	0700.100000.000	
2.2.3	Enhance the Metrology Lab by obtaining Echelon I certification and NVLAP accreditation, and provide staff with updated NIST training	0%	100%	0%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percentage of compliance and certifications from NIST	New lab to become Ech I certified and Quality Management system Implemented: NVLAP prerequisites	Consumer Protection	Employee certification and training will allow more services offered and increase revenue and laboratory credibility.	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000	Still on the path toward ISO accreditation. Moved metrology under laboratory with ISO and Quality Manager
2.2.4	Perform calibrations of liquid and mass measurement equipment within one month of work order initiation	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Receiving date vs completion date	Lab reporting, invoice dates	Consumer Protection	Proper staffing and turn around for submitted and official weight and measuring calibration devices	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000	
3.1	**Expand marketing efforts, including Certified SC Grown, to both maximize return on investment (ROI) for the state and private sector participants, while also increasing sales opportunities at the State Farmers Markets, restaurants, and retail outlets**									**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
3.1.1	Maintain Certified SC Grown program membership of at least 2,200 members	2,733	2,200	2,701	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of Certified SC members at the end of the fiscal year	Certified SC Grown and Fresh on the Menu databases	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increased focus on locally grown	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.010100.000	
3.1.2	Maintain overall subscribers of The Market Bulletin	6,099	6,099	6,479	Count	Maintain range	State fiscal year	Total number of Market Bulletin subscribers	Kelly Registration Systems	Market Bulletin	Reach a unique market to help spread valuable information from SCDA and about agriculture industry	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.250000.000	
3.1.3	Increase SCDA's related channels' followers on Facebook and Instagram by 2 percent	137,200	139,944	185,003	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of followers	Facebook page members	Communications	Reflect brand recognition	SC consumers	1500.010100.000	

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
3.2	**Increase agribusiness development efforts through recruitment, expansion, diversification and value-added opportunities**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
3.2.1	Perform an annual inventory analysis on agribusiness companies who are primed for expansion in SC or the Southeastern United States	168	120	198	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Totaling monthly number of contacts	Recruitment log; updated monthly	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases economic impact of the industry	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000	
3.2.2	Participate in at least 6 business recruitment/trade show events per year to meet with prospective companies	7	6	10	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total of events staff attend	Database	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases visibility of SCDA Office of Agribusiness Development	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000	

Strategic Plan Development

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

FY2027

P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Ensure employees have the best available resources, including facilities, fleet, equipment, training, and information, to deliver complete, concise and consistent customer service**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.1.1	SCDA IT helpdesk tickets are assigned, acknowledged, and addressed within two business days of submission	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	The number of tickets assigned and acknowledged as a percentage of all help desk tickets submitted by employees	IT Help Desk records	HappyFox; IT	IT Solutions	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.1.2	Offer at least three agency-wide training options for pertinent policies, procedures, or tools	5	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of training opportunities	Agency documentation	Sign up records; Agency Operations	Increased employee knowledge/skills	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.2	**Encourage employee well-being and work/life balance**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.2.1	Maintain the percentage of employee turnover year over year	15.55%	15%	Percent	Equal to or less than	State fiscal year	Annual turnover rate percentage	Reconciliation of SCEIS and agency HR data	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee satisfaction	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
1.2.2	Zero verified true discrepancies on the Compensated Absences Report at year-end	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State fiscal year	Cross check the Compensated Absences Report with employee leave statements, investigate any discrepancies, and count those that can not be reconciled	Provided at year-end by the Comptroller General	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee work/life balance, appropriate staffing levels, improved personnel management	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	

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1.3	**Ensure agency compliance with US Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration by confirming employment eligibility of prospective employees**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.3.1	Complete E-Verify online submission within 3 days of hire of new employees	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of E-Verifications divided by total number of new hires	Human Resources	Contact SCDA Human Resources	Assurance that SCDA is hiring legal employees	All constituents and customers	0120.050000.000	
1.3.2	Complete evaluation stage universal review period EPMS documents by 1 December	94.20%	98%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of completed evaluation stages by the dates outlined divided by the total number of employees required to have an EPMS	HR records	Human Resources files	Feedback on performed job functions and success criteria	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	
2.1	**Provide food, feed, produce, commodity safety oversight of SC manufacturers, retail food establishments, processors, distributors, farms, dairies, mills and certain retailers through risk based, compliance, mandatory inspections, and laboratory analysis of collected and submitted samples**								**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**				
2.1.1	Lead and perform inspections under state regulatory authority or under federal contract involving such program areas MFRPS, AFRPS, FSMA, COOL, RRT, State Hemp Farming Program, USDA AMS, and by providing training and regulatory oversight for GAP, GHP, Produce Safety, PC Inspections, and HACCP	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of completed inspections and training dates for customers/growers divided by the inventory of customers and growers	Software, data queries, scheduled inspections	Consumer Protection	Virtual options, inspection feedback/reporting, workable regulatory framework, quick turnaround/response time, centralized training locations if applicable	Customers, industry, farmers, general public and staff	0702.010000.000	

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2.2	**Maintain the accuracy and precision of the State's mass and volume measurement system standards, industry measuring devices, and agency inspection tools by providing high quality, traceable, and precise calibration services to public and private customers**								**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**				
2.2.1	Perform routine inspections of establishments under SCDA oversight. Follow up communications with inspectors in response to complaints within 24 hours.	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of devices checked divided by total number of devices in inventory	WinWam software queries, consumer complaint files	Consumer Protection	Proper and adequate staffing, current equipment in all territories assigned	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	0702.010000.000	
2.2.2	Perform routine inspections of retail food establishments per risk assessment.	75%	85%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of retail food establishments inspected factored with the frequency needed	WinWam software queries	Consumer Protection	Proper and adequate staffing, current equipment in all territories assigned	Consumers	0700.100000.000	

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2.2.3	Enhance the Metrology Lab by obtaining Echelon I certification and NVLAP accreditation, and provide staff with updated NIST training	0%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percentage of compliance and certifications from NIST	New lab to become Ech I certified and Quality Management system Implemented: NVLAP prerequisites	Consumer Protection	Employee certification and training will allow more services offered and increase revenue and laboratory credibility.	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000	
2.2.4	Perform calibrations of liquid and mass measurement equipment within one month of work order initiation	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Receiving date vs completion date	Lab reporting, invoice dates	Consumer Protection	Proper staffing and turn around for submitted and official weight and measuring calibration devices	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000	
3.1	**Expand marketing efforts, including Certified SC Grown, to both maximize return on investment (ROI) for the state and private sector participants, while also increasing sales opportunities at the State Farmers Markets, restaurants, and retail outlets**								**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
3.1.1	Maintain Certified SC Grown program membership of at least 2,200 members	2,701	2,200	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of Certified SC members at the end of the fiscal year	Certified SC Grown and Fresh on the Menu databases	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increased focus on locally grown	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.010100.000	
3.1.2	Maintain overall subscribers of The Market Bulletin	6,479	6,479	Count	Maintain range	State fiscal year	Total number of Market Bulletin subscribers	Kelly Registration Systems	Market Bulletin	Reach a unique market to help spread valuable information from SCDA and about agriculture industry	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.250000.000	
3.1.3	Increase SCDA's related channels' followers on Facebook and Instagram by 2 percent	185,003	188,703	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of followers	Facebook page members	Communications	Reflect brand recognition	SC consumers	1500.010100.000	
3.2	**Increase agribusiness development efforts through recruitment, expansion, diversification and value-added opportunities**								**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
3.2.1	Perform an annual inventory analysis on agribusiness companies who are primed for expansion in SC or the Southeastern United States	198	120	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Totaling monthly number of contacts	Recruitment log; updated monthly	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases economic impact of the industry	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000	

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3.2.2	Participate in at least 6 business recruitment/trade show events per year to meet with prospective companies	10	6	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total of events staff attend	Database	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases visibility of SCDA Office of Agribusiness Development	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000	

2026 Budget Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0117.100000.000	Market Services	Three State Farmers Markets: Columbia, Greenville, and Pee Dee.	$ 859,041.88	$ 935,521.16	$ -	$ 1,794,563.04	$ 871,976.00	$ 897,987.10	$ -	$ 1,769,963.10
0120.050000.000	Operations	Commissioner's Office, Legal, Human Resources, Finance, and Administration, IT, and Grants Management.	$ 2,327,665.05	$ 470,894.81	$ 212,719.68	$ 3,011,279.54	$ 2,351,578.00	$ 427,946.00	$ 35,274,447.00	$ 38,053,971.00
0702.010000.000	Consumer Protection	Laboratory Services, Consumer Services, Produce Safety, Commodities & Compliance, Wholesale Food and Dairy Safety, and Feed Safety.	$ 5,222,806.15	$ 1,422,462.29	$ 623,271.07	$ 7,268,539.51	$ 5,571,096.00	$ 1,564,008.00	$ 982,968.00	$ 8,118,072.00
0702.050000.000	Inspection Services	Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, Peanut Grading, and Market News.	$ -	$ 2,909.15	$ -	$ 2,909.15	$ -	$ 18,500.00	$ -	$ 18,500.00
0700.100000.000	Retail Food Safety	Retail food establishment inspections and permit issuance.	$ 4,316,979.71	$ 3,548,810.50	$ 63,424.06	$ 7,929,214.27	$ 4,332,881.00	$ 3,607,337.00	$ 50,023.00	$ 7,990,241.00
1500.010100.000	Marketing & Promotions	Broad-based marketing programs that increase consumer awareness and product demand for quality SC agricultural products at local, national, and international levels.	$ 5,266,949.72	$ 238,859.60	$ 6,093,752.61	$ 11,599,561.93	$ 5,382,568.50	$ 267,050.00	$ 6,001,200.00	$ 11,650,818.50
1500.100000.000	Commodity Boards	Soybean, Pork, Cotton, Peanut, Watermelon, and Tobacco Boards; Beef and Peach Councils.	$ -	$ 2,299,587.79	$ -	$ 2,299,587.79	$ -	$ 2,488,408.86	$ -	$ 2,488,408.86

