

# South Carolina Farm Bureau State Legislative Weekly Update

## March 18, 2022



*This week at the State House:*

### **Springing Closer to Crossover Deadline** **House Returning for Busy Week** **USDA Announces Appointees for SC FSA State Committee** **Women's Leadership Committee Turns Capitol Blue!**

#### **Springing Closer to Crossover Deadline**

This week the General Assembly inched closer to "Crossover Day" as it relates to existing legislation. **April 7th, 2022** is the effective deadline for all bills to have been passed by one chamber and referred to the other in order to be considered for passage this year. For example, a bill that was introduced in the House must have been voted upon and passed by the entire House and referred to the Senate for consideration by crossover. If bills do not make this deadline, they are dead for the year and must be reintroduced in 2023.

#### **House Returns to Full Agendas**

The House looks to hit the ground running next week when they return to Columbia after spending this week on furlough. With the April 7th date looming, numerous committee meetings have already been scheduled with the expectation of filling more time slots on the calendar. Some bills of interest for the upcoming week include: [H.4994](#) Agricultural Property Disclosures, [H.5041](#) Proper Labeling of Milk, [H.4956](#) The South Carolina Conservation Enhancement Act and several others. SCFB Government Relations team will continue to monitor these and other pieces of legislation that impact agriculture in South Carolina while advocating for our members.

All eyes continue to be on leadership in the House that will see major changes this upcoming election cycle as evidenced by key members retiring from the General Assembly. Numerous other retiring members will vacate seats that will be filled this fall. **We encourage all of our SCFB members to continue developing those key local relationships that are imperative to sharing our stories with elected officials.** Candidate filing continues until March 30, 2022 at noon.

## State FSA Committee Receives New Members

The USDA Farm Service Agency recently announced new appointees who will serve on the South Carolina Farm Service Agency (FSA) state committee.

Members of the FSA state committee are appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and are responsible for the oversight of farm programs and county committee operations, resolving program delivery appeals from the agriculture community, maintaining cooperative relations with industry stakeholders, keeping producers informed about FSA programs, among other duties. Congratulations to the new members!

South Carolina FSA appointees are:

- **Committee Chair Anthony Grant** - Columbia
- **Mary Francis Koon** - Columbia
- **Lawrence Weathers** - Bowman
- **J.E.B. Wilson** - Chester

## SCFB Women's Leadership Committee Shines at the State House!!

This week, 75 ladies from across the state, who are members of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee, descended on Columbia to show their support for agriculture in South Carolina. The group was treated to keynote speaker [Senator Penry Gustafson](#) (Senate District 27 - Chesterfield, Kershaw and Lancaster Counties), founding member of the Senate's Rural Action Caucus, who shared her vision and commitment to solving rural and agricultural challenges our state is faced with. During their State House visit, Women's Committee members interacted with countless senators sharing their personal stories and appreciation for the support the legislators provide to our industry.

These outstanding women continue to work hard to support the overall mission of our organization and spend time in their counties educating others about agriculture, particularly school-age children and advocating for agriculture. **Thank You for Your Leadership and Support!!**

