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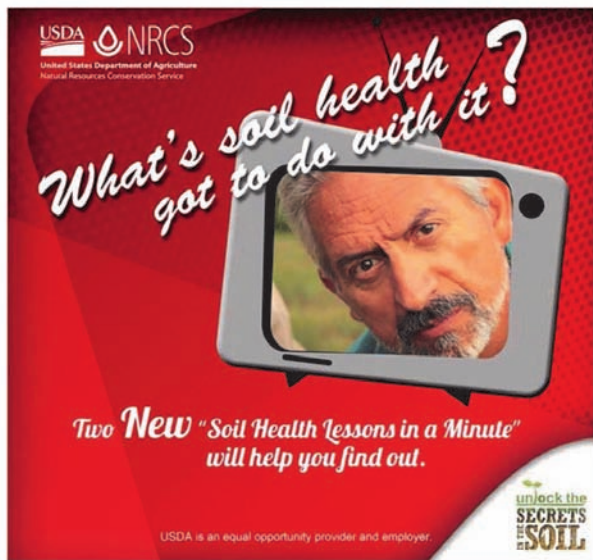
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unlock the SECRETS IN THE SOIL

There are two new “Soil Health Lessons in a Minute” video demonstrations featuring NRCS’ Ray “The Soil Guy” Archuleta and Jon Stika (NRCS North Dakota). These videos, titled “Have you discovered the cover?” and “How should healthy soils look?,” are part of NRCS’ recently launched Soil Health Awareness and Education effort. Visit our website to view these videos.



COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTMENT

Commissioner Freddy Major was reappointed and given the Oath of Office at the October Board Meeting. His four year term will be September 2012 through November 2016 and he has served on the Board for 31+ years. Commissioners provide valuable input to various conservation issues and give of their time in this volunteer position.

Thank you Commissioner Major!



Have a safe and blessed

Thanksgiving!



Easy Pumpkin Pie



Ingredients

- (1) 6-ounce packages refrigerated pie crusts
- (1) 15-ounce cans pumpkin
- (1) 14-ounce cans eagle brand sweetened condensed milk (do not use evaporated milk)
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
2. With mixer, beat pumpkin, Eagle® Brand, eggs, spices, and salt.
3. Pour into Ready Crust®.
4. Bake 15 minutes.
5. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F; bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean.
6. Cool.
7. Serve with whipped cream.
8. Refrigerate leftovers.

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NOTE: Commissioners meet on the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center



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Facebook Group



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PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AMONG TOP PROGRAMS IN THE NATION

John W. Parris, Director, SC Agri-News Service, Columbia, SC

PENDLETON, SC

The Pendleton High School Agricultural Education Department has been named the Most Outstanding Program in the southeast and one of the top six in the nation by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. The announcement was made by Dr. Jay Jackman, executive director of the national professional organization headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky, during a press conference at the high school on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

Dr. Jackman said the Agricultural Education Department, headed up by Blake Berry and Josh Murdock, is a textbook copy of what a program should be in twenty first century schools. The diverse curriculum, coupled with unique learning experiences such as international study tours, landscape design and management of school property, record breaking competition in FFA career development events, inspiring leadership development opportunities and operation of a sustainable mini-farm, is reaching and recruiting outstanding young people destined to become leaders in the Agriculture industry.

"A major factor in the success story of the Pendleton Agricultural Education Department and the FFA is the superb support and cooperation offered by the school district trustees, administrators, faculty, parents and business community. This kind of support challenges and inspires the instructors and students to reach for the stars in their quest for excellence," Dr. Jackman added.

State Representative Don C. Bowen, a vice chairman of the House Education Committee, chair of the K-12 Education Subcommittee and an FFA alumnus, who represents the Pendleton area in the South Carolina House of Representatives, congratulated Blake Berry and Josh Murdock on their superb leadership in developing the top Agricultural Education Program in the Southeast. "The Pendleton Agricultural Education Department is definitely a show place for student achievement and leadership in the FFA at the local, state and national level." He thanked the school district leadership for their support of Agricultural Education.



Pendleton High School Agri-Science instructors Josh Murdock (left) and Blake Berry react as Dr. William Jay Jackman leads in applause while the audience offers a prolonged standing ovation of congratulations.

