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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 2023-24 (FY24) Accountability Report reflects 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, budget, procurement, fleet, and facilities. Human Resources is responsible for recruitment, classification, benefits, payroll, training, and employee engagement, support, and development. SCDA 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 grant programs that benefit farmers and consumers across the state. SCDA offers points of sale and purchase for agricultural products at three State Farmers Markets in Columbia, Florence, and Greenville. The Commissioner’s Office delivers responsive 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 internal and external partners.

Consumer Protection

The Consumer Protection Division (CPD) ended FY24 with six departments: Laboratory Services; Food Safety and Compliance; Feed Safety and Compliance; Consumer Services (including the Metrology Laboratory); Produce Safety; and Federal State Inspection Services, which includes Market News Programs and the Commodity and Compliance Section. 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 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 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

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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; 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; representing and advising SCDA on employment matters, including cases with the Workers’ Compensation Commission (WCC), State Accident Fund (SAF), State Human Affairs Commission (SHAC), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Department of Labor (DOL); and reviewing and consulting on legal issues arising from agency HR policies and procedures.

Agency Highlights During FY24

1. SCDA Prepares for S.399 Transition

Senate Bill 399 was signed by Governor McMaster on May 19, 2023. This legislation “abolished” the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Board of Health and Environmental Control on July 1, 2024, created the Department of Public Health (DPH), and created the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Section 1(4) states, “The food safety program in the Division of Food and Lead Risk Assessment and the Milk and Dairy Lab in the Department of Health and Environmental Control shall become a division of the Department of Agriculture...and all relevant powers and duties assigned to the Department of Health and Environmental Control being transferred to and devolved upon the Department of Agriculture.” On July 1, 2024, these programs became part of SCDA:

1. The Retail Food Safety department regulates restaurant kitchens, grocery store delis, caterers, school cafeterias, some convenience stores, and certain other establishments that prepare food for on-site consumption.
2. Milk Safety regulates fluid milk and grade “A” milk products such as yogurt.
3. The Milk Lab is part of SCDA’s Laboratory Services department and is responsible for testing fluid milk samples and some milk products.
4. Responsibilities of the former DHEC Manufactured Foods program – including ice, soft drinks, bottled water, frozen desserts, butter, and cheese – were absorbed into SCDA’s existing Food Safety program, which oversees food manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers.

Over the course of FY24 (leading up to the official transfer date of July 1, 2024), SCDA worked closely with DHEC and the Department of Administration (Admin), which was tasked in the legislation with facilitating the transfer of all programs, services, and duties across 10 core resource areas of Master Data Compilation, Budget Functions, Financial Functions, Grants, Administration Allocation, Human Resources, Agency Assets and Inventory, Real Estate, Information Technology, and Legal.

123 positions and about 70 vehicles were identified as part of the food safety programs described above. To help food safety inspectors be more efficient with time, SCDA planned to base them in vehicles instead of regional offices. This decision will save money on office space but created a need for about 30 more vehicles. Those vehicles were procured through Admin’s State Fleet Program, which leases vehicles to state agencies.

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SCDA invested over \$300,000 in renovating existing facilities at the Columbia State Farmers Market for the food safety central office staff. These renovations, planned and completed in FY24, included repurposing underutilized space in the Buddy Jennings Training Facility to create office space, construction of a covered patio for SCDA employees to use as a break area, and building a new covered entrance for the Retail Food Safety Building. The Phillips Market Center (PMC) underwent minor renovations to provide new office space for the Commodity and Compliance Section. These improvements not only created new space for the incoming personnel, but they had the added benefit of centralizing departments within the division.

Assessing the IT assets, including hardware, software, programs, operations, and file transfer was itself a complex and multifaceted process. The decision was made to build new software programs for Retail Food and Milk Safety on SCDA’s existing inspection platform, WinWam, so that inspection reports would sync with the agency’s Laboratory Information Management System, LabLynx. Cellular and office phone numbers were ported to SCDA. 2-in-1 Microsoft Surface tablets, printers, and peripherals were procured, imaged, and deployed for every transferring employee. New SCDA domain and email accounts had to be created. Over 200 documents like fact sheets, applications, webpages, and grade decals were rebranded by the Graphics Manager.

SCDA will report further on the post-July 1 integration of these programs in the FY25 Accountability Report.

2. State Farmers Markets Enhance Competitiveness, Improve Services with Capital Projects

- Columbia State Farmers Market Upgrades:** In FY24, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) invested over \$600,000 in upgrades at the Columbia State Farmers Market. These upgrades included securing the northern border with security fencing, replacing two outdated trash augers with new state-of-the-art trash compactors, and starting the process to replace old refrigeration equipment in a state-owned, privately leased warehouse, which is expected to be completed in early FY25. Additionally, lighting in the Farm Fresh sheds was upgraded from halogen to LED lights, and the process to relocate the main entrance sign began, with completion expected in FY25.

SCDA also developed a new Master Plan to transform the market, supported by an economic impact study completed by Clemson University in FY24. The study revealed that market improvements and added amenities should add approximately \$8.35 million in economic impact and create 126 jobs annually to the region. This is based on a conservative estimate of an added 91,000 annual visitors. During construction, the \$30 million in capital investment will return \$43.53 million in total economic impact for the region and support 320 jobs created during the construction phase. These improvements will significantly benefit the state and the consumers who visit the market. SCDA plans to request funding for this project in the FY27 budget, with the expectation that the project will commence in FY28, as outlined in the FY25 Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan submission.

- Greenville State Farmers Market Renovations:** In FY24, SCDA enlisted an architecture and engineering firm to redesign the market’s facilities, which are over 40 years old. SCDA plans to invest \$2.4 million to completely overhaul the retail shed’s interior and exterior, transform an underutilized breezeway into additional office space for SCDA’s regional inspectors, and update the main market office, originally built in 1943. These improvements aim to create a more inviting environment for consumers by enhancing the overall retail experience for both vendors and shoppers. The renovated breezeway will boost the productivity of regional inspectors by providing a new multi-purpose office space and a sample collection area. This new drop site will allow inspectors to leave samples for shipment to the Consumer Protection Division in Columbia for testing, eliminating the need for supervisors to collect and transport samples, saving valuable time for both inspectors and supervisors.

