



2023 Annual Accountability Report

Department of Agriculture

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AGENCY’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) has a two-part mission: to nurture and grow agribusiness, and to protect producers and consumers in the marketplace. The agency has four divisions: Agency Operations, Consumer Protection, External Affairs & Economic Development, and Legal. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Accountability Report shows how the entire agency works together to pursue SCDA’s mission.

Agency Operations

The Agency Operations Division consists of the Commissioner’s Office; Finance and Administration; Human Resources; Information Technology (IT); State Farmers Markets; and Grants Administration. These program units work to ensure that people, equipment, and infrastructure are adequate, available, and positioned across the state where needed to keep the agency mission ready. Finance and Administration consists of accounting, budgeting, procurement, fleet, and facilities. Human Resources is responsible for recruitment, classification, benefits, payroll, training, and employee engagement, support, and development. The agency is a Department of Administration (Admin) Division of Technology Operations (DTO)-managed customer for networking, desktop, and web applications. SCDA’s in-house IT department provides end-user support for desktop, mobile-device, and web; facilitates third-party vendor sourcing and service for specialized solutions; and acts as a liaison with DTO and agency leadership to communicate user needs and implement solutions. Grants Administration manages federal grants affecting programs across the agency and the state. SCDA offers points of sale / purchase for agricultural products at three State Farmers Markets in Columbia, Florence, and Greenville. The Commissioner’s Office facilitates constituent services, oversees special projects at the direction of the Commissioner, operates the now-fully implemented South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) Card program, and facilitates information flow between the Commissioner and other parties, both internal and external.

Consumer Protection

The Consumer Protection Division (CPD) has seven departments: Laboratory Services; Food Safety and Compliance; Feed Safety and Compliance; Consumer Services (including the Metrology Laboratory); Produce Safety; Federal State Inspection Services; and the Hemp Farming Program. By its legislative charge, the goal of the Consumer Protection Division is to protect consumers and the buying public through routine food/feed/fuel inspections, laboratory testing and analyses, a variety of industry certifications, product sampling, licensing, auditing, and oversight of commodity storage warehouses and facilities. Federal State Inspection Services (including Market News Service) ensures that consumers are getting the quality of product they are seeking, and that producers are being paid a price commensurate for their product in the marketplace.

External Affairs and Economic Development

The External Affairs and Economic Development Division (EAED) includes External Affairs; Marketing and Promotions; Communications; and the Office of Agribusiness Development. As

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the lead advocate for the state’s agricultural industry, the agency listens to stakeholders about pertinent issues at the federal, state, and local levels. SCDA encourages market access, development, and sustainability for agricultural products by building consumer demand in South Carolina and beyond. SCDA continues helping existing operations expand and recruiting new companies to facilitate more value-added opportunities in South Carolina.

Legal

The Legal Division handles all legal matters for the agency. This includes: reviewing and developing forms, MOUs, contracts, releases, leases and other documents for SCDA; overseeing all outside litigation including cases involving SCDA with Insurance Reserve Fund and their appointed outside counsel; providing legal opinions representing the position of SCDA on regulatory matters such as Industrial Hemp, the Food Safety Modernization Act, Animal and Human Food, Standards of Identity, Food Additives, Food and Cosmetic Act, Animal Feed Act, and other laws and regulations under SCDA’s purview; representing and advising SCDA on employment matters, including cases with the Worker’s Compensation Commission (WCC), State Accident Fund (SAF), State Human Affairs Commission (SHAC), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Department of Labor (DOL); reviewing and consulting on legal issues arising from agency HR policies and procedures, reviewing and developing forms, contracts, releases, and other documents for SCDA regarding personnel, employment, HR queries, etc.; and providing legal opinions and advice for SCDA programs including the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE), Agritourism, Farm to School, Certified South Carolina and Fresh on the Menu.

Agency Highlights During Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023

- 1. Employee Class and Compensation Review:** SCDA completed a class and compensation review of every position and employee in FY23. This effort, which started in FY22, was critical at a time when recruitment and retention competition with external employers increased fiercely as the workforce recovered from the Covid-19 pandemic, remote work options increased across the public and private sectors, inflation was spiraling, and unemployment was historically low. State government was already behind the eight ball. The 2016 State of South Carolina Classification and Compensation System Study Project, commissioned by the General Assembly, showed state government salaries lagged in-state private employers by 18 percent and local government agencies by 16 percent.

First, positions were evaluated to ensure the appropriate state classification was assigned based on the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for successful performance. Agency leadership developed a matrix tool that assigned values to education, certifications, experience, extra duties, and character traits, and captured current agency employee salaries and statewide average salaries by classification code. Data was collected from every employee and entered into the tool, which objectively calculated a customized comparable salary output for each current employee and base salaries for new hires. Every step in the process was reviewed by all assistant commissioners for consistency and double accounting,

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and recommendations were provided to the Commissioner of Agriculture for review, approval, and implementation. Admin’s Division of Human Resources (DSHR) reviewed and approved all personnel actions outside of the agency’s delegation authority. This project has helped SCDA remain competitive in attracting and keeping highly skilled and motivated employees to provide exceptional service in pursuit of its mission and the statewide enterprise objective.

- 2. Financial Audit Reflects Continued Success:** SCDA earned a strong Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures from the Office of State Auditor (OSA) for FY22, ending June 30, 2022. The financial audit, completed in March 2023, had only one finding and can be accessed at: <https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Department-of-Agriculture-P16-Final-Report.pdf>.

This strong audit report continues a trend of improving financial audits of SCDA by OSA. Because of this, SCDA was categorized as low-risk and was not audited in FY21. The FY20 audit had two findings; FY19 had one finding; FY18 resulted in five findings; FY17 produced 11 findings; FY16 had four findings. The improvement over the last five years is attributed to several deliberate actions by the agency. Written standard operating procedures (SOPs) were developed and implemented. Finance and Administration Department (Finance) staff are better trained and have conducted agency-wide procedural training for all employees. Communication has been emphasized and enhanced. There has been good leadership and staff stability (low turnover) in Finance. Finally, improved monthly financial reports for leadership were developed and are being disseminated in a standard way and at a consistent time. Evolving programs, employees coming and going, changing technology, and new rules and regulations are all challenges to business operations. Communication, training, and consistency are ways SCDA maintains high standards for the investment of public dollars.

- 3. Increased Grant Funding to South Carolina:** Under the leadership of the Grants Administrator, SCDA continues to actively pursue both recurring and new federal grants and cooperative agreement programs. Over the past year, the agency has experienced a 45% increase in grant funding and now administers nearly \$33 million across 22 grants and cooperative agreements. This gives the agency more resources to serve South Carolinians. Here are some highlights:

- **TEFAP Reach & Resiliency Round 2:** Through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) buys nutritious, domestically sourced and produced foods, and makes them available to state agencies. SCDA then provides that food to local emergency food providers, primarily food banks, which in turn distribute the food to local organizations such as soup kitchens and food pantries. These local organizations distribute the USDA foods to eligible recipients for household consumption or use them to prepare and serve meals. In 2022, USDA built upon this structure with the TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Grant; the initial \$820,000 is being used

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by South Carolina food banks to increase refrigerator and freezer capacity at food pantries in 24 high-need counties. A second round of this funding was awarded in May 2023; with the additional \$953,000, SCDA will expand allowable purchases to include other equipment and infrastructure needs at pantries and is also expanding into an additional eight counties for a total reach of 32 counties providing more than 395,000 South Carolinians living in poverty with healthy food.

- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) Stimulus: One of the projects included with SCDA’s FY21 SCBGP Stimulus funding is focused on developing and implementing an expanded, more robust Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Consultation and Cost Share Program to assist specialty crop growers with increasing market access for greater growth and profitability. As part of this project, SCDA added a full-time position for a Good Agricultural Practices Coordinator who serves as a consultant providing technical on-farm assistance as well as group outreach for producers looking to become GAP certified.
 - Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) and Local Food for Schools (LFS) Programs: In 2022, USDA AMS awarded SCDA with \$6.1 million and \$3 million respectively for developing programs to purchase domestic food from local and regional producers, target purchases from socially disadvantaged farmers/producers, and distribute the food to underserved communities and schools; \$1.4 million of this funding has been subawarded to the Catawba Indian Nation to conduct the same work for their nation. In 2023, USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds were added to the original ARPA funds to continue the LFPA program for an additional year. The LFS, LFPA, and LFPA Plus programs are assisting farmers with developing new markets and relationships that can bolster their businesses beyond the end of the grant program.
 - Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI): In May 2023, USDA AMS announced a new funding opportunity and entered into cooperative agreements with the country’s state departments of agriculture to develop and administer state coordinated initiatives to build resilience across the middle of the state’s food supply chain. Funds will support expanded capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally and regionally produced food products. In August 2023, SCDA will submit a state plan to USDA AMS detailing how it will use the \$4.9 million award to conduct the Competitive Infrastructure Grant Program and other supply chain coordination activities over the next three years.
- 4. State Farmers Markets Attract Visitors:** Using Specialty Crop Block Grant funding, the State Farmers Markets carried out summer promotional activities to bring in more customers and increase market opportunities for specialty crop growers. The markets held special events throughout June, July and August of 2022 featuring produce samples, recipe ideas, technical assistance from Clemson Extension agents, and in some cases, a chef on hand to give tips on preparation. Grant funds were used to create and print recipe cards and promotional

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materials, and to boost the events on Facebook and Instagram. Cantaloupe, butterbean, and watermelon tasting events at all three markets saw good turnout, with vendors reporting a positive bump in sales. The Pee Dee market held a Watermelon Festival with strong attendance and community support, including media coverage.

- 5. Food Safety and Compliance Enhancements:** In January 2023, the Food Safety program launched a new online registration system (rvcfoodfacilityregistration.agriculture.sc.gov) to allow food businesses to apply for a Registration Verification Certificate (RVC) and update their registration information electronically. Registration with SCDA is required for persons or firms wishing to manufacture, prepare, repack, store, or sell most foods wholesale to other businesses. Businesses that successfully complete the registration and inspection process are issued an RVC. Following a successful soft launch phase in the second half of 2022, the system was successfully rolled out in 2023, and roughly 30 percent of registrants are now using it.

SCDA Food Safety also worked with other agencies and stakeholders including Clemson University and SCDHEC to create the Home-Based Foods Law (Cottage) Technical Working group to assist clients and home food producers in navigating South Carolina’s Home-based Food Production Law, which was amended in May 2022. Working with SCDA’s design staff, the working group developed and published the South Carolina Home-based Food Production Law Guidance, a document designed to provide clear and consistent information about the law for home-based food producers to assist them in following the law and providing quality and safe food to South Carolina consumers.

- 6. Feed Safety Organizes Multi-State Emergency Exercise:** The Feed Safety team hosted its first Feed Safety Emergency Response Tabletop Exercise on September 20, 2022. This multi-state exercise, led by SCDA, was carried out with the help of a consultant, Attainium Corp., which designed and ran a tabletop exercise centered around the emergency response to feed-related illnesses or deaths. Multiple participants attended this Tabletop Exercise, including North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Alabama Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Food and Drug Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Clemson Livestock and Poultry Health, and Association of American Feed Control Officials. This exercise encouraged the participants to review their agency’s SOPs and collaborate with the various participants in the room. The collaborative efforts from this tabletop exercise will help to ensure prompt and decisive reactions in the event of a feed related animal sickness or death emergency.
- 7. Laboratory Improvements:** After several years of work, the new Residue Lab now has all equipment installed, and the support infrastructure is in place for the lab to operate. The Residue Lab was recently issued a DEA/DHEC permit to handle Schedule I controlled substances. This permit required the installation of a camera in the lab to monitor access to Schedule I substances, among other tasks. The certification will allow the lab to conduct

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testing in support of the division’s Hemp Farming Program. When fully implemented, the Residue Lab will have capacity to perform all official analyses that support field compliance activities in-house at SCDA. SCDA will no longer need to outsource testing to other labs for analysis of microbiological, tetrahydrocannabinol, heavy metals, water safety, allergens in foods, toxins in food and feeds, and other critical consumer safety matters.

In addition, the entire Consumer Protection Division Laboratory completed its ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation, the current standard for testing and calibration laboratories. Laboratory staff updated the Chemical Hygiene Plan, composed an Emergency Action Plan, and worked to document and control waste streams controlled and documented. The Seed Laboratory now has an AOSA Certified Seed Technologist.

8. Produce Safety Program Is National Model: SCDA’s Produce Safety program, tasked with enforcing the Produce Safety Rule under the 2011 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, assures safe fruit and vegetable production and handling. South Carolina is the first state in the country to complete calibration inspections with the FDA and to have a state calibration officer for Produce Safety. In FY23, the SCDA Produce Safety Manager participated in the national Produce Regulatory Program Standards workgroup and co-wrote Standard 2 Training Program and Standard 8 Program Resources. These standards will be used on a national level for all Produce Safety Programs. The program also developed and published Produce Safety Resource guides for South Carolina farmers to help them comply with state and federal law. Finally, the Produce Safety program established a new Memorandum of Understanding with Clemson University for outreach efforts related to the Produce Safety Rule.

