

2017 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE: CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

SC Farmer of the Year

One of Chesterfield County's own peach, row crop, strawberry, pumpkin, corn-maze, vegetable, and etc. growing farmers Kemp McLeod was awarded the SC Sunbelt Farmer of the Year award. As his nominator "I got to feel like somebody" by having the privilege of joining him at the premier farm show of the south (Sunbelt Expo), dressing-up to attend formal dinners/events, and joining in all the hoopla associated with selecting the 2017 Sunbelt Farmer of the Year. In fact, many SC folks including many farmers joined us in Moultrie to cheer Kemp on. It felt like a big win for not just the McLeod's but for SC, the Pee Dee Area, and especially Chesterfield County. I felt very proud that one of our very own was selected as the one of the top farmers in the Southeast. Written by Tony Melton.



▲ Shaw and several 4-H members in Chesterfield building their scarecrow for the ECA Fair in Florence



▲ Kemp McLeod-2017 SC Farmer of the Year

Chesterfield's New 4-H Agent

Justin Shaw has recently joined the Clemson Extension Service as the 4-H agent for Chesterfield County. He will coordinate various programs and activities associated with 4-H. He earned his bachelor's degree from The Citadel in 2007 and recently earned a Master's in Educational Leadership. While growing up he was an active member with both the 4-H and FFA through many different projects. Helping and guiding an individual through the steps to create a tangible, successful outcome is the level of achievement he has always strived to achieve.

Throughout his years as an educator, he helped develop new programs through school Health classes to address the importance of food and nutrition, fitness, and safety to promote healthy lifestyles. He looks forward to teaching Chesterfield County youth ages 5-18 leadership, citizenship, and life skills through 4-H to empower them to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society. He is ready to make a significant contribution, not only to Clemson Extension, but to the communities within Chesterfield County.

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

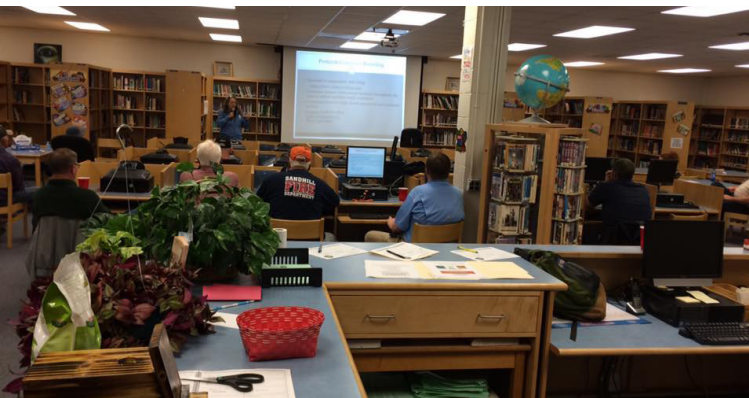


▲ Fence Construction Demonstration

Fencing for Controlled Grazing

Fencing is essential to any livestock operation in South Carolina. State law requires livestock operations to be fenced in. Proper fencing is also crucial to maintain the safety and well-being of handlers and livestock. In collaboration with Stay Tuff fencing company, the Livestock and Forages Team hosted a one-day fencing workshop in the Pee Dee Region with 26 participants learning the proper method to build a fence and the most economical fence type for their operation.

This workshop consisted of a morning classroom setting that covered the basics of fencing, such as types of fencing, perimeter/cross fencing, energizer troubleshooting, and more. The afternoon session was a hands on farm demonstration that included proper construction techniques such as building braces, post placement and safety, wire tying, and fixed knot fencing. Participants were able to gain or expand knowledge about the construction of a fence from beginning to end with the tools, equipment, and materials that are needed to properly construct a fence for livestock. The techniques the participants learned and practiced can be applied to any type of geographic location and fencing type.



◀ Young Farmers in Pageland learn how to recycle empty pesticide containers from Area Agronomy Agent Trish DeHond. USAgRecycling chips the empty, triple rinsed and punctured plastic jugs. <http://www.usagrecycling.com/>

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