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TO: SOUTH CAROLINA YOUNG FARMER AND AGRIBUSINESS MEMBERS

FROM: JEREMY HOLTZCLAW, STATE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: STATE CONVENTION

DATE: 11/8/11

On behalf of the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association Executive Committee, I would like to cordially invite you to attend the 64th Annual South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association State Convention to be held at the **Marriott in Columbia** on January 20 and 21.

Our convention will kick-off on Friday evening with our Friday Night Awards Recognition Barbeque to be held at the S.C. Farmers Market. The awards to be presented will be Energy Efficiency, Farm Shop, Horticulture, Conservation, and our Outstanding Service Awards. Our entertainment for the evening will be country music star and McBee, S.C. native Doug McCormick. There will be limited transportation to and from the S.C. Farmers Market from the hotel. After an evening of awards and entertainment, feel free to enjoy the Columbia night life as the hotel will provide a shuttle to the Vista and Five Points.

Saturday will begin with the business meeting followed by our educational workshops. Then you will be able to join us for our afternoon Awards Luncheon and an evening Banquet, featuring a prime rib dinner. After the banquet, we will once again hold our Association Auction. Last year we had some fabulous items, which were sold for a great bargain. So please come prepared to not go home empty handed. If you desire to purchase an item, we will take payment at the convention or we will bill you. We also are asking that each chapter provide at least two items for the auction. You can bring your auction item and turn it in at the registration desk when you arrive. Auction Item Donation forms may be downloaded from the 2012 SCYFAA Convention webpage.

We offer a variety of registration packages. However, your best bargain is to register for the entire convention at a low cost of only \$85 which includes all meals, breaks, and workshops. Or you can choose to order individual tickets for each function.

We also feel that you will find our accommodations more than adequate. The Marriott is located in downtown Columbia which is a loaded with family fun and entertainment, including an indoor pool. In addition, it is only blocks from the Vista and driving distance from the South Carolina Museum and Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens. The room rate is only \$89 per night which includes a FREE breakfast on Saturday for up to four people per room.

Please take time out of your busy schedule and come enjoy a weekend in Columbia as you support your South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association. We ask that you please send in the enclosed registration form to Brenda Baldwin along with the appropriate check before **December 30, 2011**. Room Reservations can be made by calling: **(803) 771-7000 or 1-800-593-6465**. Deadline for room reservations is **December 30, 2011**. **Be sure to tell the hotel that you are with the South Carolina Young Farmers & Agribusiness Association in order to secure the room rate.**