

NC FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS

2024 DIRECTORY

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Allison and Joe Allen live in Asheboro, which is located in Randolph County. They recently got married on October 14, 2023. They have four sons. Bryson is 14, the twins Taylor and Cameron are 10, and Jacob is 7. The boys affectionately call Allison their “Chicken Lady.”

Allison is the 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent in Randolph County. She is passionate about advocating for agriculture and educating youth and adults about its importance to their everyday lives. Allison graduated from NC State University in 2014 with a degree in Agriculture Business Management with a specialization in marketing and a minor in Leadership in Agriculture and Life Sciences. She is working on her Master’s in Agriculture Extension Education at NC State. Allison has been involved with the YF&R program since 2013 as a Yadkin County YF&R committee member. Upon graduation from NC State and accepting a job with NC Cooperative Extension, Allison moved to Asheboro where she joined the Randolph County YF&R program. She has been serving as the Randolph YF&R Committee Chair since 2015.

Joe is an electrician with Randolph County Local Government. He maintains more than 40 county-owned buildings. Joe grew up in Montgomery County where he worked in his family’s chicken houses. He has been a member of the Randolph County YF&R Committee since 2021.

Allison and Joe met through chickens. Randolph County 4-H has a large youth agriculture program. Each year more than 80 second-grade classrooms participate in the 4-H embryology program. In 2019, the normal egg provider had a shortage of eggs. Joe raises heritage breed chickens and had told Allison in passing at work that he could help provide eggs if the need ever occurred. Allison reached out and Joe stepped in and helped fulfill the amount of eggs needed. From then on, he helped to provide eggs for the embryology program. Allison and Joe started dating in 2021. She got him involved in the Randolph YF&R program. They are both excited to be serving on the State YF&R Committee for the next two years.

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Luke Aldridge is a sixth generation farmer on his family's farm in Robbinsville, NC. His family farm raises registered and commercial black angus cattle and keeps horses. In June 2021, Luke transitioned into freezer beef and pork.

Luke has had an agriculture background since a young age, helping his father and grandfather tend to the farm and has always enjoyed horses. In 2011, he competed in the Youth and Yearling Mustang Challenge and won his division. Two years later he competed again and placed fifth.

He holds an Associate's Degree in Business Entrepreneurship from Southwestern Community college. In addition to the farm, Luke works for his father and uncle at their general contracting company, Aldridge Brothers, Inc. When Luke is not working, he plays guitar and sings for a gospel music group in Sylva, NC. Along with YF&R, Luke currently serves as the president for Graham County Farm Bureau.

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Adam and Carrie Barnhardt of Rowan County met as students at NC State University. Adam studied Poultry Science while Carrie pursued Agricultural Science. Soon after marrying, they purchased land and built four broiler-breeder houses. Adam has been full-time at Barnhardt Farms of Rowan County, LLC since chickens arrived in 2018. Carrie works off the farm as an Agricultural Loan Officer. The Barnhardt's later diversified by adding both sheep and cut flower production in 2021. They are also the proud parents of two children, Tucker and Macie.

They are Co-Chairs of the Rowan County Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and Adam is a member of the Rowan County Farm Bureau Board. They won the NCFB Achievement Award in 2023 and reached the Top 10 at the 2024 AFBF Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Adam and Carrie appreciate the opportunities Farm Bureau provides with networking and advocacy efforts throughout the county, state and national levels. They are looking forward to serving in the State YF&R Committee for the next two years!

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Amber Bell is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina and prides herself on being an honorable wife, devoted mother and an amazing educator.

She attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University where she majored in elementary education and taught in the public school system for the past seven years. Amber is a beekeeper, nature enthusiast, and lover of all things music!

Kamal Bell is a farmer, entrepreneur, lifelong learner, and devoted advocate of cultural expansion through agriculture. Driven by a desire to not only give back to the community, but also to restore the legacy of farming in the African American community, he founded Sankofa Farms while pursuing his Master's degree at North Carolina A and T State University. Kamal has been featured by a collection of over 25 magazines, books, newspapers, both news and radio stations, and conferences, and strives to continue to empower the community at large through his passion for agriculture.

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We are Preston and Emily Cave from Surry County, North Carolina. We met attending North Carolina State in 2012, and were married in November 2015. We have two daughters, Sidney Ann and Presley Jean. Together, we own and operate PAC Family Meats in Dobson, North Carolina which officially opened in September 2017.