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- Pee Dee State Farmers Market Enhancements:** SCDA has engaged an architecture and engineering firm to create a new master plan for the market. This comprehensive plan features the addition of an RV park and dog park, a new special event lawn, expanded parking, and the development of a retail village for visitors. To accommodate these enhancements, the market exit will be redirected, and all market roads will be repaved. Backed by a feasibility study from Clemson University, these upgrades aim to revitalize the market, boost revenue opportunities for the state, enhance the overall consumer experience, and transform the market into a destination rather than just a farmers’ market. Currently attracting over 700,000 visitors annually, the market is conveniently located just minutes from the nation’s top vacation highway. Clemson’s study indicated that a \$1.9 million investment in a 35-spot RV park would yield an annual profit of \$314,984. SCDA requested \$3 million in their FY25 budget but received \$1 million. They plan to use this funding to phase the project, which is expected to start in FY25 or FY26.

3. State Farmers Markets Promote Spring/Fall Plants, Summer Produce

The twice-yearly Plant and Flower Festivals continue to drive visitors and revenue to the three state farmers markets. The markets recorded outstanding results during the 2024 spring festivals:

- Total attendance was 90,400 visitors across three markets during the four-day events, a 32% increase over 2023.
- A total of 169 vendors participated, up slightly from 162 in 2023.
- Total revenue was \$79,700, an 11.6% increase over 2023.
- 363 SCDA volunteer hours contributed to the success, which was 38 hours more than 2023.

SCDA also received a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant to continue the promotion of specialty crops at the three markets. Produce tasting events were held at all markets, using the funds to print recipe cards, purchase billboard space, and promote the markets on social media. Among the events held were yellow squash tastings, okra tasting, tomato/basil tastings, and the Pee Dee State Farmers Market’s Watermelon Festival.

The tasting events, with samples of produce, recipe ideas, and in some cases chef demos, have been a great way to showcase local specialty crops. There has been good support from Clemson Extension agents at the markets during these events. Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, as well as Food Safety agents, have been on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions for growing as well as preserving fresh produce. There has been positive feedback from produce vendors at all three markets with increased sales reported on the special event dates.

4. Consumer Services Adds Efficiency to Fuel Pump Inspections

As part of Consumer Services’ regulatory mandate, Fuel, Weights & Measures Inspectors check the accuracy of the more than 64,000 gas pumps in the state annually. To improve efficiency, accuracy and safety, the Consumer Services team is installing slide-in units in ¾ ton trucks for all retail gas station inspectors during fiscal years 24 and 25.

Previously, inspectors traveled with two 5-gallon provers and a rolling cart. To perform an inspection, they would dispense fuel into each prover and then dump it back into the storage tank. The new slide-in units have a holding capacity of 240 gallons of fuel with three distinct 80-gallon provers. The 240-gallon capacity allows

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inspectors to check 48 dispensers before returning fuel to a gas station’s storage tank. It also eliminates the need to lift and carry provers, improving work safety.

The Metrology Lab is in the process of calibrating all the slide-in units. Once calibrated they will be shipped to Spartanburg for installation.

5. SCDA Improves Food Safety Emergency Response and Preparedness

During FY24, as a part of the State Food/Ag Radiological Task Force, staff from SCDA’s Food Safety, Feed Safety, Produce Safety, Laboratory Services, and Communications teams worked with other agencies to develop strategies and a state plan to mitigate agricultural losses following a radiological release. Seven employees from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture participated in a radiological disaster response exercise hosted by the US Department of Homeland Security and Sandia National Laboratories. The tabletop exercise, held jointly with Georgia, explored how food and agriculture regulators would respond to the release of radiation from a nuclear power plant and tested the state plan.

SCDA continues to serve as a primary support agency for Emergency Support Function 17 (ESF-17), Agriculture and Animals, during disaster response and recovery. When the governor activates the state’s emergency operations plan, SCDA staff take shifts at the South Carolina Emergency Management Division headquarters in West Columbia to help staff the ESF-17 team. The team also participates in tabletop exercises and trainings to improve and support preparation. SCDA’s Food Safety Director chairs the SC Food Safety Task Force, a group made up of regulatory, academic, and industry partners that meets quarterly to coordinate food safety preparation and response activities. Following the transfer of food safety oversight to SCDA, the federally funded Rapid Response Team will also be housed within SCDA.

SCDA Food Safety continues to operate in full conformance and implementation with Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS).

6. Feed Safety Program Protects Pets with Sampling, Testing

Work initiated by the Feed Safety and Compliance Team led to a nationwide dog and cat food recall during FY24. In 2023, SCDA collected a routine sample of dry dog food at a retail location and sent it to the DHEC lab for testing, made possible by the Laboratory Flexible Funding Model. The lab identified Salmonella in the sample. Further analysis linked the results to at least seven human cases of Salmonella and helped identify the source of the illnesses. The contaminated pet food sickened both animals and humans, and the company initiated a nationwide voluntary recall of multiple brands representing 9.5 million bags of product. The incident demonstrates the importance of a robust proactive Feed Safety program to protect human and animal health.

The Feed Safety department also continued implementation and maintenance of Animal Food Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS), per the April 2023 in-person AFRPS Assessment conducted by the Food and Drug Administration. SCDA hired a full-time AFRPS Coordinator in December 2023.

