

COMMISSIONER PAT WARE'S AG-LIME OPENING MEMBERS OF
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GOVERNOR JAMES B. EDWARDS
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LAND AND MAKE IT MORE PRODUCTIVE. THROUGH THE

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YEARS WHEN RICE AND INDIGO WERE THE STAPLE CROPS,

WITH GOOD LAND, GOOD PEOPLE, AND THE ENTREPRENEURS

THE DEMAND FOR MORE SOPHISTICATED METHODS OF SOIL

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THE FOUNDING OF THE OLD SANTEE CANAL TO CONNECT THE
UPLAND WITH THE PORT FACILITIES AT CHARLES TOWNE
WAS ONE OF OUR FIRST AGRI-RELATED MAJOR EFFORTS.
THAT CANAL WAS COMPLETED AROUND 1850. IT MARKED
A TOTAL COMMITMENT BY OUR FOREFATHERS TO INSURE
A SAFE PASSAGE FOR THE UPLAND CROPS TO THE PORT
AT CHARLESTON.

TODAY, THE SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY HANDLES

_____ TONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THEIRS IS
A NEW AND BETTER MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPLACE
THE CYPRESS-LADEN SANTEE CANAL. THE NETWORK OF
HIGHWAYS GUARANTEES ACCESSABILITY NOT ONLY FOR
THE FARMERS BUT TO ALL CITIZENS.
OF A MILLION TONS
OF LIME ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR FARM LANDS PRODUCTIVE.
YES, WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN OBTAINING THE
MAXIMUM FROM OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. AS WE LOOK
TO THE FUTURE, WARE'S AG-LIME WILL BE ONE OF THE
LEADERS.

I AM ALWAYS AMAZED AT HOW OBVIOUS THE NEED IS
AFTER SOMEONE LIKE BRYAN AND JOE HAVE PAVED THE
WAY. DO YOU REALIZE THAT ALMOST 90% OF THE LIME
USED BY SOUTH CAROLINIANS IS IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE
OUR STATE. ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION TONS
OF LIME ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR FARM LANDS PRODUCTIVE.
I WOULD HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL BE BETTER
ABLE TO MEET THIS NEED FROM WITHIN RATHER THAN
ALLOWING OUR PALMETTO DOLLARS TO BE SPREAD AROUND.

AS LONG AS I AM YOUR GOVERNOR, I WILL CONTINUE TO
DO ALL IN MY POWER TO SEE THAT THE AGRI-INDUSTRIES
PROSPER. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MAJOR TAX REVISIONS
RECENTLY WHICH I FEEL CAN ONLY BENEFIT THOSE OF
YOU WHO ARE WORKING SO DILIGENTLY TO PROVIDE FOOD
FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. RECENTLY, I SAW
WHERE ONE FARMING FAMILY IS NOW CAPABLE OF FEEDING
THIRTY-EIGHT FAMILIES. THAT'S PRODUCTIVITY . . .

WE HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT HOW INDUSTRY BELIEVES IN
PRODUCTIVITY BUT NOWHERE IN THE ANNALS OF
INDUSTRIALIZATION IS THIS BETTER ILLUSTRATED THAN
ON A MODERN FARM. BEST OF ALL, IT IS ONE AREA
WHERE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL.

THE AGRI-BUSINESS IS THE BACKBONE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
AND OF AMERICA.