



YADKIN COUNTY HORTICULTURE NEWSLETTER

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Companion Planting

Companion planting is "the practice of growing two or more types of plants in combination to discourage disease and insect pests." Companion planting has many other benefits such as: maximizing your space, deterring harmful insects, provides support for crops, offers shade to smaller plants, provides weed suppression, attracts beneficial insects, and increases overall soil health. Plants can have a positive or negative relationship to one another. The best practice to companion planting is to plant those with known positive relationships within two or three rows of each other. Plants with negative relationships should be planted at least two to three rows apart. Diversify your garden using a variety of plant odors, colors, and textures as a natural pest barrier. An example is to plant marigolds with cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, carrots, lettuce, broccoli, or potatoes to repel most insects and inhibit green hornworms. Herbs also aid in deterring or repelling pest. Use oregano to deter most insects, thyme to repel cabbage worm, and rosemary to deter cabbage moth, bean beetles, and carrot flies.

Use the companion planting chart on the next page to help plan your garden space.

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Companion Planting Chart

Plant	Companions	Do NOT plant next to
Asparagus	Tomato, basil, parsley	
Beans	Most vegetables and herbs	Onion, garlic, gladiolus
Cabbage family (Cauliflower, kale, broccoli)	Sage, dill, beets, peppermint, rosemary, corn, onion family, chard, spinach, sunflowers, nasturtiums	Dill, fennel, strawberries, pole beans, tomatoes
Cantaloupe	Corn, sunflowers	Potatoes
Celery	Onion and cabbage families, tomatoes, bush beans, nasturtiums	
Corn	Irish potatoes, beans, English peas, pumpkins, cucumber, squash	Tomatoes
Cucumber	Beans, corn, English peas, sunflowers, radishes, cabbage family	Irish potatoes, aromatic herbs
Eggplant	Beans, marigolds	Potatoes
Lettuce	Carrot, radish, strawberries, cucumber, onions	
Onion family	Beets, carrot, lettuce, cabbage family, tomatoes, strawberries, Summer Savory tomato, asparagus	Beans, English peas
Potato, Irish	Beans, corn, cabbage family, marigolds, horseradish, peas	Pumpkin, squash, tomatoes, cucumber, sunflowers, raspberries
Spinach	Strawberries	
Squash	Nasturtium, corn, radishes, marigolds	
Strawberries	Bush beans, spinach, borage, lettuce (as a boarder)	Cabbage
Tomato	Herbs, such as parsley, dill, and basil	Irish potatoes, fennel, cabbage family



In Season in March

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

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



Bok Choy

Carrots

Celery Root

Leafy Greens

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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YADKIN FARMERS Market

The Yadkin Farmers Market Season is coming soon!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the 2024 Market Season, please contact Kellee Payne at 336-849-7908 or kellee_payne@ncsu.edu.

Follow the market on Facebook @YadkinFarmersMarket to stay up to date on the market season.



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



Visit NC Farms App

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 agrribusinesses in Yadkin County!



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

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