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Southern Pasture & Forage Crop **IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE**

Aiken, South Carolina
March 30 – April 1, 2026





Monday, March 30

- 12:15–1:00** Registration (Edisto Research and Extension Center)
- 1:00** Introduction & Welcome
 - Dr. Liliane Silva, Clemson University*
 - Dr. John Andrae, Clemson University*
- 1:10** South Carolina Overview
 - Dr. Liliane Silva, Clemson University*
- 1:40** Low pH Alfalfa and Ryegrass Breeding
 - Ali Missaoui, University of Georgia*
- 2:10** SunGrains Forage Breeding Update
 - Ali Babar, University of Florida*
- 2:40** Extension Roundtable
- 3:10** Break and Poster Viewing
- 3:30** SPFCIC Business Meeting
 - Brett Rushing, Mississippi State University*
- 4:30** Reception and Poster Competition
 - Sheally's BBQ*

Tuesday, April 1

- 7:30** Depart Holiday Inn Express Aiken
- 8:10** Yon Family Farms Tour, Ridge Springs, SC
- 11:00** Lunch provided by South Carolina Cattlemen's Assoc.
- 12:00** Depart
- 1:15** Fox Pipe Farm Tour, Laurens, SC
- 4:30** Return to hotel
- 6:00** Arrive at hotel

Wednesday, April 2

- 8:05** Beef Cattle Nutrition
 - Dr. Nicolas Dileo, University of Florida*
- 8:50** Bermudagrass stem maggot control
 - Dr. Lisa Baxter, University of Georgia*
- 9:30** Break and Sponsor Recognition
- 10:00** EREC Field Tour and Demonstrations
 - A – Cool-season demonstration trial
 - B – Weed control Update
 - C – Cool-season mixture grazing trial
 - D – Overseeded bermudagrass trial
- 12:30** Lunch catered by Sheally's BBQ
- 2:00** Adjourn