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1500.250000.000	Market Bulletin	Publication issued twice a month as a marketplace for agricultural goods and services, and provide consumer interest articles; available printed and electronically.	$ -	$ 142,312.12	$ -	$ 142,312.12	$ -	$ 141,516.96	$ -	$ 141,516.96
1500.300100.000	Agribusiness Development	Promotion of agribusiness in SC through research and recruitment of prospective agribusinesses that may have an interest in locating or growing their agribusiness in SC. Work with elected officials and business/state leaders at all levels to facilitate sound public policy and serve as an unbiased source of information.	$ 643,467.62	$ -	$ -	$ 643,467.62	$ 646,257.38	$ -	$ -	$ 646,257.38
1500.350100.000	Agricultural Center for Research & Entrepreneurship	Agribusiness incubator programs.	$ 1,373,611.61	$ -	$ -	$ 1,373,611.61	$ 1,343,746.00	$ -	$ -	$ 1,343,746.00
1501.400500X000	Infrastructure Grants	Matching grants to counties for agribusiness specific projects.	$ 1,359,761.02	$ -	$ -	$ 1,359,761.02	$ 6,673,607.66	$ -	$ -	$ 6,673,607.66
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Fringe benefits and FICA taxes.	$ 5,117,458.59	$ 2,179,892.99	$ 261,986.75	$ 7,559,338.33	$ 5,225,677.00	$ 2,240,570.18	$ 266,000.00	$ 7,732,247.18
9812.240000X000	Consumer Protection Equipment	Equipment used by regulatory programs to ensure covered products and services in the marketplace are safe.	$ 79,911.62	$ -	$ -	$ 79,911.62	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9815.320000X000	Regional Farmers Market	Capital and operational funding for state farmers markets and community-based farmers markets.	$ 3,804.88	$ -	$ -	$ 3,804.88	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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9814.470000X000	Greenville/Orangeburg State Farmers Market Buildings Renovations	FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(34)(b).	$ 1,139,188.00	$ -	$ -	$ 1,139,188.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9815.440000X000	Growing Agribusiness Fund	Economic development incentives for value-added agribusiness activities. FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(34)(c).	$ -	$ 1,748,691.62	$ -	$ 1,748,691.62	$ -	$ 29,347,940.21	$ -	$ 29,347,940.21
9813.480000X000	Statewide Farmers Market Upgrades and Safety Improvements	FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(34)(d).	$ 726,841.07	$ -	$ -	$ 726,841.07	$ 569,278.84	$ -	$ -	$ 569,278.84
9818.500000X000	DHEC Food Protection Restructuring	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(b).	$ 129,938.36	$ -	$ -	$ 129,938.36	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9821.510000X000	Pee Dee State Farmers Market RV Park and Paving	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(c).	$ 1,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 1,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9818.520000X000	Technology Efficiency Infrastructure	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(e).	$ 319,483.34	$ -	$ -	$ 319,483.34	$ 826,636.66	$ -	$ -	$ 826,636.66
9820.530000X000	Equipment Replacement	FY2025-26 Proviso 118.22(B)(41)(a).	$ 453,788.62	$ -	$ -	$ 453,788.62	$ 946,211.38	$ -	$ -	$ 946,211.38
9815.320000X000	Regional Farmers Markets	FY2025-26 Proviso 118.22(B)(41)(b).	$ 2,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TBD	Microbiological Testing Equipment	FY2026-27 Proviso 118.21(B)(39)(d).	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 750,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 750,000.00
TBD	Farm Assistance and Resilience Measures Program (FARM)	FY2026-27 Proviso 118.21(B)(39)(b).	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 35,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 35,000,000.00

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
TBD	City of York- Project Green Landing	FY2026-27 Proviso 118.21(B)(96)(c).	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1.00	$ -	$ -	$ 1.00

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P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
P44.1	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge a yearly subscription for the Market Bulletin	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Charge a yearly subscription for the Market Bulletin	No Change
P44.2	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes fruit/vegetable inspectors subsistence	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Establish fruit/vegetable inspectors subsistence; technical change to update the budget program identification	No Change
P44.3	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes SCDA use of the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund	Requires a service	Retain and expend fifty thousand dollars from the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund	No Change
P44.4	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes a weights and measures registration fee	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May charge a weights and measures fee	No Change
P44.5	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to retain revenues associated with the sale of its property	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May retain revenues associated with the sale of the property	No Change
P44.6	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge for export certification	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Allowed to charge up to $250 for each export certification	No Change

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P44.7	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge for registration of feed labels	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May charge for registration of feed labels	No Change
P44.8	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Exempts commodity boards from the procurement code	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Pertains to producer paid assessments	No Change
P44.9	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Agribusiness Infrastructure Carry Forward	Funding agency deliverable(s)	The Department of Agriculture is authorized to carry forward any revenues, accrued interest, and unexpended Agribusiness Infrastructure funds from the prior fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose	No Change
P44.10	State	FY25-26 Proviso	South Carolina Tax Exemption Program	Funding agency deliverable(s)	The Department of Agriculture is authorized to charge up to $24 for a three-year SCATE card and a fee for replacement cards	No Change

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P44.11	State	FY25-26 Proviso	State Farmers Market Escrow Accounts	Funding agency deliverable(s)	The Department of Agriculture may retain remaining revenues associated with the State Farmers Market Escrow and the State Farmers Market Sale Proceeds and may expend these funds for the planning, development, construction, improvement, and maintenance of the State Farmers Market	No Change
P44.12	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Commodity Boards Interest Retention	Distribute finding to another entity	Commodity Boards shall be allowed to retain and carry forward any 3 accrued interest generated from the Boards' accounts held by the State including interest generated from assessments collected from 4 producers, as those terms are defined in Section 46-17-40 of the 1976 29 Code.	No Change
P44.13	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Seed and Plant Certification	Requires a service	Producers seeking to participate in the state seed certification may have germination and purity tested by SCDA's seed laboratory or another laboratory providing a scope of testing satisfying the requirements dictated by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies	No Change

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39-9-68	State	Statute	Charges SCDA Consumer Services Division with performing weights and measures functions	Requires a service	Perform weights and measures functions	No Change
39-9-70	State	Statute	Charges the Commissioner of Agriculture with maintaining and enforcing weights and measures inspections and standards	Requires a service	Maintain and enforce weights and measures inspections and standards	No Change
39-26-10	State	Statute	Enacts the Produce Safety Act and gives authority to SCDA to enforce applicable food safety standards	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-20	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Definitions	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-30	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Covered Produce; Definition; Exemption	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-40	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Covered Farm; Qualified Exemption	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-50	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Promulgation of Regulations	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-60	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Enforcement of Chapter	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-70	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Authorized Seizure of Covered Produce	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change

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39-26-80	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Authorized Condemnation or Destruction of Covered Produce	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-90	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Procedure for Condemnation or Destruction	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-100	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Circuit Court to Render Judgement that Covered Produce be Forfeited; Procedure; Appeals	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-110	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Violations	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-120	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Impeding the Commissioner Prohibited	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-130	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Penalties for Violations of Chapter	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-140	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Repeal of Chapter Upon the Repeal of 21 C.F.R Part 112	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-150	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Exemptions	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-160	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Repeal of Chapter if Federal Funds not Awarded or Exhausted	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change

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39-26-170	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Severability	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
46-1-160	State	Statute	Establishes the SC Farm Aid Fund and tasks SCDA with administering the fund	Requires a service	Administer SC Farm Aid Fund	No Change
46-3-10	State	Statute	Establishes duties of Department- The Department of Agriculture shall execute the laws of this State pertaining to agriculture except such laws as specifically designated for execution by others	Requires a service	Execute the laws of this State pertaining to agriculture	No Change
46-3-20	State	Statute	Establishes SCDA's authority to issue food manufacturers, processors, and packers permits	Requires a service	Permits for food manufacturers, processors, and packers	No Change
46-3-30	State	Statute	Establishes qualifications of the Commissioner of Agriculture	Requires a service	Qualified Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-40	State	Statute	Establishes election process for the Commissioner of Agriculture	Requires a service	Duly Elected Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-50	State	Statute	Establishes the bond of the Commissioner of Agriculture	Requires a service	Bond for Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-60	State	Statute	Allows for the appointment of a clerk by the Commissioner	Requires a service	Clerk for Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
46-3-80	State	Statute	Establishes duties of the Commissioner-promotion of agriculture; establish a land registry	Requires a service	Promotion of agriculture and cattle raising and establishment and maintenance of a land registry	No Change
46-3-90	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to regulate the sale of marl or ground limestone	Requires a service	Regulation of the sale of marl or ground limestone	No Change
46-3-100	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to regulate the sale of inoculating material	Requires a service	Regulation of the sale of inoculating material	No Change
46-3-110	State	Statute	Establishes the disposition of moneys derived from sale of inoculating material	Requires a service	Disposition of moneys derived from sale of inoculating material	No Change
46-3-120	State	Statute	Establishes that other Departments and agencies shall furnish information to the Commissioner as necessary	Requires a service	Request information from other agencies	No Change
46-3-130	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to enter into contracts or agreements with any State agency	Requires a service	Authority of SCDA to enter into contracts or agreements with any State agency	No Change
46-3-140	State	Statute	Establishes the requirement of an annual report of SCDA's work	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change

