

Attack of the Crop Mob

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Volunteers descend on a small Bluffton farm for a day of work, fun and food.



A crop mob sounds dangerous and ugly, like some kind of agrarian uprising - barbarians at the gate with pitchforks and scythes.

But to a struggling solitary farmer, a crop mob is a welcome sight: Empathetic fellow travelers come to join battle against weeds and blight.

Jamie Vidich is one such farmer. The 31-year-old is cultivating nearly an acre of family land on Bear Island, tucked in between the Colleton River Plantation development and the Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Crop mobbers arrived early on a recent Saturday morning

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