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 Facebook – Join the group SC Farm Bureau Women on Facebook to find out about the latest program news and happenings.

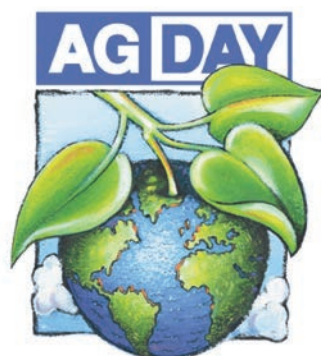
Through education, leadership development, legislative activities, youth programs and special events, our Women's Programs grow and support women leaders – locally, regionally and nationally. Your SCFB Women's Leadership Committee is committed to furthering the cause of agriculture in our state and throughout the world.

Please e-mail Vonne Knight at vknight@scfb.org a brief summary and/or pictures of any of your county's successful Farm Bureau Women's Programs. We would love to share your success stories with other counties as we all work together to "Tell the Farm Story" to the general public.

Make sure you take advantage of FBACT | Farm Bureau Advocacy App, available for download from the Apple and Android stores.

The free app features:

- AFBF Take Action Center
- talking points on Farm Bureau priority issues
- social media sharing tools
- access to advocacy videos
- interactive congressional directory
- integrated feedback form
- live updates from the American Farm Bureau Federation's (@FarmBureau) Twitter feed



**Celebrate
National
Ag Week
March 18-24**

Apple Dip

- 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese at room temperature
- 1 18-ounce tub caramel apple dip
- 6 chocolate covered toffee candy bars
chopped apples

Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Spread into a 9 x 9-inch pan or shallow dish. Warm caramel dip in microwave and pour over cream cheese, sprinkle with candy. Slice apples.

Hint: Best served at room temperature. If served cold, dip is difficult to scoop with apples.

Friendship Tea

- 1 18-ounce jar powdered orange drink mix
- 1/2 cup instant tea
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup dry lemonade mix
- 1/2 cup red hots cinnamon candy
- 1 3-ounce package apricot gelatin
- 1 cup sugar

Mix and store in tightly covered jar. To make one cup of tea, put four teaspoons in one cup boiling water and stir.



SCFB YLC participants learn about aquaculture from Dr. Lance Beecher, Clemson University aquaculture & fisheries specialist.

Youth Leaders Learn Agriculture at SC Farm Bureau Conference

Forty rising high school juniors and seniors from across South Carolina recently participated in the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's (SCFB) 2017 Youth Leadership Conference in Newberry, SC.

The conference, held on the Campus of Newberry College June 11-14, allowed students to gain valuable leadership skills and a better understanding of SC agriculture.

Students were addressed by industry professionals on leadership, team building and goal setting. Opening session speaker Rokeem Williams motivated the students to follow their dreams. Eric Rowels, President and CEO of Leading to Change, engaged participants in leadership activities essential for students to develop personally and professionally. Dr. Tom Dobbins, Director of Clemson Cooperative Extension encouraged students to set goals and follow

through with them. Students also learned about personality traits from Lynn Adcox of True Colors, and heard from Ashley Merrick, program specialist for Mothers against Drunk Driving.

Students traveled to Clemson University to learn about the Clemson Cooperative Extension system and the agricultural research and development taking place at the state's largest land grant university. Mike Echols, supervisor of Clemson athletic grounds, hosted the group on the fields of both the Doug Kingsmore Baseball Stadium and Memorial Football Stadium for a lesson on turfgrass management. Dr. Lance Beecher, aquaculture and fisheries specialist, took students into his greenhouses to learn about aquaculture. Carra Eisenbies, program coordinator and assistant farm manager at the Clemson University Equine Center, showed students around the equine facilities. The Newberry County

Young Farmers and Ranchers also hosted their annual Ag Olympics competition for the conference attendees.

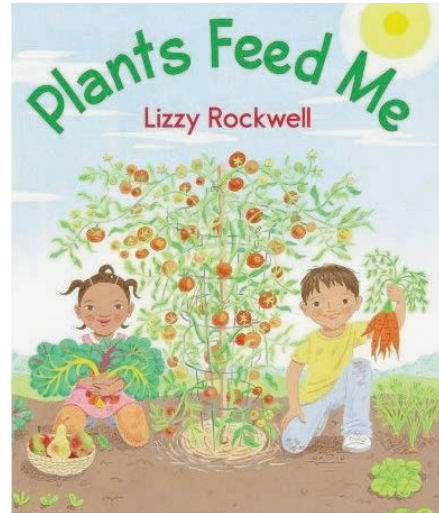


A New Look for SC Farm Bureau Women

The SCFB Women's Leadership Committee recently adopted a new logo for our SC Farm Bureau Women's Programs.

Plants Feed Me: The 2018 Book of the Year

The SC Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee is pleased to announce the selected book of the year for 2018:



County Women's Committee members are encouraged to visit elementary schools in your county during National Ag Week and share this book with students. Along with the book you will receive lesson plans, suggested activities and a Plant Parts We Eat poster to share with students and teachers.

One complimentary copy of the book will be given to each county. Additional copies can be purchased. Contact Melanie Moulder mmoulder@scfb.org for details.

Reba McEntire Named Keynote Speaker for AFBF Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee



AFBF Annual Convention on Monday, January 8, 2018, for a Q&A Keynote touching on her rural roots, family, career, and, of course, country music.

PRICELINES by Francis Price – Chair, SCFB Women's Leadership Committee

As we prepare for Fall and dodging storms, I know we are all thankful for the many ways we have been blessed. We mostly missed one storm and pray we miss the next one. Other states have not been so lucky. We have renamed our newsletter and hope it continues to be informative to you.

