Mission Statement

“The Mission of the Starkey Swine Center is to produce high quality animals for both the meat and bio-medical research markets, while supporting the research, teaching and public service activities of Clemson University. This is accomplished while keeping all facilities fully SCDHEC licensed and AAALAC accredited.”

About

The Clemson University Starkey Center is a “Farrow-to-Finish” operation with the ability to breed swine and raise the offspring to market weight. Our average breeding herd consists of 10-20 females and 1 male. The farm is a vital part of teaching and research for programs in Animal and Veterinary Science and other University departments. High quality swine are produced for commercial, biomedical, the Cooperative Extension Service, as well as Public Service Activities (PSA). The Starkey Center is also used to host a variety of youth-based activities, including 4-H and FFA, school field trips, and judging clinics.

Facilities

The Starkey Center is located approximately 5 miles from the Clemson Campus. The farm consists of a classroom/office building, boar barn, two gestation barns, a two-room farrowing barn, three nurseries, and an old wing. The old wing houses a scale room, an exhibition area, and a finishing floor.
Teaching

Teaching activities include various labs for the Animal Science curriculum including Swine Techniques course. Labs can include reproduction, general swine husbandry, and undergraduate research. Labs and individual projects are assisted by farm staff.

Other activities include providing the University Meats Lab and other local consumers with stock for sale, research, student work, and showing. Students have the opportunity to show at local fairs as well as the State Fair in October and the student run Little North American in the spring.

Research

Research on the farm can be conducted by undergraduates as a class or individually and by faculty or graduate students.

There are numerous opportunities for research on the farm, such as nutrition, waste management, and reproduction to name a few. Biomedical pigs are sold for outside research, including skin grafting, burn treatment, cancer, heart valve replacement, obesity and digestion, and diabetes.

Student Opportunities

There is only so much you can learn in class, so for students interested in how it actually feels to work on our farm, we offer the chance to find out first hand. We have both part-time work during the semester and year-round jobs for students.

Sales

Pig prices change daily.

Please call for prices and availability.

Feeder – 25 to 75 pounds

BBQ – 76 to 180 pounds

Top – 181-300 pounds

Biomedical pigs, bred gilts, and sows are sold by reserved special order only.

Tours:

Tours are by appointment only. Please call or email to inquire about tours.

Office: (864) 646-3629

Email: ldacus@clemson.edu

Location

From I-85 North or South:

Take Exit 19-B (Highway 76/28) towards Clemson. After passing Tri-County Technical College, take the next Left, there will be a large sign for the T Ed Garrison Arena. This will be West Queen Street. Travel approximately 1/2 mile. The Starkey Swine Center entrance is on the right.

From Highway 123 in Clemson:

Turn onto Hwy. 76/28 East towards Anderson. Follow for approximately four miles. There will be a large sign for the T Ed Garrison Arena on the right. Turn right at this sign. This will be West Queen Street. Travel approximately 1/2 mile. The Starkey Swine Center entrance is on the right.

Research Farms Services Mission Statement

“To support the agricultural research, teaching and public service activities of Clemson University in an efficient and effective manner, while maximizing available resources!”

Research Farm Services Facilities

Charles Lee Morgan Poultry Center

Mgr: Carol Foster-Mosley

Phone: (864) 646-3062

222 Old Cherry Road, Clemson, SC 29631

Crop & Equipment Services

Clemson Station - Cherry Farm

Mgr: Sam Shirley

Phone: (864) 646-3046

Hopewell Rd., Clemson, SC 29634

Simpson Station - Double Headquarters

Mgr: Matt Fischer

Phone: (864) 261-8125

2110 Lebanon Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670

LaMaster Dairy

Mgr: Steve Waggoner

Phone: (864) 660-3180

300 Old Stone Church Road, Pendleton, SC 29631

Musser Fruit Research Center

Mgr: Anthony Hopkins

Phone: (864) 646-3024

604 South Friendship Rd., Seneca, SC 29678

Simpson Beef Cattle Farm

Mgr: Gary Burns

Phone: (864) 660-3070

1648 Cherry Street, Pendleton, SC 29670

Starkey Swine Center

Asst. Mgr: Lindsay Davis

Phone: (864) 646-3629

210 Starkey Drive, Pendleton, SC 29670

Woodburn Brick Barn Sheep Facility

Mgr: Gary Burns

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105 History Lane, Pendleton, SC 29670