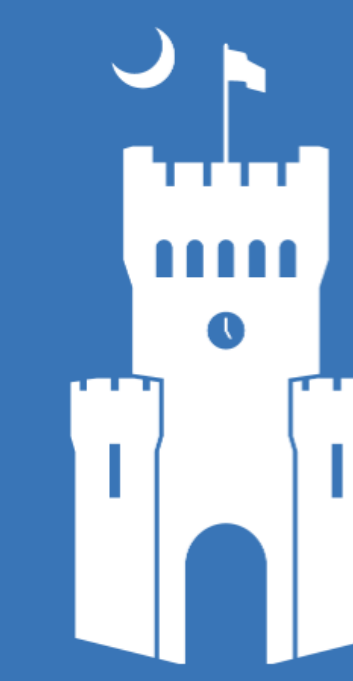


The Johnson Family Farm

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BACKGROUND

- The Johnson Family Farm is a local family farm based in McClellanville, South Carolina.
- The farm provides customers with meats and other produce of the highest quality that are produced in a very sustainable and environmentally safe way.
- The Johnson family raises cows, hogs, and chickens, bringing meat and eggs to locals via their on-site farm store and farmers markets.
- The farm also serves as an educational tool for people to learn about agriculture and the importance of land conservation as well as an event ground for community activities.

ISSUES

- The Farm has been experiencing problems with wild animals such as eagles and coyotes which have been hunting their chicken population and shaving away at the profit which the family needs to live and manage the property.
- The Johnsons have also been trying to expand into the area of horticulture, allotting fields for vegetables to be grown while acquiring the resources and tools needed for the expansion. This endeavor requires a substantial amount of work.



SERVICE

To combat the issues facing the farm animals, cadets have been and will continue to:

- Construct electric fencing and chicken coups to inhibit predators and confine the livestock.
- Remove debris and old infrastructure.
- Assist with the planting of crops (seasonally).
- Participate in community outreach events to garner support for the farm, its products, and its impact on the community.



OUTPUTS

Some Information about cadet volunteer work at the Farm:

347 hours at the Farm

Approx. **1200** feet of fencing constructed

The opportunity for cadet intervention at the Johnson Family Farm can help current cadets to pose as strong role models to youth in the community and to future cadets while supporting a small, local business which has significant positive impact on the community.



IMPACTS

- The Infrastructure at the farm has been greatly improved, and the workload of the family has been lessened, allowing them to be more successful and less pressed for time.
- Future cadet involvement with the farm will allow the Johnsons to increase their impact on the community while also increasing the amount of time they can put into development, by cutting



CONCLUSION

- So far, a great start has been made on this new relationship by the cadets through the Krause Center.
- By engaging in service learning through community service at the farm, cadets can gain insight into the industry surrounding agriculture and current research and development in that area while also having a widespread positive impact on the community.
- Going forward, future plans for cadet service work include more fencing, constructing proper chicken coops, drainages to help manage rain runoff, and seasonal planting overhauls to lessen the burden on the family and to aide them and their farm in service to the community.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

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