9. Agribusiness Milestone Achieved: In 2009, in collaboration with the state’s industry and government leaders, Commissioner Hugh Weathers set a strategic vision to grow the economic impact of agribusiness to \$50 billion annually by the year 2020. According to a FY23 analysis by Dr. Joseph Von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business, the state exceeded this “50 by 20” goal. As of 2020, the agribusiness industry has a \$51.8 billion economic impact on South Carolina each year. This is an increase from \$34 billion in 2006. Agribusiness is responsible for 259,215 jobs and \$12.3 billion in annual labor income in the state as of 2020. South Carolina’s agribusiness cluster increased by approximately 40 percent between 2010 and 2020.

Von Nessen’s study also identified several growth opportunities. South Carolina currently imports \$11.7 billion in agribusiness products annually from outside the state. If this demand were captured by in-state operations, it would increase the total value of agribusiness by 23 percent.

To help capture this demand, in May, the General Assembly allocated \$40 million in FY 2024 to a new Growing Agribusiness Fund (Fund) administered by our agency to support the expansion of existing South Carolina businesses engaged in the processing, packaging,

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manufacturing, distribution, storage, and transportation of agricultural products, in turn providing more markets for agricultural producers. The Fund began accepting applications in August 2023.

10. Agribusiness Economic Development: Now in the 12th year of a formal cooperative agreement, SCDA and the South Carolina Department of Commerce continue working to aggressively expand the state’s agribusiness industry. In FY 2023, planned agribusiness projects were announced across the state that will create over 968 new jobs and more than \$457 million dollars of investment. Announcements have included projects in food and beverage processing, bakery, distribution, aquaculture, and forestry. Currently, there are 44 active economic development projects (new or expansion) looking at South Carolina. Here is a highlight of an announced agribusiness economic development project:

- Mixon Seed Service expanded its operations into Calhoun County with the purchase of the L.B. Wannamaker Seed Co. facility in St. Matthews. The facility will be repurposed as a cover crop production facility and SouthLand Wildlife retail storefront. The company is investing \$1.2 million in the expansion, which will create nine new jobs.
- Chick-fil-A Supply, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chick-fil-A, announced plans to establish its newest distribution center in Lexington County. The company’s \$80 million investment will create 165 new jobs. Founded in 2020, Chick-fil-A Supply supplements Chick-fil-A’s distribution network and allows the company to maintain greater flexibility within its supply chain.
- Patten Seed Company, one of the largest turfgrass producers in the Southeast, announced plans to relocate its corporate headquarters from Georgia to Charleston County. The company’s \$2.2 million investment will create 40 new jobs.
- City Roots, a family-owned urban farm and agribusiness destination, announced plans to expand operations in Richland County. The company’s \$4.4 million investment will create 60 new jobs. The new site will allow the company to create a microgreen-integrated production facility, include a state-of-the-art greenhouse structure, and will be open for agricultural tours and workshops for new and beginning farmers. Established in 2009, City Roots serves top restaurants, chefs, grocery retailers and food distributors across the Southeast.
- Innovative Poultry Products, a manufacturer of poultry farming equipment, announced plans to expand its operations in Bamberg County. The company’s \$2.86 million investment will create 30 new jobs. Founded in 2015, Innovative Poultry Products provides durable and useful tools for poultry farmers, delivering prompt and dependable service. The company specializes in creating equipment to help farmers work more efficiently.

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11. Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE): In 2017, the South Carolina General Assembly designated funding to grow agricultural entrepreneurship in the state. SCDA used that funding to create the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship. Thus far, ACRE has awarded over \$1,053,500 to 91 entrepreneurs, funded 34 major industry-driven research projects, led dozens of business workshops, helped create three agricultural cooperatives, and served people in every South Carolina county. State dollars have been used to leverage six USDA Rural Business Development Grant awards to reach deeper into rural communities. Here are some profiles of successful advanced entrepreneurship agribusiness program awardees in South Carolina:

- Peculiar Pig Farm is a livestock farm located in Dorchester with a mission to provide fresh, locally sourced, high-quality meat to their community. They raise cows, pigs, goats, chickens, geese, and ducks, using cover crops to utilize the manure left by their livestock. They purchase grains from local farmers, employ four individuals, and are expanding to include a storefront butcher shop that will employ five more people. The farm currently processes its animals at a USDA facility and sells meat to local restaurants and stores, individuals, and to have their own farm-to-table catering company, Peculiar Pig Eats. Peculiar Pig Farm participated in the Curriculum and Advanced Program.
- Split Creek Farm, LLC is a local goat dairy located in Anderson that is owned and operated by Jessica Bell and Sandra Coffman. They focus on producing and selling high quality, local goat milk products, selling them wholesale to restaurants, through specialty grocery stores, on-site in our small retail shop, and through our website. After receiving ACRE funding, they are looking to move to the next stage of operations to become a more sustainable business in the long-term. Their goal is to see continued growth in milk production which will allow them to increase their value-added product processing while also increasing sales and decreasing processing costs to create a higher yield on sales.
- Set In Stone Sustainability Farm in Jenkinsville trains, educates, and implements the concepts of sustainability and self-sufficiency by offering sustainable living workshops, therapeutic gardening, holistic alternatives, beekeeping, camping, canning, vegetable CSA, and food preservation classes to the underserved/under-represented communities in the Midlands area. They also offer a six-week summer program that students attend four days per week, where they learn where their food comes from, how to grow fruits and vegetables, how to raise happy and healthy livestock and are taught what it takes to manage and maintain a farm. Set in Stone participated in the Curriculum and Advanced Program.
- Bio Way Farm is a certified organic market farm in northern Laurens County near Ware Shoals with a focus on sustainable agriculture and permaculture design principles that has been producing food for Upstate South Carolinians for nearly 20 years. Their 120 acres offer a mix of cultivated fields with row crops, preserved forests, a native plant

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nursery, and a five-acre lake. They sell their produce through farmers markets, farm-to-table restaurants, local groceries, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) ventures, and an on-farm stand. Bio Way works to maximize both their agricultural productivity and the land's biological diversity and native integrity.

Risk Assessment

The most negative impact, should the agency fail in accomplishing its goals and objectives, would be on public health and safety. The agency's regulatory and marketing functions both ultimately ensure a safe, affordable, local food supply. Without SCDA's inspection and oversight throughout marketing channels, there would be no confidence among consumers in the safety of the food they eat or the pet food they purchase. Foodborne illnesses could cause sickness, starvation, and/or even death. Less seriously, but still important, consumers would most likely not receive the volume or quality of product for which they were paying. Producers would not know they are being paid for the accurate quality grade or quantity of product they are selling. Agribusiness, including farming and forestry, is the largest industry in the state with an economic impact of over \$51 billion and accounting for about 260,000 jobs. If SCDA did not nurture and grow this industry, the negative economic impact and loss of jobs, particularly in rural communities would be substantial. Obviously, not all the variety of food consumed by South Carolinians comes from in-state. However, if South Carolina could not produce any of its own food, a national security and public safety crisis would occur.

SCDA works cooperatively with other local, state, and federal agencies to accomplish its mission and prevent the worst-case scenario described above. The best "outside" help that can be provided is for the South Carolina General Assembly to lean on SCDA's technical expertise to guide recommended periodic statutory and regulatory updates as technology evolves and new products are developed. Keeping pace with neighboring states and the federal government, when prudent, streamlines the regulatory process and reduces the burden on South Carolina businesses. SCDA currently serves on the South Carolina Office of Resilience Statewide Resilience Plan Advisory Committee.

Risk Mitigation Tools and Strategies

Three options for the general assembly to prevent such a crisis:

1. Support and pass the model feed law described in the following restructuring recommendation.
2. Work with agribusiness to determine competitive barriers and use a balanced approach (pro-growth versus public safety) to overcome those obstacles.
3. Use SCDA resources, producers, agricultural service providers, and others who live and work daily in the industry, to gain a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities that exist.

Other mitigating controls instituted by SCDA to ensure proper use and oversight of taxpayer, producer, and industry dollars:

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In certain instances, SCDA provides state-funded grants for economic development projects, as reimbursements for county and/or private-sector expenses. These grant reimbursements are meant to incentivize investments in rural South Carolina, particularly counties that SCDOR has deemed Tier III or IV (least developed). SCDA mitigates any losses by ensuring legal contracts (performance agreements) are in place to require certain thresholds of investment or job creation are achieved and maintained for a certain time. If any performance agreement is broken, SCDA requires repayment of grant funds.

The South Carolina Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee provides an additional avenue for commodity producers to be at the table with SCDA leadership, communicating and monitoring for any commodity dealer failures, which affect many farmers, before they become catastrophic losses and have direct and indirect consequences for the industry.

Restructuring Recommendations

Take legislative action to adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials, which 49 other states have already adopted in full or by part.

1. This adoption would create a uniform and consistent platform for the feed industry to follow.
2. This legislation would allow firms operating in South Carolina to be on a level playing field with firms in the other 49 states.
3. Conforming South Carolina’s feed law, which has been in place for more than 50 years, would provide simple and modern guidelines for industry to follow.
4. Forthcoming regulations would provide uniform labeling requirements, allowing South Carolina firms to establish an easier way to distribute and market products nationally and globally.

Attachments

1. *Grown in SC* Magazine, Issue 3 (2023): <https://agriculture.sc.gov/magazine/>
2. “The Economic Impact of Agribusiness in South Carolina,” Joseph C. Von Nessen, Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina; November 2022: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Economic-Impact-Study-Nov-2022.pdf>
3. Pee Dee State Farmers Market Watermelon Festival flyer: https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/PeeDeeWatermelonFestival2023_8.5x11_Flyer_digital.pdf
4. South Carolina Home-based Food Production Law Guidance: https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/BEHS_CottageFoodLawGuide.pdf

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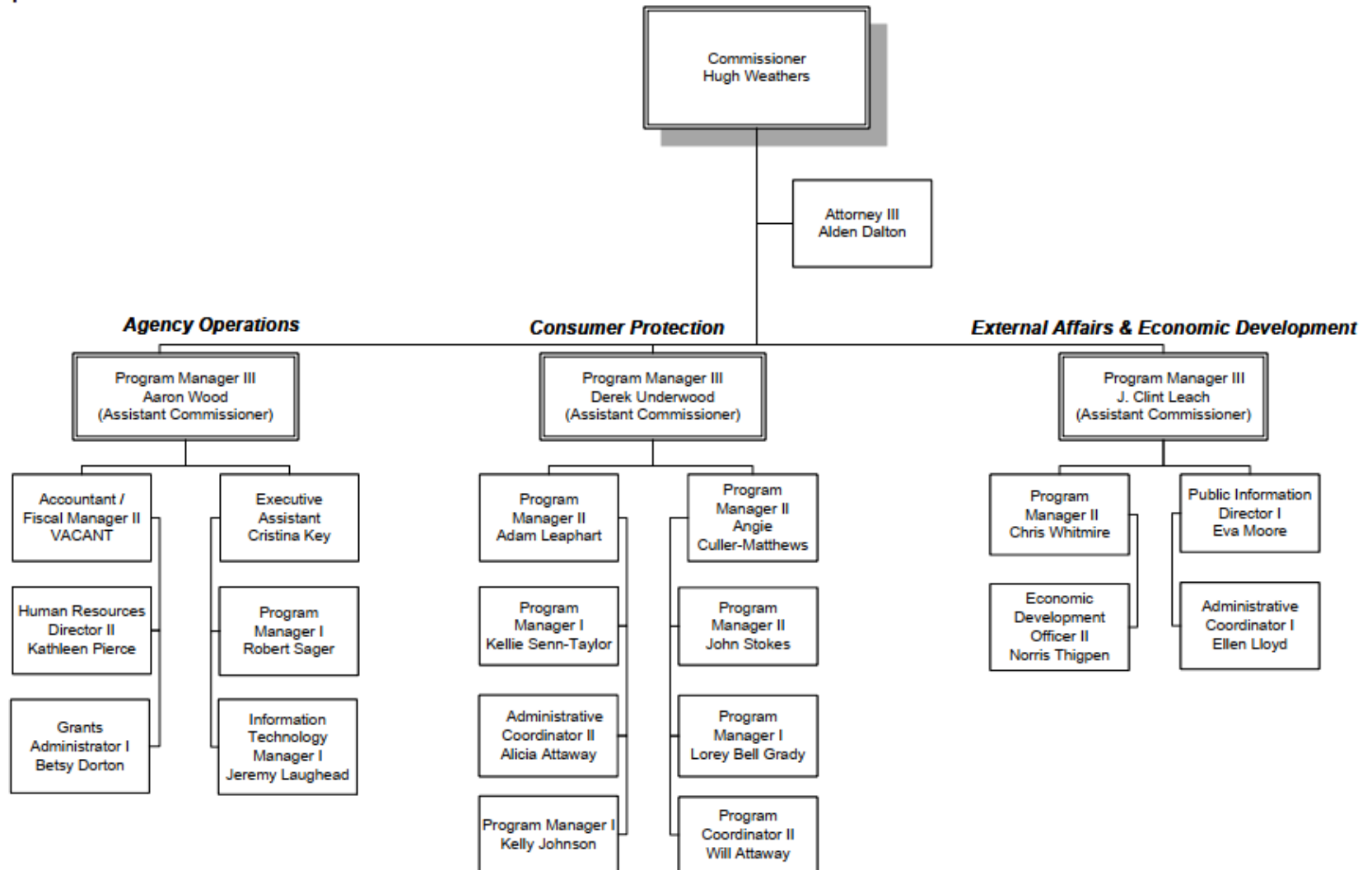
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Time Limited (TL): 1

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Reorganization and Compliance

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Agency Mission

Adopted in:

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The mission of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is to promote and nurture the growth and development of South Carolina's agriculture industry and its related businesses while assuring the safety and security of the buying public.

