

Yadkin County Horticulture Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024

Starting Seeds

Spring is right around the corner! This means it is time to begin planning your spring garden. For Yadkin County, April 22nd is the last expected frost date. Aim to start your seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before this date. If you are starting your own seeds for transplants, make sure that you are purchasing your seeds from a reputable source. Check out the planting calendar below to help you plan out your spring gardening series.



[NC Garden Planting Calendar](#)

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Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop



📅 Monday, February 5th

🕒 1:00pm-3:00pm

📍 Dynamis Estate Wines
1004 Highland Rd,
Jonesville, NC 28642

Join us for a hands-on fruit tree pruning workshop. Craig Mauney, Area Specialized Agent, Commercial Fruit and Vegetable will be joining us to help demonstrate proper pruning methods.

Register Online at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/yadkinfruittreep pruningworkshop2024>

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Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

Date of Workshop:
February 5th, 2024

Time of Workshop:
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location:
Dynamis Estate Wines;
1004 Highland Rd,
Jonesville, NC 28642

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yadkinfruittreep pruning
workshop2024](https://go.ncsu.edu/yadkinfruittreep pruningworkshop2024)

Join Yadkin County Cooperative Extension-Horticulture for a **hands-on** fruit tree pruning workshop focusing on apple and peach trees. Craig Mauney, Area Specialized Agent, Commercial Fruit and Vegetable will be joining us to help demonstrate proper pruning methods.

Please bring your own pruning shears, if able.

10th Annual Foothills Specialty Crops Roundtable

Please join us for this informational meeting to discuss various topics related to specialty crops to help you be more successful in your farming operation. Topics will include: Farm Emergency Preparedness, Growing Blackberries, Farm Succession Planning, Precision Agriculture, Managing Deer on the Farm, Cover Cropping, Greenhouse Management, Creating a Pollinator Farm/Garden, and New/Beginning Farmer Resources.

Tuesday, February 6th

12:00pm-5:00pm

Surry County Government
Service Center
915 E. Atkins Street
Dobson, NC 27017



Register Online at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/10thannualfoothillsroundtable>

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10th Annual Foothills Specialty Crop Growers' Roundtable

Date of Workshop:
February 6th, 2024

Time of Workshop:
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location:
Surry County Government
Service Center;
915 E. Atkins Street
Dobson, NC 27017

**Please Register Online
at:**

[https://go.ncsu.edu/
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roundtable](https://go.ncsu.edu/10thannualfoothillsroundtable)

Please join Yadkin and Surry County Cooperative Extension for this **IN-PERSON** informational meeting. There will be numerous specialist available to discuss various horticulture topics related to specialty crops. You will leave with information to help you be more successful in your farming operation. There will be an opening general session and three sessions with various topics to choose from. Invite all of your farm friends too!

BLUEBERRY PRUNING WORKSHOP

Join us for a hands-on blueberry pruning workshop. Craig Mauney, Area Specialized Agent, Commercial Fruit and Vegetable will be joining us to help demonstrate proper pruning methods.

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024
@1:00PM-3:00PM

ENON MEADOWS FARM
1153 FLINT HILL RD, EAST BEND, NC 27018

Register online at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/yadkinblueberrypruningworkshop2024>

Please bring your own pruning shears, if able.



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Blueberry Pruning Workshop

Date of Workshop:
February 12th, 2024

Time of Workshop:
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location:
Enon Meadows Farm;
1153 Flint Hill Rd, East
Bend, NC 27018

**Please Register Online
at:**

[https://go.ncsu.edu/
yadkinblueberry
pruningworkshop2024](https://go.ncsu.edu/yadkinblueberrypruningworkshop2024)

Join N.C. Cooperative Extension –Yadkin County Center -Horticulture Program for a hands-on blueberry pruning workshop. Craig Mauney, Area Specialized Agent, Commercial Fruit and Vegetable will be joining us to help demonstrate proper pruning methods.

Please bring your own pruning shears, if able.

In Season in February

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

Check out what is in season during the month of February!



Apples

Bok Choy

Carrots

Celery Root

Peanuts

Rutabaga

Spinach

Sweet Potatoes

For more info on what's in season, to find recipes, or locate a local farmers market near you, visit nc10percent.com.



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Check out the January/February Edition of the Yadkin Valley Magazine. You can learn more about “Preparing Your Garden for Spring” on page 51.

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

[Yadkin Valley Magazine](#)



Interested in Beekeeping?

The Yadkin County Beekeeper Association is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and encourage better beekeeping practices. They strive to promote cooperation among beekeepers in Yadkin and surrounding counties.

The association meets on the 2nd Monday of every month. They welcome members, guests, and anyone seeking information on honey bees. A potluck dinner begins at 6pm followed by a business meeting.

2024 Spring Beekeeping School

Classes will be held for 6 consecutive Saturdays from (9am-12pm) with 2 Field Days (TBA).

Classes will include:

- Introduction to Beekeeping
- The colony, organization, and life cycle of the Honeybee.
- Equipment needed to get started.
- How to assemble equipment.
- Seasonal hive management of the colonies.
- Pest and diseases of the bees.
- Prepared for the Certification Exams of the North Carolina Beekeepers Associations Certification.

Cost: \$75 per Individual or \$100 per Couple w/1 Book

Includes Book & 1 year membership in YCBA.
"The Beekeeper's Handbook, 5th Edition
by Diana Sammataro."

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 9,2024

To register for classes, call Jerry Hopping @ 336-671-6307

Yadkin County Beekeepers Association



2024 Spring Bee Keeping School

Saturdays, March 16th – April 27th 2024

6 Classroom Mornings 9am-12 noon

2 Bee Yard Days TBA

Learn everything you need to know about Bee Keeping
with our friendly, knowledgeable Certified and
Journeyman Bee Keepers.

Low ratio students-teachers. Mentors available.
\$75.00 per person - \$100 per family couple

Register Before March 9th – Jerry Hopping -336-671-6307

Union Cross Friends Meeting 2533 Union Cross Church Road, Yadkinville, North Carolina 27055



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The Visit NC Farms App is a statewide initiative is expanding statewide to connect millions of residents and visitors with local farms & fisheries, local food & drink, farmers markets & u-pick, value-added through local shops, farm stays & lodging, tours & trails and special agricultural events across the state.

Download the app to your smartphone today and explore agribusinesses in Yadkin County!



Learn More About The App at: [visitncfarmstoday.com](https://www.visitncfarmstoday.com)

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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