local food production to a new level in the Lowcountry. The 59 acre farm's philosophy follows in the footsteps of pioneering thinkers like Wendell Berry, Joel Salatin, Gene Logsdon, and Bolton Hall.

The mission: to reconnect the Lowcountry with its food heritage by researching, demonstrating, and promoting sustainable practices for producing heritage crops and livestock lost to the region during the 20th century industrialization of American agriculture.

Over the next three years we will establish and develop Rebellion Farm into a profitable local farm, specializing in small-scale heritage crop and livestock production. The methods will emphasize sustainability and responsible land management, rediscovery and development of lost crops and livestock cultivars, sociocultural connections to local, wholesome food, and community awareness of the traditional foodways of the SC Lowcountry.

We will be a working farm, a community education center, an agrotourism and event venue, the founder of a local community supported agriculture (CSA) collective that will bring together purveyors from across the region -- and eventually we seek to develop an innovative public charter school program for troubled youths with an interest in agriculture. ~Jeff Allen~
Tom Kellerhals (2011)
SC Gardens, Inc.
Chester/Chester County
Website:
SC Gardens Inc. is a Chester SC based farm that specializes in growing unique vegetables and produce for the high end Charlotte market. Unlike other operations, customer preference will drive what is produced and distributed. Customers will primarily consist of restaurants and culinary schools. Distribution will employ The Farmers Fresh Network to increase both sales and profit margins. In addition, the farm will contract with smaller area producers who agree to raise crops based on SPIN-Farming techniques. SPIN-Farming is a proven turn-key approach to farming on acreage of less than one acre. SC Gardens Inc will also provide these smaller producers a variety of support functions including tillage services, ready to set plants etc., for a fee. In summary, SC Gardens Inc offers genuinely unique products and services to customers and producers in the setting of a rapidly growing urban market place. ~Tom Kellerhals~

Snell King and Carol DeFusco (2011)
Allen Lee’s Organic Farm Village
Manning/Clarendon County
Website:
Allen Lee’s Organic Farm Village (ALOFV) is a Vet-to-Ag low-profit limited liability company (L3C), it is a legal form of a business entity in the United States that bridges the gap between non-profit and for-profit investing by providing a structure that facilitates investments in this socially beneficial, for-profit venture while simplifying compliance with Internal Revenue Service rules for "Program Related Investments". ALOFV is located in a rural community in Clarendon County, in Manning, SC 29102. The farm consists of 26 – 31 acres, and is being developed to service a small rural population of veteran interested in an alternative career in Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock. The farm will have approximately 15 acres to raise organic livestock and 7-9 acres to grow organic fruit, flowers, herbs, vegetables, nuts, and aquaculture. Working in collaboration with other farmers (cooperatives) and organizations that already provide various services (i.e. housing, social services, etc.), we will offer an alternative, i.e. sustainable agriculture and livestock training and Day Programs that will assist Veterans and people with disabilities to learn farming and how to operate a farms and eventually join a farm cooperative and become producers, i.e. farm workers, owners, operators and managers. ~Snell King and Carol Ann DeFusco~

Mark and Becky Leski (2011)
Heritage Creek Farm
Abbeville/Abbeville County
Website: www.heritagecreekfarm.com
Heritage Creek Farm provides a real life agricultural experience to vacationers. Visitors can actually participate in the day to day activities of farm life while being able to enjoy and consume the fruits of their labor. We believe our farm will provide a unique experience for families who want their children to understand where their food comes from, what farm animals and produce used to be like before genetic engineering, and why food raised the natural way provides superior nutrition while being environmentally sound. All this will be done in a relaxed and charming environment that offers the perfect getaway from the daily grind while experiencing a taste of the old South. Heritage Creek Farm is located in Abbeville SC in the heart of the “Heritage Corridor”. We plan to open our gates for “Haycations” in the summer of 2011. Being in the Heritage Corridor opens a unique opportunity for advertising through the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor and the Chamber of Commerce. You can also find us on the Web at www.heritagecreekfarm.com or check us out on Facebook. See you soon! ~Mark and Becki Leski~
Eric McClam (2011)
City Roots, LLC
Columbia/Richland County
Website: www.cityroots.org

City Roots is an urban, sustainable farm that produces high quality fruits, vegetables, tilapia, and microgreens while engaging our community through agricultural tourism, educational workshops, tours, and events. Our products can be found on farm at our SC Certified Roadside Market stand, several local farmer’s markets, restaurants, groceries and through our CSA.

City Roots vision is to produce clean, healthy, sustainably grown products while enhancing and educating our community about the benefits of locally grown food, composting, vermicomposting and other environmentally friendly farming practices. ~Eric McClam~

Meg Moore (2011)
Dirthugger Farm
James Island/Charleston County
Website: www.dirthuggerfarm.com

Syglenda Saziru (2011)
John Smith Hill Farms
Spartanburg/Spartanburg County
Website: www.johnsmithhill.org

Johnny Smith (2011)
Columbia/Richland County
Website:

Dale Snyder (2011)
Sweetgrass Garden Coop
Sullivan’s Island/Charleston County
Website: www.sweetgrassgardencoop.vpweb.com

Sweetgrass Garden is a not-for-profit enterprise set up by Dale Snyder and George Taylor to cultivate two acres on Johns Island with fresh fruits and vegetables. The plan is to donate most of the produce to food agencies to feed the hungry. The remaining produce will be sold for revenue to support the non-profit. Crops currently planted include tomatoes, summer squash, bush beans, red beets, cucumbers, and asparagus. ~Dale Snyder~

Patrick Sapp and Rebecca McKinney (2011)
Growing Up Green Organics, LLC
Piedmont/Anderson County
Website: www.growingupgreenorganics.com
Growing Up Green Organics, LLC, is an urban farm, training center and edible landscaping company. Its sister company, GUGO, will be a 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on job training in the areas of urban farming and organic agriculture for individuals in disadvantaged neighborhoods. In addition to training, GUGO will provide jobs and storefronts to which neighborhood residents can walk or bicycle, eliminating the need for the residents to own automobiles and bear the associated costs. ~Rebecca McKinney and Patrick Sapp~
I run a ranch whose purpose is two-fold, raising and breeding both top-notch working cow horses and grass fed Black Angus cattle. However, my approach is to do so using tried and true old fashioned methods without cutting corners or taking shortcuts. As a result, my livestock is of the highest quality possible and it is achieved in a manner that is both more humane and environmentally sustainable than modernized methods.

The horses I raise are some of the best performance bred horses that compete in cutting, working cow horse events today. My stallion San Joe Playboy is putting good cow sense foals on the ground with attitudes that can’t be beat and my herd of broodmares includes accomplished bloodlines such as High Brow Hickory, Haidas Little Pep, Tumbleweed Smith, Smart Sugar Badger, and Smart Little Lena.

My herd of Black Angus cattle is fed a strict diet of only grass and hay. No steroids or antibiotics. This approach requires more acreage and determination than traditional cattle raised for slaughter, but the benefits are well worth the extra effort. All natural grass fed beef is a lot healthier for you since it is low in fat content and rich in omega-3’s, Vitamin E, and CLA.

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