Your State Committee wants to thank each of you for all you do to promote agriculture. Listed are the results of your combined efforts across this great state.

We had over 85 women attend the District Meetings held this spring.

The applications are in and being judged for the Betty J. DeWitt Outstanding Educator of the Year. We had another great Youth Leadership Conference at Newberry College in June. About 44 students attended and our SCFB Youth Ambassadors assisted us and also did workshop presentations. The commodities highlighted were cows, horses, chickens and pigs. Group leaders and alternates for 2018 were chosen by the attendees.

Your State Committee's Annual Planning Retreat was in May in Greenville at the Hilton Hotel; we reviewed this past year and set goals for the upcoming year. We are again working on revising the quarterly reports to make it quicker and easier for the counties to fill out on Survey Monkey.

Plans for the Women's Leadership Conference to be held there in September are almost complete. The dates are September 24 – 26 and the theme is "Shake, Rattle & Grow." The American FB WLC Chair, Sherry Saylor, from Arizona is going to be with us and present several workshops.

From the April – June Quarterly Reports with 31 counties reporting:

- There are still 9 reporting counties that are not having at least one meeting per quarter;
- 23 reporting counties communicate using computer technology;
- Legislative contacts on the various levels were: Local – 10; County – 12; State – 10; National – 5;
- 22 counties donated the Book of the Year they received last fall to a school, library, etc.;
- 50 schools were visited;
- 5160+ students were reached;
- 130+ volunteers assisted with projects/activities;
- 7300+ volunteer hours reported (182+ work weeks at 40 hours per week)

Look forward to seeing you all at Women's Conference and Myrtle Beach at Convention. Make plans to attend and participate in the Country Store, Silent Auction, and Youth Ambassador and Talent Contests.

We currently have 40 counties that have a chair/co-chairs listed for their county. Please help me, Vonne and your respective District Vice-Chair and Field Staff get a committee started in these counties. They are: Central District: Richland & Lancaster; Pee Dee: Lee & Marion; Piedmont: Greenwood, McCormick and Union. Congratulations to the Coastal District for 100%. Please let any of us know how we can help.

Thanks again to each one of you for all you do daily to promote agriculture and Farm Bureau. We are so thankful for the time you all give freely. God bless each of you.

Palmetto Palate

The SC Farm Bureau Women donated a set (necklace, earrings & bracelet) of Susan Shaw Sea Glass jewelry to the Palmetto Palate Silent Auction. Funds raised from this event are used to support the Friends of Farm Bureau Political Action Committee.

Get Involved in Ag Literacy

Want to know some Super Easy Ways to Educate About Ag? Check out the website below. www.agfoundation.org/news/7-super-easy-ways-to-educate-about-ag

Sign up for Action Alerts

FB Advocacy makes it easy for you to unite with farmers and ranchers across the country and let lawmakers know how you feel. Sign up today to receive action alerts and our quarterly eNewsletter. Farm Bureau needs you! Go to <https://www.fb.org/advocacy>, then click on "Sign up for action alerts."

Sign-up to receive SCFB alerts and our weekly Legislative Update during the State Legislative Session regarding issues related to SC agriculture at SCFB.org/policy-legislation/advocacy

Apply for a White-Reinhardt Mini-grant from AFB Foundation

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's White-Reinhardt Mini-Grant Program funds projects that will increase agricultural literacy. New this year, county and state Farm Bureaus may apply for \$1,000 grants for education programs for grades K-12 in order to initiate new ag literacy programs or expand existing programs. Grants are available on a competitive basis. Please visit <http://www.agfoundation.org> for more information and application.



SCFB's Ag in the Classroom Summer Institute Benefits Fifty SC Teachers

Fifty educators from across the South Carolina recently learned how to bring agriculture into their classrooms. The South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation (SCFB) hosted its annual Ag in the Classroom Summer Teacher Institute June 5-9 in Charleston, SC, where teachers of grades pre-K through 8th grade in public and private schools learned the importance of family farms and farmers and how to teach agricultural lesson to their students.

In addition to instruction about their learning and teaching styles, Institute participants 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, and the SC Department of Agriculture. Participants also experienced two days of farm tours in the lowcountry, including a

USDA Research and Education Center, the Charleston Tea Plantation, Walter Dantzer's Farm in Santee, SC and Terry Thomas Dairy Farm in Bowman, SC.

Participants earned three hours of graduate credit for recertification from Winthrop University, courtesy of SCFB's Ag in the Classroom Fund.

The 2017 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 Company, SC Beef Council Plus Program, SC Soybean Board, the SC Peanut Board, Newberry Electric Cooperative, Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Edisto Electric Cooperative, SC Cattlemen's Foundation, SC Advocates for Agriculture and SC Greenhouse Growers Association.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2017

SEPTEMBER 24-26
SCFB Women's Leadership Conference

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

OCTOBER 24-27
AFBF Women's Communication Boot Camp

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2
SCFB Annual Meeting – Myrtle Beach

2018

JANUARY 3
October, November, December Quarterly Reports

JANUARY 5-10
AFBF Convention –Nashville, Tenn.

FEBRUARY
FOOD CHECK OUT EVENTS

Central District – February 7
Piedmont District – February 15
Coastal District – February 22
Pee Dee District – February 22

MARCH 20
Women's Legislative Appreciation Day at the State House

MARCH 19-23
Ag Literacy Week – Read Book of the Year to a class

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