7. Laboratory Upgraded

In July 2021, SCDA requested \$725,000 in funding to install a backup generator and acquire hemp testing equipment for the Consumer Protection Division Laboratory and Metrology Laboratory. The installation of a backup generator ensures both labs remained fully operational during power outages, allowing continuous service to South Carolina’s citizens and businesses. Additionally, the generator protects assets from power

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surges, extending the equipment’s operational life. The hemp testing equipment was a crucial addition, enabling comprehensive hemp testing services for state farmers, processors, and consumers of hemp-derived products. Bids were received in October of FY23 and exceeded the originally authorized project budget. In FY23, SCDA requested and was granted an additional \$147,856 to cover the increased costs for the generator, design fees, and inspection fees, raising the overall project budget to \$872,856. The bulk of the project was completed in FY24 after a lengthy delivery period for the generator, with FY24 expenditures totaling \$818,667. In total, SCDA spent \$852,005.50 to install the new generator and hemp testing equipment, resulting in a \$20,850.50 savings from the overall approval budget for the project. The project was successfully completed and closed in June 2024.

8. Agribusiness Sector Strengthened, Expanded

Now in the 13th year of a cooperative agreement, SCDA and the South Carolina Department of Commerce continue to work aggressively to expand the state’s agribusiness industry through strategic economic development. This includes using the Agribusiness Infrastructure Incentives Distribution Initiative and the Growing Agribusiness Fund to engage existing and prospective South Carolina agribusinesses. In FY24, planned agribusiness projects were announced across the state that will create over 250 new jobs and more than \$50 million dollars of investment. Announcements have included projects in food and beverage processing, fresh produce, bakery, distribution, aquaculture, and forestry; Knockout Butchery and the South Carolina Farm Bureau grain elevator facility are two examples. Currently, there are 59 active economic development projects (new or expansion) looking at South Carolina.

9. Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) Supports Innovation

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 \$1,253,500 to 112 entrepreneurs, funded 49 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 seven USDA Rural Business Development Grant awards to reach deeper into rural communities. Here are some profiles of advanced entrepreneurship agribusiness program awardees in South Carolina from the past year:

- Blue Ridge Rabbit Meat Co. / Wellford, SC / Tyson Waddell (\$25,000)**
 Blue Ridge Rabbit Meat Co. is a family run rabbit farm in Wellford, SC that specializes in raising rabbits, processing them, and shipping the meat throughout the country. Since their founding in 2010, they have grown to become one of the largest rabbit farms in the United States. During the pandemic, they developed an online store, along with a pet food line that allows all components of the rabbit to be used, eliminating waste. With the help of the ACRE grant, Blue Ridge Rabbit Meat Co. is adding heating and cooling systems throughout their barn.
- Growing Green Family Farms / Anderson, SC / Nathan Vannette (\$15,000)**
 Growing Green Family Farms focuses on bringing fresh produce to consumers through farmers markets, community supported agriculture, 20 local restaurants, and Swamp Rabbit Café and Grocery. The ACRE grant will help them expand their Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)-certified pack shed and walk-in cooler. These new additions will not only increase their capacity but would also allow the farm to collaborate and offer their facility for use by other local farmers.

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- Yon Family Farm / Ridge Spring, SC / Nicole Yon (\$15,000)**
 After taking over a pecan farm, the Yon family quickly increased yield by improving certain aspects of the farm including irrigation and equipment. In the beginning stages, they were able to export pecans to China, but trade disputes forced them to find another strategy. They opened a retail store to sell 100% of their product, both raw and in candy form. The store also supports other local farms by selling homegrown foods from producers across South Carolina. With the help of the ACRE grant money, Yon Farms will construct a new permanent freezer that would allow for easier access, the ability to unload and load with pallet forks, and more effective inventory management.

10. South Carolina Implements Corn Checkoff

Over the past 10 years, an average of one-third of the total planted row crop acres in South Carolina have been planted in corn. Demand for a corn checkoff has been growing for years, and producers decided this was the time to make it happen.

SCDA assisted the Agriculture Commission of South Carolina in carrying out the provisions of the Agriculture Commodities Marketing Act to establish a new commodity checkoff board for South Carolina corn. This months-long process involved farmer petitions, public hearings, many rounds of legal notices, a referendum, and elections of board members. The referendum showed that there was widespread support across the state for the establishment of the South Carolina Corn Board.

The South Carolina Corn Board members were elected by their fellow producers and are charged with investing the money collected for the purposes of research, promotion, and education of corn products and the corn industry in the state of South Carolina. Commodity checkoff boards are farmer-led and funded by assessments paid by farmers on a per unit basis of the marketed commodity. South Carolina also has checkoff programs for beef, cotton, peanut, pork, soybean, tobacco, and watermelon.

The corn checkoff went into effect July 1, 2024. Under the new marketing order, farmers pay an assessment of one-half of one percent of the net market price at time of sale. The establishment of this new checkoff board brings an unprecedented farmer investment into corn production in South Carolina with the goal of keeping corn farmers environmentally and economically sustainable now and in the future.

11. Grants Department Expands Services

Because of the increase in federal funding in recent years and the transition of the DHEC food programs to SCDA, some restructuring has also occurred in the Grants Administration department. SCDA is currently administering 24 grant and cooperative agreement programs totaling more than \$34 million. Two additional grants totaling more than \$20 million have been applied for and are expected to be awarded by the end of 2024. In the past year, an Administrative Coordinator and two Program Coordinators joined the Director and Grants Coordinator on the Grants Administration team. This restructuring included bringing two programs previously housed in another department under one federal funding umbrella, resulting in approximately 92% of federal awards receiving primary management by the Grants Administration Department. These restructuring efforts, including the purposeful addition of a Grants Administrative Coordinator, will assist the Agency with developing and maintaining a low-risk compliance environment.

- CSFP and TEFAP:** The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) represent approximately \$2.4 million annually. Full management of these two programs was moved from the Agency’s Marketing Department to Grants Administration in May

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2024. CSFP provides emergency food assistance to qualifying senior citizens through a monthly food box program. TEFAP assists the state’s four food banks with procuring food to feed South Carolina citizens in need.

- **RFSI:** SCDA submitted its state plan for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program. Prior to this submission, SCDA conducted two simultaneous competitive application processes for middle-of-the-food-supply-chain infrastructure needs for an equipment-only grant or funding for a larger infrastructure project that may include construction. Following a thorough evaluation and selection process, 22 equipment and five infrastructure projects were submitted to USDA. Awards for the 27 projects should be announced by the end of 2024.