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46-3-145	State	Statute	Establishes the definition of "beneficiary class" and SCDA's involvement with loan programs	Requires a service	Participate in and cooperate with programs which may make loans to farmers of the beneficiary class	No Change
46-3-160	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to enter into agreements with the U.S. government for the conduct of aquatic plant control projects	Requires a service	May enter into agreements with the U.S. government for the conduct of aquatic plant control projects	No Change
46-3-170	State	Statute	Establishes that the Commissioner may sue or be sued	Requires a service	Commissioner may sue or be sued	No Change
46-3-175	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to issue agribusiness licenses	Requires a service	SCDA to issue agribusiness licenses	No Change
46-3-180	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to revoke registrations or licenses	Requires a service	May revoke registrations or licenses	No Change
46-3-190	State	Statute	Establishes that a hearing must occur before a license is revoked	Requires a service	Must conduct a hearing before a license is revoked	No Change
46-3-200	State	Statute	Establishes the procedural powers of the Commissioner at license revocation hearing	Requires a service	Must follow procedural powers of the Commissioner at license revocation hearing	No Change
46-3-210	State	Statute	Establishes the bond to stay revocation	Requires a service	Bond to stay revocation	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
46-3-220	State	Statute	Establishes the appeals process for revocation of registrations or licenses	Requires a service	Provide appeals process for revocation of licenses	No Change
46-3-230	State	Statute	Establishes release of certain items from restraining orders	Requires a service	Commissioner may release any such item upon compliance with, and payment of, all costs or expenses incurred in any proceeding pursuant to such order	No Change
46-3-240	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner and inspectors to enforce regulations relating to food and drugs	Requires a service	Commissioner and inspectors to enforce regulations relating to food and drugs	No Change
46-3-260	State	Statute	Establishes the South Carolina Renewable Energy Infrastructure Development Fund and gives SCDA authority to prescribe procedures, as necessary, to execute related provisions	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-3-270	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to waive the remittance of indirect cost recoveries for the Specialty Crop Grant	Requires a service	The Department of Agriculture may waive the remittance of indirect cost recoveries for the Specialty Crop Grant	No Change
46-3-280	State	Statute	Establishes a program to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture	Requires a service	Establish a program to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture	No Change

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46-15-10	State	Statute	Establishes the general duties of SCDA	Requires a service	Implementation of the Provisions of S.C. Code 46-15-10 et. Seq	No Change
46-15-20	State	Statute	Establishes the general powers of SCDA	Requires a service	Perform powers associated to agricultural marketing	No Change
46-15-21	State	Statute	Abolishes the State Agricultural Marketing Commission	Requires a service	Perform duties of the State Agricultural Marketing Commission	No Change
46-15-30	State	Statute	Establishes that any rules and regulations must be filed with the Secretary of State	Requires a service	File rules and regulations with the Secretary of State	No Change
46-15-40	State	Statute	Establishes that inspection, grading, and buyers' services shall be made available to private markets at reasonable charges	Requires a service	Make inspection, grading, and buyers' services available to private markets at reasonable charges	No Change
46-15-50	State	Statute	Establishes that SCDA must keep markets' records	Requires a service	Keep Market records	No Change
46-15-60	State	Statute	Establishes that funds from the operation of the wholesale farmers' markets must be deposited monthly with the State Treasurer	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
46-15-70	State	Statute	Establishes the Agricultural Marketing Advisory Council with the Commissioner as chairman	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-15-80	State	Statute	Establishes meetings and compensation of the Agricultural Marketing Advisory Council	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-15-90	State	Statute	Establishes duties of the Agricultural Marketing Advisory Council	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-17-10	State	Statute	Agriculture Commodities Marketing	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-20	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Declaration of Purpose	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-30	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Declaration of Policy	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-40	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Definitions	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-50	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Enforcement and Administration of Chapter; When Commission Shall Issue, Amend, or Terminate marketing Agreements or Orders	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-60	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Proposals; Records to be kept by Commission	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-70	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing When Notice, Hearing, and Referendum are Required; Costs	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-80	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing How Notice of Hearing is Given	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-90	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Conduct of Hearing	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-100	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Findings and Preliminary Decision of Commission	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-110	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Filing of Objections; Final Decision	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
46-17-120	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Requirements for Preliminary and Final Decisions; Notice of Final Decision; Final Decision Denying Proposal	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-130	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Assent to Marketing Agreements or Amendments; When agreements or Amendments may be Enforced; When Agreements are Deemed Issued	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-140	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Referendum to Determine Assent to Marketing Order	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-150	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing When Marketing Order Shall Have Effect of Law; Effect of Defeat of Order at Referendum	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-160	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing When Commission May Amend or Suspend Agreement or Order	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-170	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Producers and Handlers to Furnish Certain Information; Lists of Producers and Handlers; use of Information	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-180	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Agreements and Orders Administered by Commission with Advice and Approval of Commodity Board; Employment of Additional Personnel	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-190	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Establishment of Commodity Boards	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-200	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Qualifications of Board Members	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-210	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Terms of Office, Election, or Appointment of Board Members	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-220	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Nomination of Candidates for Boards	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-230	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Vacancies on Boards; Quorum	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-240	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Compensation and Expenses of Board Members	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-250	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Boards may Appoint or Utilize Committees and Other Advisers	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-260	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Powers and Boards Generally; Commission to Certify Status and Changes in Membership; Marketing Orders and Agreements, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Filed with	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-270	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Powers and Duties of Boards Enumerated	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-280	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Commission to Approve or Disapprove Actions of Boards	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-290	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Purpose of Agreement or Order and Power to be Exercised Stated	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-300	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Area of Application of Agreement or Order to be Defined	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-310	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Levy of Assessments; Maximum Total Annual Assessment	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-320	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Levy of Assessments; Per Unit Rate	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-330	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Levy of Assessments; Payment and Collection	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-340	State	Statute	Establishes that SCDA shall provide administrative support to S.C. Commodity Boards and Associations	Requires a service	Pay Department expenses with funds appropriated by law and not assessments	No Change
46-17-350	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Refunds	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-360	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Assessments Constitute Personal Debts; Enforcement	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-370	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Deposits and Disbursements	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-380	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Records, Audits, and Financial Statements	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-390	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Bonds of Administrators, Administrative Boards, and Employees	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-400	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Violations	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-410	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Jurisdiction of Courts; Action for Specific Performance or Injunction	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-420	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Enforcement of Chapter by Attorney General	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-430	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Remedies are Additional	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-440	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Cooperation with other States and with United States	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-450	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Prices Shall not be Established in Violation of State or Federal Laws	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-460	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Penalty	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-470	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Liability of Members of Commission, Board Members, and Employees	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-19-20	State	Statute	Establishes that the Department shall investigate and consider all petitions for local marketing authorities	Requires a service	Investigate and consider all petitions for local marketing authorities	No Change
46-19-40	State	Statute	Establishes that SCDA shall approve, assist, and supervise local marketing authorities	Requires a service	Shall approve, assist, and supervise local marketing authorities	No Change
46-19-210	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to establish and supervise the Roadside Market Incentive Program	Requires a service	Establish and supervise the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
46-19-220	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to prescribe standards for participating in the Roadside Market Incentive Program	Requires a service	Prescribe standards for participating in the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
46-19-230	State	Statute	Establishes the application process for the Roadside Market Incentive Program	Requires a service	Establish the application process for the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change

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46-19-240	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to make signs for the Roadside Market Incentive Program	Requires a service	Make signs for the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
46-19-250	State	Statute	Establishes periodic inspections of approved roadside markets	Requires a service	Conduct periodic inspections of approved roadside markets	No Change
46-19-260	State	Statute	Establishes notice and hearing on disapproved market application	Requires a service	Conduct hearings on disapproved market application	No Change
46-19-270	State	Statute	Establishes penalty for displaying an unauthorized market sign	Requires a service	Implement penalty for displaying an unauthorized market sign	No Change
46-19-280	State	Statute	Establishes transfer of market signs	Requires a service	Oversee transfer of market signs	No Change
46-19-290	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to expend funds for the promotion and expansion of agricultural products	Requires a service	Expend funds for the promotion and expansion of agricultural products	No Change
46-19-300	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to adopt rules to implement the Roadside Market Incentive Program	Requires a service	Adopt rules to implement the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change

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46-19-310	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to apply for an injunction	Requires a service	Apply for an injunction	No Change
46-21-25	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to enforce state seed law	Requires a service	Enforce state seed law	No Change
46-21-35	State	Statute	Establishes the SCDA seed laboratory	Requires a service	Establish Seed Laboratory	No Change
46-21-45	State	Statute	Establishes that before selling, distributing for sale, offering for sale, exposing for sale, handling for sale, or soliciting orders for the purchase of agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed, or mixture thereof, a person shall first register each place of business in this State with the Department of Agriculture	Requires a service	Establish Seed License	No Change
46-21-1010	State	Statute	Seed Arbitration claims notice and effect of arbitration	Requires a service	Implement seed arbitration	No Change
46-21-1020	State	Statute	Appointment of arbitration committee; procedures	Requires a service	Appointment of arbitration committee	No Change

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46-27-60	State	Statute	Establishes that the Commissioner may prescribe other standard bag or package weights for commercial feed	Requires a service	Prescribe other standard bag or package weights for commercial feed	No Change
46-27-70	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner shall from time to time prescribe and publish regulations for carrying out the provisions of Articles 1 to 9 of the Commercial Feed Act	Requires a service	Prescribe and publish regulations for carrying out the provisions of Articles 1 to 9 of the Commercial Feed Act	No Change
46-27-80	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner may prescribe regulations governing the grading of any and all commercial feeds	Requires a service	Prescribe regulations governing the grading of any and all commercial feeds	No Change
46-27-210	State	Statute	Establishes registration of commercial feeds	Requires a service	Registration of commercial feeds	No Change
46-27-310	State	Statute	Establishes labeling of commercial feeds	Requires a service	Enforce labeling requirement of commercial feeds	No Change
46-27-410	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to inspect and take feed samples	Requires a service	Inspect and take feed samples	No Change

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46-27-610	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of Commissioner to suspend sales of feed	Requires a service	Suspend sales of feed	No Change
46-30-270	State	Statute	Establishes the Department may provide administrative assistance to the Tobacco Board	Requires a service	Provide administrative assistance to the Tobacco Board	No Change
46-40-10	State	Statute	Establishes the SC Grain Dealers Guaranty Fund	Requires a service	Operate SC Grain Dealers Guaranty Fund	No Change
46-41-40	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to issue agricultural dealers and handlers licenses	Requires a service	Issue agricultural dealers and handlers licenses	No Change
46-42-10	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to sample, grade, and inspect grain and oilseeds	Requires a service	Sample, grade, and inspect grain and oilseeds	No Change
46-51-10	State	Statute	Establishes the Aquaculture Permit Assistance Office within SCDA	Requires a service	Operate Aquaculture Permit Assistance Office within SCDA	No Change

