

COMMISSIONER PAT WARE'S AG-LIME OPENING MEMBERS OF

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GOVERNOR JAMES B. EDWARDS

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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.  
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.