12. Employees Earn Recognition

SCDA encourages and supports employees in pursuing professional and personnel development that has a positive performance impact. Here are some examples of achievements earned by SCDA staff during FY24:

- Jackie Moore, Agritourism Marketing Specialist, was named Hometown Hero by 93.1 The Lake for her work promoting South Carolina agritourism.
- Seed Lab Supervisor Leanna Leach achieved her Certified Seed Analyst Certification from Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) in August 2023.
- Michael Cranford, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, and Jason Smith, LFPA Program Coordinator, completed a grant writing course at the University of South Carolina.
- Brittany Jeffcoat, Grant Coordinator, was runner-up in the South Carolina Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet.
- Cristina Key, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, and Megan Heidkamp, Senior Accountant, attended South Carolina Farm Bureau Women’s Communications Boot Camp in March 2024.
- Ernie Berkeley, Feed Safety Compliance Officer, completed the nine-month LeadSC Emerging Leaders Program hosted by the South Carolina Department of Administration.
- Camryn Long, Market News Reporter, earned USDA Livestock Reporter Certification in April 2024.
- Chemist Nikki Patel was one of only nine people in the nation selected to participate in the 2024 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pesticide Laboratory Analyst Workshop.
- Communications Director Eva Moore was elected president of Communication Officers of State Departments of Agriculture (COSDA), a national professional organization.
- Assistant Commissioner Aaron Wood completed the Signature Gettysburg Leadership Experience Program, hosted by FCCS Consulting.

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 feed they purchase. Foodborne illnesses could cause sickness, starvation, and/or even death. Less seriously, but still important, consumers would 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 private sector 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

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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.

As a member of the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development in FY24, SCDA helped draft the state’s inaugural Unified State Plan for Education and Workforce Development. “The Unified State Plan provides a systematic approach to streamline the state’s workforce development efforts, identify common goals, and improve efficiencies.” (SCDEW News Release, July 23, 2024)

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:

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.

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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 4 (2024): <https://agriculture.sc.gov/magazine/>
2. South Carolina Relief Effort for the Texas Panhandle Wildfire: https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SCHayReliefTexasWildfires2024_Flyer_digital.pdf
3. South Carolina Agritourism Directory: https://scagritourism.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/AgritourismDirectory2024_digital.pdf
4. Agribusiness Center for Research & Entrepreneurship (ACRE) Brochure: https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ACREBrochure2024_digital.pdf

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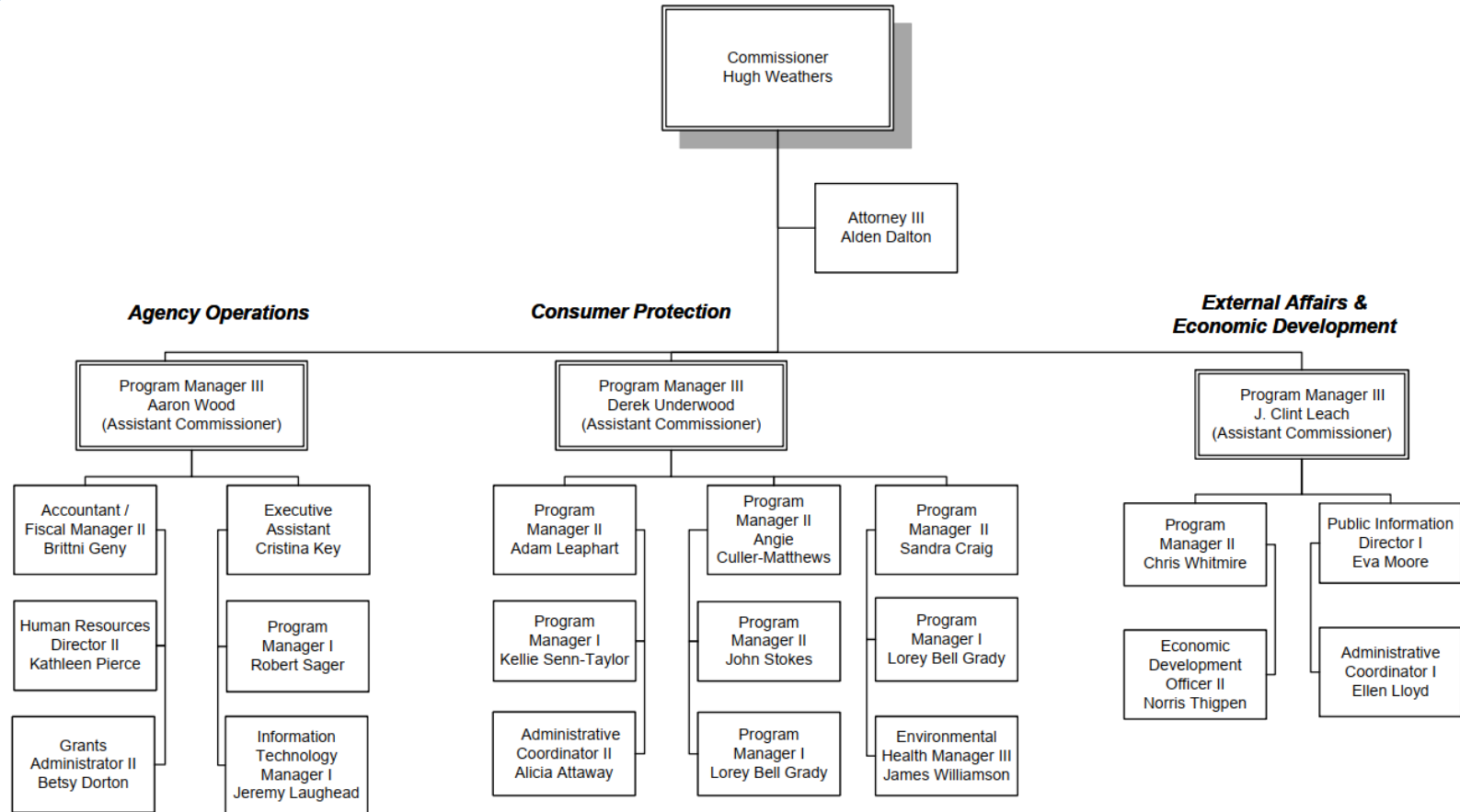
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Agency Mission

