

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD



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Mission Statement for the Agricultural Advisory Board (DRAFT)

The need for recognition, emphasis, and promotion of agriculture was realized, and the AAB was established (or simply The mission of the Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) is) to:

Aid and advise Council on all matters related to agriculture in order to ensure the diverse agricultural interests in the County are supported and developed

Foster communication and cooperation among the varied county agricultural concerns

Formulate plans and make recommendations to County Council

Make policy recommendations and coordinate their development

Serve as an education and awareness forum

Ensure that agriculture's vital role in the economy and that the character of the County are both maintained and developed.

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Proclamation

Whereas agriculture is the oldest and largest industry in Oconee County,

Whereas agriculture brings \$ XXXXXXXX dollars into Oconee County through the marketing of farm products, equipment and services,

Whereas agriculture encompasses XXXXXXXX acres in Oconee County, which ensures the conservation and preservation of vast areas of green and open space, a major contribution factor to Oconee's so attractiveness, hence popularity for tourism,

Whereas agriculture and agricultural-related entities involve and or employ XXXXXX persons in Oconee County,

Whereas agriculture affects, either directly or indirectly, XXXXXXXX citizens of Oconee County,

Be it known that the (State of SC, or the SC Legislative Delegation, or the Oconee County Council????) hereby recognizes the importance and the contributions of Oconee's agricultural industry and its participants to the health, welfare, and economy of Oconee County and the state of South Carolina.

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Potential partners of the A.A.B.:

Bee Keepers

Fruit, vegetable growers

Cattlemen's Association

Poultry Growers

Silviculture, forestry operators,

Land owners/managers

Soil, Water Conservation District

Agri-tourism groups

Organic farmers

Aquaculture

S.D.O.C.

G.H.S.

Y.M.C.A.

S.C. D.O.T.

Clemson Extension

Agriculture teachers

Service organizations (Lions, Rotary)

Heritage Center, etc. museums

Heritage Corridor

Scenic Highway Committee

Upstate Forever

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S.C. Farm Bureau

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Garden clubs

Municipal Women's Club

Oconee Business & Education Partnership

Duke Energy

Blue Ridge Electric

American Legion

V.F.W.

Chambers of Commerce

Municipalities

Nursery operations

Big box stores

Fire, rescue, law enforcement sub station

HERITAGE FAIR COMMITTEE!!