



Yadkin County Horticulture Newsletter

December 2025

Brightening the Indoors

While the outdoor garden sleeps, December is the perfect time to bring life indoors by forcing bulbs. This technique mimics a natural winter cycle, allowing you to enjoy the fragrance and beauty of spring flowers right in your home when you need them most!

- **The Best Bulbs:** Choose bulbs that don't require a long chill period, such as Paperwhites (Narcissus) and Amaryllis.
- **Amaryllis Power:** Plant Amaryllis bulbs in a pot with good drainage, leaving the top third of the bulb exposed. Place the pot in a sunny, warm spot, and rotate it regularly once the stem emerges. You'll be rewarded with stunning, massive blooms in 4–6 weeks.
- **Paperwhite Simplicity:** Paperwhites are the easiest—they don't even need soil! Place a layer of gravel or glass pebbles in a watertight container, set the bulbs pointed-side-up, and fill the container with water just to the base of the bulbs. Place the container in a cool, dark spot for a few weeks, then move it to a sunny window once the roots are established.

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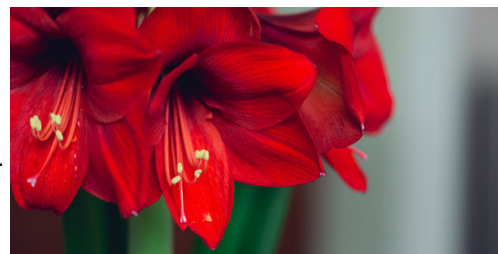
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Grant Opportunity For Family Farms

NC AgVentures Farm Grant Program provides grant awards to NC family farms for new and innovative agricultural projects which will increase farm profits.

The program will award a minimum of 50 grants

The maximum award is \$10,000

Deadline to apply is 6:00 PM December 19th, 2025

Producers from the following counties are eligible to apply

Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Johnston, Lincoln, Martin, Mecklenburg, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Vance, Wake, Wayne, Wilson, Wilkes, Warren, Yadkin

Join one of our Application Workshops for Farmers

Oct. 22, Nov. 10, or Nov. 24

For details please visit: www.ncagventures.org

Or contact your Extension Agent

The program is funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission



NC AgVentures, a NC State Extension program provides grants to NC farmers and non-profit community groups that work with family farms, for agricultural project ideas that will increase farm profits. The program, which is sponsored by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, will award a minimum of 50 grants to independent family farms. This is a great opportunity for any producer who is thinking of diversifying, improving, or expanding their farm operation. Yadkin County is among 46 other counties who participate in this grant opportunity.

NC AgVentures will award grants up to \$10,000.
Application submission begins October 15th, 2025
Deadline to apply is 6 PM December 19th, 2025.

For more information please visit: www.ncagventures.org or contact Yadkin County Cooperative Extension at 336-849-7908. NC Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.



POINSETTIA PERFECTION: HOLIDAY CRAFT & CARE WORKSHOP

Join Yadkin County Cooperative Extension Horticulture Agent, Kellee Payne, for a special event where you'll learn the secrets to keeping your poinsettia vibrant and beautiful all season long. You'll also get to hand-craft a charming snowman hat that's the perfect size to serve as a decorative plant stand for your new plant. By the end of the workshop, you'll be ready to deck your halls with your very own festive poinsettia and its custom-made stand. All materials are included, and you'll go home with both your completed craft and a beautiful poinsettia plant.

Cost: \$10 per participant

Space is limited to 20 participants per library

**December 2nd 2pm-3:30pm
East Bend Public Library**

**December 4th 5pm-6:30pm
Yadkin County Public Library**

****All seats paid for, sponsored by the library****

**December 18th 10am-11:30am
Jonesville Public Library**

****All seats paid for, sponsored by the library****



Register online at
<https://go.ncsu.edu/poinsettiaperfectionworkshop>
or by scanning the QR code



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Yadkin Blackberry Pruning

Join Yadkin County Cooperative Extension for a hands-on blackberry pruning workshop. Craig Mauney, Area Specialized Agent for Commercial Fruit and Vegetable, will be joining us to demonstrate and guide attendees through proper pruning methods, which are essential for maximizing next season's yields.

Please dress warmly and consider bringing your favorite pair of pruning shears.



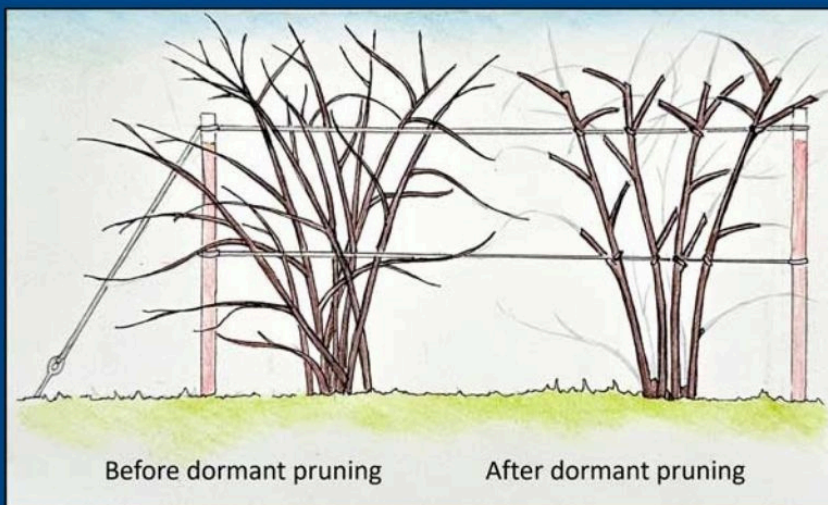
January 27th, 2026



2pm-4pm



2908 Mitchells Chapel Rd
Boonville, NC 27011



Register Online at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/yadkinblackberrypruning>

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Check out what is “In Season”
during the month of December!

