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Richland Farm-City Week Celebrations Culminate in Award Cookout

Richland County, SC – December 1, 2011 Over 65 students, teachers, and schools received awards at the 2011 Farm-City Week Award Cookout at the Clemson Sandhill REC Lakehouse on December 1st. For many, this cookout was the culmination of weeks of study about farming and sustainable agriculture. Following a welcome by Farm-City Committee Chairman Tom Willingham, SC Department of Agriculture General Counsel Beth Crocker provided congratulations and remarks to the winners. “It is wonderful to see so many young people participating in Farm-City Week events,” Crocker said.

The theme for this year’s Farm-City Week was sustainable agriculture, and students in grades K-12 participated in a series of competitions designed to raise their awareness of agriculture and their understanding of sustainable farming practices. Several schools distinguished themselves in this year’s competitions, including Langford Elementary and Horrell Hill Elementary, which each received awards in seven categories. Horrell Hill was also recognized as the home of this year’s School Coordinator of the Year, Mrs. Mary Jade Haney.

Farm-City Week is an annual national observance of the importance of agriculture and the interdependence between urban and rural communities. In Richland County, Farm-City Week activities are sponsored by the Farm-City Committee and the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD). Richland County Council issued a special proclamation recognizing Farm-City Week (November 18th-24th) last month.

A complete list of winners is available at www.rcgov.us/rswcd, and photos are available on the [RSWCD Facebook Page](#). For more information about this story, contact the RSWCD at (803) 576-2080.

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Clockwise from top left: Over 150 people attended the 2011 Richland County Farm-City Week Awards Cookout, where some 60 students, teachers, and schools were recognized for their achievements during this year's Farm-City Week Competitions. Chanda Cooper (left) and Beth Crocker (right) presented the School Coordinator of the Year Award (and the special Coordinator Crown) to Mary Jade Haney (center), a teacher at Horrell Hill Elementary. Richland Farm-City Committee Chairman, Tom Willingham, congratulated this year's winners and thanked those who helped make this year's Farm-City Week celebrations a success. Photos by Blake Atkins.