Agency Vision

Adopted in:

1980

For the State's economy to grow and prosper, providing everyone, producers and consumers, opportunities to enjoy the benefits of agriculture.

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

Take legislative action to adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials, which 49 other states have already adopted in full or by part.

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

None

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2023

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) Metrology Laboratory was closed during FY 2023 while moving to a new facility, calibrating equipment, and obtaining necessary certifications	July	June	Enhance the newly opened Metrology Lab by obtaining Echelon I certification and NVLAP accreditation, and having all staff complete NIST training	SCDA's workload has increased while NCDA&CS Metrology Lab has been shut down. Out of state customers have been sending their weights to SCDA for calibration services.
SCDA ended the cooperative agreement with USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for Poultry and Egg Grading and Inspection.	July	June	Reduce overtime hours, as a percentage of hours worked, year over year	This program was returned to USDA in May 2022. FY 23 was the first full year without these employees, and that lowered the amount of overtime incurred.

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).

Yes

Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)

Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 20-1-10 through 20-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).

Yes

Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?

Yes

Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	S.C Code Ann. §§ 6-3-20; 46-3-145; 46-3-280(C); 46-15-20(12); 46-15-40; 46-19-300; 46-21-25(4); 46-21-45(A); 46-21-215; 46-21-217; 46-21-345; 46-27-30; 46-27-70; 46-27-80; 46-27-310; 46-27-310; 46-40-10; 46-41-95; 46-41-140; 46-42-70; 46-49-9; 46-50-50; 39-25-10. et seq.; 39-9-68; 39-26-50; 12-6-3590(B)	
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?	Yes	
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?	Yes	
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)		

Strategic Plan Results

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as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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- Goal 1** Improve agency operational readiness and workforce development
- Goal 2** Protect consumers and business entities through physical inspections, laboratory analysis, accuracy and precision calibrations of measuring devices, product (food, feed, fuel) sampling, facility and product licensing, and routine, risk based, or consumer complaint driven inspections
- Goal 3** Promote, develop and expand South Carolina's agriculture/agribusiness industry, both domestically and internationally, by providing opportunities to farmers and industry players

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes	
1.1 Ensure employees have the best available resources, including facilities, fleet, equipment, training, and information, to deliver complete, concise and consistent customer service														State Objective: Government and Citizens	
1.1.1	SCDA IT helpdesk tickets are assigned, acknowledged, and addressed within two business days of submission	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	The number of tickets assigned and acknowledged as a percentage of all help desk tickets submitted by employees	IT Help Desk records	HappyFox; IT	IT Solutions	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.1.2	Offer at least three agency-wide trainings on pertinent business policies, procedures, or tools	3	5	3	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count of training opportunities	Agency documentation	Sign up records; Agency Operations	Increased employee knowledge/skills	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.2 Encourage employee well-being and work/life balance														State Objective: Government and Citizens	
1.2.1	Reduce the percentage of employee turnover year over year	25.62%	15%	16.81%	Percent	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions vacated and backfilled divided by the total number of FTE positions filled by July 1	Reconciliation of SCEIS and agency HR data	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee satisfaction	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.2.2	Reduce overtime hours, as a percentage of hours worked, year over year	0.674%	0.641%	0.117%	Percent	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of overtime hours worked divided by total number of hours worked by non-exempt employees	Reconciliation of SCEIS and agency HR data	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee work/life balance, appropriate staffing levels, improved personnel management	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000	Performance measure base was calculated incorrectly last year and has been corrected here. The target was a 5% reduction in overtime hours, as a percentage of total hours worked. The actual percentage is significantly less than the target because the Poultry & Egg Grading Program was returned to USDA and peanut grading was subcontracted to GA FSIS.	
1.3 Establish clear performance expectations, encourage accountability, and communicate outcomes														State Objective: Government and Citizens	
1.3.1	Complete planning stage EPMS documents by 1 March each year for all existing employees and within 1 month of new hires	96%	98%	95%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of completed evaluation stages by the dates outlined divided by the total number of employees required to have an EPMS	HR records	Human Resources files	Feedback on performed job functions and success criteria	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.3.2	Complete evaluation stage universal review period EPMS documents by 1 December or by the end of the trial-period, whichever is applicable	98%	100%	89%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of completed evaluation stages by the dates outlined divided by the total number of employees required to have an EPMS	HR records	Human Resources files	Feedback on performed job functions and success criteria	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
2.1 Provide food, feed, produce, commodity safety oversight of SC manufacturers, processors, distributors, farms, mills and certain retailers through risk based, compliance, mandatory inspections, and laboratory analysis of collected and submitted samples														State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security	

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
2.1.1	Lead and perform inspections under state regulatory authority or under federal contract involving such program areas MFRPS, AFRPS, FSMA, COOL, RRT, State Hemp Farming Program, USDA AMS, and by providing training and regulatory oversight for GAP, GHP, Produce Safety, PC Inspections, and HACCP	100%	97%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of completed inspections and training dates for customers/growers divided by the inventory of customers and growers	Software, data queries, scheduled inspections	Consumer Protection	Virtual options, inspection feedback/reporting, workable regulatory framework, quick turnaround/response time, centralized training locations if applicable	Customers, industry, farmers, general public and staff	0702.010000.000	
2.1.2	Lead and participate in local, regional and national food (feed) safety events, programs and associations by way of memberships, attendance, work groups, forums and regulatory development subcommittees	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Complete	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percentage of those required attending	Number of staff attending required workshops, conferences and events	Consumer Protection	Value added information required for any attendees regardless of seniority or supervisory roles.	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0702.010000.000	
2.1.3	Analyze official and submitted samples for quality, purity, safety and compliance with standards internally or through cooperation with other agencies (USDA, FDA, DHEC, Clemson) during normal operations or during emergencies	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Completed LIMS, Lab Reports, Midyear reviews and audits by federal partners	Lab Reports, lab analysis, standards adherence with FDA/USDA milestones	Consumer Protection	New LIMS implementation with software able to communicate with current inspection, sampling, and audit software	Agency employees including field and laboratory personnel	0702.010000.000	
2.2	Maintain the accuracy and precision of the State's mass and volume measurement system standards, industry measuring devices, and agency inspection tools by providing high quality, traceable, and precise calibration services to public and private customers.										State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security			
2.2.1	Perform routine inspections of firms under SCDA oversight. Follow up communications with inspectors in response to complaints within 24 hours	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of devices checked divided by total number of devices in inventory	Winwam software queries, consumer complaint files	Consumer Protection	Proper and adequate staffing, current equipment in all territories assigned	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	0702.010000.000	
2.2.2	Enhance the newly opened Metrology Lab by obtaining Echelon 1 certification and NVLAP accreditation, and having all staff complete NIST training	0%	100%	0%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percentage of compliance and certifications from NIST	New lab to become Ech 1 certified and Quality Management system Implemented: NVLAP prerequisites	Consumer Protection	Employee certification and training will allow more services offered and increase revenue and laboratory credibility.	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000	New application was submitted to NIST; awaiting NIST laboratory audit. Changed performance measure value type from "percent" to "percent complete."
2.2.3	Perform calibrations of liquid and mass measurement equipment within one month of work order initiation	99%	95%	86%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Receiving date vs completion date	Lab reporting, invoice dates	Consumer Protection	Proper staffing and turn around for submitted and official weight and measuring calibration devices	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000	NCDA&CS's Metrology Lab was out of service. SCDA took on additional calibration requests from private and public industries in NC to ensure customer demand was met.
3.1	Expand marketing efforts, including Certified SC Grown, to both maximize Return on Investment (ROI) for the state and private sector participants, while also increasing sales opportunities at the State Farmers Markets, restaurants, and retail outlets										State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development			
3.1.1	Increase participation in the Certified SC Grown program by 5 percent annually	2,351	2,468	2,480	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	The number of members at the beginning of the fiscal year compared to the number of members at the end of the fiscal year	Certified SC Grown and Fresh on the Menu databases	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increased focus on locally grown	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.010100.000	
3.1.2	Maintain overall subscribers of The Market Bulletin	8,223	8,223	7,634	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Market Bulletin subscribers	Kelly Registration Systems	Market Bulletin	Reach a unique market to help spread valuable information from SCDA and about agriculture industry	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.250000.000	
3.1.3	Increase SCDA's related channels' followers on Facebook by 2 percent.	95,149	97,051	101,029	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of followers	Facebook page members	Communications	Reflect brand recognition	SC consumers	1500.010100.000	

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes	
3.2 Increase agribusiness development efforts through recruitment, expansion, diversification and value-added opportunities														State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development	
3.2.1	Perform an annual inventory analysis on agribusiness companies who are primed for expansion in SC or the Southeastern United States	140	100	149	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Totaling monthly number of contacts	Recruitment log; updated monthly	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases economic impact of the industry	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000		
3.2.2	Participate in at least 7 business recruitment/trade show events per year to meet with prospective companies	7	10	12	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total of events staff attend	Database	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases visibility of SCDA Office of Agribusiness Development	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000		

Strategic Plan Development

FY2024

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

- Goal 1** Improve agency operational readiness and workforce development
- Goal 2** Protect consumers and business entities through physical inspections, laboratory analysis, accuracy and precision calibrations of measuring devices, product (food, feed, fuel) sampling, facility and product licensing, and routine, risk based, or consumer complaint driven inspections
- Goal 3** Promote, develop and expand South Carolina's agriculture/agribusiness industry, both domestically and internationally, by providing opportunities to farmers and industry players

P160 - Department of Agriculture

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes	
1.1 Ensure employees have the best available resources, including facilities, fleet, equipment, training, and information, to deliver complete, concise and consistent customer service													State Objective: Government and Citizens	
1.1.1	SCDA IT helpdesk tickets are assigned, acknowledged, and addressed within two business days of submission	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	The number of tickets assigned and acknowledged as a percentage of all help desk tickets submitted by employees	IT Help Desk records	HappyFox; IT	IT Solutions	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.1.2	Offer at least three agency-wide trainings on pertinent business policies, procedures, or tools	3	3	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count of training opportunities	Agency documentation	Sign up records; Agency Operations	Increased employee knowledge/skills	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.2 Encourage employee well-being and work/life balance													State Objective: Government and Citizens	
1.2.1	Reduce the percentage of employee turnover year over year	16.81%	12%	Percent	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions vacated and backfilled divided by the total number of FTE positions filled by July 1	Reconciliation of SCEIS and agency HR data	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee satisfaction	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.2.2	Zero verified true discrepancies on the Compensated Absences Report at year-end	0	0	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Cross check the Compensated Absences Report with employee leave statements, investigate any discrepancies, and count those that can not be reconciled	Provided at year-end by the Comptroller General	SCEIS; Human Resources	Employee work/life balance, appropriate staffing levels, improved personnel management	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.3 Establish clear performance expectations, encourage accountability, and communicate outcomes													State Objective: Government and Citizens	
1.3.1	Complete planning stage EPMS documents by 1 March each year for all existing employees and within 1 month of new hires	95%	98%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of completed evaluation stages by the dates outlined divided by the total number of employees required to have an EPMS	HR records	Human Resources files	Feedback on performed job functions and success criteria	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
1.3.2	Complete evaluation stage universal review period EPMS documents by 1 December or by the end of the trial-period, whichever is applicable	89%	100%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of completed evaluation stages by the dates outlined divided by the total number of employees required to have an EPMS	HR records	Human Resources files	Feedback on performed job functions and success criteria	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0120.050000.000		
2.1 Provide food, feed, produce, commodity safety oversight of SC manufacturers, processors, distributors, farms, mills and certain retailers through risk based, compliance, mandatory inspections, and laboratory analysis of collected and submitted samples													State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security	