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46-55-10	State	Statute	Charges the Department with implementation and oversight of the Hemp Farming Program	Requires a service	Implementation and oversight of the Hemp Farming Program	No Change
46-55-20	State	Statute	Creation of the South Carolina Industrial Hemp Program	Requires a service	Administer SC Industrial Hemp Program	No Change
44-1-140(3)	State	Statute	Power to regulate and enforce for the production, storing, labeling, transportation, and selling of milk and milk products, filled milk and filled milk products, imitation milk and imitation milk products, synthetic milk and synthetic milk products, milk derivatives and other products in semblance of milk or milk products.	Requires a service	Promulgation of rules and regulations concerning milk products	No Change
44-1-300	State	Statute	Exemption From Enforcement of Regulation That Would Prohibit Churches and Charitable Organizations From Serving Food to Public - prohibits the Department from using any funds to enforce R. 61-25 in any way that would prohibit a church or charitable organization from preparing and serving food to the public on their own premises not more than once a month or twelve times a year.	Not related to agency deliverable.	Exempts churches and charitable organizations from retail food regulations	No Change
5-190	State	Regulation	State Farmers Markets; rules and regulations	Requires a service	Regulate State Farmers Markets	No Change

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5-200	State	Regulation	Commercial feeding stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-201	State	Regulation	Adulteration of commercial feeding stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-202	State	Regulation	Misbranding of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-203	State	Regulation	Labeling of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-204	State	Regulation	Ingredients Statement of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-205	State	Regulation	Additive Statement of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change

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5-206	State	Regulation	Registration of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-207	State	Regulation	General Regulations of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-210	State	Regulation	Egg Producers Defined	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-211	State	Regulation	Egg Transfer of Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-212	State	Regulation	Egg Records;[Wholesalers.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-213	State	Regulation	Egg Records;[Retailers.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change

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5-214	State	Regulation	Egg Access to Inspect Stocks and Records	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-215	State	Regulation	Egg Standards Versus Grades	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-216	State	Regulation	Egg Weight of Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-217	State	Regulation	Eggs Must be Designated	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-218	State	Regulation	South Carolina Standards for Quality of Individual Shell Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-223	State	Regulation	Egg General Terms	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change

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5-224	State	Regulation	South Carolina Consumer Grades for Shell Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-225	State	Regulation	Egg [Placards.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-226	State	Regulation	Egg Packing, Marketing and Labeling	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-227	State	Regulation	Egg Packing Material	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-228	State	Regulation	Egg Cartons	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-229	State	Regulation	Egg Seal	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change

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5-230	State	Regulation	Advertising Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-231	State	Regulation	Inedible Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-232	State	Regulation	Egg Refrigeration at Wholesale and Retail Levels	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-234	State	Regulation	Egg [Representative Samples for Grading Purposes.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-235	State	Regulation	Egg License Renewal	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-300	State	Regulation	Food: Labeling-Misbranding	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change

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5-301	State	Regulation	Food in Package Form Labeling: Identity	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-302	State	Regulation	Food [Compliance with Labeling Requirement.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-303	State	Regulation	Food Labeling; Name and Place of Business of Manufacturer, Packer or Distributor	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-304	State	Regulation	Food: Labeling; Prominence of Required Statements	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-305	State	Regulation	Food [Insufficiency of Label Space.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-306	State	Regulation	Food [Language of Label.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change

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5-307	State	Regulation	Food: Labeling, Designation of Ingredients	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-308	State	Regulation	Food [Designation of Spices, Flavorings and Coloring.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-309	State	Regulation	Food [Designation if Both a Spice and Coloring or Flavoring and Coloring.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-310	State	Regulation	Food [Fabricated Foods.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-311	State	Regulation	Food [Assortment Packages.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-312	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption from Ingredient Listing Requirement.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change

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5-313	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption for Propylene Glycol or Glycerin.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-314	State	Regulation	Food [Listing Ingredients in Order of Decreasing Predominance.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-315	State	Regulation	Food Special Dietary Uses	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-316	State	Regulation	Food Labeling; Number of Servings	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-317	State	Regulation	Food Labeling; Artificial Flavoring or Coloring, Chemical Preservatives	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-318	State	Regulation	Food [No Exemption for Unpackaged Food.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change

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5-319	State	Regulation	Food [Where Statement Must Appear.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-320	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption Due to Unit Size.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-321	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption from Label Statement.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-322	State	Regulation	Food [Exemptions for Fruits and Vegetables.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-360	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-361	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Permits	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change

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5-362	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Notification	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-363	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Records	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-364	State	Regulation	Movement of Seized Foods and Cosmetics	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-365	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Labeling and Relabeling	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-366	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Building Exterior and Grounds	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-367	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Building Construction	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change

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5-368	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Physical Layout Requirements	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-369	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Sanitation Requirements for Receiving, Reconditioning and Storage Areas	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-370	State	Regulation	Cosmetics General Requirements for Sales Areas	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-371	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Waste Disposal	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-372	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Rodents, Insects and Other Vermin	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-373	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Miscellaneous	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change

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5-420	State	Regulation	Livestock sales licenses	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-421	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Display of License	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-422	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Records Required	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-423	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Prompt Payment	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-424	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Dissemination of News of Financial Irresponsibility	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-425	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Penalties	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change

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5-426	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Injunction Issuance	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-440	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Registering of Gasoline	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-444	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-445	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Standard Fuel Specifications	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-446	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Classification and Method of Sale of Petroleum Products	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-447	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Retail Storage Tanks	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change

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5-448	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Condemned Product	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-449	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Registration & Test Methods	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-450	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Scope and Administration of Program	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-451	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Roadside Market	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-452	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Applications	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-453	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Signs	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change

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5-454	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Market Design	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-455	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Location	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-456	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Sanitation and Cleanliness Standards	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-457	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Product Quality	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-458	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Fair and Honest Marketing Practices	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-459	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Effect of Violations of These Rules and Regulations	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change

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5-459.1	State	Regulation	Agreement Between South Carolina Department of Agriculture Roadside Market Incentive Program and its Members	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-460	State	Regulation	Standard for Agricultural Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-461	State	Regulation	Seeds Exception	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-462	State	Regulation	Seeds Noxious Weeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-463	State	Regulation	Prohibited Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-464	State	Regulation	Standard Germination for Vegetable Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change

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5-465	State	Regulation	Seeds Tolerances	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-466	State	Regulation	Seeds Labeling	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-467	State	Regulation	Labeling of Seed Corn	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-468	State	Regulation	Seeds Inconsistent Statements	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-469	State	Regulation	Seeds Advertisement	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-470	State	Regulation	Seed for Cleaning or Processing	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change

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5-471	State	Regulation	Certified Seed	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-472	State	Regulation	Seeds Mixtures	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-473	State	Regulation	Seeds Origin	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-474	State	Regulation	Seeds Date of Test	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-475	State	Regulation	Seeds Method of Testing	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-476	State	Regulation	Seeds Sampling	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change

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5-477	State	Regulation	Seeds Size of Sample	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-478	State	Regulation	Seeds Variety	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-479	State	Regulation	Seeds Information on Tags	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-480	State	Regulation	Seed in Hermetically Sealed Containers	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-481	State	Regulation	Treated Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-482	State	Regulation	Seeds Fees and Services	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change

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5-483	State	Regulation	Seeds Flower Standards	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-490	State	Regulation	Warehouse System Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-491	State	Regulation	Warehouse System Inspectors, Warehousemen	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-492	State	Regulation	Warehouses	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-493	State	Regulation	Warehouse Receipts	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-494	State	Regulation	Warehouse Scale Tickets	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change

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5-495	State	Regulation	Warehouse Daily Records	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-496	State	Regulation	Warehouse General	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-497	State	Regulation	Warehouse Procedures for Filing Claims	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-500	State	Regulation	Weights and Measures Standard Weights of Commodities	Requires a service	Regulate weights and measures	No Change
5-571	State	Regulation	Weights and Measures Prohibit Acts and Exemptions	Requires a service	Regulate weights and measures	No Change
5-572	State	Regulation	Weights and Measures Definition of Director	Requires a service	Regulate weights and measures	No Change

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5-581	State	Regulation	Dealers and handlers of agricultural products	Requires a service	Regulate dealers and handlers	No Change
5-610	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
5-611	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Production Price	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
5-612	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Annual Milk Production Certification	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
5-613	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Disputes Regarding Milk Producer Tax Credit Qualification	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
61-25	State	Regulation	Retail Food Establishments - establishes public health and food safety requirements for retail food establishments, personnel, equipment, and facilities, and provides for permit issuance, inspection, employment restriction, permit suspension, and revocation.	Requires a service	The Department issues permits, conducts inspections, and implements enforcement action against retail food establishments.	No Change

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61-32	State	Regulation	Wholesale Bottled Water, Soft Drink, and Ice Manufacturing - sets minimum standards, procedures, and practices for the manufacturing of bottled water, soft drinks, and ice manufacturing.	Requires a service	The Department issues permits, conducts inspections, and issues recalls as to covered entities	No Change
61-34	State	Regulation	Raw Milk for Human Consumption - sets standards for production and distribution of raw milk for human consumption.	Requires a service	The Department issues permits, conducts inspections, and issues recalls as to covered entities.	No Change
61-34.1	State	Regulation	Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products - sets permit, labeling, and other requirements for milk and milk products; applies portions of the "Grade A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, 2013 Revision.	Requires a service	The Department issues permits, conducts inspections, and issues recalls as to covered entities.	No Change

