

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic The Young Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Approximately three miles west of Florence on U.S. Hwy. 76, near I-95. NA not for publication

city, town Florence X vicinity of congressional district

state South Carolina code 045 county Florence code 041

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> NA being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Edward L. Young

street & number Route 5, Box 51

city, town Florence X vicinity of state South Carolina 29501

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Darlington County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Darlington state South Carolina 29532

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Young Farm is a collection of buildings, including a residence and outbuildings, associated with the dairy farm of Fred H. Young, a prominent Florence County agri-businessman and dairy farmer. The farm is located between Florence and Timmonsville in Florence County, South Carolina, and retains integrity from its period of significance, the residence of Fred Young.

### Additional Information:

The Young Farm complex consists of a main residence and a collection of outbuildings including a dairy barn, cow shed and silo. These properties are associated with the dairy farm of Fred H. Young and the continued use of the property for agricultural purposes.

The following properties comprise the Young Farm complex:

1. The Young House is a two-story, frame house sheathed in weatherboard. The house was originally a one-story, central-hall residence constructed ca. 1877 by William Henry Young. In 1919, his son Fred H. Young enlarged and remodeled the house. At this time the gable-roofed second story was added along with a two-story, gable-roofed projecting bay on the northeast elevation and a gable-roofed, one-story wing at the rear (northwest elevation), which has two small shed-roofed additions on its southwest elevation. Also constructed in 1919 was the two-story pedimented portico on the facade (southeast elevation), which is supported by two pairs of Corinthian columns and has a semi-elliptical light with key block in the tympanum. A one-story, hip-roofed, wraparound porch with a plain balustrade shelters the first story facade, which features a central, single door entrance with multi-paned sidelights and transom flanked by single nine-over-one windows. The second story facade features similar fenestration; the entrance opens onto a balcony with a plain balustrade. There are three interior chimneys in the 1919 portion of the house, and windows are all nine-over-one.

In 1969 the house was renovated, retaining the integrity of the 1919 house. A large one-story addition was constructed at the rear (northwest elevation) of the house. The weatherboarded frame addition has a truncated hip roof, one interior chimney, one large multi-paned window and nine-over-one windows.

2. Truck Shed - Frame with metal siding and metal roof.

3. Barn and Silo - One-and one-half story block and wood with gambrel roof.

4. Outbuilding - One story with metal gable roof; exterior rear chimney. Block and weatherboard.

5. Cow Shed (1920s)- Small, one-story, frame with metal roof.

6. Dairy Barn and Silo (1920s) - One-and one-half story, frame with metal gable roof. Cylindrical silo attached to rear.

The following properties do not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register but are included in the boundaries:

7. Grain Storage Silos-Five cylindrical prefabricated silos with conical shaped roofs.

8. Office Building(1970s)-Small one-story wood frame building with gable roof. Exterior end chimney.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1877, 1919      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Young Farm is a collection of buildings associated with the dairy farm of Fred H. Young. The farm, located in rural Florence County near Timmonsville, South Carolina, is significant for its association with Young's achievements in the field of agriculture.

### Additional Information:

Fred H. Young, a farmer and partner in Youngs' Pedigreed Seed Farms, first won regard throughout the South for his high grade cotton seed. "Young's Special" cotton had produced a one season yield of twenty-two bales on eight acres.<sup>1</sup> When the boll weevil drastically reduced cotton production, Young decided to expand into dairy farming, and about 1916 he began his herd with the purchase of Belle de Sarah, a registered Jersey.<sup>2</sup>

He slowly and steadily increased his herd and in 1923 decided to begin scientifically testing the yields of his cattle. His first test cow was Belle de Sarah, who produced, in the first test year, 858.10 pounds of butterfat and 16,373 pounds of milk, making her the highest record cow in the South and the first southern cow to win the American Jersey Cattle Club Medal of Merit for producing more than 850 pounds of butterfat. In succeeding years many of Young's cattle set records and were awarded American Jersey Cattle Club medals. These included Blue Fox's Eminent Sultana, Fontaine's Golden Florence, and Sarah's Golden Spot. Dairy products from Young's farm found a successful market in Florence and the surrounding areas.<sup>3</sup>

Perhaps the high point of Young's career as a dairyman came in 1925 when his Sensation's Mikado's Millie set a world record for butterfat production in the senior two-year old Jersey class. Her performance, the production of 13,303 pounds of milk and 850.81 pounds of butterfat, made her the first two-year old in the world to win the American Jersey Cattle Club Medal of Merit. She was also the first cow of any breed in the South to set a world's record, the first two-year old to qualify for a Medal of Merit, the highest producing two-year old of any breed in the South, and the first two-year old in the South to produce 1,000 pounds of butter in one year. Millie won more honors than any southern cow of any breed and more than any two-year old in the world.<sup>4</sup>

Millie's achievements, along with those of the rest of Young's herd, all of whom were bred, born, and raised in South Carolina, were cited as proof that dairy farming was well suited to South Carolina. Herbert Hoover, then secretary of commerce, visited the Young farm while in Florence in 1925 and expressed his belief that South Carolina held great potential for dairy farming. Young's farm was seen as a model operation and his modest beginning and low cost operation were recommended for emulation among aspiring dairy farmers.<sup>5</sup>

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 8.39 acres

Quadrangle name Florence West

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

### UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

B           
Zone Easting Northing

C         

D         

E         

F         

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H         

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The boundary of the Young Farm nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying Florence County Tax Map 075 drawn on a scale of 400 feet to the inch. The boundaries include the farm house, associated outbuildings and a small amount of farm acreage.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county NA code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

date 9-22-83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 11/10/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior  
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## Footnotes

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Ibid.