FY2024 Strategic Plan Development														
Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes	
2.1.1	Lead and perform inspections under state regulatory authority or under federal contract involving such program areas MFRPS, AFRPS, FSMA, COOL, RRT, State Hemp Farming Program, USDA AMS, and by providing training and regulatory oversight for GAP, GHP, Produce Safety, PC Inspections, and HACCP	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Number of completed inspections and training dates for customers/growers divided by the inventory of customers and growers	Software, data queries, scheduled inspections	Consumer Protection	Virtual options, inspection feedback/reporting, workable regulatory framework, quick turnaround/response time, centralized training locations if applicable	Customers, industry, farmers, general public and staff	0702.010000.000		
2.1.2	Lead and participate in local, regional and national food (feed) safety events, programs and associations by way of memberships, attendance, work groups, forums and regulatory development subcommittees	100%	100%	Percent	Complete	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Percentage of those required attending	Number of staff attending required workshops, conferences and events	Consumer Protection	Value added information required for any attendees regardless of seniority or supervisory roles.	Agency employees, with the understanding that the direct agency customer also benefits	0702.010000.000		
2.1.3	Analyze official and submitted samples for quality, purity, safety and compliance with standards internally or through cooperation with other agencies (USDA, FDA, DHEC, Clemson) during normal operations or during emergencies	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Completed LIMS, Lab Reports, Midyear reviews and audits by federal partners	Lab Reports, lab analysis, standards adherence with FDA/USDA milestones	Consumer Protection	New LIMS implementation with software able to communicate with current inspection, sampling, and audit software	Agency employees including field and laboratory personnel	0702.010000.000		
2.2 Maintain the accuracy and precision of the State's mass and volume measurement system standards, industry measuring devices, and agency inspection tools by providing high quality, traceable, and precise calibration services to public and private customers. State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security														
2.2.1	Perform routine inspections of firms under SCDA oversight. Follow up communications with inspectors in response to complaints within 24 hours	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Number of devices checked divided by total number of devices in inventory	Winwam software queries, consumer complaint files	Consumer Protection	Proper and adequate staffing, current equipment in all territories assigned	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	0702.010000.000		
2.2.2	Enhance the newly opened Metrology Lab by obtaining Echelon 1 certification and NVLAP accreditation, and having all staff complete NIST training	0%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Percentage of compliance and certifications from NIST	New lab to become Ech I certified and Quality Management system Implemented: NVLAP prerequisites	Consumer Protection	Employee certification and training will allow more services offered and increase revenue and laboratory credibility.	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000		
2.2.3	Perform calibrations of liquid and mass measurement equipment within one month of work order initiation	86%	90%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Receiving date vs completion date	Lab reporting, invoice dates	Consumer Protection	Proper staffing and turn around for submitted and official weight and measuring calibration devices	Public, private, regulatory and industry	0702.010000.000		
3.1 Expand marketing efforts, including Certified SC Grown, to both maximize Return on Investment (ROI) for the state and private sector participants, while also increasing sales opportunities at the State Farmers Markets, restaurants, and retail outlets State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development														
3.1.1	Maintain Certified SC Grown program membership of at least 2,000 members.	2,480	2,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	The number of members at the beginning of the fiscal year divided by the number of members at the end of the fiscal year	Certified SC Grown and Fresh on the Menu databases	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increased focus on locally grown	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.010100.000		
3.1.2	Maintain overall subscribers of The Market Bulletin	7,634	7,634	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Total number of Market Bulletin subscribers	Kelly Registration Systems	Market Bulletin	Reach a unique market to help spread valuable information from SCDA and about agriculture industry	Consumers, public, stakeholders, industry	1500.250000.000		

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Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
3.1.3	Increase SCDA's related channels' followers on Facebook by 2 percent.	101,029	103,049	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of followers	Facebook page members	Communications	Reflect brand recognition	SC consumers	1500.010100.000	
3.2 Increase agribusiness development efforts through recruitment, expansion, diversification and value-added opportunities State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development													
3.2.1	Perform an annual inventory analysis on agribusiness companies who are primed for expansion in SC or the Southeastern United States	149	125	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Totaling monthly number of contacts	Recruitment log; updated monthly	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases economic impact of the industry	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000	
3.2.2	Participate in at least 7 business recruitment/trade show events per year to meet with prospective companies	12	8	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total of events staff attend	Database	External Affairs and Economic Development	Increases visibility of SCDA Office of Agribusiness Development	Public, private, regulatory and industry	1500.300500X000	

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Budget Data

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P160 - Department of Agriculture

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General2	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal4	(Projected) Total
0117.100000.000	Market Services	Three State Farmers Markets: Columbia, Greenville, and Pee Dee.	\$ 568,713.00	\$ 1,122,256.00	\$ -	\$ 1,690,969.00	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 1,178,236.00	\$ -	\$ 1,748,369.00
0120.050000.000	Operations	Commissioner's Office, Legal, Human Resources, Finance, and Administration, IT, and Grants Management.	\$ 1,539,527.00	\$ 232,413.00	\$ 107,740.00	\$ 1,879,680.00	\$ 1,565,028.00	\$ 244,034.00	\$ 202,446.00	\$ 2,011,508.00
0702.010000.000	Consumer Protection	Laboratory Services, Consumer and Metrology Services, Produce Safety, Hemp Farming, Food Safety, and Feed Safety.	\$ 4,096,937.00	\$ 1,120,209.00	\$ 1,121,357.00	\$ 6,338,503.00	\$ 4,169,131.00	\$ 1,176,219.00	\$ 912,342.00	\$ 6,257,692.00
0702.050000.000	Inspection Services	Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, Peanut Grading, and Market News.	\$ -	\$ 954,485.00	\$ -	\$ 954,485.00	\$ -	\$ 965,000.00	\$ -	\$ 965,000.00
1500.010100.000	Marketing & Promotions	Broad-based marketing programs that increase consumer awareness and product demand for quality SC agricultural products at local, national, and international levels.	\$ 4,221,113.00	\$ 11,388.00	\$ 7,659,505.00	\$ 11,892,006.00	\$ 4,891,579.00	\$ 11,957.00	\$ 8,193,641.00	\$ 13,097,177.00
1500.100000.000	Commodity Boards	Soybean, Pork, Cotton, Peanut, Watermelon, and Tobacco Boards; Beef and Peach Councils.	\$ -	\$ 2,086,923.00	\$ -	\$ 2,086,923.00	\$ -	\$ 2,191,269.00	\$ -	\$ 2,191,269.00
1500.250000.000	Market Bulletin	Publication issued twice a month as a marketplace for agricultural goods and services, and provide consumer interest articles; available printed and electronically.	\$ -	\$ 133,772.00	\$ -	\$ 133,772.00	\$ -	\$ 140,461.00	\$ -	\$ 140,461.00
1500.300500X000	Agribusiness Development	Promotion of agribusiness in SC through research and recruitment of prospective agribusinesses that may have an interest in locating or growing their agribusiness in SC. Work with elected officials and business/state leaders at all levels to	\$ 714,597.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 714,597.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000.00
1500.350500X000	Agricultural Center for Research & Entrepreneurship	Agribusiness incubator programs.	\$ 1,400,756.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400,756.00	\$ 1,450,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,450,000.00
1501.400500X000	Infrastructure Grants	Matching grants to counties for agribusiness specific projects.	\$ 2,384,342.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,384,342.00	\$ 7,895,357.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,895,357.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Fringe benefits and FICA taxes.	\$ 1,919,436.00	\$ 665,633.00	\$ 393,154.00	\$ 2,978,223.00	\$ 1,920,001.00	\$ 732,196.00	\$ 418,867.00	\$ 3,071,064.00
9807.110000X000	"Certified SC" Marketing	Cooperative effort among farmers, processors, wholesalers, retailers and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to market agricultural goods that are grown or produced in South Carolina.	\$ 2,563.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,625.00

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General2	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal4	(Projected) Total
9812.240000X000	Consumer Protection Equipment	Equipment used by regulatory programs to ensure covered products and services in the marketplace are safe.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,122,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,122,000.00
9815.250000X000	Agribusiness Development	Promotion of agribusiness in SC through research and recruitment of prospective agribusinesses that may have an interest in locating or growing their agribusiness in SC. Work with elected officials and business/state leaders at all levels to	\$ 10,072.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,072.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9815.320000X000	Regional Farmers Market	Capital and operational funding for state farmers markets and community-based farmers markets.	\$ 46,195.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,195.00	\$ 337,469.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,469.00
9820.020000X000	Laboratory Equipment	Laboratory equipment to perform analyses that support regulatory field activities.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 467,590.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 467,590.00
9814.340000X000	Lab Backup Generator	Backup generator for Consumer Protection and Metrology Laboratories.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 813,180.00	\$ -	\$ 813,180.00
9817.380000X000	Local Farmers Market Enhancements	Local farmers market enhancements.	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 4,878,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,878,000.00
9814.370000X000	Town of Mayesville Grant Matching Funds	FY2021-22 Proviso 118.18(B)(77)	\$ 45,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9815.360000X000	Berkeley County Agricultural Educational Exhibition Area	FY2021-22 Proviso 118.18(B)(77)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950,000.00
9816.390000X000	York County 4H Arena	FY2022-23 Proviso 118.19(B)(91)(a)	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9818.400000X000	Statewide Agriculture Museum	FY2022-23 Proviso 118.19(B)(91)(b)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9819.410000X000	Foothills Agriculture Center Projects	FY2022-23 Proviso 118.19(B)(91)(c)	\$ 650,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9818.420000X000	South Carolina Ag in the Classroom	FY2022-23 Proviso 118.19(B)(91)(d)	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TBD	Colleton County - Western Colleton Comm. Ag Exposition	FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(83)(a)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
TBD	Mill Village Farms	FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(83)(b)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00

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Legal Data

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P160 - Department of Agriculture

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2023
44.1	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge a yearly subscription for the Market Bulletin.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Charge a yearly subscription for the Market Bulletin.	No Change
44.2	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes fruit/vegetable inspectors subsistence.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Establish fruit/vegetable inspectors subsistence.	No Change
44.3	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes SCDA use of the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund.	Requires a service	Retain and expend fifty thousand dollars from the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund	No Change
44.4	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes a weights and measures registration fee.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May charge a weights and measures fee	No Change
44.5	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to retain revenues associated with the sale of its property.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May retain revenues associated with the sale of the property	No Change
44.6	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Feed Label Registration	Funding agency deliverable(s)	The Department of Agriculture is authorized to require the annual registration of feed labels by manufacturers and to charge a fee of \$15.00 for such registrations	No Change
44.7	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge for export certification.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May charge for registration of feed labels.	No Change
44.8	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge for registration of feed labels.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May charge for registration of feed labels.	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2023
44.9	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Agribusiness Infrastructure Carry Forward	Funding agency deliberable(s)	The Department of Agriculture is authorized to carry forward any revenues, accrued interest, and unexpended Agribusiness Infrastructure funds from the prior fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose.	No Change
44.1	State	FY22-23 Proviso	South Carolina Tax Exemption Program	Funding agency deliberable(s)	The Department of Agriculture is authorized to charge up to \$24 for a three-year SCATE card and a fee for replacement cards.	No Change
44.11	State	FY22-23 Proviso	County of Sumter	Requires a service	Funds remaining of the \$45,100 appropriated in Act 94 of 2021, Section 118.18(B)(77) to the Department of Agriculture for the Town of Mayesville Grant Matching Funds shall be redirected to the County of Sumter to be used for the same purpose.	Suspended
44.12	State	FY22-23 Proviso	State Farmers Market Escrow Accounts	Funding agency deliberable(s)	The Department of Agriculture may retain remaining revenues associated with the State Farmers Market Escrow and the State Farmers Market Sale Proceeds and may expend these funds for the planning, development, construction, improvement, and maintenance of the State Farmers Market.	Added
39-9-68	State	Statute	Charges SCDA Consumer Services Division with performing weights and measures functions.	Requires a service	Perform weights and measures functions.	No Change
39-9-70	State	Statute	Charges the Commissioner of Agriculture with maintaining and enforcing weights and measures inspections and standards.	Requires a service	Maintain and enforce weights and measures inspections and standards.	No Change
39-26-10	State	Statute	Enacts the Produce Safety Act and gives authority to SCDA to enforce applicable food safety standards	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change

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39-26-20	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Definitions	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-30	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Covered Produce; Definition; Exemption	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-40	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Covered Farm; Qualified Exemption	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-50	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Promulgation of Regulations	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-60	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Enforcement of Chapter	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-70	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Authorized Seizure of Covered Produce	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-80	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Authorized Condemnation or Destruction of Covered Produce	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-90	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Procedure for Condemnation or Destruction	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-100	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Circuit Court to Render Judgement that Covered Produce be Forfeited; Procedure; Appeals	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-110	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Violations	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-120	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Impeding the Commissioner Prohibited	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-130	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Penalties for Violations of Chapter	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-140	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Repeal of Chapter Upon the Repeal of 21 C.F.R Part 112	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change

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39-26-150	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Exemptions	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-160	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Repeal of Chapter if Federal Funds not Awarded or Exhausted	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
39-26-170	State	Statute	Produce Safety Act Severability	Requires a service	Enforce applicable food safety standards	No Change
46-1-160	State	Statute	Establishes the SC Farm Aid Fund and tasks SCDA with administering the fund	Requires a service	Administer SC Farm Aid Fund	No Change
46-3-10	State	Statute	Establishes duties of Department-The Department of Agriculture shall execute the laws of this State pertaining to agriculture except such laws as specifically designated for execution by others.	Requires a service	Execute the laws of this State pertaining to agriculture.	No Change
46-3-20	State	Statute	Establishes SCDA's authority to issue food manufacturers, processors, and packers permits.	Requires a service	Permits for food manufacturers, processors, and packers.	No Change
46-3-30	State	Statute	Establishes qualifications of the Commissioner of Agriculture.	Requires a service	Qualified Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-40	State	Statute	Establishes election process for the Commissioner of Agriculture.	Requires a service	Duly Elected Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-50	State	Statute	Establishes the bond of the Commissioner of Agriculture.	Requires a service	Bond for Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-60	State	Statute	Allows for the appointment of a clerk by the Commissioner.	Requires a service	Clerk for Commissioner of Agriculture	No Change
46-3-80	State	Statute	Establishes duties of the Commissioner-promotion of agriculture; establish a land registry	Requires a service	Promotion of agriculture and cattle raising and establishment and maintenance of a land registry	No Change