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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:

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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 FY2024

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
The Hemp Farming Program and Fruit & Vegetable Inspection Program have been combined into one section called "Commodity and Compliance" within the Federal State Inspection Service Department.	June	June	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	
2023 Senate Bill 399, which abolished the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and created the Department of Environmental Services and the Department of Public Health among other things, transferred food safety programs to SCDA on July 1, 2024. SCDA Consumer Protection and Agency Operations Divisions spent significant time and resources preparing to receive these employees, programs, and other assets so that they would be functional immediately	July	June	SCDA IT helpdesk tickets are assigned, acknowledged, and addressed within two business days of submission	

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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. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) 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)				

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Strategic Plan Results

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - Department of Agriculture

- 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	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%	15.75%	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	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%	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	89%	100%	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														

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%	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%	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	Winwarm 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 I 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 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	Audit scheduled for September 2024 to receive accreditation
2.2.3	Perform calibrations of liquid and mass measurement equipment within one month of work order initiation	86%	90%	94%	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	2,608	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	6,849	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.	101,029	103,049	124,834	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				

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
3.2.1	Perform an annual inventory analysis on agribusiness companies who are primed for expansion in SC or the Southeastern United States	149	125	161	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	11	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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Strategic Plan Development

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P160 - Department of Agriculture

- Goal 1** Improve agency operational readiness and workforce development
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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	1	1	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	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 training options for pertinent policies, procedures, or tools	3	3	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	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	Maintain the percentage of employee turnover year over year	15.75%	15.75%	Percent	Equal to or less than	State fiscal year		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 less than	State fiscal year	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 Ensure agency compliance with US Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration by confirming employment eligibility of prospective employees														
State Objective: Government and Citizens														
1.3.1	Complete E-Verify online submission within 3 days of hire of new employees	n/a	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of E-Verifications divided by total number of new hires	Human Resources	Contact SCDA Human Resources	Assurance that SCDA is hiring legal employees	All constituents and customers	0120.050000.000		
1.3.2	Complete evaluation stage universal review period EPMS documents by 1 December	100%	98%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	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, retail food establishments, processors, distributors, farms, dairies, 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														
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	1	1	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	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		

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2.1.2	Engage with trade groups and associations of colleagues by participating in meetings and trainings in order to exchange the most current information about regulatory and industry topics. Examples are the National State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), Southern State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA), National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM), Association of Feed Control Officials (AFCO), and Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)	1	1	Percent	Complete	State Fiscal Year	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, DPH, DES, Clemson) during normal operations or during emergencies	1	1	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	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	1	1	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	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 Metrology Lab by obtaining Echelon I certification and NVLAP accreditation, and provide staff with updated NIST training	0	1	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	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	0.94	0.9	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	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 2,200 members	2,608	2,200	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of Certified SC 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	6,849	6,849	Count	Maintain range	State fiscal year	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	124,834	127,330	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	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	161	125	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	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		

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
3.2.2	Participate in at least 7 business recruitment/trade show events per year to meet with prospective companies	11	7	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	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

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0117.100000.000	Market Services	Three State Farmers Markets: Columbia, Greenville, and Pee Dee.	\$ 570,527.39	\$ 1,279,477.80	\$ -	\$ 1,850,005.19	\$ 562,205.00	\$ 1,188,701.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750,906.00
0120.050000.000	Operations	Commissioner's Office, Legal, Human Resources, Finance, and Administration, IT, and Grants Management.	\$ 1,740,513.37	\$ 245,607.44	\$ 130,580.15	\$ 2,116,700.96	\$ 2,664,332.00	\$ 352,356.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 3,176,688.00
0702.010000.000	Consumer Protection	Laboratory Services, Consumer and Metrology Services, Produce Safety, Hemp Farming, Food Safety, and Feed Safety.	\$ 4,923,934.85	\$ 1,100,144.85	\$ 981,275.85	\$ 7,005,355.55	\$ 4,230,000.00	\$ 1,233,787.00	\$ 1,090,901.00	\$ 6,554,688.00
0702.050000.000	Inspection Services	Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, Peanut Grading, and Market News.	\$ -	\$ 194,670.40	\$ -	\$ 194,670.40	\$ -	\$ 263,632.00	\$ -	\$ 263,632.00
0700.100000.000	Retail Food Safety	Retail food establishment inspections statewide, new permit issuance, milk safety and wholesale manufactured food	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,754,440.00	\$ 3,527,289.00	\$ 77,775.00	\$ 8,359,504.00
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.	\$ 4,684,386.97	\$ 922,442.79	\$ 12,202,895.49	\$ 17,809,725.25	\$ 4,831,464.00	\$ 253,940.00	\$ 9,742,917.00	\$ 14,828,321.00
1500.100000.000	Commodity Boards	Soybean, Pork, Cotton, Peanut, Watermelon, and Tobacco Boards; Beef and Peach Councils.	\$ -	\$ 2,365,392.75	\$ -	\$ 2,365,392.75	\$ -	\$ 2,243,936.00	\$ -	\$ 2,243,936.00
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.	\$ -	\$ 120,999.30	\$ -	\$ 120,999.30	\$ -	\$ 159,466.00	\$ -	\$ 159,466.00
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 facilitate sound public policy and serve as an unbiased source of information.	\$ 726,385.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 726,385.37	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000.00
1500.350500X000	Agricultural Center for Research & Entrepreneurship	Agribusiness incubator programs.	\$ 1,343,188.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,343,188.31	\$ 1,450,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,450,000.00
1501.400500X000	Infrastructure Grants	Matching grants to counties for agribusiness specific projects.	\$ 2,374,833.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,374,833.79	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Fringe benefits and FICA taxes.	\$ 2,332,286.47	\$ 793,890.60	\$ 390,639.29	\$ 3,516,816.36	\$ 3,700,374.00	\$ 2,030,773.00	\$ 382,586.00	\$ 6,113,733.00
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.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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.	\$ 769,566.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 769,566.57	\$ 352,433.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352,433.00
9815.320000X000	Regional Farmers Market	Capital and operational funding for state farmers markets and community-based farmers markets.	\$ 237,720.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 237,720.95	\$ 99,748.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,748.00
9820.020000X000	Laboratory Equipment	Laboratory equipment to perform analyses that support regulatory field activities.	\$ 153,954.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153,954.80	\$ 313,636.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 313,636.00
9814.470000X000	Greenville/Orangeburg State Farmers Market Buildings Renovations	FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(34)(b)	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 1,578,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,578,000.00
9815.440000X000	Growing Agribusiness Fund	Economic development incentives for value-added agribusiness activities. FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(34)(c)	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000.00
9813.480000X000	Statewide Farmers Market Upgrades and Safety Improvements	FY2023-24 Proviso 118.19(B)(34)(d)	\$ 193,823.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 193,823.82	\$ 2,806,176.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,806,176.00
TBD	ChangeSC Pilot Project	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(a)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
TBD	DHEC Food Protection Restructuring	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(b)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,046,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,046,000.00
TBD	Pee Dee State Farmers Market RV Park and Paving	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(c)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
9813.480000X000	State Farmers Market Safety and Traffic Upgrades	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(d)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00
TBD	Technology Efficiency Infrastructure	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(34)(e)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,377,120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,377,120.00
9819.410000X000	The FARM Center in Oconee County	FY2024-25 Proviso 118.20(B)(83)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 985,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 985,000.00

