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The Double R Farm has produced abundant crops for four generations of Rabon family farmers here, and despite the double whammy of record rains during the October harvest last year and last month's hurricane, they are determined to weather the hardship.

"I'll do whatever I gotta do, even if it means I'm worn out and broke," says Ronald Rabon. "But if I

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FARMERS

"We needed a perfect year to make up for last year, but this took our chance away," Hardee said.

Although the final damage assessment has not been tallied, Hardee said it appears that the hurricane will not exceed last year's drought and record flood destruction of crops.

"It's not doom and gloom, not the devastation we saw last year, but it was bad for a lot of folks, worse for some others," Hardee said.

Out of 600 acres of cotton planted last year, the Rabons salvaged 200 acres that amounted to less than 350 bales.

"Now I'm telling you, it's been tough," said the patriarch of the family, 86-year-old Dock Rabon.

Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed \$40 million in farm aid this spring, calling it an industry bailout, prompting a back-

lash from farmers and lawmakers who voted to overturn her decision.

Tropical storm-force winds and 12 inches of rain from Hurricane Matthew battered 700 acres of his cotton just as the bolls began to open, resulting in hardlock that made picking nearly impossible.

They were able to salvage about 100 acres, mostly from farm lands tucked among wooded areas protected from the wind. In-

stead of 1,400 bales of cotton this year, the Rabons will likely end up with about 450 bales.

"I've lost more money than I made in two years," Rabon said.

The Rabons and farmers across the state were hit by a drought last year, and after months of praying for rain, the heavens opened in early October and dropped about 14 inches in 24 hours. Farmers in Horry County racked

up \$9 million in damages, while statewide the amount topped \$530 million.

William Hardee III, Clemson University's area agronomy agent for Horry County, said farmers were on the path for a perfect crop this year, until Matthew hit.

Cotton was hit; soybeans and peanut crops were also severely damaged, Hardee said.

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are still assessing the recent damage and officials are mum on whether any financial assistance will be forthcoming.

"Two years in a row is rough," says Jared Martin, who estimates he lost half of his 300-acre peanut crops due to Hurricane Matthew.

"We've got to have some help, I can't handle no more," said Martin. "Insurance don't pay nothing, and our government just ain't helping."

Martin and his father at the D and J Farm managed to pay their bills last year, with only \$2,000 left to split between them. This year, Martin says he will break even.

"I'm working all year for nothing," Martin said.

Rabon and Martin are uncertain about their future in farming, and Martin isn't willing to commit to plant-

ing crops next year.

"All I know is farming, but I guess I could go to Walmart and shake some hands," Rabon said.

Rabon has already reached out to state and federal lawmakers to let them know the severity of the damage, but he's counting on private refinancing to pull him through to farm another year.

"In all the years I've farmed, I've never had to call my congressperson or governor for help, we've always made a living," Rabon said.

Rabon says he's not looking for a free handout, but unless the Farm Bill is amended, he says farmers won't be able to survive severe natural disasters, like the back-to-back harvest storms.

"When I'm dead, it's over," Rabon said. "My kids

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can't make a living farming,
and I don't blame them.
They watched me go broke
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And when that happens,
he asked, "Who will feed
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Ronald Rabon of Double R Farms in Aynor surveys the damage to his cotton crop from Hurricane Matthew on Friday. Rabon said he yielded only 100 acres of 700 acres of cotton this year because of the wind and rain from the storm. The wind blew most of the crop from the plants. The rain forced the rest on the plants to hard lock, not blossom, so it was a loss too.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced its intent to begin a study on the Jasper Ocean Terminal project.

JASPER OCEAN TERMINAL

4-year study to begin on Jasper port

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Federal regulators are starting the reviews needed to jump-start construction of the long-awaited Jasper Ocean Terminal.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin a study — known as an Environmental Impact Statement — to “assess the potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed construction and operation” of the

port, according to corps documents. The study is expected to take four years to complete.

