

Union

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Biggest Achievement of 2022



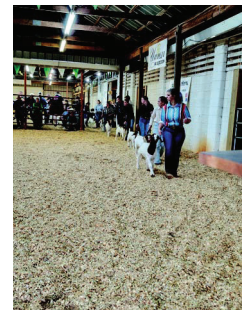
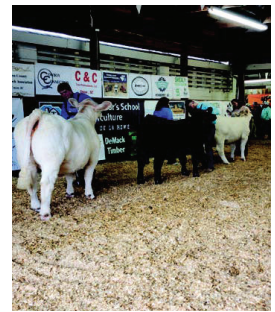
The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District was a sponsor for the 2022 Upstate Livestock Show held in Union, SC on September 19 - October 1.

Exhibitors from across NC, SC, and GA came to showcase their beef cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, and meat goats across the 3 day event.

The Upstate Livestock Show is hosted annually by the Union County Livestock Association.

Other Notable Accomplishment

This year, the UCLA raised more than \$38,000 from sponsors to give cash payouts, scholarships, belt buckles, banners, and laser cut ear tags to winners. The Union County Conservation District helped sponsor these events.



Conservation by the Numbers

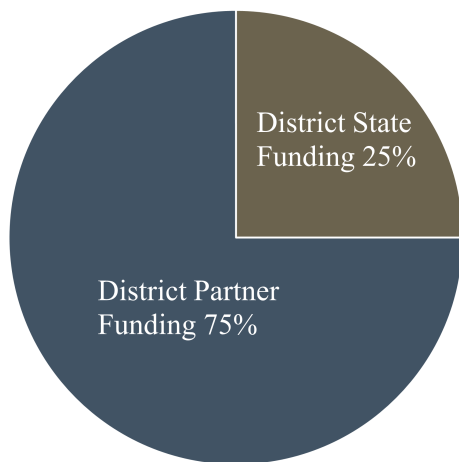
- Assisted with implementation of more than \$850,000 for conservation practices in Union County
- 230 students were involved in the Livestock Show

2023 District Plans

- Maintain Watershed Dams
- Host Conservation Poster Contest for 3rd Graders
- Obtain 10 new Affiliate Memberships
- Sponsor Upstate Livestock Show and at least 2 Commissioners to attend Annual South Carolina Conservation Partnership Conference using additional state appropriated funds

South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts - 2022 Impact

State FY23 Conservation District Funding



For every \$1 of state appropriated funds to Conservation Districts, \$3 on average is leveraged to implement conservation programs in South Carolina.

Conservation Districts assist with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm Bill Programs which brought more than **\$55 million** to South Carolina's private lands for conservation implementation in federal FY22.

More than 72,000 students were reached by conservation district youth oriented programs such as school gardening, seed libraries, SC Envirothon, Arbor Day and Earth Day events, stormwater education, scholarships, and conservation related contests, etc.

More than 1.3 million adults were educated on conservation topics including Farm Bill Programs, pollinator promotion, stormwater mitigation, invasive species control, prescribed fire, water quality and conservation, habitat restoration, land easements, etc.

More than 44,000 acres statewide were impacted by conservation rental equipment available through conservation districts (no-till drills, prescribed fire equipment, hog traps, etc.).

SC Envirothon State Champions took **17th place** overall at the 2022 international NCF-Envirothon Competition competing against teams from the US, Canada, and China.

Programs involving land easements, habitat restoration, invasive species removal, water conservation, watershed improvement, litter removal, and conservation education are just a handful of the vast conservation topics implemented statewide by Conservation Districts.