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2024
44.1	State	FY23-24 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	FY23-24 Proviso	Establishes fruit/vegetable inspectors subsistence	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Establish fruit/vegetable inspectors subsistence	No Change
44.3	State	FY23-24 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	FY23-24 Proviso	Establishes a weights and measures registration fee	Funding agency deliverable(s)	May charge a weights and measures fee	No Change
44.5	State	FY23-24 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	FY23-24 Proviso	Establishes the authority of SCDA to charge for export certification	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Allowed to charge up to \$250 for each export certification	No Change
44.7	State	FY23-24 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
44.8	State	FY23-24 Proviso	Exempts commodity boards from the procurement code	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Pertains to producer paid assesments	No Change
44.9	State	FY23-24 Proviso	Agribusiness Infrastructure Carry Forward	Funding agency deliverable(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

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44.10	State	FY23-24 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	FY23-24 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	No Change
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
46-3-260	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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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 may 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

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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
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

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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
5-226	State	Regulation	Egg Packing, Marketing and Labeling	Requires a service	Regulate Egg grading and packaging	No Change

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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

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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
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

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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
5-360	State	Regulation	Cosmetics Definitions	Requires a service	Regulate salvage operations dealing in food and cosmetics	No Change

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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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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

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5-611	State	Regulation	Milk 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
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	No Change
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	No Change

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S. 399, Act 60 of 2023	State	Statute	Transfers food protection duties and functions of the Department of Health and Environmental Control to the Department of Agriculture	Requires a service	Adds Chapter 57 to Title 46 so as to create the Division of Food Safety within the Department of Agriculture and to transfer certain food safety responsibilities from the Department of Health and Environmental Control to the Department of Agriculture; by amending section 24-9-20, relating to certain food inspections in prison facilities, so as to transfer inspection responsibility to the Department of Agriculture; by amending section 39-37-120, relating to frozen milk product consumer safety, so as to transfer responsibility to the Department of Agriculture	No Change

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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	

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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	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	
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	

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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	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	Others in the marketing channel	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 receipted 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	

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Oversight of food protection measures on the farm to prevent contamination and sickness	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	
Fruit and vegetable grading and inspection	Producers and wholesalers	Industry	Consumers	Consumer Protection - Grading/Inspections	Under a cooperative agreement with USDA, fruit, vegetable, 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, and commodity grading and inspection services are provided.	Ungraded products, substandard commodities and unfair pricing.	No Change	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, 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	

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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) 17.	Lack of emergency response would lead to life/safety problems and to a lesser extent, consumer confidence.	Amend	Change in ESF number
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	
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	

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 FY2024	Summary of changes to services
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	
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.	No Change	

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Partnerships Data

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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
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.	No Change
Professional Association	American Oil Chemists Society (AOC)	SCDA participates in aflatoxin and fumonisin proficiency testing annually.	No Change

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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 (AFDO) 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
Private Business Organization	Carolina Farm Stewardship	Offer training for farmers involving Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Handling Practices (GHP), Produce Safety Rule (PSR) and readiness reviews. Also works with small food producers to navigate the Cottage Food laws. Assists with LFPA on farm trainings.	Amend
Local Government	Catawba Indian Nation	Fulfill the purposes of the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant within the Catawba tribal community.	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 Public Service & Agriculture (PSA)	Agribusiness and Production Agricultural Research; Food Safety and Produce Safety Rule Outreach and Education; Farm to School; Drought response; Disaster impact assessment; National Organic Inspection Program; Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE) Curriculum Program and workshops.	Amend

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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 electronic warehouse receipts (EWR) for the storage of agriculture commodities such as peanuts cotton and grain. EWR is used by the Consumer Protection Division for issuance, cancellation 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
Professional Association	Forestry Association of South Carolina	Promote and grow Agribusiness in South Carolina, including Forestry and Agriculture.	No Change
State Government	Georgia Department of Agriculture	Agencies cooperate to assist one another with calibrations.	No Change
State Government	Georgia Federal-State Inspection Service (GA FSIS)	MOU for peanut grading at all peanut buying points in SC. Provides required reporting to USDA.	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).	No Change

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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).	No Change
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).	No Change
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