The study is a critical step in the process of building the \$4.5 billion port on 1,500 acres in Jasper County, near the Tybee National Wildlife Refuge at the mouth of the Savannah River, officials with the joint Georgia-South Carolina venture overseeing the project have said.

Specifically, the “detailed analysis” will look at issues such as air, noise and light pollution; fish and wildlife; transportation infrastructure; and impacts on the floodplain, the corps documents say.

The environmental study, along with the permitting and regulatory process required by the federal government, will cost roughly \$15 million, Jasper Ocean Terminal board officials estimate.

The port is expected to be operational by around 2025. But in a visit to Ridgeland earlier this year, Gov. Nikki Haley challenged regulators and the terminal board to work as quickly as possible.

“We need this done yesterday,” she said.

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Who will be the first female US president?

With a small pool of governors and senators, no woman seems 'next in line'

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To many voters who proudly wore pantsuits to the polls and expected to celebrate history with Hillary Clinton's election, the likelihood of a woman becoming America's commander in chief seems more remote than ever.

Clinton's supporters are struggling to come to terms with the reality that the first major-party female presidential nominee won't be the one to shatter what she calls the "highest and hardest glass ceiling." Clinton, looking shellshocked herself, tried to reassure them that it would only be a matter of time.

"Someday," Clinton said in her concession speech Wednesday, "someone will and, hopefully, sooner than we might think."

But if not Clinton, then who?

"In many ways it's ironic because people were looking for a change election, and the real change we could have seen in our democracy was not realized," said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Not only will the highest office in the land remain out of women's reach for now, Walsh said, but the number of female members of Congress

will remain the same after this election - 104.

There will be one more woman in the Senate, bringing the total to 21. In the House of Representatives, the number of women will go down by one, to 83.

And there will be fewer female governors nationwide, from six down to five. Only one woman won a gubernatorial contest on Tuesday, incumbent Kate Brown in Oregon.

The relatively small pool of female governors and senators leaves few women well-positioned to run for president, Walsh said.

"I want to believe we are ready to vote for a woman president," Walsh said. "This seemed like it was the moment, and I'm not sure who's next in line."

RISING STARS COULD EMERGE

Presidential candidates eventually could emerge from among the rising stars who did triumph Tuesday.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, a military veteran who lost her legs in Iraq, defeated Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk in Illinois. Democrat Kamala Harris, the multiracial daughter of immigrants, won a U.S. Senate seat in California. Voters also

elected the first Latina senator, Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto, in Nevada.

Delaware elected its first woman in either chamber of Congress: Democrat Lisa Blunt Rochester, who is black. Voters in Washington state elected the first Indian-American woman to Congress, Democrat Pramila Jayapal.

Democrat Nanette Barragan, a Latina from Southern California, won a seat in Congress. Republican Liz Cheney, in Wyoming, became the first woman elected to the House seat once held by her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney.

Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, who campaigned for Clinton, said that while Clinton's loss was disappointing for many women, it also was motivating. McCaskill still expects to see a woman become president in her lifetime.

"I'm really optimistic on that front," said McCaskill, who is 63. "I really have seen such progress in terms of women being taken seriously in public service."

While sexism might have played a role in some voters' rejection of Clinton, McCaskill said, her gender didn't doom her candidacy.

"I mean, she won the pop-

ular vote," the senator said.

"A woman running for president got more votes than the man did. I really do believe that America is ready for a woman president."

Trump's approach to women's rights over the next few years could be motivating for women, depending on how he handles public policy and his personality, McCaskill said.

"I have been frankly shocked at how many people have reached me over the last 48 hours - women, primarily - asking what can we do, where should we go, who can we help?"

For her part, McCaskill said, she will focus on recruiting more women to run for office in her home state and nationwide. The senator declined, however, to identify any potential presidential candidates from among her fellow female politicians.

"It would be like choosing between my two sisters," she said with a laugh.

HALEY AMONG POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

McCaskill said there were a number of qualified women serving alongside her in the Senate and in governorships.

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On the Democratic side, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand from New York has built a national profile advocating on behalf of sexual assault victims on campus and in the military. She's also worked to raise money for female candidates across the country. And at 49, she's relatively young.

