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“Making It Grow” remembers longtime friend during special episode

Program honors and celebrates the legacy of Tony Melton during “A Tribute to Tony Melton”

COLUMBIA, S.C. – On April 26, a special episode of the South Carolina ETV (SCETV) series Making It Grow aired to honor and celebrate the life of Clemson Extension Agent Tony Melton. Melton appeared on many episodes of the popular SCETV program, sharing his knowledge and expertise in the agricultural field with viewers.

Anthony “Tony” Melton was known across the state, from farmers on multimillion dollar operations, to backyard gardeners and became a go-to panelist over the years on Making It Grow.

Making It Grow is an award-winning program produced by SCETV and Clemson University that offers research-based information on a variety of gardening, agricultural, and environmental topics, while also highlighting interesting places and products from around South Carolina.

During the “Tribute to Tony” special episode, host and Clemson Extension Agent Amanda McNulty, along with Clemson Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Terasa Lott, look back and recap clips highlighting Melton’s contributions to the Making It Grow program and the South Carolina agricultural field.

Melton spent over 40 years with Clemson Extension before health issues forced him into retirement and ultimately passing away on April 2. This special episode can be viewed on the [SCETV website](#) or streamed on the SCETV App.

Memorial contributions may be made to the [Clemson University Foundation](#) with the memo “In memory of Tony Melton for the Tony Melton Scholarship Fund.” Contributions can be mailed to the Clemson University Foundation’s Annual Giving Office at PO Box 1889, Clemson, SC 29633.

QUOTES:

“The time spent working with Tony Melton is the highlight of my Extension experience; learning while having fun in the presence of a humble but brilliant man.”– **Host of Making It Grow Amanda McNulty**

FAST FACTS:

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About Making It Grow

Making It Grow is an award-winning program produced by SCETV and Clemson University. Host Amanda McNulty from Clemson Extension along with Clemson Extension Master Gardener State Coordinator Agent Terasa Lott plus other Extension Agents and featured guests offer research-based information on a variety of gardening, agricultural, and environmental topics, while also highlighting interesting places and products from around South Carolina. Funding for Making It Grow is provided by: The Boyd Foundation, the South



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About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV is the state's public educational broadcasting network. Using television, radio and diverse digital properties, SCETV's mission is to enrich lives by educating children, informing and connecting citizens, celebrating our culture and environment and instilling the joy of learning. SCETV currently presents "By The River," "Carolina Classrooms," "How She Rolls," "Expeditions," "Making it Grow," "Palmetto Scene," "Reel South," "This Week in South Carolina," "Yoga in Practice" and "Live from Charleston Music Hall" on public television in addition to the national radio production, Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA.

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