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61-36	State	Regulation	Manufactured Grade Dairy Products - establishes permit, labeling, inspection, and other requirements for production and sale of frozen desserts. Also covers Imitation Milk, Imitation Milk Products, and Products Made in Semblance of Milk and Milk Products, which governs the production, processing, storing, labeling, transportation, and distribution of imitation dairy foods that are not regulated as “Grade A” milk under the provisions of R.61-34, Raw Milk for Human Consumption, or R.61-34.1, Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products. This regulation was amended to add requirements for manufacturing cheese, butter, and other non-grade “A” milk products.	Requires a service	The Department issues permits, conducts inspections, and issues recalls as to covered entities.	No Change
S.698, Act 97 of 2021	State	Statute	Amendment to warehouse receipts fund	Requires a service	A joint resolution to authorize the use of certain funds from the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund to pay certain cotton producer claims, to provide that the cotton producer shall subrogate his interest in a cause of action, and to provide for the return of certain funds to the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund.	No Change

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46-41-200, S. 1117, Act 181 of 2022	State	Statute	Expands Guaranty Fund to include Cotton Producers	Requires a service	Expands the fund to include cotton producers, adds an assessment on cotton, increases the amount the fund must accumulate in order to suspend assessments, and establishes the South Carolina Agricultural Commodities Commission as a successor to the State Agricultural Commission	No Change
46-41-230, S. 603, Act 32 of 2023	State	Statute	Expands Guaranty Fund to include cotton producers	Requires a service	Amends section 46-41-230, relating to the South Carolina Grain And Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund's amount and claims, so as to provide that, if there is an insufficient amount of money to cover all claims, then payments must be made on a pro rata basis	No Change
S. 399, Act 60 of 2023	State	Statute	Transfers food protection duties and functions of the Department of Health and Environmental Control to the Department of Agriculture	Requires a service	Adds Chapter 57 to Title 46 so as to create the Division of Food Safety within the Department of Agriculture and to transfer certain food safety responsibilities from the Department of Health and Environmental Control to the Department of Agriculture; by amending section 24-9-20, relating to certain food inspections in prison facilities, so as to transfer inspection responsibility to the Department of Agriculture; by amending section 39-37-120, relating to frozen milk product consumer safety, so as to transfer responsibility to the Department of Agriculture	No Change

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Services Data

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P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
Agency support services	SCDA staff	SCDA staff	General public	Agency Operations - Finance and Administration	Provide agency support services, including: procurement, supply, fleet management, accounting and financial services, information technology, facilities management and other administrative services.	Employees would not have the tools and resources they need to perform at a high level.	No Change	
Executive leadership	Senior SCDA leadership	SCDA staff	General public	Agency Operations - Office of the Commissioner	This office provides executive leadership, including constituent services, special projects, events briefings, scheduling, and strategic planning.	Unresponsiveness of staff disrupts communication and information flow, and delays decision-making.	No Change	
Personnel management	SCDA staff	SCDA staff	General public	Agency Operations - Human Resources	The Human Resources Department manages personnel matters, including benefits administration, state classification plan, payroll, leave accounting, and staff development. Human Resources also ensures that SCDA personnel practices are compliant with state and federal regulations.	Increase in turnover, decrease in employee happiness, health, and engagement.	No Change	
Information technology	SCDA staff	SCDA staff	General public	Agency Operations - Information Technology	IT delivers networking, computing, data management and security services to agency employees and customers. This may be in the form of hardware, software, applications, and device.	Unresponsiveness of IT staff increases amount of time spent on technology issues. This would also result in a decrease in service delivery levels and responsiveness to consumer inquiries and complaints.	No Change	
Customer interface, website, information platform	Customers	General public	SCDA	Agency Operations - Information Technology	IT delivers networking, computing, data management and security services to agency employees and customers. This may be in the form of hardware, software, applications, and device.	Unresponsiveness of IT staff increases amount of time spent on technology issues. This would also result in a decrease in service delivery levels and responsiveness to consumer inquiries and complaints.	No Change	
A place to buy locally grown produce and specialty products	Consumers who buy agricultural products	General public	Market Vendors	Agency Operations - State Farmers Markets	The State of South Carolina owns and manages three regional state farmers markets in Columbia, Florence, and Greenville which provides consumers with a wide variety of locally grown produce and specialty products.	There would be no markets to provide central points for consumers to purchase food products and for farmers and producers to sell their products.	No Change	

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Grant administration and implementation	Federal government	Industry	Grant applicants, farmers/ producers, processors / distributors, food assistance recipients, general public	Agency Operations - Grants Administration	Cooperate with the federal government to implement the Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG), Specialty Crop Multi-State Program (SCMP), Manufactured Food and Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS), Rapid Response Team Cooperative Agreement (RRT), Animal Feed and Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS), Milk and Shellfish Grant Program, Produce Safety Rule (PSR), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Purchase (CSFP), the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI), the Rural Business Development Program (RBDG), and the Supplemental Disaster Relief Block Grant (SDRBG) ; pursue and secure other grants to benefit the agriculture industry and SCDA.	Loss of resources, including funding and technical assistance, to state government and constituents.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Grants listed in description are different than last FY
Gasoline and diesel fuel products inspection and analysis	Individuals and industries who utilize lab services provided by SCDA	General public	Retail, petroleum industry	Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services	Protects consumers from unsafe, ineffective, or fraudulent goods which may be offered for public sale; assures that goods meet acceptable standards of quality; and issues registrations, licenses, and permits to certain businesses (Residue Laboratory, Feed Laboratory, Seed Laboratory, and Petroleum Products Laboratory).	There would likely be rampant fuel and dispenser issues (contaminant, grade, purity), cost errors, customer / seller disagreements, lower fuel and dispenser safety.	No Change	
Germination and purity testing	South Carolina agriculture	Industry	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services	Protects consumers from unsafe, ineffective, or fraudulent goods which may be offered for public sale; assures that goods meet acceptable standards of quality; and issues registrations, licenses, and permits to certain businesses (Residue Laboratory, Feed Laboratory, Seed Laboratory, and Petroleum Products Laboratory).	No seed testing controls would lead to poor crop yields, noxious weeds, cross contamination of varieties, and management challenges.	No Change	
Germination and purity testing	South Carolina agriculture	General public	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services	Protects consumers from unsafe, ineffective, or fraudulent goods which may be offered for public sale; assures that goods meet acceptable standards of quality; and issues registrations, licenses, and permits to certain businesses (Residue Laboratory, Feed Laboratory, Seed Laboratory, and Petroleum Products Laboratory). Specifically in this case for Clemson University Certified Seed Program.	No seed testing controls would lead to poor crop yields, noxious weeds, cross contamination of varieties, and management challenges.	No Change	

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Human and animal food sampling and analysis	Consumers of South Carolina feed and food products	General public	Industry, feed mills, suppliers	Consumer Protection - Wholesale Food and Dairy Safety, Animal Feed Safety, and Laboratory Services	Ensures that foods and feeds are manufactured under safe and sanitary conditions through routine surveillance inspections and laboratory analyses.	Death, illness, nutritional deficiencies.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Chemical, toxin, and microscopic analyses of feed products	Manufacturers of South Carolina feed and food products	Industry	Industry, feed mills, producers, suppliers	Consumer Protection - Animal Feed Safety and Laboratory Services	Ensures that foods and feeds are manufactured under safe and sanitary conditions through routine surveillance inspections and laboratory analyses. Ensures producers crops are within acceptable mycotoxin levels.	Death, illness, nutritional deficiencies, unsafe toxin levels.	No Change	
Weighing and measuring devices inspections	SC businesses and customers using commercial scales and fuel dispensers	Industry / general public	Suppliers, commodity providers, petroleum industry	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects consumers by ensuring that the net content statements on packages and weighing or measuring devices are correct; and that agricultural products are measured accurately for commerce.	Overcharging or undercharging at POS would occur.	No Change	
Public weigh masters	Buying or selling entity	General public / industry	Sales by weight	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects consumers by ensuring that the net content statements on packages and weighing or measuring devices are correct; and that agricultural products are measured accurately for commerce.	Overcharging or undercharging at POS would occur.	No Change	
Bonded dealers and handlers licenses	Producer	Industry	Others in the marketing channel	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects producers by ensuring all agricultural commodities are accounted for and paid as prescribed by law.	Producers could be shorted or not made whole.	No Change	
Licensing and bonding of warehouses	Storing entity	Industry	Producer, buyer, industry(mill)	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects farmers, consumers, and businesses by ensuring warehouses are financially solvent and that receipts are issued against commodity inventory appropriately.	Product receipted may not delivered to proper party, and products would not be able to be used as loan collateral.	No Change	
Calibration services	Regulatory, private and Industry	Industry / general public		Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services - Metrology	Provides NIST traceable calibrations for mass and volume standards, calibrates equipment for our state inspectors and private scale and pump service companies for the enforcement of weights and measures regulations.	Measuring devices are not checked for accuracy with calibrated standards causing inaccuracies for scales in legal trade.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Oversight of food protection measures on the farm to prevent contamination and sickness	Consumers and farmers of South Carolina feed and food products	General public	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection - Federal State Inspection Services - Produce Safety	Ensures farming practices mitigate risk of contamination by pathogen from seed to harvest.	Contaminated ready to eat produce; illness, death.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
Education while regulation	Food, agriculture, and commerce	Covered farm / producer	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection	Ensures farming practices mitigate risk of contamination by pathogen from seed to harvest.	Contaminated ready to eat produce; illness, death.	No Change	
Provide price, volume, and other agricultural market information	Agricultural producers and consumers	General public	Farmers, commodity markets	Consumer Protection - Market News Services	A contract service provided by SCDA (from USDA) that analyzes and distributes price, volume, and other market information to all segments of the produce, grain, and livestock industries, and to consumers.	Unfair and inaccurate commodity pricing.	No Change	
Fruit and vegetable grading and inspection	Producers and wholesalers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Commodity and Compliance	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided.	Ungraded products, substandard commodities and unfair pricing.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Peanut grading and inspection	Producers and wholesalers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Commodity and Compliance	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided through MOU with Georgia Federal State Inspection (non profit).	Ungraded products, substandard commodities and unfair pricing.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) harmonized audits	Producers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Commodity and Compliance	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided. Includes audits of firms for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification.	Contaminated ready to eat produce; illness, death.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Hemp Farming Program	Permitted hemp farmers, processors, and handlers	Hemp industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Commodity and Compliance	Provide regulatory oversight for the farming, handling, and processing of hemp in South Carolina by issuing permits, licenses, and performing sampling for laboratory analyses; perform inspections of fields both pre and post-harvest to verify compliance with state plan.	Producers, handlers, and processors may face criminal violations and charges.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Rapid Response to Foodborne Outbreaks and Natural, Biological or Other Emergencies	Consumers impacted by foodborne outbreaks	General public	SCDA task force	Consumer Protection - Rapid Response Team (RRT)	Under cooperative agreement with FDA, SCDA partners with numerous state and federal regulatory agencies to monitor recalls and epidemiological outbreaks, and respond accordingly. Serve on the State Emergency Response Team (SERT), Food Emergency Support Function (ESF) 17.	Lack of emergency response would lead to public health and disaster response problems and to a lesser extent, consumer confidence and safety.	No Change	
Promotion of SC agricultural products	Producers and consumers	Industry	General public	External Affairs & Economic Development - Marketing	Maintains and develops broad-based marketing programs that increase consumer awareness and product demand for quality SC agricultural products at local, national, and international levels.	Decreases in customer base, revenue, credibility of products.	No Change	

