

Dates to Remember

October 1:
Deadline to Submit
Ambassador and Talent
Applications

October 3:
July, August, September
Quarterly Reports

October 10:
Women's Committee
Activity Awards
Applications due

December 1-3:
SCFB Annual Meeting
Myrtle Beach, SC

January 3:
October, November,
December Quarterly
Reports Due

January 6-11 :
American Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
Phoenix, AZ

February 10-13:
AFB FUSION Conference
Pittsburgh, PA

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2016 SCFB Youth Leadership Conference

Newberry, SC – Forty-seven high school rising high school juniors and seniors from across South Carolina recently participated in the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's (SCFB) 2016 Youth Leadership Conference in Newberry, SC.

The conference, held on the Campus of Newberry College June 12-15, allowed students to gain valuable leadership skills, a better understanding of SC agriculture, and of the SC legislative process.

The conference operates on a two-year curriculum cycle where students learn about agricultural marketing and promotion one year and about government relations and agricultural advocacy the next. This year's conference focused on legislative action in SC.

Students were addressed by industry professionals on leadership, goal setting and legislative history of SC. Dr. Nathan Saunders, Curator of Manuscripts USC's South Caroliniana Library discussed with participants the history of South Carolina legislation and how they can become involved in the legislative process. Director of organizational training and leadership development for SCFB, Jessica Cabrera, engaged participants in leadership activities essential for students to develop personally and professionally.

2016 SCFB Youth Ambassador Dalton Stalvey said, "It's a great way to meet people from all across SC who share a passion for agriculture. We were able to build leadership skills while expanding our network and agricultural knowledge."

SC Farm Bureau Women On Capitol Hill

Frances Price-WLC State Chair, Betty Jackson-Central District Vice-Chair and Vonne Knight-WLC Coordinator attended the AFB State Program Leaders Conference held May 1-4 in Washington, DC. The conference offered workshops on Advocacy, Education/Leadership and Communication. Visits for the SCFB Women's Leadership attendees included the offices of Senator Graham, Congressmen Wilson, Rice, Mulvaney and Clyburn. Frances Price and Betty Jackson discussed issues that are of major concern to SC agriculture and farmers.



Pricelines



from the SCFB Women's
Leadership Committee Chair
Frances Price

The long HOT summer is over, schools are back in session and harvest is just around the corner. For some of us summer has provided enough rain, but for most of us not enough. However, as we pray for rain we also remember the rains last October and ask that we be spared that disaster again.

Because the SCFB Women's Leadership Conference has been moved into late September I am reporting only on the April – June quarter. The July – September reports are due in early October. This quarter there were 28 counties that sent in their Quarterly Activity Reports.

Some of the compiled answers on this report are:

- 16 counties have set goals (each county should have set goals)
- 25 counties had at least one meeting during the quarter (every county should meet at least once a quarter)
- 26 counties communicate within their committee via computer technology
- 20 counties adopted or visited a classroom
- 20 counties participated in National Ag Day activities
- 12 counties sponsored farm tours or other ag educational events
- 9 counties sponsored events where they used the Ag Simulator or one of the Promo Trailers
- 11 counties used the Ag Education Volunteer Handbook in presentations
- 9 counties had members to donate to the SCFB Foundation
- 9 counties created some form of ag educational displays
- 74 schools were reached / 9050+ students were reached
- 140+ volunteers assisted with these various activities/events
- 25 counties have members that are active with the SCFB Legislative Contact Program
- 14 counties have members that are active with the AFB FB ACT Program
- Unnumbered contacts were made on the national, state, county and local level on issues affecting ag
- 18 counties promoted various farm commodities
- Almost every county networked with various other organizations

THE TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED WERE 3657 – WHICH EQUATES TO 91.425 WORK WEEKS @ 40 HOURS!!!! THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO PROMOTE FARM BUREAU AND AG EDUCATION!!!!

Over 50 high school rising juniors and seniors attended Youth Leadership Conference in June at Newberry College. This year we focused on legislative issues as well as leadership skills. The visit to the State House included lunch at the Capitol City Club. Thanks to Newberry County Young Farmer and Rancher Committee for providing Ag Olympic activities on Sunday afternoon.

Applications are in for the Betty J. DeWitt Outstanding Educator Award. The winner will be announced in December at the SCFB Convention.

We are excited about the number of new memberships being sold by members of your county Women's Leadership Committees. Cash prizes are being awarded for this. Receive \$100 for 20+ new memberships, \$50 for 10 and \$25 for 5. Happy Selling!!

We know you are having your county annual meetings. Remember to choose a male and female Youth Ambassador contestant and talent contestants. We look forward to them participating in the state contests at the SCFB Convention. Also being planning and working on your donations for the Country Store and Silent Auction. These events are a great way to raise funds to support Agricultural Education.

