

South Carolina Farm Bureau

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Senate Ag Subcommittee Meets

A Senate Ag subcommittee met this week to take up Senate bill 449. Subcommittee Chairman [Billy Garrett](#) (Senate District 10 - Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda) presided over the hearing that ultimately saw the bill, which extends the sunset clause on the Illegal Transportation of Feral Hogs for two (2) years to 2026. The bill was voted unanimously out of subcommittee and now heads to the full Senate Agriculture committee for action.

House Ag Committee Meets

The full House Ag Committee met this week and took up H. 3312 which creates a Child Food and Nutrition Services Study Committee. [First Vice Chair Patrick Haddon](#) (House District 19 - Greenville County) is the primary sponsor of this bill that previously passed the House last year. The bill directs the study committee to evaluate and provide recommendations to the General Assembly on transferring the South Carolina Farm-to-School Program, the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and various food and dairy safety programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture. The bill was amended in full committee to include a local school district member to sit on the study committee. The amended bill received unanimous approval by the full committee and will be heard in the full House soon.

Ag-in-the-Classroom Learning Lab Highlighted on Local News

SCFB's Director of Ag-in-the-Classroom, Jill Jeffords, stopped by Sandy Run K8 School this week to teach students about the importance of agriculture and experience more of SC's largest industry. See Jill and the Lab featured in the link below!

[Mobile Ag Lab teaching children about SC agriculture | wltx.com](#)

Lexington County Farm Bureau Hosts Legislative Delegation

Members of the Lexington County House and Senate delegations were honored at an appreciation breakfast this week. Lexington County State Board Director Charles Wingard gave a legislative update highlighting priorities important to the county and agriculture as a whole, including funding for ag priorities, single agency water consolidation, solutions for problematic wildlife and loss of ag land statewide.

Thank you to Senators Shane Massey and Katrina Shealy, and Representatives Micah Caskey, Paula Calhoon, Ryan McCabe, Cal Forrest, Russell Ott and Bill Taylor for attending and supporting SCFB.