Liberal star Elizabeth Warren, who made her name in the battle to overhaul Wall Street, also is well positioned to run for president. She's a senator from a large state, Massachusetts, and has developed a strong reputation as a fighter for the working and middle classes.

Some Democrats would love to see first lady Mi-

chelle Obama run for president someday, but she says she will not seek any public office.

Among Republicans, Nikki Haley, the Indian-American governor of South Carolina, could be a contender. Her leadership after the fatal shooting of black South Carolinians in Charleston last year drew widespread praise and raised her national profile.

The star power of Joni Ernst, conservative senator from Iowa, has been evident on the campaign trail this year as she rallied voters for Trump and other Republicans. She's a former lieutenant colonel in the Iowa National Guard.

Vicky Hartzler, a Republican congresswoman

from Missouri, added the name of conservative businesswoman Carly Fiorina to the list. Fiorina lost her bid for the Republican nomination this cycle, but she impressed Hartzler.

"I think there will be opportunities (for a woman to become president) in the future," Hartzler said, "but most importantly, they need to be chosen on their qualifications as well as their policy solutions that our country is facing."

'WHAT DOES A LEADER LOOK LIKE?'

Clinton, Hartzler argued, wasn't deemed unqualified because of her gender but because many people considered her

untrustworthy and believed her policies would be disastrous for America.

Walsh, on the other hand, thinks Clinton's gender did play a role in her defeat.

Polls found the majority of voters thought Trump wasn't qualified, that he didn't have the right temperament to be president, and yet people voted for him anyway, Walsh said.

"I don't think everybody who voted for Donald Trump was thinking, 'I don't think a woman can do this job,' but I think there is this subliminal piece: 'Who do I think can be a leader? What does a leader look like? Who can be president?'" Walsh said.

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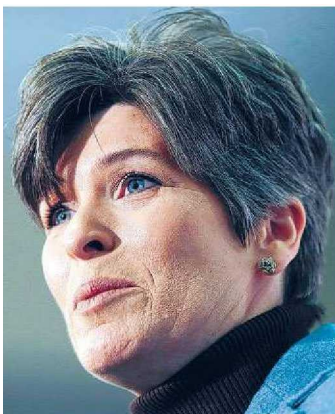


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Dems mull next moves

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■ **For South Carolina Democrats, some regrouping and rebuilding might be in order. Most of their congressional candidates lost big in Tuesday's election, crushed by a wave of GOP support for Donald Trump.**

Democratic S.C. congressional candidates now are picking up the pieces after being routed Tuesday.

Longtime U.S. Rep. **Jim Clyburn** of Columbia easily won re-election Tuesday, the only Democrat to win a congressional race.

Other Democratic congressional candidates lost by more than predicted, crushed by an unexpected wave of **Donald Trump** support.

"It was disappointing but kind of consistent with what I saw as I got around the district," said Democrat **Fran Person**, who ran against U.S. Rep. **Mick Mulvaney**, R-Indian Land, in the 5th District. "A whole lot of hard-working

folks out there kind of feel disenfranchised by the system."

Person, a former aide to Democratic Vice President **Joe Biden**, was seen as the Democrat's most legitimate challenger this year to a Republican incumbent. But he lost by more than 20 percentage points Tuesday.

"The top of the ticket always really dictates what happens on the bottom half," S.C. Democratic Party chair **Jaime Harrison** said. "If you're able to get more Republicans out in the contest, odds are Republicans are going to do much better."

Harrison added he hopes the candidates – almost all of them running for the first time – learn from their efforts and continue to build their networks of supporters.

"I always tell people, politics isn't baseball. There's no three strikes, and then you're out. It's all about finding the right position at the right time and mak-

ing sure you can take advantage of that."

Person said he is not set on his next move but will remain active in his community regardless.

"Service comes in all shapes and forms," Person said. "I think I could have done a great job as a congressman, but it's not going to end there. I'll serve in any capacity I can."

Richland librarian **Arik Bjorn**, another political newcomer, lost by more than 24 points to U.S. Rep. **Joe Wilson**, R-Springdale, in the 2nd District race.