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46-3-90	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to regulate the sale of marl or ground limestone.	Requires a service	Regulation of the sale of marl or ground limestone	No Change
46-3-100	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to regulate the sale of inoculating material.	Requires a service	Regulation of the sale of inoculating material	No Change
46-3-110	State	Statute	Establishes the disposition of moneys derived from sale of inoculating material.	Requires a service	Disposition of moneys derived from sale of inoculating material	No Change
46-3-120	State	Statute	Establishes that other Departments and agencies shall furnish information to the Commissioner as necessary.	Requires a service	Request information from other agencies	No Change
46-3-130	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to enter into contracts or agreements with any State agency.	Requires a service	Authority of SCDA to enter into contracts or agreements with any State agency	No Change
46-3-140	State	Statute	Establishes the requirement of an annual report of SCDA's work.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
46-3-145	State	Statute	Establishes the definition of "beneficiary class" and SCDA's involvement with loan programs.	Requires a service	Participate in and cooperate with programs which may make loans to farmers of the beneficiary class	No Change
46-3-160	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to enter into agreements with the U.S. government for the conduct of aquatic plant control projects.	Requires a service	May enter into agreements with the U.S. government for the conduct of aquatic plant control projects.	No Change
46-3-170	State	Statute	Establishes that the Commissioner may sue or be sued.	Requires a service	Commissioner may sue or be sued.	No Change
46-3-175	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to issue agribusiness licenses.	Requires a service	SCDA to issue agribusiness licenses.	No Change
46-3-180	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to revoke registrations or licenses.	Requires a service	May revoke registrations or licenses.	No Change

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46-3-190	State	Statute	Establishes that a hearing must occur before a license is revoked.	Requires a service	Must conduct a hearing before a license is revoked.	No Change
46-3-200	State	Statute	Establishes the procedural powers of the Commissioner at license revocation hearing.	Requires a service	Must follow procedural powers of the Commissioner at license revocation hearing.	No Change
46-3-210	State	Statute	Establishes the bond to stay revocation.	Requires a service	Bond to stay revocation.	No Change
46-3-220	State	Statute	Establishes the appeals process for revocation of registrations or licenses.	Requires a service	Provide appeals process for revocation of licenses.	No Change
46-3-230	State	Statute	Establishes release of certain items from restraining orders.	Requires a service	Commissioner may release any such item upon compliance with, and payment of, all costs or expenses incurred in any proceeding pursuant to such order.	No Change
46-3-240	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner and inspectors to enforce regulations relating to food and drugs.	Requires a service	Commissioner and inspectors to enforce regulations relating to food and drugs.	No Change
46-3-25	State	Statute	Establishes a program within SCDA to foster relationships between S.C. farms, school districts, and other institutions and to provide them with fresh and minimally processed foods for consumption by students.	Requires a service	Program within SCDA to foster relationships between S.C. farms, school districts, and other institutions and to provide them with fresh and minimally processed foods for consumption by students.	Repealed
46-3-260	State	Statute	Establishes the South Carolina Renewable Energy Infrastructure Development Fund and gives SCDA authority to prescribe procedures, as necessary, to execute related provisions.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-3-270	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to waive the remittance of indirect cost recoveries for the Specialty Crop Grant.	Requires a service	The Department of Agriculture may waive the remittance of indirect cost recoveries for the Specialty Crop Grant	No Change

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46-3-280	State	Statute	Establishes a program to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture.	Requires a service	Establish a program to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture.	No Change
46-15-10	State	Statute	Establishes the general duties of SCDA.	Requires a service	Implementation of the Provisions of S.C. Code 46-15-10 et. Seq	No Change
46-15-20	State	Statute	Establishes the general powers of SCDA.	Requires a service	Perform powers associated to agricultural marketing	No Change
46-15-21	State	Statute	Abolishes the State Agricultural Marketing Commission.	Requires a service	Perform duties of the State Agricultural Marketing Commission	No Change
46-15-30	State	Statute	Establishes that any rules and regulations must be filed with the Secretary of State.	Requires a service	File rules and regulations with the Secretary of State	No Change
46-15-40	State	Statute	Establishes that inspection, grading, and buyers' services shall be made available to private markets at reasonable charges.	Requires a service	Make inspection, grading, and buyers' services available to private markets at reasonable charges.	No Change
46-15-50	State	Statute	Establishes that SCDA must keep markets' records.	Requires a service	Keep Market records	No Change
46-15-60	State	Statute	Establishes that funds from the operation of the wholesale farmers' markets must be deposited monthly with the State Treasurer.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
46-15-70	State	Statute	Establishes the Agricultural Marketing Advisory Council with the Commissioner as chairman.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-15-80	State	Statute	Establishes meetings and compensation of the Agricultural Marketing Advisory Council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-15-90	State	Statute	Establishes duties of the Agricultural Marketing Advisory Council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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46-17-10	State	Statute	Agriculture Commodities Marketing	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-20	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Declaration of Purpose	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-30	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Declaration of Policy	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-40	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Definitions	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-50	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Enforcement and Administration of Chapter; When Commission Shall Issue, Amend, or Terminate marketing Agreements or Orders	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-60	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Proposals; Records to be kept by Commission	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-70	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing When Notice, Hearing, and Referendum are Required; Costs	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-80	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing How Notice of Hearing is Given	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-90	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Conduct of Hearing	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-100	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Findings and Preliminary Decision of Commission	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-110	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Filing of Objections; Final Decision	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-120	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Requirements for Preliminary and Final Decisions; Notice of Final Decision; Final Decision Denying Proposal	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-130	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Assent to Marketing Agreements or Amendments; When agreements or Amendments may be Enforced; When Agreements are Deemed Issued	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-140	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Referendum to Determine Assent to Marketing Order	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-150	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing When Marketing Order Shall Have Effect of Law; Effect of Defeat of Order at Referendum	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-160	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing When Commission May Amend or Suspend Agreement or Order	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-170	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Producers and Handlers to Furnish Certain Information; Lists of Producers and Handlers; use of Information	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-180	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Agreements and Orders Administered by Commission with Advice and Approval of Commodity Board; Employment of Additional Personnel	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-190	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Establishment of Commodity Boards	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-200	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Qualifications of Board Members	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-210	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Terms of Office, Election, or Appointment of Board Members	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-220	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Nomination of Candidates for Boards	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-230	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Vacancies on Boards; Quorum	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-240	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Compensation and Expenses of Board Members	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-250	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Boards may Appoint or Utilize Committees and Other Advisers	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-260	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Powers and Boards Generally; Commission to Certify Status and Changes in Membership; Marketing Orders and Agreements, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Filed with Secretary of State	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-270	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Powers and Duties of Boards Enumerated	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-280	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Commission to Approve or Disapprove Actions of Boards	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-290	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Purpose of Agreement or Order and Power to be Exercised Stated	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-300	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Area of Application of Agreement or Order to be Defined	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-310	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Levy of Assessments; Maximum Total Annual Assessment	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-320	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Levy of Assessments; Per Unit Rate	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-330	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Levy of Assessments; Payment and Collection	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-340	State	Statute	Establishes that SCDA shall provide administrative support to S.C. Commodity Boards and Associations.	Requires a service	Pay Department expenses with funds appropriated by law and not assessments	No Change
46-17-350	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Refunds	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-17-360	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Assessments Constitute Personal Debts; Enforcement	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-370	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Deposits and Disbursements	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-380	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Records, Audits, and Financial Statements	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-390	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Bonds of Administrators, Administrative Boards, and Employees	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-400	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Violations	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-410	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Jurisdiction of Courts; Action for Specific Performance or Injunction	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-420	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Enforcement of Chapter by Attorney General	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-430	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Remedies are Additional	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-440	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Cooperation with other States and with United States	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-450	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Prices Shall not be Established in Violation of State or Federal Laws	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-460	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Penalty	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change
46-17-470	State	Statute	Agricultural Commodities Marketing Liability of Members of Commission, Board Members, and Employees	Requires a service	Establish commodities marketing	No Change

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46-19-20	State	Statute	Establishes that the Department shall investigate and consider all petitions for local marketing authorities	Requires a service	Investigate and consider all petitions for local marketing authorities	No Change
46-19-40	State	Statute	Establishes that SCDA shall approve, assist, and supervise local marketing authorities.	Requires a service	Shall approve, assist, and supervise local marketing authorities.	No Change
46-19-210	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to establish and supervise the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	Requires a service	Establish and supervise the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	No Change
46-19-220	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to prescribe standards for participating in the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	Requires a service	Prescribe standards for participating in the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	No Change
46-19-230	State	Statute	Establishes the application process for the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	Requires a service	Establish the application process for the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	No Change
46-19-240	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner's authority to make signs for the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	Requires a service	Make signs for the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	No Change
46-19-250	State	Statute	Establishes periodic inspections of approved roadside markets.	Requires a service	Conduct periodic inspections of approved roadside markets.	No Change
46-19-260	State	Statute	Establishes notice and hearing on disapproved market application.	Requires a service	Conduct hearings on disapproved market application.	No Change
46-19-270	State	Statute	Establishes penalty for displaying an unauthorized market sign.	Requires a service	Implement penalty for displaying an unauthorized market sign.	No Change
46-19-280	State	Statute	Establishes transfer of market signs.	Requires a service	Oversee transfer of market signs.	No Change
46-19-290	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to expend funds for the promotion and expansion of agricultural products.	Requires a service	Expend funds for the promotion and expansion of agricultural products.	No Change
46-19-300	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to adopt rules to implement the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	Requires a service	Adopt rules to implement the Roadside Market Incentive Program.	No Change

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46-19-310	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Commissioner to apply for an injunction.	Requires a service	Apply for an injunction.	No Change
46-21-25	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to enforce state seed law.	Requires a service	Enforce state seed law.	No Change
46-21-35	State	Statute	Establishes the SCDA seed laboratory.	Requires a service	Establish Seed Laboratory	No Change
46-21-45	State	Statute	Establishes that before selling, distributing for sale, offering for sale, exposing for sale, handling for sale, or soliciting orders for the purchase of agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed, or mixture thereof, a person shall first register each place of business in this State with the Department of Agriculture	Requires a service	Establish Seed License	No Change
46-21-1010	State	Statute	Seed Arbitration claims notice and effect of arbitration	Requires a service	Implement seed arbitration	No Change
46-21-1020	State	Statute	Appointment of arbitration committee; procedures	Requires a service	Appointment of arbitration committee	No Change
46-27-60	State	Statute	Establishes that the Commissioner may prescribe other standard bag or package weights for commercial feed	Requires a service	Prescribe other standard bag or package weights for commercial feed	No Change
46-27-70	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner shall from time to time prescribe and publish regulations for carrying out the provisions of Articles 1 to 9 of the Commercial Feed Act.	Requires a service	Prescribe and publish regulations for carrying out the provisions of Articles 1 to 9 of the Commercial Feed Act.	No Change
46-27-80	State	Statute	Establishes the Commissioner may prescribe regulations governing the grading of any and all commercial feeds	Requires a service	Prescribe regulations governing the grading of any and all commercial feeds	No Change
46-27-210	State	Statute	Establishes registration of commercial feeds	Requires a service	Registration of commercial feeds	No Change
46-27-310	State	Statute	Establishes labeling of commercial feeds	Requires a service	Enforce labeling requirement of commercial feeds	No Change

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46-27-410	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to inspect and take feed samples.	Requires a service	Inspect and take feed samples.	No Change
46-27-610	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of Commissioner to suspend sales of feed	Requires a service	Suspend sales of feed	No Change
46-30-270	State	Statute	Establishes the Department my provide administrative assistance to the Tobacco Board	Requires a service	Provide administrative assistance to the Tobacco Board	No Change
46-40-10	State	Statute	Establishes the SC Grain Dealers Guaranty Fund.	Requires a service	Operate SC Grain Dealers Guaranty Fund	No Change
46-41-40	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to issue agricultural dealers and handlers licenses.	Requires a service	Issue agricultural dealers and handlers licenses.	No Change
46-42-10	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of SCDA to sample, grade, and inspect grain and oilseeds.	Requires a service	Sample, grade, and inspect grain and oilseeds.	No Change
46-51-10	State	Statute	Establishes the Aquaculture Permit Assistance Office within SCDA.	Requires a service	Operate Aquaculture Permit Assistance Office within SCDA.	No Change
46-55-10	State	Statute	Charges the Department with implementation and oversight of the Hemp Farming Program	Requires a service	Implementation and oversight of the Hemp Farming Program	No Change
46-55-20	State	Statute	Creation of the South Carolina Industrial Hemp Program	Requires a service	Administer SC Industrial Hemp Program	No Change
5-190	State	Regulation	State Farmers Markets; rules and regulations	Requires a service	Regulate State Farmers Markets	No Change
5-200	State	Regulation	Commercial feeding stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-201	State	Regulation	Adulteration of commercial feeding stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-202	State	Regulation	Misbranding of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-203	State	Regulation	Labeling of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change