In Season in December

10%
BUILDING NORTH CAROLINA'S LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY
From Fork to Fork
nc10percent.com



Apples Beets Bok Choy Brussel Sprouts Cabbage Carrots Cauliflower Celery Root Collards Greenhouse Tomatoes

Kale Leafy Greens Mustard Greens Peanuts Pecans Pumpkins Rutabaga Spaghetti Squash Spinach Swiss Chard



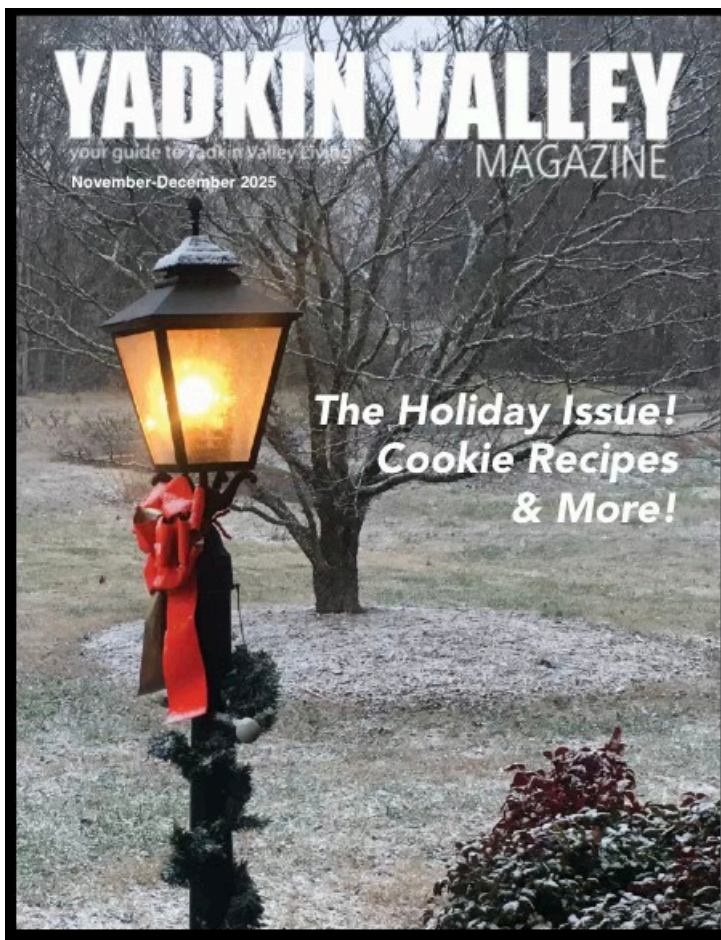
Turnips Winter Squash Zucchini

CEFS
Center for Environmental & Food Systems
NCSU | NCAT | NCDMCS

*For more info on what's in season,
visit nc10percent.com.*

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Check out the November-December Edition of the Yadkin Valley Magazine. Learn about “A Splash of Color: Amaryllis for the Holidays” on pages 44-45.

You can pick up your free copy at the Yadkin County Agricultural and Educational Building.

Yadkin Valley
Magazine

Visit NC Farms

Visit NC Farms initially launched the Visit NC Farms mobile app in 2018. The app gave us the chance to connect thousands of people to unique agritourism offerings across the state. Now, we're excited to share that we're taking the next step in our growth and transitioning from the mobile app to a brand-new website.

The website provides:

- A free platform for agritourism operators to share details about their businesses and events. This includes an easy editing option for farmers to self-edit their listings.
- Easy accessibility to all, as the website does not require a download.
- Nine categories of experiences including farm visits, u-pick, farm stays, farmers markets, trails, workshops, sips + bites and special events.
- An industry resources tab to house resources that can support North Carolina's farmers.
- An events calendar for visitors with an easy-to-use event submission form for farmers to share what they're hosting.
- An interactive map that lets you search our farm directory both by farm offerings and location.
- Featured "trails," - lists of suggested farms to visit grouped by topic.
- A space for Visit NC Farms blogs to be shared.

Visit the [Visit NC Farms](https://visitncfarms.com) website to plan your next visit!



Want to keep up with Yadkin County Horticulture? Follow Yadkin County Horticulture on Facebook @YadkinHorticulture and hit the like button.

**Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. We are located at 2051 Agricultural Way, Suite 201, Yadkinville, NC 27055.
Contact us at 336-849-7908.**



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