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Agribusiness recruitment	Agribusinesses	Industry	Rural communities	External Affairs and Economic Development -Agribusiness Development	Works to continually promote agribusiness in SC through research and recruitment of prospective agribusinesses that may have an interest in locating or growing their agribusiness in SC, via the production of SC grown products or value-added services/processing. Works with elected officials and business/state leaders at all levels to facilitate sound public policy and serve as an unbiased source of information.	Decreases in jobs, capital investment and economic impact of the industry.	No Change	
Traditional and social media relations and communications	Consumers who buy agricultural products	General public	Agriculture industry	External Affairs and Economic Development - Public Information/Communications	The Public Information Department communicates SCDA's mission, and the importance of SC agriculture and agribusiness, through traditional and social media, websites, and the SC Market Bulletin. Public Information also informs industry members and the general public of pertinent agricultural issues, and responds to various media inquiries.	Lack of brand recognition, impact of marketing efforts, and general public information.	No Change	
Information requests	Requestor of information	General Public	SCDA	External Affairs and Economic Development - Public Information/Communications	The Public Information Department communicates SCDA's mission, and the importance of SC agriculture and agribusiness, through traditional and social media, websites, and the SC Market Bulletin. Public Information also informs industry members and the general public of pertinent agricultural issues, and responds to various media inquiries.	Lack of brand recognition, impact of marketing efforts, and general public information.	No Change	
Market Bulletin publication	Readers / viewers of the biweekly Market Bulletin publication	Market Bulletin subscribers	Market Bulletin advertisers	External Affairs and Economic Development - Public Information/Communications	Publication issued twice a month as a marketplace for agricultural goods and services, and provide consumer interest articles; available printed and electronically.	Market Bulletin goes unpublished creating lack of communication between SCDA and subscribers.	No Change	
Processing of cotton and grain loss claims	Cotton and grain producers who suffered loss	Producers	Creditors	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services; and Agency Operations - Administration	Grain and cotton warehousing personnel within Consumer Services; Finance and accounting staff from Administration.	Producers would have suffered financial loss and been unable to pay their creditors.	No Change	
Access to private and confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at no charge to SCDA employees	SCDA employees	SCDA staff	Employees' families	Agency Operations - Human Resources	The Human Resources Department manages personnel matters, including benefits administration, state classification plan, payroll, leave accounting, and staff development. Human Resources also ensures that SCDA personnel practices are compliant with state and federal regulations.	Employees would lose access to counseling and life management services.	No Change	

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Provide customer service for the South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption Program	Cardholders, retailers, potential cardholders	Industry / general public	Retailers	Agency Operations - Commissioner's Office	The Office of the Commissioner can be considered the central hub of the department. It serves as the primary point of contact for Commissioner Weathers and coordinates and manages such areas as the Commissioner's schedule, communications, and events. The Office of the Commissioner works with all divisions to execute the duties and responsibilities of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.	Cardholders would not have the opportunity to speak to someone on staff to troubleshoot anything related to their SCATE card and/or account in order to claim the agricultural sales tax exemption for farmers that qualify.	No Change	
Assure quantity of ice vending machine and water supply from approved source	Consumers who buy ice from vending machines	General public	Vending machine owners	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects consumers by ensuring quantity of the ice they purchase and ice machine's water supply is from approved source.	Overcharging or undercharging at POS for consumers would occur.	No Change	
Regulation of Grade A Dairy facilities	Consumers who purchase dairy products	Industry / general public	Dairies /dairy facilities	Consumer Protection - Wholesale Food and Dairy Safety - Milk and Dairy Safety	Regulates all Grade A dairy facilities in the state that produce, haul, process, package, and distribute milk and grade A milk products.	Contaminated dairy products. illness, death. Food safety could be compromised.	Amend	Service itself has not changed. Division name change due to some internal agency restructuring.
Regulation of retail food establishments statewide	Consumers	General public		Consumer Protection - Retail Food Safety Department	Regulation of approximately 24,000 retail food establishments and issuing permits to new facilities prior to opening. Retail food establishments include operations such as restaurants, grocery stores, food trucks, schools, and other institutions.	Contaminated food; illness, death. Food safety could be compromised and to a lesser extent, consumer confidence.	No Change	
Provide rental space	State agencies	Industry / general public	State government agencies	Consumer Protection	Rental space (board room, large event space, outdoor area, and commercial kitchen) available at a discounted rate for state agencies and agriculture organizations.	Agencies who receive appropriated funds from the General Assembly would have to use program dollars to secure full cost space, utilizing more taxpayer dollars.	No Change	

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Partnerships Data

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Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	Advocates for Agriculture	The South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture consists of a diversified group of business people representing various areas and organizations directly associated with agriculture within our state. Members have a vested interest in agriculture in South Carolina and are dedicated to improving an already strong state agriculture. SCDA provides staff and program support to Advocates.	No Change
State Government	Aflatoxin Share Sample	Nine state laboratories participating in sending periodic samples to one another to cross-check for accuracy and differences in source location, variety, weather, etc.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Agricultural Producers, Processors, Retailers, Distributors, and Wholesalers	Promotion of the state's largest industry.	No Change
Professional Association	American Association of Analytical Chemists (AOAC)	The association develops nationally accepted testing procedures, which are used by SCDA.	No Change
Professional Association	American Association of Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)	The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) is a voluntary membership association of local, state and federal agencies. AAFCO is a private non-profit corporation featuring: a process for defining ingredients used in animal feed and pet food; a forum where state agencies, federal agencies, and industry develop uniform language that states may adopt or reference in laws; a method to develop specialized trainings for members and industry.	No Change

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Professional Association	American Oil Chemists Society (AOC)	SCDA participates in aflatoxin and fumonisin proficiency testing annually.	No Change
Professional Association	American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)	ASTM provides the standards and specifications for the petroleum products we test and the methodology for the tests.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of American Seed Control Officials (AASCO)	State seed control program; Member of AASCO organization; Southern Seed Control Officials; Participation in annual meetings and conferences.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and regional affiliate	Seeks to shape food safety laws by simplifying or streamlining regulations by either drafting regulatory rules or by commenting on government proposals.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of Official Seed Analysts	Official Member for AOSA organization; Practice of AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds during daily operation; Participation in Proficiency Testing; Support of Referees; Supplemental instruction via webinars, workshops and text; Attend annual meetings; Participation in Certified Seed Analyst certification program (CSA).	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Carolina Farm Stewardship	Offer training for farmers involving Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Handling Practices (GHP), Produce Safety Rule (PSR) and readiness reviews. Also works with small food producers to navigate the Cottage Food laws.	Amend

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Higher Education Institute	Clemson University Food Science Department	Offers Better Process Control School, Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points Training (HACCP); Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventive Controls and Produce Safety Rule (PSR). Also works with small food producers to navigate the Cottage Food laws.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Clemson University Public Service & Agriculture (PSA)	Agribusiness and Production Agricultural Research; Food Safety and Produce Safety Rule Outreach and Education; Farm to School; Drought response; Disaster impact assessment; National Organic Inspection Program; Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) Curriculum Program and workshops; SDRBG applicant loss verification.	Amend
State Government	Clemson University Regulatory Services Division	Hemp Farming Program; SCDA is a member of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee, the Fertilizer Advisory Committee, and provides input for the annual Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS).	No Change
Professional Association	Communications Officers of State Departments of Agriculture (COSDA)	Communication Officers of State Departments of Agriculture (COSDA) is an affiliate and supporting partner of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) that is composed of the communications officers of each state's department of agriculture. SCDA participates in regularly scheduled calls and meetings.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Electronic Warehouse Receipts	Business that provides services to the agricultural industry that utilize electronic warehouse receipts (EWR) for the storage of agriculture commodities such as peanuts cotton and grain. EWR is used by the Consumer Protection Division for issuance, cancelation and database of electronic cotton warehouse receipts. They are a licensed service provider by the USDA.	No Change

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Non-Governmental Organization	Feed Industry Association	SCDA collaborates with this industry association to craft and implement regulations, policies, and procedures.	No Change
Professional Association	Forestry Association of South Carolina	Promote and grow Agribusiness in South Carolina, including Forestry and Agriculture.	No Change
State Government	Georgia Department of Agriculture	Agencies cooperate to assist one another with non traditional calibrations.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Georgia Federal-State Inspection Service (GA FSIS)	MOU for peanut grading at all peanut buying points in SC. Provides required reporting to USDA.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Golden Harvest Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend
State Government	Governor's Office	Chef Ambassador Program, Agribusiness Recruitment and Retention.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Harvest Hope Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend
Non-Governmental Organization	Lowcountry Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend