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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	South Carolina Aeronautics Commission	SCDA inspects fuel pumps at all public airports.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Crop Improvement Association (SCCIA)	SCDA performs laboratory analyses to support the program.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina 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.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Commerce	Agribusiness Recruitment and Project Management.	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina Department of Corrections	SCDA is a customer for purchasing many items, including office equipment, forms, and letterhead; agricultural skills training.	Amend
State Government	South Carolina 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; collaboration on Local Foods to Schools (LFS) program.	Amend
State Government	South Carolina 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. ChangeSC partnership.	Amend
State Government	South Carolina 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	South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)	Chef Ambassador Program.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina 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	South Carolina 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	South Carolina Department of Transportation	SCDA performs red-dye testing to verify on/off road diesel fuel.	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina 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	South Carolina 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.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	Hemp Farming Program Background Checks and Law Enforcement, Rapid Response Team (RRT).	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Seed Certification Program (Clemson)	SCDA performs laboratory analyses to support the program.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	South Carolina Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	Provides technical assistance for entrepreneurs through the ACRE program; offers business plan and grant application assistance.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina State Ports Authority	Agribusiness Development Export/Import Cooperation.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	South Carolina 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).	No Change
Private Business Organization	Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)	ACRE /Agribusiness workshops.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	South Carolina Corporate Coalition for Community Service DBA Midlands Area Food Bank	Distribution of USDA food commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).	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

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Professional Association	South Carolina Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association	Exchange information about issues of importance to fertilizer and agrichemical manufacturers and dealers.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Forestry Commission	Promote and grow Agribusiness in South Carolina, including Forestry and Agriculture.	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
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.	No Change
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), Hemp Farming, Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA), Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI), Specialty Crop Multistate (SCMP), Local Food for Schools (LFS).	Amend

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Federal Government	USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP). Disaster Assistance Programs correspondence.	Amend
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).	No Change
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
Professional Association	National Grants Management Association	Supports grant professionals providing education, resources, and community that professionals need for guidance and advancement. Director of Grants Administration maintains membership and grant staff attends annual conference.	Add
Federal Government	USDA Rural Development	SCDA administers Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) and Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) subaward from Clemson University.	Add
Private Business Organization	Allied Soil Health Services	Collaboration on application for RCPP grant.	Add
Private Business Organization	Ashwood Biochar	Collaboration on application for RCPP grant.	Add
Federal Government	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)	SCDA administers Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network grant.	Add
Private Business Organization	Farm Credit Associations, AgSouth and ArborOne	Supplement funding for NOCCSP, partner.	Add
Professional Association	Columbia Society for Human Resource Management (CSHRM)	Member organization composed of human resource professionals in the Columbia, SC area. SCDA human resources staff participate in regularly scheduled meetings with keynote speakers on various topics related to human resources.	Add
State Government	South Carolina Conservation Bank	Commissioner of Agriculture (or his/her appointee) on the board. Collaboration on efforts to protect farmland.	Add
Private Business Organization	WinWam	Third party inspection software provider.	Add
Private Business Organization	Kelly Registration Solutions (KRS)	Partner LFPA aggregators. Senn Brothers: LFS partnership. Pick-42 Foundation: ChangeSC partnership. SC Black Farmers Coalition: ACRE partnership for annual conference to provide education and resources to members.	Add

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Private Business Organization	Bonita Global LLC, Catawba Indian Nation, Feed and Seed, Francis Produce, Freshlist LLC, Grow Food Carolina, Gullah Farmers Cooperative Association, Lowcountry Food Bank, Lowcountry Street Grocery, Pick-42 Foundation, Senn Brothers INC, South Carolina Black Farmers Coalition, Swamp Rabbit Cafe and Grocery	Third party license, permit, and registration platform.	Add
K-12 Education Institute	Charleston County School District, Lexington School District 3	Partner LFPA aggregators.	Add
Private Business Organization	Duke Energy Foundation	ACRE partnership to provide funding to farmers to receive GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) certification for assistance with training, on-farm improvements, and upfront audit costs.	Add
Professional Association	South Carolina Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA)	SCEDA sits on the SCEDA Board of Directors and in this capacity steers discussion regarding key economic development issues and training of stakeholders in the state. SCEDA regularly speaks on relevant session topics by utilizing the platform to discuss the impact of agribusiness in the state.	Add

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Reports Data

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P160 - Department of Agriculture

Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
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 2023	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/reports.php	No Change	
Agency Debt Collection Report	Proviso 117.34	Report of outstanding debt	February 2024	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-Upon Procedures	June 2024	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 (AFRPS) Final Project Report	n/a	Summary of activities completed for closeout of cooperative agreement	December 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Remove	
Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards with Preventive Control Regulatory Activities (AFRPS / PCR) Mid-Year Report	n/a	Mid-year activity report	January 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Annual Agency Budget Plan	S.C. Code Ann. § 8-11-230	Compilation of agency planned funding and expenditure requests for the upcoming fiscal year	September 2023	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 Ann. § 48-52-620	Energy consumption data and energy savings measures	September 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	

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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	February 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Audit of Beef Council Financial Statements	S.C. Code Ann. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements	October 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	No Change	
Audit of Pork Board Financial Statements	S.C. Code Ann. § 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	FY23 audit was delayed and not completed during FY24
Audit of Soybean Board Financial Statements	S.C. Code Ann. § 46-17-380	Independent audit of commodity board financial statements	December 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	No Change	
Capital Permanent Improvement Plan	n/a	A detailed explanation of the agency's planned capital permanent improvement projects for the next five years	June 2024	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 2023	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 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
FDA Food Emergency Response Network	n/a	Laboratory Testing Capacity Assessment for emergency analytical testing services; utilized in triage scenarios	April 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
FDA Office of Regulatory Science, Animal Feed Regulatory Program	n/a	Progress reports/GAP analysis for ISO Accreditation	August 2023	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.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	Remove	No longer required by Executive Budget Office

