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## 'We use a lot of rice'

### SC farmer to reestablish Carolina Gold Rice on Greenville schools menu

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Something new is coming to the lunch menu at Greenville County Schools, and it's rooted in southern tradition. • J.L. Mann High School students in Greenville were the first to experience the culture and flavor of Carolina Gold Rice on Friday, Feb. 6, during a U.S. History class led by teacher George Lafaye. Students were also served menu items aligned with South Carolina agriculture, featuring breaded chicken drumsticks, Charleston red rice with smoked sausage made with Carolina Gold Rice, local collard greens, black-eyed peas, and cornbread. • State Commissioner Hugh Weathers attended the event to announce the launch of Certified SC Cafeteria, a state-funded initiative. Greg Johnsman, owner of family-run Marsh Hen Mill in Edisto Island, was also present to teach students about South Carolina agriculture and the history of Carolina Gold Rice.

"Through the program, Greenville County Schools has been awarded \$60,000 to support the use of South Carolina-grown foods in school meal programs," said Tim Waller, Director of Media Relations for Greenville County Schools. "Greenville County Schools Food and Nutrition Services (FANS) will use the funds to purchase Carolina Gold Rice, a heritage grain deeply connected to the state's agricultural history."

Greenville County Schools will use the entire grant to purchase rice for all district schools, according to Ron Jones, director of Nutrition Services.

"It's 100 schools, and we use a lot of rice," he said.

Funding for Carolina Gold Rice will provide an educational opportunity to teach students about the role of rice cultivation in the Civil War era and in South Carolina.

"It's one thing to say that agriculture is important to South Carolina, but when you have something real in front of you that shows this actually is the heritage of the state, this is what caused a lot of economic growth in the state at the very beginning — it makes it a lot more real than just words from my mouth or figures from a page," Lafaye said.

Here's what to know about Carolina Gold Rice and its significance to farmers statewide.

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A sign shows the lunch menu featuring Carolina Gold Rice on Feb. 6 at JL Mann High School in Greenville.

TOP: A special lunch menu is prepared for students featuring Carolina Gold Rice on Feb. 6 at JL Mann High School in Greenville.

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### SC MEASLES

## Report: Lowest number of new cases

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The South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) reported 13 new cases of measles in an update on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The report brings the total number of cases to 933 since the outbreak centered in Spartanburg County began in October.

There are 235 people quarantined due to exposures to the virus.

Based on the newest infections, DPH has reported possible exposures at Libertas Academy and Inman Intermediate School.

Officials also said that among the new measles cases, a person in Lancaster County has become infected. They are continuing to investigate the source of the exposure.

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Trevor and Patti Rubenzer took part in a Feb. 6 news conference about efforts to improve traffic safety in Spartanburg County. Their son, Ethan, was killed by an impaired driver seven years ago. BAKER MAULTSBY/SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

## County unveils new traffic safety dashboard

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Spartanburg County Sheriff Bill Rhyne says it's important for law enforcement to be "data driven."

Thanks to the Spartanburg County Public Works department, his staff and other law enforcement agencies will be able to make more effective use of the multitude of traffic-related data they collect.

On Feb. 6, county leaders unveiled the "Spartanburg Vision Zero Dashboard" — an interactive online tool that provides a thrice of at-a-glance information on crashes.

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