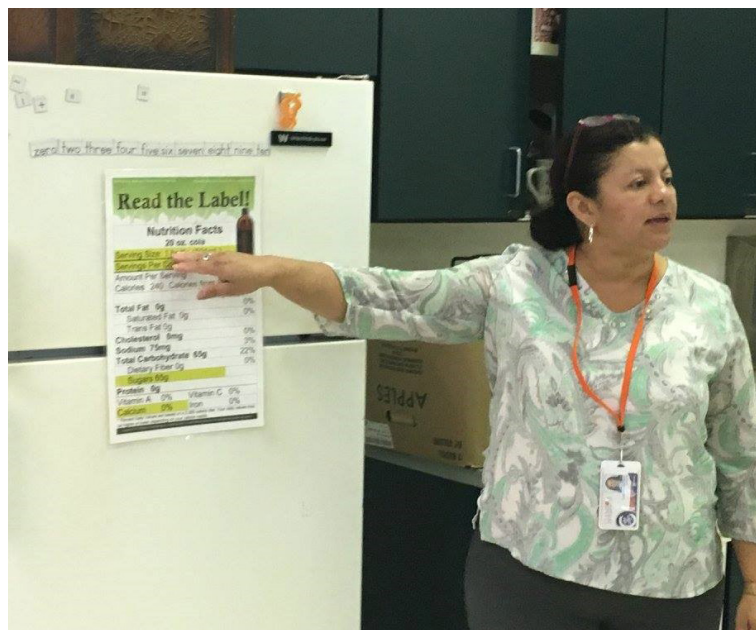


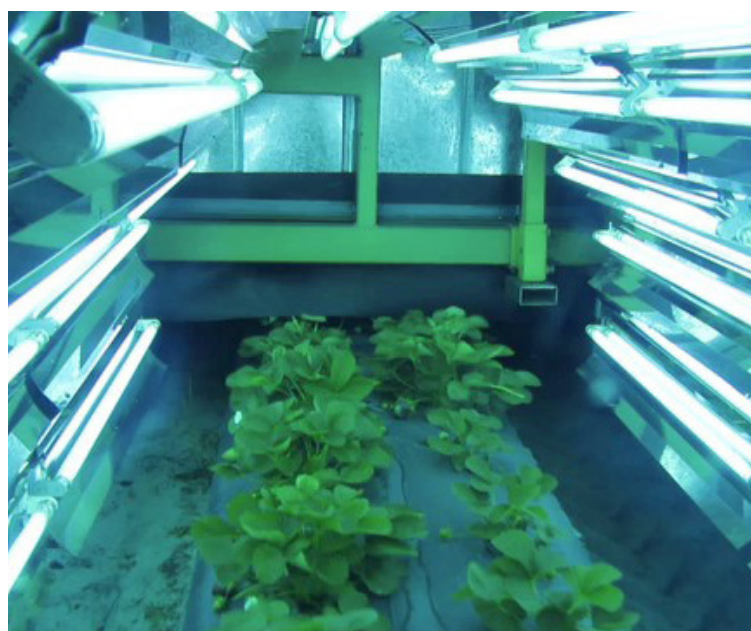
## 2017 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE: CHEROKEE COUNTY

### New Nutrition Agent is Up to the Challenge

One out of three children in Cherokee County is either overweight or obese according to the 2015 DHEC report for the Cherokee County School District. This rate increases as children get older putting them at higher risks for heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and cancer. Additionally, obesity rates are elevated for children of color and families living in poverty in our county. To abate this, Clemson Extension appointed Evelyn Santana to serve as the Nutrition Educator Assistant to Cherokee and Spartanburg counties. Ms. Santana served in a similar role for the University of Wisconsin Extension. She has spent the past few months completing training in classrooms across the state. During this time, she has established partnerships in Cherokee with organizations like Eat Smart, Move More, Boys & Girls Club, schools, and churches. These collaborations will allow for a speedy implementation upon completion of her training.



▲ Evelyn Santana teaches students in grades 3-5 the importance of reading nutrition labels.



▲ UV-C Light controls pests.

### Controlling Pests Naturally

Andy Rollins, Upstate Fruit and Vegetable Agent, started a new project on strawberries that could revolutionize the industry. UV-C light is a way of controlling diseases and insects. It will be operational by Christmas with testing to begin in January or February 2018. Guido Schnabel of Clemson, David Gadoury of Cornell, and Bob Hall of Bush-n-Vine are working together to see how effective this technology will be. Thank you for your continued support!

**SC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
*AT A GLANCE*



**AGENTS**  
133



**PROGRAMS**  
11,158



**CONTACTS**  
242,239



**YOUTH & FAMILIES  
REACHED**  
104,156



**AG ED**  
163



**AGRONOMIC**  
133



**76**  
FORESTRY



**FOOD  
SAFETY &  
NUTRITION**  
2,967



**LIVESTOCK  
& FORAGES**  
316



**HORTICULTURE**  
1,858



**4-H**  
4,278

**NUMBER OF  
PROGRAMS**



**WATER  
RESOURCES**  
1,174



**181**  
AGRIBUSINESS



▲ Madelyn & Logan Bolin experiment with various samples under Dr. Patty Scharko's direction.

## Local Farm Enhances Regional Course

The top-notch management practices at Carolina Savanna Goat Farm provide an excellent venue for the Upstate Small Ruminant Workshop. Cherokee Co is proudly home to one of the largest goat farms in the Southeast. The partnership between Carolina Savanna and Clemson provides easy access to quality hands-on education opportunities to anyone interested in the rapidly growing goat and sheep industry. Due to increased demand for local meat and decreased farm land, the small ruminant industry has garnered a great deal of interest in recent years.

The 2017 workshop put a focus on parasite control through strategic deworming, proper pasture management, and multi-species grazing. Participants learned weed identification and control during the pasture walk. Certification for strategic deworming (FAMACHA) was offered through hands-on practice. Participants benefited from viewing different management practices and forage species during the farm tour. The quality and convenience of the farm will promote many future workshops and partnerships to come.



◀ Participants from the workshop listen intently to Dr. Patty Scharko as she describes the numerous parasites that pose a threat to small ruminants.

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