
From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 10:35 AM
To: Priester, Nicole
Subject: Re: Impact of the Agribusiness Sector Press Conference Information

Happy to do it.

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 2, 2015, at 10:13 AM, "Priester, Nicole" <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Governor,

What do you think about the below request. We do have time this week if you would like for this to be scheduled.

Nicole

From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:39 PM
To: Burns, James
Cc: Smith, Austin; Priester, Nicole
Subject: Re: Impact of the Agribusiness Sector Press Conference Information

Ok. Nicole - let's see if the governor wants to do it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2015, at 10:21 PM, Burns, James <JamesBurns@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

I think it would be good. Agribusiness community would appreciate it. Of course we need to confirm with Nicole, but Monday is out I believe. Friday morning may work though.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2015, at 10:15 PM, Smith, Austin <AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

I don't know why we wouldn't do it.

On Jan 30, 2015 10:12 PM, "Godfrey, Rob"
<RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov> wrote:
Do yall think we should do this event?

I'm open to it. Schedule permitting.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Atkinson, Meredith"
<matkinson@scda.sc.gov>
Date: January 28, 2015 at 6:25:02 PM EST
To: "Godfrey, Rob" <RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>
**Subject: Impact of the Agribusiness Sector Press
Conference Information**

Rob:

Below is the information for Governor Haley on the
Agriculture Impact Study. I look forward to
hearing back from you.

Thanks,

Meredith Atkinson

(Cell is 803-730-3223 I am in Santee for a meeting
tomorrow but can chat if you need to call and I will
check emails.)

We would like to hold a press conference at the
Governor's office next week. Included in the event
would be:

- Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina
- Hugh Weathers, S.C. Commissioner of
Agriculture
- David Winkles, President, S.C. Farm
Bureau
- George Askew, Ph.D. Vice President,
Public Service Activities, Clemson
- Jack Shuler, Palmetto Agribusiness
Council (PABC)

- Henry E. “Gene” Kodama, S.C. State Forester and Secretary to the S.C. Forestry Commission
- Dr. James London, London & Associates

Of these listed, we would expect only the Governor and the Commissioner to speak. The key points to be addressed in the presentation are:

- Agriculture and forestry together make up the state’s largest industry.
- Cash recipients for agricultural commodities are up 54% since 2006.
- The Agribusiness Cluster has a total economic impact of \$41.7 billion in 2013, with \$26.8 billion in direct output.
- Economic impact has increased 23% since 2006.
- Agribusiness was responsible for 9.1% of economic activity in the state of South Carolina.
- The Agribusiness Cluster accounted for 109,141 direct jobs and a total employment of 212,530 jobs, representing 10.5% of the state’s workforce.

Our recommendation is to hold the event on either Monday, 2/2 or Friday, 2/6 if the Governor’s availability permits.

Meredith G. Atkinson

Public Information Director

South Carolina Department of Agriculture

Office 803-734-2196

Mobile 803-730-3223

www.agriculture.sc.gov