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Federal Project Reviews	n/a	Compilation of anticipated federal grants received during the upcoming fiscal year	February 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Remove	
Feed Inspection Contract	n/a	Contract activity report	August 2023	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Fees and Fines Report	Proviso 117.70 of the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Act	Accounting of all fees and fines charged by the agency during the previous fiscal year	September 2023	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	May 2024	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)	June 2024	Monthly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
FNS-191 CSFP	7 CFR 247	Demographic report of CSFP recipients	July 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
FNS-667 TEFAP	7 CFR 251	Quarterly financial statement for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	July 2023	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Chris Doyle, cdoyle@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Food Inspection Contract Quarterly Summary Reports	21 CFR 117	Contract activity report	May 2024	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Earmarked Appropriations Report	Proviso 117.21 in the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Act	A report of unrequested funds appropriated to the agency that were earmarked to be awarded to any entity as a grant or contract	June 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://agriculture.sc.gov/resources/earmarked-appropriations	Amend	
Human Resources Delegation Review	S.C. Code Ann. § 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.

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Information Security and Privacy Survey	Proviso 117.104 in the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Act	Annual review of the information technology controls, change management and access management processes, and security measures.	August 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://admin.sc.gov/technology/InformationSecurityAndPrivacy	Amend	
Information Technology Data Workbook	Proviso 117.104 in the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Act	Comprehensive summary of all information technology and information security objectives and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year	July 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://admin.sc.gov/ITProgramManagement/ITDataCollection	Amend	
Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Annual Program Activity	42 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Annual program activity report	May 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Mid-Year Program Activity	43 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Mid-year activity report	January 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	N/A-end of project cycle. No mid-year report
MFRPS Rapid Response Team (RRT) Annual Program Activity	45 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Annual program activity report	April 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
MFRPS Rapid Response Team (RRT) Mid-Year Program Activity	46 UC 247b-20, 21 USC 2104	Mid-year activity report	December 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
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 2023	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	June 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
No More Homeless Pets Program	S.C. Code Ann. § 56-3-9600(E)	Accounting and summary of reimbursements made through the No More Homeless Pets Program	August 2023	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	

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Organic Certification Cost Share	n/a	Final project report	February 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
OSHA 300A	Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act of 1970	Report of injuries, illnesses and missed working time during the previous calendar year	February 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Other Funds Survey	S.C. Code Ann. § 2-65-30	List of agency revenue accounts, generation source, programs supported, legislative authorization, and actual and projected revenue	November 2023	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	May 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Produce Safety Rule (PSR) Mid-year Activity	22 USC 2104, 45 CFR Part 75	Mid-year activity report	December 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	No Change	
Real Property Data Management Report	S.C. Code Ann. § 1-11-58	Detailed inventory and utilization of real property owned by the agency	June 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	The timing of this report was different this year; instead of June, the FY24 report was submitted in July 2024. The previous report for FY23 was submitted in June 2023.
Report on Sale of Real Property	S.C. Code Ann. § 1-11-58	Notification of the sale of specific state property	August 2023	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 Ann. § 1-13-110	Shows composition of the agency's workforce (Goal Attainment Affirmative Action)	October 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	http://schac.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	June 2024	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Kyle Player, kplayer@scca.sc.gov	No Change	
Rural Cooperative Development Grant	7 USC 1932 section 310(e), 7 CFR part 4284, subparts A and F	Progress report	March 2024	Twice a year	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Kyle Player, kplayer@scca.sc.gov	No Change	

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SC-396 Annual Cooperator Report for Fruit & Vegetable Inspection	n/a	Program funding and expenses	July 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Derek Underwood, dunder@scda.sc.gov	No Change	
Schedule of Expenditures for Federal Awards (SEFA)	CFR Section 200.510	Audit of expenditures of federal awards to the agency	August 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/reports/	No Change	
SF-425 Federal Financial Report	n/a	A federal financial report is required for each of twenty one (21) federal grants	June 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) Annual Report FY 2020, 2021, 2021 Stimulus, 2022	7 USC 1621, Public Law 108-465	Projects progress report	December 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Amend	
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	Remove	SCBG can all be one line instead of multiple
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) FY 2021	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	Remove	SCBG can all be one line instead of multiple
Tort Liability and Job Class Code Employee Count	S.C. Code Ann. § 38-73-526	Employee count by job category and worker's compensation classification code for premium renewal	August 2023	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	Remove	Grant ended
Travel Report	Proviso 117.26 of the FY 24 Appropriations Act	Employee job titles; type and purpose of travel	August 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://applications.sc.gov/SpendingTransparency/BudgetTransparencyMain.aspx	Amend	

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Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards with Preventive Control Regulatory Activities (AFRPS) Annual Program Report	n/a	Progress Performance Report	May 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN)	7 U.S.C. 5936, Section 7522 of FCEA of 2008	Performance Progress Report and Financial Report	November 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Local Food to Schools (LFS)	Authorized by Section 5© fo the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c).	Performance Progress Report	February 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Local Food to Schools (LFS)	Authorized by Section 5© fo the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c).	Narrative and Data Collection Reports	April 2024	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA)	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2)	Performance Progress Report	September 2023	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA)	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2)	Narrative and Data Collection Reports	April 2024	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Round 1	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA, P.L. 117-2)	Progress Report	April 2024	Twice a year	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Round 2	Authorized by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA, P.L. 117-2)	Progress Report	April 2024	Twice a year	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Specialty Crop Multi State Program (SCMP)	SCBGP-Sec. 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 as amended by sec. 10107 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-343) (7 U.S.C. § 1621 note)	Interim Performance Report	June 2024	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	
Subrecipient Risk Assessment and Single Audit Verification	2 CFR 200.501	Risk Assessment performed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for subrecipients of federal grants through DPH	August 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	https://agriculture.sc.gov	Add	

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Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

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

- Data Template
 - Reorganization and Compliance
 - FY2024 Strategic Plan Results
 - FY2025 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> <i>(TYPE/PRINT NAME):</i>	SIGNATURE ON FILE	Signature Received: 09/11/2024
	Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner	

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