



Certified South Carolina

Membership Application

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The *Certified South Carolina* program is a cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to brand and promote South Carolina produce and products. Our goal is for consumers to easily identify, find and buy South Carolina products. The *Certified South Carolina* program is **free** to join! Membership is made by application to and acceptance by the SCDA, Marketing Department. All farm producers, food manufacturers, specialty food producers, packing facilities and others engaged in the production or manufacture of agricultural products in South Carolina are eligible to apply. For additional information about the *Certified South Carolina* program and to view a list of our participating members please visit our website, www.certifiedSCgrown.com.

Business/Farm Name: _____

Contact Person(s): _____ Title: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County where business is located: _____

Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(If different from above)

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

(*Required) Please provide a brief description of your business and/or products. Please include information relevant to potential buyers/customers. The information provided will be listed on our www.certifiedSCgrown.com website as a way to help promote your farm/business. *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)*

CERTIFIED SOUTH CAROLINA PROGRAM - TERMS AND AGREEMENTS

Through my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the following terms during the application process and throughout my participation in the *Certified South Carolina Program*:

The *Certified SC Grown* and *Certified SC Product* logo symbols shall only be used on products identified herein and kept on file with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. Alterations made to any identified products will require re-application for permission to use the logo. Applicant understands this request is for the use of the *Certified SC Grown* and *Certified SC Product* logo on labels or packaging of South Carolina grown, processed, or manufactured products only. Applicant agrees to only utilize the logo on top quality products. No culls or second quality product may bear the logo. Applicant agrees to immediately discontinue use of logo on items that do not conform to the "Certified South Carolina Program Standards" upon written notification from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture reserves the right to revoke Applicant's use of the logo at any time use of the logo has been abused. Unauthorized use may also result in liability and prosecution under Federal Trademark Law. Applicant agrees the logo does not constitute any type of endorsement by either the South Carolina Department of Agriculture or the State of South Carolina. Applicant further agrees to abide by the terms and conditions for the reproduction and use of the logo as provided in the "Certified South Carolina Style Manual."

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: **South Carolina Department of Agriculture
ATTN: Ansley Rast Turnblad
P.O. Box 11280
Columbia, SC 29211**

LOGO USAGE AND TRADEMARK STATEMENT- A signed licensing agreement or approved application must be on file with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture prior to use of the trademarked logos or slogans. Any unapproved use of these materials can result in liability under Federal Trademark Laws.



Certified SC Grown - Logo

Shall only be used on first quality products, grown in South Carolina, that meet the US #1 Quality Grade Standard, or higher U.S. Grade Standards, whichever is the accepted USDA industry grade standard for that commodity. The logo shall not be used on secondary labels or cull products.



Certified SC Product - Logo

Products that are eligible for inclusion in the program are value added products, manufactured food products, and other agricultural products that may be further sorted, graded, blended, processed and packaged in South Carolina. In addition, specialty agricultural food businesses located in South Carolina may have an exclusive recipe manufactured in another state, under the South Carolina address and company label, and be eligible for membership in the program.

PRODUCE • FIELD CROPS • FORESTRY- Please check all of the following items that apply to your farm or business.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apples | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Onions | <input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asparagus | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Peanuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Radishes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barley | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay | <input type="checkbox"/> Rutabagas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beans-Snap, Pole, Variety | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Rye |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beets | <input type="checkbox"/> Kale | <input type="checkbox"/> Sorghum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackberries | <input type="checkbox"/> Leeks | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Pines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blueberries | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscadine grapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broccoli | <input type="checkbox"/> Mushrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Squash –Yellow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butter Beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Mustard Greens | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabbage | <input type="checkbox"/> Oats | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Corn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantaloupe | <input type="checkbox"/> Okra | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Oriental Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cilantro | <input type="checkbox"/> Parsley | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collard Greens | <input type="checkbox"/> Paulownia Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Turnip Greens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn | <input type="checkbox"/> Peaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Turnips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Watermelon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cottonseed | <input type="checkbox"/> Peas | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cucumbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pecans | <input type="checkbox"/> Zucchini Squash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Cut Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Peppers-Variety | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes | |

Other: _____

1. Are you a member of the SC Specialty Crop Growers Association? YES / NO

For more information about the Association please contact LauraKate Anderson at 803-734-2224 or visit: <http://scspecialtycrop.com/>

2. Is your operation GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) Certified? YES / NO

3. Is your operation Certified Organic? YES / NO Certification # _____ (required)

For more information on organic certification please visit:

http://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant_industry/organic_certification/index.html

4. Methods of sale for Produce: (check all that apply)

- On Farm Sales Pick-Your-Own Operation Wholesale Retail Farm to School
- SC State Farmers Market, West Columbia Greenville State Farmers Market Pee Dee State Farmers Market

5. Do you currently sell at a Community Based Farmers Market or Local Market? If so, please provide the name(s) of the market. _____

DAIRY- A copy of your SC DHEC permit must be submitted to the SCDA for review to insure compliance with state and federal law, prior to application approval. For more information on how to obtain a SC DHEC permit please contact: SC DHEC Dairy/Soft Drink Division at (803) 896-0644.

