

South Carolina Farm Bureau State Legislative Weekly Update January 21, 2022



Wednesday, January 19, Georgetown County member **Steve Squires** and his wife, **Jenna**, joined our GR team at the State House to meet their legislators, attend subcommittee hearings, and discuss issues at hand during their visit. The Squires are row crop farmers and we were thrilled to welcome Steve and Jenna as our first *Farmers of the Week* for this legislative session! Thanks Steve and Jenna!



Hazardous Weather, Governor McMaster State of the State and Congressional Reapportionment

Wintry weather impacted the general session on Tuesday canceling both the House and Senate. Members made their way back to Columbia on Wednesday and Thursday to focus on the work at hand.

Governor Henry McMaster delivered his annual State of the State address Wednesday night laying out his priorities for 2022. Governor McMaster articulated his statewide initiatives including **reducing personal income tax, education overhaul, water and sewer infrastructure upgrades, statewide broadband access and improving our aging interstates and roadways.**

The Senate continued their heated debate on congressional reapportionment, previously passed by the House. These lines will establish our statewide congressional districts once finalized.

Various House Ways & Means subcommittees met during the shortened week to hear from numerous state agencies on their budget requests. These subcommittee hearings will continue throughout the next couple of weeks. Numerous hearings were rescheduled due to the hazardous weather including Clemson PSA, SC State PSA and SC Forestry Commission.