Undeterred, Bjorn said he plans to run again. He said he would consider taking on Wilson again, challenging for Republican state Rep. **Kirkman Finlay's** S.C. House seat or running for governor in 2018.

"The vast majority of people run for city council or school board, a much smaller seat the first time," Bjorn said. "I

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jumped into the big ocean because nobody else would, and now I have the accumulated experience of 12 years packed into eight months."

County: Richland **CLINTON TOPS TRUMP IN**

S.C. FUNDRAISING

Democrat **Hillary Clinton** raised more than \$730,000 more than President-elect **Donald Trump** in South Carolina this election season.

However, during the presidential election cycle, S.C. residents contributed twice as much to Republican presidential candidates than Democrats.

Data from the Federal

Election Commission shows Clinton raised more than \$2 million in the Palmetto State. Trump raised less than \$1.3 million.

Still, Trump won the state

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by 14 percentage points en route to a stunning presidential victory.

Republican presidential candidates raised more than \$5 million here, double the Democrats' total of \$2.5 million.

U.S. Sen. **Lindsey Graham** of Seneca, who dropped out of the GOP presidential race last December, raised nearly \$1.45 million in South Carolina to lead all other Republicans.

FIRST WPOTUS?

Clinton could not become the first woman president of the United States. But state

Sen. **Harvey Peeler**, R-Cherokee, predicts the so-called glass ceiling will not stay for long.

"The first female POTUS will be (S.C. Gov.) **Nikki Haley**," Peeler tweeted the morning after the election, before tacking on his trademark "gaffnese" hashtag.

The Republican governor

has been floated as a future presidential candidate by news outlets and political pundits as well.

This year, Haley was seen as a potential vice presidential pick had U.S. Sens. **Marco Rubio** of Florida or **Ted Cruz** of Texas won the GOP nomination. Haley later said she had no interest in becoming Trump's running mate.

GOP PICKS UP TWO STATE HOUSE SEATS

The GOP picked up two S.C. House seats on Tuesday, but Democrats held on to their contested seats in the state Senate.

Republicans picked up House seats in Newberry and Charleston counties.

In Newberry, businessman **Rick Martin** will succeed retiring state Rep. **Walt McLeod**, D-Newberry. And Republican **Lin Bennett** won the District 114 seat left open by state Rep. **Mary Tinkler**, D-Charleston, who quit the

State House to run successfully for Charleston County treasurer.

The two pickups give Republicans their largest House majority — 80-44 — since Reconstruction.

However, Democrats held onto two contested Senate seats.

Mike Fanning, who defeated incumbent **Creighton Coleman** in the Democratic Primary, overcame news of an investigation into a fondling allegation against him to win Senate District 17, defeating Republican **Mark Palmer** of York by nearly 7 percentage points.

And, in Northeast Richland's District 22, Democratic state Rep. **Mia McLeod** beat Republican **Susan Brill** for the seat being vacated by retiring Democratic state Sen. **Joel Lourie**.

McLeod's election — and that of Republican **Susan Senn** of Charleston, who won the Senate seat vacated by **Paul Thurmond's** re-

tirement — brings to four the number of women in the Senate, up from only one two years ago.

Republicans remain the Senate's majority party. However, they are fractured into factions.

WRITE-IN EFFORT FAILS AGAINST GOP NOMINEE

Republican **Jason Elliott** won the House 22 seat despite a write-in campaign launched against him after news reports said the Greenville attorney would become the state's first openly gay House member.

The 13,013 votes that Elliott received were more than five times the 2,413 write-in votes cast against him.

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"Our state is on the move in so many ways, and this \$2.1 million investment that means 22 jobs is just one more example of Team South Carolina's hard work paying off for the talented people who make up our elite workforce," Haley said in a news release.

The company recently received a \$225,000 grant from the county for the

work on the new building, with the condition Harris Pillow meets its goal of added jobs.

The new space – previously home to Beaufort Liquidation and 84 Lumber – will double the size of the current building.

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