

Summer Agricultural Teachers Conference
2021
Workshops

Teach AG –

Do you have students that you believe would make good teachers, but you are just not sure how to get them there? Frank Saldana, with the Clemson Agricultural Education Program Team, will discuss the various avenues that are available for your students to become Ag Teachers and what you should do to prepare them for it. He will also provide statistical data on teacher demand in South Carolina and the outlook for teacher demand.

Filling out Farmer and Agribusiness Association Applications

The SC Farmer and Agribusiness Association offers numerous awards and contests for its members. The awards program works to help engage your members and provide an avenue to recognize them for their outstanding work and success. Filling out these applications can be challenging if you are not familiar with the process. Troy Helms, Executive Director of the Farmer and Agribusiness Association, will review the areas of recognition and go over the process of completing the applications.

Orientation to SC Agricultural Education

Ag Ed State Staff at Clemson University will present a workshop to orient new teachers with the procedures and requirements of Agricultural Education in South Carolina. Topics to be included are: 12-month funding, 5 year evaluations, FFA, Young Farmers, utilizing CAERT material, FFA Dues submission and other information pertinent for program management. **This workshop is designed for teachers teaching for their first year in South Carolina.**

5 Year Evaluation

All programs undergo an evaluation every five years. If your program is up for evaluation in 2021-22, you will be scheduled in this workshop to review what you should have on hand during the evaluation. In addition, the evaluation procedure will be reviewed as well as the purpose of evaluating Agricultural Education programs will be discussed. Please note that the evaluation instrument will change in 2021-22. The new instrument will be reviewed during this workshop.

myCAERT Do You Really Know What All It Can Do?

South Carolina Agriculture Teachers have had free access to MyCAERT material for years, but do you really know what it can do? The MyCAERT material is more than just powerpoints and worksheets. The program can be used to track student progress through MyQuiz, make online assignments and share through Google Classroom. This workshop will focus on electronic course development, quiz development and student roster setup. Doug Falk, from MyCAERT, will present a workshop on all of the things that you never knew MyCAERT could do, including new lessons and new website functionality. MyCAERT is a great curriculum tool for remote, hybrid and in-person instruction. Learn more at [Facebook/MyCAERT/Agriculture](https://www.facebook.com/MyCAERT/Agriculture)

Landscape Professional Certification

Clemson University has developed a certification program for Landscape professionals. The program will allow students to complete an online course to receive a certification. Several agriculture teachers completed the online course this past year to determine if it was suitable for our students. The results were a definite YES! These teachers will present a workshop on the certification, how it works, and what to expect. The certification should be listed as an acceptable certification by the fall of 2022.

Turn Your School into a Mini Research Center

Dr. Jim Frederick, a Clemson University Agronomist, has been working the past few years in developing a mini research center at Darlington Middle School. He has constructed square foot gardens, along with stations for students to monitor and record their research, as well as kiosks where they can display their findings. The plots allow students hands-on learning where they can discover the effects of such things as water, nutrients and soil types on plant growth. The plots require a minimum amount of space and resources. Frank Saldana will also demonstrate how these plots can be used for SAE's and AgriScience projects.

SC FFA Advisor Talk:

Jillian Lash will lead an open forum with FFA advisors on sharing FFA activity ideas, discuss methods of getting chapters back on track after the year of virtual events and recruiting strategies when life returns to "normal". All teachers attending should come to the workshop with ideas to share or in search of ideas to institute.

Proficiency Applications 101:

This workshop is designed to go over the fundamentals of completing proficiency award applications. Using your students SAE records, give them the chance to win awards and recognition for their hard work! The workshop will be conducted by Jillian Lash and Ben Lastly, FFA Executive Secretary from Georgia.

Preparing a Team for the Turf Grass Management CDE

Join Adam Gore, Clemson Extension Agent and Superintendent of the SC FFA Turf Grass Management CDE, for tips and tricks for preparing a team to compete in the South Carolina Turf Grass Management CDE. Topics to be covered include: event format, team activity topics and activities, and techniques for grass and disorder identification.

EF Education Tours

In a discipline where hands-on field experience fuels understanding, travel is the best way to complement teaching and learning! EF Tours helps teachers change their students' lives through educational travel. A representative from EF Tours will demonstrate how travel-based learning can enhance your program and how other teachers have successfully benefitted.