Before I finished this we were blessed with rain (and wind) from Hurricane Hermine. Thankfully we had no real damage.

As I close, I want to personally ask each of you to be in prayer for this country as we go to the polls to vote for the next president and other leaders of this great country. This is a serious time not only for us, but also for the whole world. May God be with us and guide us as we participate in this privilege.

March 16:

SCFB Women's Day at
the State House

March 13-17:

Ag Literacy Week

April 3:

January, February
and March Quarterly
reports due

April 30:

Deadline for teachers to
apply for the Betty J.
DeWitt Outstanding
Educator Award

May 1:

Registration Deadline for
SCFB Youth Leadership
Conference

June 5-9:

AITC Teacher Institute

June 11-14 :

Youth Leadership
Conference

July 3:

April, May, June
Quarterly Reports Due

SCFB Women's Leadership Luncheon at the 2016 Annual Meeting will be held on December 2nd.

Entertainment will feature Diane Bailey as Patsy Cline. Please make plans to join us.



SC Farm Bureau Teaches Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) – to Teachers

Anderson, SC – Forty-nine educators from across the state recently learned how to incorporate agricultural lessons into their classrooms. The South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation (SCFB) hosted its annual Ag in the Classroom Summer Teacher Institute June 6-10 in Anderson, SC, where teachers of grades pre-K through 8 in public and private schools learned how to teach the importance of family farmers and domestically produced food, fiber, forestry products, and fuel to their students. In addition to instruction about their learning and teaching styles, Institute participants also heard from agriculture and education experts from Clemson University's College Relations/Ag Careers Department, Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, the SC Ag Statistics Department, Clemson's apiculture specialist, and the SC Department of Agriculture. Participants also experienced two days of farm tours in the upstate, including Major Farm, Berry Acres, Greenbrier Farms, Kings Sunset Nursery, Setzler Farms, and Satterwhite Farm. Lunch for the two farm tour days was hosted by Greenbrier Farms and Newberry County Farm Bureau.

The 2016 SCFB Ag in the Classroom Summer Teacher Institute was funded through generous support from the SC Ag in the Classroom Fund, SC Farm Bureau Federation, SC Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., the SC Beef Board, the SC Soybean Board, the SC Peanut Board, SC Advocates for Agriculture, Newberry Electric Cooperative, AgSouth Farm Credit, Lynch River Electric Cooperative, and Edisto Electric Cooperative. Participants received three hours of graduate credit for recertification from Winthrop University.

Here's what's Cookin'
The Golden Taste of South Carolina
 A reprint of SC Farm Bureau's 50th Anniversary Cookbook

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2016 Farm Bureau Communications Boot Camp



Margo Huggins was selected to participate in the tenth Women's Communications Boot Camp class, July 12-15, at the American Farm Bureau Federation headquarters in Washington, D.C. Margo was required to give a speech that supported the current Farm Bureau policy position. The Boot Camp provided a critique of her speech. Workshops included Advanced Policy Advocacy: Testifying before County and State Committees, Media Training Basics and Public Speaking- Delivery Dynamics. A visit with Congressional representatives was also a requirement.



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Idea Sharing?

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pictures of any of your
county's successful Farm
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love to share your
success stories with
other counties as we all
work together to "Tell the
Farm Story" to the
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and happenings.

Try these Fall Recipes!

Quick & Zesty Vegetable Soup

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cans Italian style stewed tomatoes
- 2 13 3/4 fluid-ounce cans beef broth
- 1 17-ounce can mixed vegetables
- 1/2 cup uncooked medium egg noodles
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano

In large pot, brown meat with onion. Cook until onion is tender, drain. Salt and pepper to taste. Stir in remaining ingredients. Bring to boil, reduce heat. Cover and simmer 15 minutes or until noodles are tender.

Snickers Apple Salad

- 1 8-ounce container cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 16-ounce frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed
- 3-4 Granny Smith apples, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup chopped salted cashews
- 4 regular-size chocolate-coated caramel-peanut nougat bars, chopped

Mix cream cheese with brown sugar until smooth and creamy. Fold in nondairy whipped topping, and then add apples, cashews and candy. Blend well and refrigerate before serving. Delicious for a salad or a dessert!

Chicken Pecan Log

- 2 8-oz. blocks cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon commercial steak sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 1/2 cups minced, cooked chicken
- 1/3 cup minced celery
- 1/4 cup finely chopped toasted pecans

Combine first 3 ingredients; beat until smooth. Stir in chicken and celery. Shape into a log; chill 4 hours or overnight. Coat with pecans. Serve with crackers.
Yield: 1 Log