

Sandhill Fall Festival

September-November

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South Carolina State Fair

October

1200 Rosewood Dr, Columbia SC 29201

(803) 799-3387

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www.scstatefair.org

Farmville at EdVenture

211 Gervais St, Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 779-3100

www.edventure.org

Farm to School

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ORGANIC Richland

Local • Sustainable • OrganicSM

This brochure was developed under the Organic Richland program of the Richland Soil and Water

Conservation District. Organic Richland is a partnership project with the SC USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to promote local, sustainable, and organic agriculture. Raising community awareness about local foods and farming is one objective of this effort. If you would like to be added to the guide, please e-mail soilandwater@rcgov.us.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District is a political subdivision of state government whose purpose is to promote the wise use and care of natural resources for the benefit of the citizens of Richland County.



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Down on the Farm

**Richland County Farm
Field Trips for K-12
Students**



"The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings."

-Masanobu Fukuoka

Explore Richland County's Agricultural Heritage!

Named for the "rich land" that has supported a vibrant agricultural economy since colonial days, Richland County still boasts a strong farming community. Farm field experiences can be used to introduce students to important concepts in science, social studies, and health. Following is a list of local school field trip opportunities.

City Roots

1005 Airport Blvd
Columbia, SC 29205
(803) 254-2302
cityroots@cityroots.org
www.cityroots.org



City Roots is a small urban farm in the Rosewood neighborhood at the heart of Columbia. Visit to learn about the benefits of organic farming, cover-cropping, and no-till practices. Take a look in the greenhouses to see extensive microgreen production, and marvel at the aquaponics system that reuses water from a Tilapia (fish) pond to grow edible flowers and watercress. While you're there, say hello to the earthworms, chickens, and bees!

Doko Farm

2101 Cedar Creek Rd
Blythewood, SC 29016
(803) 873-7739
dokofarm@gmail.com
www.dokofarm.org



This sustainable rural farm has been in the family of Amanda and Joe Jones since 1839. On your visit, you will hear stories from two centuries of farm life; learn about the many sustainable farming practices employed at Doko; and meet a variety of gentle farm animals. Features include:

- Pasture-raised poultry, goats, sheep, and hogs
- Rare and heritage breeds
- Great Pyrenees livestock guardians
- Soil-building practices in the kitchen garden
- Bees for pollination and honey

Crooked Cedar Farm

1464 Lawhorn Rd
Blythewood, SC 29016
(803) 786-4841
crookedcedarfarmsc@gmail.com
www.sites.google.com/site/crookedcedarfarmsc/

This small family farm uses organic practices to grow a variety of seasonal vegetables and perennial plants and flowers. Visitors will learn about the benefits of raised-bed and field-grown vegetable production, meet friendly free-range chickens, and find the tree that gave the farm its name.



Carolina Bay Farms

5301 Lower Richland Blvd
Hopkins, SC 29061
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www.facebook.com/carolinabayfarms

Visit Carolina Bay Farms to meet heritage breed chickens, turkeys, and guinea hogs and see how sustainable practices are used to produce heirloom vegetables. The property has a rich history, having been a 1760 land grant from the King of England. Nature-lovers will enjoy visiting the nearby Carolina Bay, a unique ecological feature for which the farm is named.



Cottle Strawberry Farm

2533 Trotter Rd
Hopkins, SC 29061
farm (803) 695-1714 / field trips (843) 260-1058
cottlefarms@aol.com
www.cottlestrawberryfarm.com



Cottle Strawberry Farm has been providing the community with sweet, juicy strawberries for over 30 years. For \$4 per student, school groups can visit the farm to pick strawberries and see a working berry farm. Each child will receive their own small container for berry-picking, and one teacher per class will receive a bucket. Children will also receive strawberry coloring books and stickers.