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5-204	State	Regulation	Ingredients Statement of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-205	State	Regulation	Additive Statement of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-206	State	Regulation	Registration of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-207	State	Regulation	General Regulations of Commercial Feeding Stuffs	Requires a service	Regulate Commercial feeding stuffs	No Change
5-210	State	Regulation	Egg Producers Defined	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-211	State	Regulation	Egg Transfer of Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-212	State	Regulation	Egg Records:[Wholesalers.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-213	State	Regulation	Egg Records:[Retailers.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-214	State	Regulation	Egg Access to Inspect Stocks and Records	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-215	State	Regulation	Egg Standards Versus Grades	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-216	State	Regulation	Egg Weight of Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-217	State	Regulation	Eggs Must be Designated	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-218	State	Regulation	South Carolina Standards for Quality of Individual Shell Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-223	State	Regulation	Egg General Terms	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-224	State	Regulation	South Carolina Consumer Grades for Shell Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-225	State	Regulation	Egg [Placards.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change

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5-226	State	Regulation	Egg Packing, Marketing and Labeling	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-227	State	Regulation	Egg Packing Material	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-228	State	Regulation	Egg Cartons	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-229	State	Regulation	Egg Seal	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-230	State	Regulation	Advertising Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-231	State	Regulation	Inedible Eggs	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-232	State	Regulation	Egg Refrigeration at Wholesale and Retail Levels	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-234	State	Regulation	Egg [Representative Samples for Grading Purposes.]	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-235	State	Regulation	Egg License Renewal	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change
5-300	State	Regulation	Food: Labeling-Misbranding	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-301	State	Regulation	Food in Package Form Labeling: Identity	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-302	State	Regulation	Food [Compliance with Labeling Requirement.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-303	State	Regulation	Food Labeling; Name and Place of Business of Manufacturer, Packer or Distributor	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-304	State	Regulation	Food: Labeling; Prominence of Required Statements	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-305	State	Regulation	Food [Insufficiency of Label Space.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change

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5-306	State	Regulation	Food [Language of Label.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-307	State	Regulation	Food: Labeling, Designation of Ingredients	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-308	State	Regulation	Food [Designation of Spices, Flavorings and Coloring.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-309	State	Regulation	Food [Designation if Both a Spice and Coloring or Flavoring and Coloring.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-310	State	Regulation	Food [Fabricated Foods.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-311	State	Regulation	Food [Assortment Packages.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-312	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption from Ingredient Listing Requirement.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-313	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption for Propylene Glycol or Glycerin.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-314	State	Regulation	Food [Listing Ingredients in Order of Decreasing Predominance.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-315	State	Regulation	Food Special Dietary Uses	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-316	State	Regulation	Food Labeling: Number of Servings	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-317	State	Regulation	Food Labeling: Artificial Flavoring or Coloring, Chemical Preservatives	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-318	State	Regulation	Food [No Exemption for Unpackaged Food.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-319	State	Regulation	Food [Where Statement Must Appear.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-320	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption Due to Unit Size.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-321	State	Regulation	Food [Exemption from Label Statement.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change
5-322	State	Regulation	Food [Exemptions for Fruits and Vegetables.]	Requires a service	Regulate food labeling	No Change

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5-360	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-361	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Permits	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-362	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Notification	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-363	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Records	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-364	State	Regulation	Movement of Seized Foods and Cosmetics	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-365	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Labeling and Relabeling	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-366	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Building Exterior and Grounds	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-367	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Building Construction	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-368	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Physical Layout Requirements	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-369	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Sanitation Requirements for Receiving, Reconditioning and Storage Areas	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-370	State	Regulation	Cosmetics General Requirements for Sales Areas	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-371	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Waste Disposal	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-372	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Rodents, Insects and Other Vermin	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-373	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Miscellaneous	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change
5-420	State	Regulation	Livestock sales licenses	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change

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5-421	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Display of License	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-422	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Records Required	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-423	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Prompt Payment	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-424	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Dissemination of News of Financial Irresponsibility	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-425	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Penalties	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-426	State	Regulation	Livestock Sales Injunction Issuance	Requires a service	Regulate livestock sales licenses	No Change
5-440	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Registering of Gasoline	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-444	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-445	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Standard Fuel Specifications	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-446	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Classification and Method of Sale of Petroleum Products	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-447	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Retail Storage Tanks	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-448	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Condemned Product	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-449	State	Regulation	Petroleum Products Registration & Test Methods	Requires a service	Regulate petroleum products	No Change
5-450	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Scope and Administration of Program	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-451	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Roadside Market	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change

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5-452	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Applications	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-453	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Signs	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-454	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Market Design	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-455	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Location	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-456	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Sanitation and Cleanliness Standards	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-457	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Product Quality	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-458	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Fair and Honest Marketing Practices	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-459	State	Regulation	The Roadside Market Incentive Program Effect of Violations of These Rules and Regulations	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-459.1	State	Regulation	Agreement Between South Carolina Department of Agriculture Roadside Market Incentive Program and its Members	Requires a service	Regulate the Roadside Market Incentive Program	No Change
5-460	State	Regulation	Standard for Agricultural Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-461	State	Regulation	Seeds Exception	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-462	State	Regulation	Seeds Noxious Weeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-463	State	Regulation	Prohibited Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-464	State	Regulation	Standard Germination for Vegetable Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-465	State	Regulation	Seeds Tolerances	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change

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5-466	State	Regulation	Seeds Labeling	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-467	State	Regulation	Labeling of Seed Corn	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-468	State	Regulation	Seeds Inconsistent Statements	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-469	State	Regulation	Seeds Advertisement	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-470	State	Regulation	Seed for Cleaning or Processing	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-471	State	Regulation	Certified Seed	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-472	State	Regulation	Seeds Mixtures	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-473	State	Regulation	Seeds Origin	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-474	State	Regulation	Seeds Date of Test	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-475	State	Regulation	Seeds Method of Testing	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-476	State	Regulation	Seeds Sampling	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-477	State	Regulation	Seeds Size of Sample	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-478	State	Regulation	Seeds Variety	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-479	State	Regulation	Seeds Information on Tags	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-480	State	Regulation	Seed in Hermetically Sealed Containers	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-481	State	Regulation	Treated Seeds	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-482	State	Regulation	Seeds Fees and Services	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change
5-483	State	Regulation	Seeds Flower Standards	Requires a service	Regulate Seeds	No Change

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5-490	State	Regulation	Warehouse System Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-491	State	Regulation	Warehouse System Inspectors, Warehousemen	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-492	State	Regulation	Warehouses	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-493	State	Regulation	Warehouse Receipts	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-494	State	Regulation	Warehouse Scale Tickets	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-495	State	Regulation	Warehouse Daily Records	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-496	State	Regulation	Warehouse General	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-497	State	Regulation	Warehouse Procedures for Filing Claims	Requires a service	Regulate Warehouse system	No Change
5-500	State	Regulation	Weights and Measures Standard Weights of Commodities	Requires a service	Regulate weights and measures	No Change
5-571	State	Regulation	Weights and Measures Prohibit Acts and Exemptions	Requires a service	Regulate weights and measures	No Change
5-572	State	Regulation	Weights and Measures Definition of Director	Requires a service	Regulate weights and measures	No Change
5-581	State	Regulation	Dealers and handlers of agricultural products	Requires a service	Regulate dealers and handlers	No Change
5-610	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
5-611	State	Regulation	Mild Producer Tax Credit Production Price	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
5-612	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Annual Milk Production Certification	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change
5-613	State	Regulation	Milk Producer Tax Credit Disputes Regarding Milk Producer Tax Credit Qualification	Requires a service	Regulate milk producer tax credit	No Change

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S*698, Act 97 of 2021	State	Statute	Amendment to warehouse receipts fund	Requires a service	A joint resolution to authorize the use of certain funds from the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund to pay certain cotton producer claims, to provide that the cotton producer shall subrogate his interest in a cause of action, and to provide for the return of certain funds to the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund.	No Change
Section 46-41-200, S. 1117, Act 181 of 2022	State	Statute	Expands Guaranty Fund to include Cotton Producers	Requires a service	Expands the fund to include cotton producers, adds an assessment on cotton, increases the amount the fund must accumulate in order to suspend assessments, and establishes the South Carolina Agricultural Commodities Commission as a successor to the State Agricultural Commission.	Amended
46-41-230 S. 603, Act 32 of 2023	State	Statute	Expands Guaranty Fund to include cotton producers	Requires a service	Amends section 46-41-230, relating to the South Carolina Grain And Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund's amount and claims, so as to provide that, if there is an insufficient amount of money to cover all claims, then payments must be made on a pro rata basis	Amended

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Services Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - Department of Agriculture

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2023	Summary of changes to services
Agency support services	SCDA staff	SCDA Staff	General Public	Agency Operations - Finance and Administration	Provide agency support services, including: procurement, supply, fleet management, accounting and financial services, information technology, facilities management and other administrative services.	Employees would not have the tools and resources they need to perform at a high level.	No Change	
Executive leadership	Senior SCDA leadership	SCDA Staff	General Public	Agency Operations - Office of the Commissioner	This office provides executive leadership, including constituent services, special projects, events briefings, scheduling, and strategic planning.	Unresponsiveness of staff disrupts communication and information flow, and delays decision-making.	No Change	
Personnel management	SCDA staff	SCDA Staff	General Public	Agency Operations - Human Resources	The Human Resources Department manages personnel matters, including benefits administration, state classification plan, payroll, leave accounting, and staff development. Human Resources also ensures that SCDA personnel practices are compliant with state and federal regulations.	Increase in turnover, decrease in employee happiness, health, and engagement.	No Change	
Information technology	SCDA staff	SCDA Staff	General Public	Agency Operations - Information Technology	IT delivers networking, computing, data management and security services to agency employees and customers. This may be in the form of hardware, software, applications, and device.	Unresponsiveness of IT staff increases amount of time spent on technology issues. This would also result in a decrease in service delivery levels and responsiveness to consumer inquiries and complaints.	No Change	
Customer interface, website, information platform	Customers	General Public	SCDA	Agency Operations - Information Technology	IT delivers networking, computing, data management and security services to agency employees and customers. This may be in the form of hardware, software, applications, and device.	Unresponsiveness of IT staff increases amount of time spent on technology issues. This would also result in a decrease in service delivery levels and responsiveness to consumer inquiries and complaints.	No Change	
A place to buy locally grown produce and specialty products	Consumers who buy agricultural products	General Public	Market Vendors	Agency Operations- State Farmers Markets	The State of South Carolina owns and manages three regional state farmers markets in Columbia, Florence, and Greenville which provides consumers with a wide variety of locally grown produce and specialty products.	There would be no markets to provide central points for consumers to purchase food products and for farmers and producers to sell their products.	No Change	
Grant administration and implementation	Federal Government	Industry	Grant Applicants, Farmers/Producers, Processors/Distributors, Food Assistance Recipients, General Public	Agency Operations -Grants Administration	Cooperate with the federal government to implement the Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG), Specialty Crop Multi-State Program (SCMP), National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP), Manufactured Food and Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS), Animal Food and Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS), Produce Safety Rule (PSR), Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA), Local Food to Schools (LFS), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Commodity Supplemental Food Purchase (CSFP), Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN), and Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI); pursue and secure other grants to benefit the agriculture industry and SCDA.	Loss of resources, including funding and technical assistance, to state government and constituents.	No Change	
Gasoline and diesel fuel products inspection and analysis	Individuals and Industries who utilize lab services provided by SCDA	General Public	Retail, Petroleum Industry/Board	Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services	Protects consumers from unsafe, ineffective, or fraudulent goods which may be offered for public sale; assures that goods meet acceptable standards of quality; and issues registrations, licenses, and permits to certain businesses (Residue Laboratory, Feed Laboratory, Seed Laboratory, Pesticide Laboratory, and Petroleum Products Laboratory).	There would likely be rampant fuel and dispenser issues (contaminant, grade, purity), cost errors, customer / seller disagreements, lower fuel and dispenser safety.	No Change	