Product Type: Milk Ice Cream Cheese Goat Cheese
 Butter Yogurt Bottled Water Carbonated Beverages

Additional Product Description: _____

EGGS- For eggs sold away from the farm a copy of your SCDA Egg License must be submitted with your application prior to approval. For more information on how to obtain an Egg License please contact the SCDA's Food Safety and Compliance Office at 803-737-9700 or visit our website at: www.agriculture.sc.gov.

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS- Processed Meat and Poultry Products.

An approved label is required prior to application approval. For more information about obtaining a S.C. Meat-Poultry Inspection Department approved label please contact the S.C. Meat-Poultry Inspection Department at (803) 788-8732.

1. Do you have a SC Meat-Poultry Inspection Department or USDA approved label for your meat/poultry product? YES / NO

2. Name of Processing Facility? _____ **Establishment #:** _____

3. Product Type: Beef Pork Goat Sheep/Lamb Chicken Turkey
 Ducks Guinea Fowl Squab
 Other (Please Specify) _____

4. Additional Product Description: _____

FISH AND SEAFOOD- There is a separate application for the Certified SC Seafood Program. Please contact Chad Truesdale at 803-734-2218 or ctruesd@scda.sc.gov for a copy of the application. The Certified SC Seafood logo shall only be used by **approved** Licensed Wholesale Dealers, Distributors, Retailers, Shellfish Mariculture Permit Holders and Aquaculture Permit Holders on seafood products grown or landed in South Carolina. *Note: Processed seafood sold wholesale requires an RVC from the SCDA's Food Safety and Compliance Office.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE- Greenhouse Nursery, Floriculture and Turf Grass

Please list all *Genera* grown that will bear the Certified SC Grown logo. All plant material bearing the logo must be propagated and grown at a nursery within South Carolina. Products that are purchased from out of state and re-wholesaled to landscapers or retailers, for example, tropical or citrus materials, are **not** eligible to bear the Certified SC Grown logo. *Attach separate sheet if necessary.

PLANT LICENSE NUMBER (REQUIRED) # _____

(For more information about how to obtain a plant license number please contact the Clemson Department of Plant Industries (DPI) at (864) 646-2140 or visit them at http://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant_industry/.)

MANUFACTURED, VALUE ADDED, SPECIALTY FOOD OR FURTHER PROCESSED FOOD

PRODUCTS. NOTE: Cottage Foods: Foods (candy and non-potentially hazardous baked goods) prepared in a home kitchen under the Cottage Foods exemption are not eligible for the Certified SC program.

Clemson University's [Food2Market](#) program is a valuable resource for food entrepreneurs. Clemson can provide required product testing for canned/jarred/bottled products. They can also provide shelf-life and nutritional testing for food products. For help bringing your food product to market please contact Kimberly Baker or Adair with the Food2Market program.

Email: kabaker@clemson.edu • Phone: 864-359-3386

Website: http://www.clemson.edu/extension/food_nutrition/food2market/index.html

1. Registration Verification Certificate (RVC) Number? _____

Registration with SC Department of Agriculture's Consumer Protection Division is required in order to wholesale most food products to the public. The registration process is free and it includes review of retail labels. Specialized training and product testing may be required for some products. Registration certificates are issued upon completion of a compliant inspection by SCDA. For more information or to register, contact Angie Culler-Matthews at aculler@scda.sc.gov or 803-734-7321.

<http://agriculture.sc.gov/divisions/consumer-protection/foodfeed-safety-compliance/>

2. Is your product being Co-Packed? If so, please provide their name and contact information:

3. Please check all product types that will potentially bear the Certified SC Product logo:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acidified Foods *
<i>(Pickles, Salsas, Relishes)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Rubs/ Spices | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Fermented Foods* | <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted/Boiled Peanuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy/Confections | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh cut produce | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwiches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dessert Foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey** | <input type="checkbox"/> Sauces/Condiments* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry/Nonperishable Foods
<i>(grits, cornmeal, flour)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Jams/Jellies* | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasteurized Juice* | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Marinades/Dressings* | |

If other, please specify _____

* In addition to an RVC these products may require specialized training, licensing, certification and/or analysis to sell and produce.

**For Beekeepers who have applied and been granted exemption for their honey, please provide copy of your honey exemption certificate. For more information on how to legally sell honey please visit: <http://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Honey-Guidance.pdf>.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES- *(Breweries, Distilleries, Wineries)* Please provide a copy of your license from Department of Revenue.

ANIMAL FEEDS, PET FOODS/TREATS – Animal feeds and pet foods/treats must be registered with the SC Department of Agriculture. Please provide a copy of your registration for each product. Contact Rhonda Zobel at 803-737-9713 or rzobel@scda.sc.gov for registration requirements.

OTHER- For all other products (i.e soap, cosmetics, etc.) please attach a detailed description of the product and its ties to SC agriculture along with a copy of your products labels.

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