



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor Lynn Ballard
Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor and acknowledge*

Tom Trantham, Jr. 2015 South Carolina Farmer of the Year

WHEREAS, in 1978, Tom Trantham, Jr. bought land in Pelzer, SC and began a dairy farm on McKelvey Road called Trantham's 12 Aprils Dairy; and

WHEREAS; Mr. Trantham's pioneering planting and grazing techniques helped make the farm a great Greenville County success story and in 2002 he began operation of the instantly popular Happy Cow Creamery, which employees local residents while serving as a must-visit business for many locals, and tourist, and a place that offers farm tours for groups, mainly school children; and

WHEREAS, the farm that supports the Happy Cow Creamery features a 93-head milking herd that produces 22,000 pounds of milk per cow per year, and in addition to his milk, he sells strawberries from his farm along with foods from other local farmers, including cheese, eggs, ice cream, and butter; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by many, Mr. Trantham was nominated by Mr. Brian Callahan of the Clemson Extension for 2015 South Carolina Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, At the Sunbelt Expo Southeastern, sponsored by Swisher Sweets, Mr. Trantham was named 2015 South Carolina Farmer of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council does proudly acknowledge the 2015 South Carolina Famer of the Year, Tom Trantham, Jr., and we honor a man whose innovative farming practices, and unwavering commitment to supporting the community make him one of Greenville County's most respected and appreciated citizens.

Signed this 16th day of February 2016

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council