Dr. Scott expressed his appreciation to the school district administrators, faculty and community for their support of Agricultural Education at Pendleton High School.

Anderson School District Four Superintendent Dr. Lee D'Andrea also addressed the press event, saying, "Anderson School District Four is honored to have our Agricultural Education Department recognized as the best in the southeast and one of the top six in the nation. The work of the students, teachers and families who support Agricultural Education at Pendleton is exemplary. We see it and know it and now many others will, too. Congratulations to Blake Berry and Josh Murdock on an outstanding accomplishment."

Representatives of the news media, Anderson School District Four, State Legislature, Pendleton High School, FFA members and Alumni, the town of Pendleton, the Pendleton Farmers Society, Clemson University, US Department of Agriculture, AgSouth Farm Credit Association, Anderson County Conservation District, the Farm Bureau and other businesses and organizations attended the press conference. State FFA President Zac MacDougal and Savannah Vickery, MISS FFA, both from the Pendleton FFA Chapter, also attended.



Zachary MacDougal (left), Pendleton High School senior and state FFA vice president; Dr. Lee D'Andrea, superintendent, Anderson School District Four; State Representative Don Bowen; Dr. William Jay Jackman, executive director, National Association of Agricultural Educators, Lexington, Ky.; Brian Couch, principal, Pendleton High School; Blake Berry and Josh Murdock, Pendleton agri-science instructors; Dr. Joanne Avery, deputy superintendent, Anderson School District Four; and Dr. Philip M. Fravel, agricultural education professor at Clemson University.

State Senator Daniel B. Verdin III of Laurens, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, said while addressing the press event, "this prestigious award is truly a signal honor to come to South Carolina, Anderson School District Four, and Pendleton High School. The Pendleton Agricultural Education Department has an enviable record of accomplishments and Blake Berry and Josh Murdock have raised the bar for other programs in our state.

"American agriculturalists will continue to lead in meeting the global food requirements of the next generation and beyond because we have Agricultural Education programs in our secondary schools, community colleges and universities and the FFA Organization to inspire and prepare today's young people to become tomorrow's leaders in the science, business and technology of Agriculture," Senator Verdin emphasized.

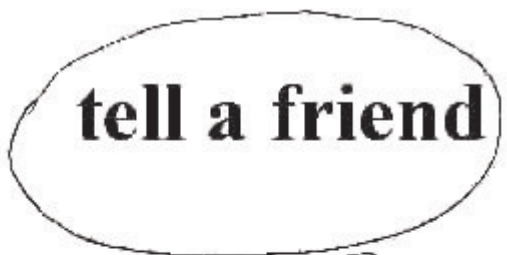
Dr. Tom Scott, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University, congratulated Blake Berry and Josh Murdock for their vision and leadership in establishing a nationally ranked Agricultural Education Department and FFA Organization. "Excellent instruction is being offered in the Ag Ed classrooms and laboratories at Pendleton High School and a lot of learning is taking place as evidenced by the record number of state championships in FFA Career Development Events, scholarships won and students enrolling in college to prepare for careers in Agriculture," he said.

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Becoming an affiliate member of the Anderson Soil and Water Conservation District, you are joining with others in our county to carry out the important task of preserving the natural environment for future generations. Our conservation friends are important to us, and your financial support will help continue the work that we do. We thank those of you who have generously donated in the past and encourage others to become involved. Please fill out the application below and return it today with your **tax-deductible** donation toward caring for our natural resources.



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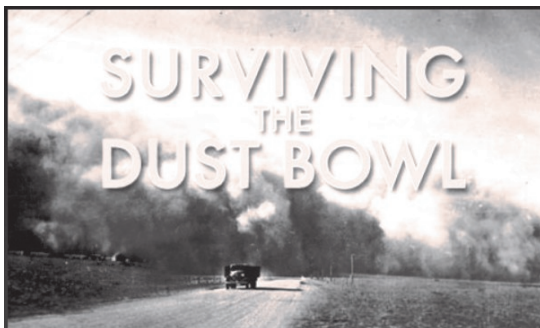
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Surviving the Dust Bowl

On PBS, November 18-19, 2012

8:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.



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