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Germination and purity testing	South Carolina Agriculture	Industry	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services	Protects consumers from unsafe, ineffective, or fraudulent goods which may be offered for public sale; assures that goods meet acceptable standards of quality; and issues registrations, licenses, and permits to certain businesses (Residue Laboratory, Feed Laboratory, Seed Laboratory, Pesticide Laboratory, and Petroleum Products Laboratory).	No seed testing controls would lead to poor crop yields, noxious weeds, cross contamination of varieties, and management challenges.	No Change	
Germination and purity testing	South Carolina Agriculture	General Public	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection - Laboratory Services	Protects consumers from unsafe, ineffective, or fraudulent goods which may be offered for public sale; assures that goods meet acceptable standards of quality; and issues registrations, licenses, and permits to certain businesses (Residue Laboratory, Feed Laboratory, Seed Laboratory, Pesticide Laboratory, and Petroleum Products Laboratory). Specifically in this case for Clemson University Certified Seed Program.	No seed testing controls would lead to poor crop yields, noxious weeds, cross contamination of varieties, and management challenges.	No Change	
Human and animal food sampling and analysis	Consumers of South Carolina feed and food products	General Public	Industry, feed mills, suppliers	Consumer Protection - Food & Feed Safety and Compliance and Laboratory Services	Ensures that foods and feeds are manufactured under safe and sanitary conditions through routine surveillance inspections and laboratory analyses.	Death, illness, nutritional deficiencies.	No Change	
Chemical, toxin, and microscopic analyses of feed products	Manufacturers of South Carolina feed and food products	Industry	Industry, feed mills, suppliers	Consumer Protection - Food & Feed Safety and Compliance and Laboratory Services	Ensures that foods and feeds are manufactured under safe and sanitary conditions through routine surveillance inspections and laboratory analyses.	Death, illness, nutritional deficiencies.	No Change	
Weighing and measuring devices inspections	SC businesses and customers using commercial scales and fuel dispensers	Industry /General Public	Suppliers, Commodity providers, Petroleum Industry/Boards	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects consumers by ensuring that the net content statements on packages and weighing or measuring devices are correct; and that agricultural products are measured accurately for commerce.	Overcharging or undercharging at POS would occur.	No Change	
Public weigh masters	Buying or Selling entity	General Public/Industry	Sales by Weight	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects consumers by ensuring that the net content statements on packages and weighing or measuring devices are correct; and that agricultural products are measured accurately for commerce.	Overcharging or undercharging at POS would occur.	No Change	
Bonded dealers and handlers licenses	Producer	Industry		Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects producers by ensuring all agricultural commodities are accounted for and paid as prescribed by law.	Producers could be shorted or not made whole.	No Change	
Licensing and bonding of warehouses	Storing entity	Industry	Producer, buyer, industry(mill)	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services	Protects farmers, consumers, and businesses by ensuring warehouses are financially solvent and that receipts are issued against commodity inventory appropriately.	Product received may not delivered to proper party, and products would not be able to be used as loan collateral.	No Change	
Calibration services	Regulatory, private and Industry	Industry /General Public		Consumer Protection - Metrology	Provides NIST traceable calibrations for mass and volume standards, calibrates equipment for our state inspectors and private scale and pump service companies for the enforcement of weights and measures regulations.	Measuring devices are not checked for accuracy with calibrated standards.	No Change	
Oversight of food protection measures on the farm which could potentially contaminate	Consumers and farmers of South Carolina feed and food products	General Public	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection - Produce Safety Rule	Ensures farming practices mitigate risk of contamination by pathogen from seed to harvest.	Contaminated ready to eat produce; illness, death.	No Change	
Education before regulation	Food, Agriculture, and Commerce	Covered Farm/Producer	Farmers, growers, regulatory partners, public	Consumer Protection	Ensures farming practices mitigate risk of contamination by pathogen from seed to harvest.	Contaminated ready to eat produce; illness, death.	No Change	
Provide price, volume, and other agricultural market information	Agricultural producers and consumers	General Public	Farmers, commodity markets	Consumer Protection - Market News Services	A contract service provided by SCDA (from USDA) that analyzes and distributes price, volume, and other market information to all segments of the produce, grain, and livestock industries, and to consumers.	Unfair and inaccurate commodity pricing.	No Change	

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Fruit and vegetable grading and inspection	Producers and wholesalers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Grading/Inspections	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, poultry and egg, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided.	Ungraded products, substandard commodities and unfair pricing.	No Change	
Peanut grading and inspection	Producers and wholesalers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Grading/Inspections	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, poultry and egg, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided.	Ungraded products, substandard commodities and unfair pricing.	Amend	While SCDA is still under cooperative agreement with USDA to provide this service, SCDA has subcontracted it to Georgia Federal - State Inspection Service in May 2022.
Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) harmonized audits	Producers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Grading/Inspections	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, poultry and egg, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided. Includes audits of firms for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification.	Ungraded products, substandard commodities and unfair pricing. Food safety could be compromised.	No Change	
Hemp Farming Program	Permitted hemp farmers, processors, and handlers	Hemp Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Hemp Farming Program	Provide regulatory oversight for the farming, handling, and processing of hemp in South Carolina by issuing permits, licenses, and performing sampling for laboratory analyses; perform inspections of fields both pre and post-harvest to verify compliance with state plan.	Producers, handlers, and processors may face criminal violations and charges.	No Change	
Rapid Response to Foodborne Outbreaks and Natural, Biological or Other Emergencies	Consumers impacted by foodborne outbreaks	General Public	SCDA Task Force	Consumer Protection - Rapid Response Team (RRT)	Under cooperative agreement with FDA, SCDA partners with numerous state and federal regulatory agencies to monitor recalls and epidemiological outbreaks, and respond accordingly. Serve on the State Emergency Response Team (SERT), Food Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11.	Lack of emergency response would lead to life/safety problems and to a lesser extent, consumer confidence.	No Change	
Promotion of SC agricultural products	Producers and consumers	Industry	General Public	External Affairs & Economic Development - Marketing	Maintains and develops broad-based marketing programs that increase consumer awareness and product demand for quality SC agricultural products at local, national, and international levels.	Decreases in customer base, revenue, credibility of products.	No Change	
Agribusiness recruitment	Agribusinesses	Industry	Rural communities	External Affairs and Economic Development - Agribusiness Development	Works to continually promote agribusiness in SC through research and recruitment of prospective agribusinesses that may have an interest in locating or growing their agribusiness in SC, via the production of SC grown products or value-added services/processing. Works with elected officials and business/state leaders at all levels to facilitate sound public policy and serve as an unbiased source of information.	Decreases in jobs, capital investment and economic impact of the industry.	No Change	
Traditional and social media relations and communications	Consumers who buy agricultural products	General public	Agriculture industry	External Affairs and Economic Development - Public Information/Communications	The Public Information Department communicates SCDA's mission, and the importance of SC agriculture and agribusiness, through traditional and social media, websites, and the SC Market Bulletin. Public Information also informs industry members and the general public of pertinent agricultural issues, and responds to various media inquiries.	Lack of brand recognition, impact of marketing efforts, and general public information.	No Change	
Information requests	Requestor of information	General Public	SCDA	External Affairs and Economic Development - Public Information/Communications	The Public Information Department communicates SCDA's mission, and the importance of SC agriculture and agribusiness, through traditional and social media, websites, and the SC Market Bulletin. Public Information also informs industry members and the general public of pertinent agricultural issues, and responds to various media inquiries.	Lack of brand recognition, impact of marketing efforts, and general public information.	No Change	

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Market Bulletin publication	Readers/viewers of the biweekly Market Bulletin publication	Market Bulletin Subscribers	Market Bulletin advertisers	External Affairs and Economic Development - Public Information/Communications	Publication issued twice a month as a marketplace for agricultural goods and services, and provide consumer interest articles; available printed and electronically.	Market Bulletin goes unpublished creating lack of communication between SCDA and subscribers.	No Change	
Processing of cotton and grain loss claims	Cotton and grain producers who suffered loss	Producers	Creditors	Consumer Protection - Consumer Services; and Agency Operations - Administration	Grain and cotton warehousing personnel within Consumer Services; Finance and accounting staff from Administration.	Producers would have suffered financial loss and been unable to pay their creditors.	No Change	
Access to private and confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at no charge to SCDA employees	SCDA Employees	SCDA Staff	Employees' Families	Agency Operations - Human Resources	The Human Resources Department manages personnel matters, including benefits administration, state classification plan, payroll, leave accounting, and staff development. Human Resources also ensures that SCDA personnel practices are compliant with state and federal regulations.	Employees would lose access to counseling and life management services.	No Change	To provide additional benefits to employees.
Provide customer service for the South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption Program	Cardholders, retailers, potential cardholders	Industry /General Public	Retailers	Agency Operations - Commissioner's Office	The Office of the Commissioner can be considered the central hub of the department. It serves as the primary point of contact for Commissioner Weathers and coordinates and manages such areas as the Commissioner's schedule, communications, and events. The Office of the Commissioner works with all divisions to execute the duties and responsibilities of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.	Cardholders would not have the opportunity to speak to someone on staff to troubleshoot anything related to their SCATE card and/or account in order to claim the agricultural sales tax exemption for farmers that qualify.	Add	This program was released to the public in January 2022

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Partnerships Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - Department of Agriculture

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	Advocates for Agriculture	The South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture consists of a diversified group of business people representing various areas and organizations directly associated with agriculture within our state. Members have a vested interest in agriculture in South Carolina and are dedicated to improving an already strong state agriculture. SCDA provides staff and program support to Advocates.	No Change
State Government	Aflatoxin Share Sample	Nine state laboratories participating in sending periodic samples to one another to cross-check for accuracy and differences in source location, variety, weather, etc.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Agricultural Producers, Processors, Retailers, Distributors, and Wholesalers	Promotion of the state's largest industry.	No Change
Professional Association	American Association of Analytical Chemists (AOAC)	The association develops nationally accepted testing procedures, which are used by SCDA.	No Change
Professional Association	American Association of Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)	The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) is a voluntary membership association of local, state and federal agencies. AAFCO is a private non-profit corporation featuring: a process for defining ingredients used in animal feed and pet food; a forum where state agencies, federal agencies, and industry develop uniform language that states may adopt or reference in laws; a method to develop specialized trainings for members and industry.	No Change
Professional Association	American Oil Chemists Society (AOC)	SCDA participates in aflatoxin and fumonisin proficiency testing annually.	No Change
Professional Association	American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)	ASTM provides the standards and specifications for the petroleum products we test and the methodology for the tests.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of American Seed Control Officials (AASCO)	State seed control program; Member of AASCO organization; Southern Seed Control Officials; Participation in annual meetings and conferences.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of Food and Drug Officials (AAFDO) and regional affiliate	Seeks to shape food safety laws by simplifying or streamlining regulations by either drafting regulatory rules or by commenting on government proposals.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of Official Seed Analysts	Official Member for AOSA organization; Practice of AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds during daily operation; Participation in Proficiency Testing; Support of Referees; Supplemental instruction via webinars, workshops and text; Attend annual meetings; Participation in Certified Seed Analyst certification program (CSA).	No Change

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Private Business Organization	Carolina Farm Stewardship	Offer training for farmers involving GAP, Good Handling Practices (GHP), Produce Safety Rule (PSR) and readiness reviews. Also works with small food producers to navigate the Cottage Food laws.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Clemson University Food Science Department	Offers Better Process Control School, Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points Training (HACCP); Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventive Controls and Produce Safety Rule (PSR). Also works with small food producers to navigate the Cottage Food laws.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Clemson University PSA	Agribusiness and Production Agricultural Research; Food Safety and Produce Safety Rule Outreach and Education; Farm to School; Palmetto Series; Drought response; Disaster impact assessment; National Organic Inspection Program; Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) Curriculum Program and workshops .	No Change
State Government	Clemson University Regulatory Services Division	Hemp Farming Program; SCDA is a member of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee, the Fertilizer Advisory Committee, and provides input for the annual Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS).	No Change
Professional Association	Communications Officers of State Departments of Agriculture (COSDA)	Communication Officers of State Departments of Agriculture (COSDA) is an affiliate and supporting partner of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) that is composed of the communications officers of each state's department of agriculture. SCDA participates in regularly scheduled calls and meetings.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Electronic Warehouse Receipts	Business that provides services to the agricultural industry that utilize warehouse receipts for the storage of agriculture commodities such as peanuts cotton and grain. EWR is used by the Consumer Protection Division for issuance, cancelation and database of electronic cotton warehouse receipts. They are a licensed service provider by the USDA.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Feed Industry Association	SCDA collaborates with this industry association to craft and implement regulations, policies, and procedures.	No Change
State Government	Georgia Department of Agriculture	Agencies cooperate to assist one another with calibrations.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Golden Harvest Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), TEFAP Reach and Resiliency (R&R), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend
State Government	Governor's Office	Chef Ambassador Program, Agribusiness Recruitment and Retention.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Harvest Hope Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), TEFAP Reach and Resiliency (R&R), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend
Non-Governmental Organization	Lowcountry Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), TEFAP Reach and Resiliency (R&R), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend

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Private Business Organization	Matson Consulting	Grant consulting for entrepreneurs through ACRE and Resilient Food Infrastructure (RFSI) Grant; evaluate the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LPPA) to determine if SCDA has met the expected outcomes of the project.	Amend
Professional Association	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and regional affiliate	NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories. NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders.	No Change
Professional Association	National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) and regional affiliate	SCDA is a member of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM), which is a professional non-profit association of state and local weights and measures officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers and consumers. NCWM has developed national weights and measures standards since 1905. The organization brings the right interests together to keep pace with innovative advancements in the marketplace.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	National Hemp Regulatory Committee	This group works together to share information, best practices, and guidance related to USDA requirements for state approved hemp plans.	No Change
Federal Government	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Office of Weights and Measures (OWM)	OWM collaborates with state weights and measures programs, industry, and national standards development organizations and associations in the development of U.S. standards in the form of uniform laws, regulations, and methods of practice. OWM serves as the U.S. representative to the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) to bring efficiency and cost savings to U.S. manufacturers and other stakeholders doing business overseas, through the promotion of harmonized international standards and regulatory practices. The NIST Office of Weights and Measures analyzes weights and measures training needs; obtains input from the weights and measures community on legal metrology standards and practices; and designs and delivers training for laboratory metrologists and weights and measures officials.	No Change
State Government	North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS)	Agencies assist one another with calibrations.	No Change
Professional Association	Palmetto Agribusiness Council (PABC)	Industry promotion, development, and outreach.	No Change
State Government	SC Aeronautics Commission	SCDA inspects fuel pumps at all public airports.	No Change
State Government	SC Crop Improvement Association (SCCIA)	SCDA performs laboratory analyses to support the program.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Administration (Admin)	SCDA is Division of Technology customer; seeks guidance from Division of Human Resources; purchases and leases vehicles from State Fleet; leases office space through Facility Management; utilizes Surplus Property for disposal of assets; coordinates financial management through Executive Budget Office; Reimbursement of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF).	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Commerce	Agribusiness Recruitment and Project Management.	No Change

