

Class I Schedule

- November 10, 2011: Application Deadline
- November 15: Leadership Retreat at the U.S. National Whitewater Center, Charlotte
- December 6: Innovation in Regional Food System Development Study Tour
- January 17, 2012: Communication and Conflict Management
- February 14: Coalition and Consensus Building
- March 13 - 16: Washington, D.C. Study Tour
- April 18: Columbia, SC Study Tour
- May 8: Graduation

Unless otherwise noted, program sessions will run from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM and will be held in various sites throughout the project region: Chester, Chesterfield, Dillon, Fairfield, Lancaster, Marlboro, Union, or York counties

Application Process and Tuition

Applications will be accepted until November 4, 2011. You can apply on-line at www.clemson.edu/scleads. Participants will be selected based upon their involvement in agriculture, commitment to the program and demonstrated leadership potential. Class size is limited to 16 participants. There is no tuition associated with participation in the program.

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Who is right for SC LEADS?

One strength of the program is the rare opportunity participants have to work with, and learn from, specialists and managers in a wide range of agriculture-related activities. SC LEADS welcomes participants from all segments of South Carolina agriculture - from the field to the fork. These might include growers, food processors, chefs, farmer's market managers, lenders, and even government agency representatives.

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Why You Should Consider SC LEADS

SC LEADS inspires and develops South Carolina's future agribusiness leaders in three key areas.

1 Knowledge and Awareness of Relevant Issues Surrounding Food and Farming
The demands of running a successful agricultural enterprise often leaves managers with little time for issues and relationships that don't appear to have a direct impact on the bottom line of production. Being a well-rounded and innovative leader, however, recognizes the importance of addressing issues head on and building relationships. SC LEADS offers a variety of seminars, tours and travel experiences that are designed, in part, to help develop these leadership skills by broadening agricultural managers horizons and showing them examples of ways that they can be successful in addressing similar issues on their agricultural operation. As a SC LEADS participant you will be exposed to best practices in food and farming and armed with the tools and resources necessary to be amore effective business person and community leader.



Leadership Skills
The food and agriculture system in South Carolina demands strong leadership on every level. To meet that challenge, the program offers training and practice in public speaking, conflict resolution, critical thinking and team building.

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2 Civic Engagement
The program has a strong focus on getting involved in public policy issues. All participants will graduate with a better knowledge of how government works and will have had the opportunity to meet personally with their elected officials at the local, state and national level.



"Agribusiness, the combined industries of agriculture and forestry, along with the natural resources of South Carolina make up the **economic backbone** of this great state. I commend the partners who have come together to create the SC LEADS program, which recognizes the need to develop **strong, capable leaders** for the future challenges facing our industries and state."

Honorable Hugh Weathers
SC Commissioner of Agriculture

