



Yancey County Center

September 2022

Upcoming Events

- Ginseng Workshop
- Ag. Options Grant
- AI Class
- Voluntary Ag. District Board Meeting

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Workshop: How to Grow Wild-Simulated Ginseng

If you own mature forestland (or a nice wooded backyard) with good soil and drainage, ginseng may be a viable way to diversify your property and produce income from your underutilized woods. Ginseng is a native medicinal plant that has been wild-harvested here in the mountains of the High Country for centuries. While it can be a tricky plant to grow successfully, the market for ginseng has averaged over \$750 per dried pound over the last few years. Ginseng takes between 7-10 years to reach a size favored by the Asian markets to which it is exported.

September 22nd at 3pm N.C.Cooperative Extension, Yancey County Center will be hosting a workshop lead by Jim Hamilton, PhD, Watauga County Extension Director, on how to grow wild-simulated ginseng. The class with last roughly 2 hours and will include a field planting demonstration at Bowditch Bottoms.

The workshop will be \$40 which will cover the 1/4 pound of stratified ginseng seed each participant will receive. Participants may purchase additional seed when they register. Additional seed is: \$150/lb, \$75 per half lb or \$40 per 1/4lb.

Handouts will be provided but participants may choose to pay an additional \$25 for the book "Growing & Marketing Ginseng and Other Woodland Medicinals."

Space and seed is limited to the first 15 paid registrants.
Registration and payment is required by 5pm Wed. Sept. 21.

WNC Ag Options Grant Cycle is now open for Yancey County Farmers

WNC Agricultural Options is now accepting grant applications from farmers diversifying or expanding their farm businesses. With funding from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, WNC AgOptions is distributing a total of \$220,000 to western North Carolina farmers in 2023. Yancey County farmers are included in this program. Farmers interested in applying should contact NC Cooperative Extension in Yancey County to declare their intent to apply and to begin the application process by October 14, 2022. The application deadline for this program is Nov. 18.

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AI Class Interest Signup



NC Cooperative Extension of Yancey County is currently exploring interests for offering a Beef Cattle Artificial Insemination (A.I.) Workshop. A.I. is one potential tool that can greatly improve beef herd genetics. In this workshop, participants will learn how to A.I. cattle and will gain hands-on training to help develop their skills.

The cost of the class is \$450 per participant. This covers the cost of the cattle needed for the workshop. Additionally, each participant will receive a majority of that cost back as a credit to purchase beef cattle semen from ABS Global Inc. **Participation will be limited and will be on a first-come basis should the class be offered. Being added to the interest list does not guarantee a spot in the class.**

For more information or to be added to the interest list, please contact NC Cooperative Extension Yancey County Center by calling 828.682.6186 or send an email to Adam Mccurry (adam_mccurry@ncsu.edu).

Upcoming Meeting to Study "the Right to Repair"

The Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission has an upcoming meeting on October 25th, 10 am, at the Buncombe County Cooperative Extension Office (49 Mt Carmel Rd, Asheville, NC 28806). The Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission will be studying the Right to Repair Farm Equipment. It will consist of group presentations and public comments to the commission.

What is the Right to Repair? Right to Repair gives equipment owners the property rights of the equipment they own, to have the right to repair their equipment and/or to have their equipment serviced at an independent repair shop. In addition, Right to Repair gives equal access to information on manuals, diagrams, software, software updates, licenses, parts, tools and more.

Community members can speak in person or leave a public comment on the North Carolina State Legislature Website, and the link for the comment portal is:

<https://www.ncleg.gov/RequestForComments/42>

If you would like more information, please contact John Moncrieff (John.Moncrieff@ncleg.gov), Legislative Assistant for Senator Brent Jackson by calling 919-733-5705.

Do You Still Need Private Applicator Pesticide Credits?

Any private applicators with a license expiration date of December 31, 2022, that still need "X" or "V" applicator credits prior to September 30, 2022, will have 1 more opportunity to do so. Avery County Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting both "X" and "V" classes on Thursday, September 29th. The "X" class will take place starting at 4 pm, and the "V" class will begin at 6 pm. **If you need to register for the class, or if you would like more information, please contact the NC Cooperative Extension Avery County Center by calling 828-733-8270.**



This class opportunity is being shared primarily for those private applicators in Yancey County that may wish to re-certify, that were not able to attend the classes previously hosted in Yancey County. Remember, failing to obtain the minimum required credits by September 30 of the expiration year will require re-testing to renew certification. **If you have any questions about your private applicator pesticide credit status, please feel free to contact David Davis (david_davis@ncsu.edu) at the Yancey County Extension Center by calling 828-682-6186**