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State Government	SC Department of Corrections	SCDA is a customer for purchasing many items, including office equipment, forms, and letterhead.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Education	Farm to School - train cafeteria staff, procurement of locally grown food, and provide training and promotional support for the Farm to School Formula Grant; Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11	Amend
State Government	SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)	Local foods access; MOU to define jurisdictional oversight of food safety; coordination, preparation, and execution of Rapid Response Team (RRT); aseptic feed sampling.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Natural Resources	Seafood regulatory programs; Regional Licensing Office at the Columbia State Farmers Market; Drought Management and Response; Partnership with the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD); Charter member of the SC Quail Council.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)	Chef Ambassador Program.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Revenue	DOR conducted Farm Aid Grant Program audits; SCDA administers Milk Producer's Tax Credit and provides data to DOR for income tax returns; SCDA performs red-dye testing to verify on/off road diesel fuel; partnership to administer the South Carolina Agricultural Tax Exemption (SCATE) program.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Social Services	DSS administers Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); SCDA trains farmers, farmers markets, roadside markets on how to participate in, and accept, SNAP; Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Transportation	SCDA performs red-dye testing to verify on/off road diesel fuel.	No Change
State Government	SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to use the Columbia State Farmers Market for disaster response and recovery; Rapid Response Team (RRT).	No Change
Private Business Organization	SC Farm Bureau	Exchange information about issues of importance to the agricultural community; collaborate about regulatory impacts on the agricultural industry; promote the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) grant program.	Amend
State Government	SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	Hemp Farming Program Background Checks and Law Enforcement, Rapid Response Team (RRT).	No Change
State Government	SC Seed Certification Program (Clemson)	SCDA performs laboratory analyses to support the program.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	SC State University	Farmer outreach and education, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) research.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Second Harvest Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), TEFAP Reach and Resiliency (R&R), and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).	Amend

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Private Business Organization	Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)	ACRE /Agribusiness workshops.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV)	Highlight agricultural issues, consumer interest topics, and South Carolina products through the development of two television shows.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Office of State Auditor (OSA)	OSA performs various annual program audits including the annual agency agreed upon procedures (AUP), commodity boards, and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Small Business Development Centers	ACRE /Agribusiness workshops.	No Change
Professional Association	Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)	In partnership with SC Department of Commerce, work to facilitate trade opportunities with small to medium sized agribusiness companies, who are looking at exports.	No Change
State Government	State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA)	Procurement Services and Office of State Engineer (Capital Projects).	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	State Regional Economic Development Alliances	Agribusiness Development and Project Management.	No Change
Professional Association	SustainSC	Association connecting sustainability goals of business in South Carolina with local solutions for the benefit of the state's economy, environment and people. Comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders from private and public sectors in which SCDA serves as ex-officio on the board and regularly provides information to other industries about agriculture.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Texas A & M University	SCDA Feed Lab participates in an aflatoxin proficiency test with Texas A&M and the Office of the Texas State Chemist.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina	Agribusiness and Fiscal Impact Studies; Marketing Analysis Projects.	Amend
Federal Government	US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Cooperative Agreements for Food and Feed Inspections, Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS), Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS), Food Safety & Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR), Rapid Response Team (RRT).	No Change
Federal Government	USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	Cooperative Agreements for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), Poultry and Egg Grading, Market News, Fruit and Vegetable, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP), Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG), Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP), Hemp Farming.	No Change
Federal Government	USDA Farm Service Agency	National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP).	No Change
Federal Government	USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)	Farm to School; SCDA administers Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP); TEFAP Reach and Resiliency (R&R).	Amend

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Federal Government	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)	NASS is a tenant at the Columbia State Farmers Market; SCDA and NASS have a cooperative agreement; NASS provides data for drought management and response.	No Change
Federal Government	USDA Seed Regulatory & Testing Division (SRTD)	SCDA operates under a cooperative agreement to regulate the Federal Seed Act (FSA) for state noxious weed seed requirements.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	American Farmland Trust (AFT)	Partnership on pilot project for Lexington County, SC for farmlands under threat and expansion in the county through 2040.	Add
Private Business Organization	Wit Meets Grit	Assist with LFPA project coordination, regional workshop planning, and outreach to farmer and distributor networks.	Add

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Reports Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - Department of Agriculture

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Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810; Proviso 117.29 of the FY 2021-22 Appropriations Act	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	September-22	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/reports.php	Amend	
Agency Debt Collection Report	Proviso 117.34	Report of outstanding debt	February-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Agency Financial Audit applying Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP)	n/a	Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Up Procedures	March-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Agriculture-P16-Final-Report.pdf	Amend	
Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards with Preventive Control Regulatory Activities (AFRPS / PCR) Mid-Year Report	n/a	Mid-year activity report	January-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Annual Agency Budget Plan	S.C. Code Am. § 8-11-230	Compilation of agency planned funding and expenditure requests for the upcoming fiscal year	September-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/budget.php	Amend	
Annual Energy Savings Progress Report and Consumption Data Reporting	S.C. Code Am. § 48-52-620	Energy consumption data and energy savings measures	September-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Annual Survey of State Government Research and Development	America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505	Assessment of research and development performed, or funded, by the agency	January-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Audit of Beef Council Financial Statements	S.C. Code Am. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements	December-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	Amend	
Audit of Pork Board Financial Statements	S.C. Code Am. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements	October-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	Amend	
Audit of Soybean Board Financial Statements	S.C. Code Am. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements	November-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	Amend	
Capital Permanent Improvement Plan	n/a	A detailed explanation of the agency's planned capital permanent improvement projects for the next five years	June-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://admin.sc.gov/budget/cpip	Amend	
Annual Comprehensive Financial Reporting (ACFR)	n/a	GAAP year-end financial reporting	October-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://cg.sc.gov	Amend	
F & V Inspections & Auditing Program Review, Federal-State Inspection Services	n/a	USDA AMS SCI program compliance review per cooperative agreement	May-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@sca.sc.gov	Amend	

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FDA Food Emergency Response Network	n/a	Laboratory Testing Capacity Assessment for emergency analytical testing services; utilized in triage scenarios	January-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
FDA Office of Regulatory Science, Animal Feed Regulatory Program	n/a	Progress reports/GAP analysis for ISO Accreditation	August-23	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scca.sc.gov	Amend	ISO Accreditation received
Federal Funds Expenditures related to COVID-19 (Act 135 of 2020)	Act 135 of 2020	Funds directly provided by the federal government in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).	June-23	Monthly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Federal Project Reviews	n/a	Compilation of anticipated federal grants received during the upcoming fiscal year	February-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Feed Inspection Contract	n/a	Contract activity report	August-23	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
Fees and Fines Report	Proviso 117.74 of the FY 2016-17 Appropriations Act	Accounting of all fees and fines charged by the agency during the previous fiscal year	August-22	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	https://agriculture.sc.gov/divisions/agency-operations/administration/	Amend	
Fleet Survey	n/a	An evaluation of the agency's fleet vehicle needs for the next fiscal year	August-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
FNS-153 CSFP	7 CFR 247	Statewide on-hand inventory of food commodities for distribution through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	July-23	Monthly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
FNS-191 CSFP	7 CFR 247	Demographic report of CSFP recipients	July-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
FNS-667 TEFAP	7 CFR 251	Quarterly financial statement for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	July-23	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
Food Inspection Contract Quarterly Summary Reports	21 CFR 117	Contract activity report	May-23	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
Hidden Earmarks Survey	Executive Order 16-6	A report of unrequested funds appropriated to the agency that were earmarked to be awarded to any entity as a grant or contract	July-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Human Resources Delegation Review	S.C. Code Am. § 8-11-230	Review of delegated transactions	April-23	Every 2 years	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	SCDA has been placed on a two year review period. The last review was completed on 4-5-2023 and covered 7-1-2021 through 6-30-2022.
Information Security and Privacy Survey	Provisos 117.113 (2014) and 101.32 (2014)	Annual review of the information technology controls, change management and access management processes, and security measures.	August-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://admin.sc.gov/technology/InformationSecurityAndPrivacy	Amend	
Information Technology Data Workbook	n/a	Comprehensive summary of all information technology and information security objectives and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year	July-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://admin.sc.gov/ITProgramManagement/ITDataCollection	Amend	

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Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Annual Program Activity	42 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Annual program activity report	May-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Mid-Year Program Activity	43 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Mid-year activity report	January-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
MFRPS Rapid Response Team (RRT) Annual Program Activity	45 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Annual program activity report	April-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
MFRPS Rapid Response Team (RRT) Mid-Year Program Activity	46 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Mid-year activity report	December-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Minority Business Utilization Plan	South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code contained in Sections 11-35-10 et seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended	Plan for allocation of at least 10% of agency controllable dollars to be spent with minority-owned businesses	August-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osmba.sc.gov/resources.html	Amend	
Monthly Food Activity Reports	n/a	Number of RVC, honey, egg, and salvage permit applications processed; labels reviewed; inspections performed; and Country of Origin (COOL) reviews	March-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
No More Homeless Pets Program	S.C. Code Am. § 56-3-9600(E)	Accounting and summary of reimbursements made through the No More Homeless Pets Program	June-23	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Organic Certification Cost Share	n/a	Final project report	February-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
OSHA 300A	Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act of 1970	Report of injuries, illnesses and missed working time during the previous calendar year	February-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Other Funds Survey	S.C. Code Am. § 2-65-30	List of agency revenue accounts, generation source, programs supported, legislative authorization, and actual and projected revenue	October-22	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://admin.sc.gov/budget/otherfundsurveys	Amend	
Produce Safety Rule (PSR) Annual Program Activity	21 USC 2104, 45 CFR Part 75	Annual program activity report	April-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Produce Safety Rule (PSR) Mid-year Activity	22 USC 2104, 45 CFR Part 75	Mid-year activity report	December-22	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Real Property Data Management Report	S.C. Code Am. § 1-11-58	Detailed inventory and utilization of real property owned by the agency	June-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Report on Sale of Real Property	S.C. Code Am. § 1-11-58	Notification of the sale of specific state property	August-22	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Report to the General Assembly, Equal Employment Opportunity	S.C. Code Am. § 1-13-110	Shows composition of the agency's workforce (Goal Attainment Affirmative Action)	February-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	http://scliac.sc.gov/about-us/divisions-departments/technical-services-and-training-department	Amend	
Rural Business Development Grant	7 USC 1932(c), 7 CFR part 4280, subpart E	Progress report	August-23	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Kyle Player, kplayer@scca.sc.gov	Amend	

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Rural Cooperative Development Grant	7 USC 1932 section 310(e), 7 CFR part 4284, subparts A and F	Progress report	June-23	Twice a year	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Kyle Player, kplayer@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
SC-396 Annual Cooperator Report for Fruit & Vegetable Inspection	n/a	Program funding and expenses	July-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scca.sc.gov	Amend	
Schedule of Expenditures for Federal Awards (SEFA)	CFR Section 200.510	Audit of expenditures of federal awards to the agency	August-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	Amend	
SF-425 Federal Financial Report	n/a	A federal financial report is required for each of nineteen (19) federal grants	June-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) FY 2019	7 USC 1621, Public Law 108-465	Projects progress report	December-22	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Tort Liability and Job Class Code Employee Count	S.C. Code Am. § 38-73-526	Employee count by job category and worker's compensation classification code for premium renewal	August-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
USDA Farm to School Grant	Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA)	Project progress report	April-23	Other	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	Grant ended and close out is in process Final
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) FY 2020	7 USC 1621, Public Law 108-465	Projects progress report	December-22	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Travel Report	Proviso 117.26 of the Appropriations Act	Employee job titles; type and purpose of travel	August-23	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://applications.sc.gov/SpendingTransparency/BudgetTransparencyMain.aspx	Amend	

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SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
 - Reorganization and Compliance
 - FY2023 Strategic Plan Results
 - FY2024 Strategic Plan Development
 - Legal
 - Services
 - Partnerships
 - Report or Review
 - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency’s budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR <i>(SIGN AND DATE):</i>	SIGNATURE ON FILE	Signature Received: 9/15/2023 11:01 AM
<i>(TYPE/PRINT NAME):</i>	Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR <i>(SIGN AND DATE):</i>	N/A	
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