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Private Business Organization	Matson Consulting	Grant consulting for entrepreneurs through ACRE and Resilient Food Infrastructure (RFSI) Grant.	Amend
Professional Association	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and regional affiliate	NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories. NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders. Commissioner chair of the International Trade Steering Committee.	Amend
Professional Association	National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) and regional affiliate	SCDA is a member of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM), which is a professional non-profit association of state and local weights and measures officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers and consumers. NCWM has developed national weights and measures standards since 1905. The organization brings the right interests together to keep pace with innovative advancements in the marketplace.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	National Hemp Regulatory Committee	This group works together to share information, best practices, and guidance related to USDA requirements for state approved hemp plans.	No Change

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Federal Government	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Office of Weights and Measures (OWM)	OWM collaborates with state weights and measures programs, industry, and national standards development organizations and associations in the development of U.S. standards in the form of uniform laws, regulations, and methods of practice. OWM serves as the U.S. representative to the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) to bring efficiency and cost savings to U.S. manufacturers and other stakeholders doing business overseas, through the promotion of harmonized international standards and regulatory practices. The NIST Office of Weights and Measures analyzes weights and measures training needs; obtains input from the weights and measures community on legal metrology standards and practices; and designs and delivers training for laboratory metrologists and weights and measures officials.	No Change
State Government	North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS)	Agencies assist one another with non traditional calibrations.	No Change
Professional Association	Palmetto Agribusiness Council (PABC)	Industry promotion, development, and outreach.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Aeronautics Commission	SCDA inspects fuel pumps at all public airports.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Crop Improvement Association (SCCIA)	SCDA performs laboratory analyses to support the program.	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina Department of Administration (Admin)	SCDA is Division of Technology customer; seeks guidance from Division of Human Resources; purchases and leases vehicles from State Fleet; leases office space through Facility Management; utilizes Surplus Property for disposal of assets; coordinates financial management through Executive Budget Office.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Commerce	Agribusiness Recruitment and Project Management.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Corrections	SCDA is a customer for purchasing many items, including office equipment, forms, and letterhead; agricultural skills training. Inspect prison/jail food service.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Education	Farm to School - train cafeteria staff, procurement of locally grown food, and provide training and promotional support for the Farm to School Formula Grant; Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11. Summer feeding programs. School cafeteria trainings.	Amend
State Government	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	Seafood regulatory programs; Regional Licensing Office at the Columbia State Farmers Market; Drought Management and Response; Partnership with the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD); Charter member of the SC Quail Council. Support for the SDRBG.	Amend
State Government	South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)	Chef Ambassador Program.	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	South Carolina Department of Revenue	DOR conducted Farm Aid Grant Program audits; SCDA administers Milk Producer's Tax Credit and provides data to DOR for income tax returns; SCDA performs red-dye testing to verify on/off road diesel fuel; partnership to administer the South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) program. Verification of permitees/licensees maintaining sales tax number and/or pertinent exemptions regarding retail food, retail ice vending machines, retail commodity sales.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Social Services	DSS administers Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); SCDA trains farmers, farmers markets, roadside markets on how to participate in, and accept, SNAP, Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Transportation	SCDA performs red-dye testing to verify on/off road diesel fuel.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to use the Columbia State Farmers Market for disaster response and recovery; Rapid Response Team (RRT). Employees part of ESF 17 and ESF 11.	No Change
Private Business Organization	South Carolina Farm Bureau	Exchange information about issues of importance to the agricultural community; collaborate about regulatory impacts on the agricultural industry; and the SC Agriwellness Program.	Amend
State Government	South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	Hemp Farming Program Background Checks and Law Enforcement, Rapid Response Team (RRT).	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina Seed Certification Program (Clemson)	SCDA performs laboratory analyses to support the program.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	South Carolina Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	Provides technical assistance for entrepreneurs through the ACRE program; offers business plan and grant application assistance.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina State Ports Authority	Agribusiness Development Export/Import Cooperation.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	South Carolina State University	Farmer outreach and education, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) research.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Second Harvest Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend
Private Business Organization	Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)	ACRE /Agribusiness workshops.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Midlands Area Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).	Amend
State Government	South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV)	Highlight agricultural issues, consumer interest topics, and South Carolina products through the development of two television shows.	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association	Exchange information about issues of importance to fertilizer and agrichemical manufacturers and dealers.	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina Forestry Commission	Promote and grow Agribusiness in South Carolina, including Forestry and Agriculture. Administer USDA Disaster Block Grant program.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Office of State Auditor (OSA)	OSA performs various annual program audits including the annual agency agreed upon procedures (AUP), commodity boards, and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).	No Change
Professional Association	Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)	In partnership with SC Department of Commerce, work to facilitate trade opportunities with small to medium sized agribusiness companies, who are looking at exports.	No Change
State Government	State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA)	Procurement Services and Office of State Engineer (Capital Projects).	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	State Regional Economic Development Alliances	Agribusiness Development and Project Management.	No Change
Professional Association	SustainSC	Association connecting sustainability goals of business in South Carolina with local solutions for the benefit of the state's economy, environment and people. Comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders from private and public sectors in which SCDA serves as ex-officio on the board and regularly provides information to other industries about agriculture.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Texas A & M University	SCDA Feed Lab participates in an aflatoxin proficiency test with Texas A&M and the Office of the Texas State Chemist.	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina	Industry promotion and economic impact research.	Amend
Federal Government	US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Contracts for Food and Feed Inspections, and Cooperative Agreements for Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS), Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS), Food Safety & Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR), Rapid Response Team (RRT), Retail Food Code.	Amend
Federal Government	USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	Cooperative Agreements for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), Poultry and Egg Grading, Market News, Fruit and Vegetable, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG), Hemp Farming, Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI), Specialty Crop Multistate (SCMP).	Amend
Federal Government	USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP). Disaster Assistance Programs correspondence. Collaboration for state bridge funding program.	Amend
Federal Government	USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)	Farm to School; SCDA administers Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	Amend
Federal Government	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)	SCDA and NASS have a cooperative agreement for data collection and surveys; NASS provides data for drought management and response.	Amend

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Federal Government	USDA Seed Regulatory & Testing Division (SRTD)	SCDA operates under a cooperative agreement to regulate the Federal Seed Act (FSA) for state noxious weed seed requirements.	No Change
Professional Association	National Grants Management Association	Supports grant professionals providing education, resources, and community that professionals need for guidance and advancement. Director of Grants Administration maintains membership and grant staff attends annual conference.	No Change
Federal Government	USDA Rural Development	SCDA administers Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) and Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) subaward from Clemson University.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Farm Credit Associations, AgSouth and ArborOne	Supplement funding for NOCCSP, partner.	No Change
Professional Association	Columbia Society for Human Resource Management (CSHRM)	Member organization composed of human resource professionals in the Columbia, SC area. SCDA human resources staff participate in regularly scheduled meetings with keynote speakers on various topics related to human resources.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Conservation Bank	Commissioner of Agriculture (or his/her appointee) on the board. Collaboration on efforts to protect farmland.	No Change
Private Business Organization	WinWam	Third party inspection software provider.	No Change

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Private Business Organization	Kelly Registration Solutions (KRS)	Third party license, permit, and registration platform.	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA)	SCDA sits on the SCEDA Board of Directors and in this capacity steers discussion regarding key economic development issues and training of stakeholders in the state. SCDA regularly speaks on relevant session topics by utilizing the platform to discuss the impact of agribusiness in the state.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH)	Trace foodborne illnesses; MOU to establish inspection parameters for food establishments on healthcare campuses; Laboratory Flexible Funding (LFFM) sample collector	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (DES)	Water and sewer approvals for wholesale/retail establishments; underground storage tanks (UST) for retail fuel facilities; waste disposal. Consultant to DES for general agricultural permitting information.	No Change
Professional Association	Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC)	Zoning approvals and business licenses; joint outreach and enforcement.	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Association of Counties	Zoning approvals and business licenses; joint outreach and enforcement.	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (SCRLA)	Outreach and communications regarding inspection, enforcement, regulatory changes.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Project Victory Gardens/Farmer Veteran Coalition	Farmer Bootcamp and agritourism incubator programs.	No Change

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Higher Education Institute	Boise State University	Awarded SCALES grant: Supporting Community Agriculture and Local Education Systems	No Change
K-12 Education Institute	Greenville County Schools	Project lead for SCALES grant; SCDA is fiscal agent	No Change
Private Business Organization	Feed & Seed and Senn Brothers	Partners on SCALES Grant	No Change
Private Business Organization	Freshlist	Creating Local Food Connector portal for Rural Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) grant.	No Change
Federal Government	Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	Foodborne outbreak data is submitted to CDC.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Conference on Food Protection	Provides a formal process where members of industry, regulatory, academia, consumer, and professional organizations are afforded equal input in development of food safety guidance.	No Change
State Government	Clemson University Livestock and Poultry Health (CULPH)	Work with CULPH for livestock health, species crossing oversight (HPAI in dairy cows), flock health, sampling, and with CULPH's SC Meat and Poultry Division on matters related to meat slaughter/ amenable species and non-amenable species to the Meat and Poultry Act.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST)	Organization comprised of commercial, independent and government seed technologists that trains and provides accreditation of technologists, researches and develops rule changes, publishes training and education materials, and serves as an important resource to the seed industry.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD)	Organization provides technical assistance to landowners.	No Change

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Private Business Organization	Roots and Rain	Provides GAP trainings and technical assistance to farmers.	Add
Professional Association	School Nutrition Association (SNA) of South Carolina	Provides services under the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) grant for communication and outreach to school food purchasers; SC Certified Cafeteria Program.	Add
Non-Government Organization	South Carolina Research Authority	Collaboration on Wells Fargo Agriculture Innovation Grant Program.	Add
Higher Education Institute	Clemson University College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences (CAFLS)	Partnership for the South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture (SCCSA).	Add
Non-Government Organization	South Carolina Hunters for the Hungry (Hunters)	A hunter may donate a harvested deer to a processor, who then donates the processed meat to Hunters for the Hungry (Hunters). Hunters then pays the processor a fee for processing the meat. Once the meat is ready, Hunters picks it up and delivers it to a participating food bank. SCDA reimburses Hunters for the cost of processing and transportation.	Add
K-12 Education Institute	South Carolina FFA	Youth development programming; outreach collaboration; workforce development.	Add

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Reports Data

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Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810; Proviso 117.29 of the FY 2025-26 Appropriations Act	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	September 2025	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/reports.php	No Change	
Agency Debt Collection Report	Proviso 117.33 of the FY 2025-26 Appropriations Act	Report of outstanding debt	February 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Agency Financial Audit applying Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP)	N/A	Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures	April 2026	Every 2 years	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	Amend	The agency has been moved to a low-risk category and is audited every two years for the previous and current fiscal year.
Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards with (AFRPS) with Mutual Reliance Initiative in South Carolina Mid-Year Program Report	N/A	Mid-year activity report	January 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	The mid-year report was waived due to the delay in making awards for the AFRPS Cooperative Agreement (PAR-25-003) and the federal government shutdown.
Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards with (AFRPS) with Mutual Reliance Initiative in South Carolina Annual Program Report	N/A	Program Report	April 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Annual Agency Budget Plan	S.C. Code Ann. § 8-11-230	Compilation of agency planned funding and expenditure requests for the upcoming fiscal year	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://admin.sc.gov/services/budget/building-budget/agency-budget-plans	No Change	
Annual Comprehensive Financial Reporting (ACFR)	N/A	GAAP year-end financial reporting occurs from July through October	October 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://cg.sc.gov	No Change	

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Annual Energy Savings Progress Report and Consumption Data Reporting	S.C. Code Ann. § 48-52-620	Energy consumption data and energy savings measures	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Annual Survey of State Government Research and Development	America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505	Assessment of research and development performed, or funded, by the agency	February 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Audit of Beef Council Financial Statements	S.C. Code Ann. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements	December 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Audit of Pork Board Financial Statements	S.C. Code Ann. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements		Annually	Entity within federal government	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	Audit schedule happened to skip this fiscal year. The last report was completed in December 2024.
Audit of Soybean Board Financial Statements	S.C. Code Ann. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements		Annually	Entity within federal government	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	Audit schedule happened to skip this fiscal year. Reports were completed in June 2025 and July 2026.
Capital Permanent Improvement Plan	S.C. Code Ann. § 2-47-55	A detailed explanation of the agency's planned capital permanent improvement projects for the next five years	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://admin.sc.gov/services/planning-capital-improvements	No Change	
Earmarked Appropriations Report	Proviso 117.21 in the FY 2025-26 Appropriations Act	A report of unrequested funds appropriated to the agency that were earmarked to be awarded to any entity as a grant or contract	June 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://agriculture.sc.gov/resources/earmarked-appropriations	No Change	
Employment and Recruitment Workbook	S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-110	All employment and recruitment activity since January 1 of the current year	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
F & V Inspections & Auditing Program Review, Federal-State Inspection Services	N/A	USDA AMS SCI program compliance review per cooperative agreement	April 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN)	7 U.S.C. 5936, Section 7522 of FCEA of 2008	Final progress report	December 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	

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FDA Food Emergency Response Network	N/A	Laboratory Testing Capacity Assessment for emergency analytical testing services; utilized in triage scenarios	March 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Feed Inspection Contract	N/A	Contract activity report	June 2026	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Fees and Fines Report	Proviso 117.69 of the FY 2025-26 Appropriations Act	Accounting of all fees and fines charged by the agency during the previous fiscal year	September 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	https://agriculture.sc.gov/divisions/agency-operations/administration/	No Change	
Fleet Survey	N/A	An evaluation of the agency's fleet vehicle needs for the next fiscal year		Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	The timing of this report seems to have shifted; when we inquired about the FY 26-27 survey, we were advised that new telematics usage data was being incorporated into this report and it would be sent out in August 2026
FNS-153 CSFP	7 CFR 247	Statewide on-hand inventory of food commodities for distribution through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	June 2026	Monthly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
FNS-191 CSFP	7 CFR 247	Demographic report of CSFP recipients	June 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
FNS-667 TEFAP	7 CFR 251	Quarterly financial statement for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	June 2026	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Food Inspection Contract Quarterly Summary Reports	21 CFR 117	Contract activity report	April 2026	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Human Resources Delegation Review	S.C. Code Ann. § 8-11-230	Review of delegated transactions		Every 2 years	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	SCDA has been placed on a two year review period. The last review was completed on April 25, 2025, and covered April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024.
Information Security and Privacy Survey	Proviso 117.102 in the FY 2025-26 Appropriations Act	Annual review of the information technology controls, change management and access management processes, and security measures.	July 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://admin.sc.gov/services/technology-services/information-security-privacy	No Change	

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Information Technology Data Collection Workbook	Proviso 117.102 in the FY 2025-26 Appropriations Act	Comprehensive summary of all information technology and information security objectives and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://admin.sc.gov/services/it-program-management/data-collection	No Change	
Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA)	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2)	Final Performance Report	March 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA)	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2)	Narrative and Data Collection Reports	July 2025	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	Grant ended, this was the final quarterly report.
Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Annual Program Activity	42 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Annual program activity report	May 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Mid-Year Program Activity	43 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Mid-year activity report		Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	Due to reduced funding, a mid-year performance report was not required for this grant budget period.
MFRPS Rapid Response Team (RRT) Annual Program Activity	45 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Annual program activity report	May 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
MFRPS Rapid Response Team (RRT) Mid-Year Program Activity	46 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Mid-year activity report		Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	Due to reduced funding, a mid-year performance report was not required for this grant budget period.
G-ME-2405-04494 Milk Equipment Reimbursement Request and Integrated Final Report	45 CFR Parts 74 and 92	Milk safety	March 2026	Other	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)
G-2414-04935 HPAI in Raw Cow's Milk Surveillance Project Equipment Reimbursement Report	46 CFR Parts 74 and 92	Milk safety	February 2026	Other	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

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G-2505-05095 Multi-Drug Residue Raw Milk Monitoring Project Reimbursement Report	47 CFR Parts 74 and 92	Milk safety	January 2026	Other	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)
Minority Business Utilization Plan	South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code contained in Sections 11-35-10 et seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended	Plan for allocation of at least 10% of agency controllable dollars to be spent with minority-owned businesses	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://cma.sc.gov/small-business-resources	No Change	
Monthly Food Activity Reports	N/A	Number of RVC, honey, egg, and salvage permit applications processed; labels reviewed; inspections performed; and Country of Origin (COOL) reviews	June 2026	Monthly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
No More Homeless Pets Program	S.C. Code Ann. § 56-3-9600(E)	Accounting and summary of reimbursements made through the No More Homeless Pets Program	August 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Organic Certification Cost Share	N/A	Final project report		Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	No funding for this fiscal year, but it will be returning next fiscal year.
OSHA 300A	Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act of 1970	Report of injuries, illnesses and missed working time during the previous calendar year	February 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Other Funds Survey	S.C. Code Ann. § 2-65-30	List of agency revenue accounts, generation source, programs supported, legislative authorization, and actual and projected revenue	November 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://admin.sc.gov/budget/other fundssurveys	No Change	
Produce Safety Rule (PSR) Program Activity	21 USC 2104, 45 CFR Part 75	Inventory & education aggregate data workbook and inspection aggregate data workbook	May 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Produce Safety Rule (PSR) Mid-year Activity	22 USC 2104, 45 CFR Part 75	Mid-year activity report		Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	Due to reduced funding, a mid-year performance report was not required for this grant budget period.
Real Property Data Management Report	S.C. Code Ann. § 1-11-58	Detailed inventory and utilization of real property owned by the agency	June 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	

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Report on Sale of Real Property	S.C. Code Ann. § 1-11-58	Notification of the sale of specific state property	August 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Report to the General Assembly, Equal Employment Opportunity	S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-110	Shows composition of the agency's workforce (Goal Attainment Affirmative Action)	October 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	http://schac.sc.gov/about-us/divisions-departments/technical-services-and-training-department	No Change	
Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Performance Progress Report	Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2)	Subaward projects and state project progress report	August 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Rural Business Development Grant	7 USC 1932(c), 7 CFR part 4280, subpart E	Semi-Annual Narrative Report	April 2026	Twice a year	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Kyle Player, kplayer@scda.sc.gov	Amend	Frequency moved from quarterly, now twice a year.
Rural Cooperative Development Grant	7 USC 1932 section 310(e), 7 CFR part 4284, subparts A and F	Semi-Annual Narrative Report	June 2026	Twice a year	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Kyle Player, kplayer@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
SC-396 Annual Cooperator Report for Fruit & Vegetable Inspection	N/A	Program funding and expenses	August 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Schedule of Expenditures for Federal Awards (SEFA)	CFR Section 200.510	Audit of expenditures of federal awards to the agency	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	No Change	
SF-425 Federal Financial Report	N/A	A federal financial report is required for each of twenty one (21) federal grants	June 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
State Disaster Relief Block Grant (SDRBG) for Hurricane Helene	Public Law 118-158, Division B, Title 1	Block Grant Performance Report	June 2026	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Supporting Community Agriculture & Local Education Systems (SCALES)	N/A	Quarterly progress report project SCALES Cohort 2	April 2026	Quarterly	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	

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Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) Annual Report FY21 Stimulus, FY22, FY23, FY24, and FY25	7 USC 1621, Public Law 108-465	Projects progress or final reports	December 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Specialty Crop Multi State Program (SCMP) for FY21	SCBGP-Sec. 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 as amended by sec. 10107 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-343) (7 U.S.C. § 1621 note)	Performance Report		Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	The final report, in lieu of a progress report, was completed in July 2026.
TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Round 1	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA, P.L. 117-2)	Final Report	October 2025	Twice a year	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	

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Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/10/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**N/A**
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	