PAC Family Meats is our direct-to-consumer farm store where we offer our homegrown, grass fed beef. We raise primarily Hereford and Hereford-cross cattle, and utilize regenerative agriculture techniques through our forage selection and planting, rotational grazing, and cover crops. We sell our beef in bulk quarters and halves, as well as by the pound to the consumer, and to local restaurants and food trucks.

During the day, Preston manages our farm and store, as well as working on his parents row crop farm, and is in the process of beginning PAC Aerial Applications, an agricultural drone spraying and seed spreading operation. He is active in our local Cattlemen's Association, Voluntary Agriculture District board, and Forage and Grasslands Council. Emily is a Post Closing Coordinator at AgSouth Farm Credit in Yadkinville, and a Guardian ad Litem for Surry County. We are active members of Salem Fork Baptist Church in Elkin. In our rare spare time not spent with cows, we enjoy visiting with family and friends, riding our horses, and grilling steaks.

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Michael, Michelle and Liam Graham Davis live in Clayton, North Carolina. Together with Michelle's family, they own and operate Pace Family Farms. Beginning in 2016, the farm has transitioned from tobacco and row crops to u-pick strawberries, year round produce, summer CSA boxes, and direct to consumer meats.

Michelle previously taught high school Agriculture before returning to the family farm full time. Michelle helps with marketing, social media, employees, customer relations and more. Michael helps on the farm with his days off from the fire Department.

The Davis family has been a part of N.C. Farm Bureau since they were married in 2014. From county board meetings, to state conferences and national conventions, Michael and Michelle have been a part of multiple aspects of this organization. Together they love to travel, spending time with friends and family, and going to the beach. They also enjoy spending time with their chocolate labs, Lizzy and Jane, along with their cat, Charlotte.

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Jason and Natalie Farmer are from Louisburg. They are the owners and operators of Wester Farms LLC, along with Natalie's mother, Dot Wester. They also own and operate Wester Feed Service Inc. with Natalie's family.

Natalie is a fourth-generation farmer at Wester Farms. She grew up riding around with her Daddy, checking fields and cattle. She graduated with an associate degree in Livestock and Poultry Management and an associate degree in Agribusiness Management from North Carolina State University. She has served on the Franklin County FSA County Committee and currently serves on the Franklin County Volunteer Ag Board.

Jason is originally from Trinity, North Carolina. He is also a North Carolina State University graduate, with a bachelor's degree in Turf Grass Science. Jason currently serves on the Franklin County Farm Bureau Board, North Carolina Soybean Association, North Carolina Ag Foundation, Franklin County Extension Advisory Committee, and United Tobacco Company Board of Directors.

Wester Farms is a diverse operation. Jason centers his focus around all the crops, which include tobacco, peppers (fresh market and processed), cucumbers, corn (grain and silage), soybeans, wheat, oats, and hay. Natalie keeps her attention on the cattle operation as well as the bookkeeping. Wester Farms has a large commercial cow/calf herd as well as a seasonal stocker operation.

Wester Feed Service was opened in 1978 by Natalie's parents and grandparents. Located in the White Level Community, this family-owned feed store prides itself on offering good quality feed and animal health products to their neighbors.

Jason and Natalie met while they were both attending North Carolina State University. They were married in 2012 and since then have had two beautiful children. Noah, age 9, and Tenley, age 6. Together with their children, they are continuing to carry on the Wester Farms family legacy.

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Alex was raised on her family's farm in Aulander, NC. They raise corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans. Alex studied child development in college and is now an occupational therapist. She has returned home, wishing to find her place in the family business.

Alex enjoys volunteering and promoting agriculture, especially working with children. She recently married her husband Justin, who is a farmer in Northampton County. They currently live in Hertford County.

In her downtime, Alex enjoys baking, spending time with family, and playing with her chocolate lab, Sally.

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We are Matt and Krista Huss of Huss Farms in Lincolnton NC. Huss Farms was established in 1921. Matt is the fourth generation to operate Huss Farms. Krista married into the family and is a first generation farmer. The farm raises cotton, soybeans, corn, wheat, and hay. We have a herd of Kiko goats, and Krista is a self-proclaimed chicken lady with a backyard flock.

Huss Farms has been a family farm for over 100 years. We are proudly raising the fifth generation, our sons, Wade(9) and Wyatt(7), who are both very interested in farming. Matt prefers to stick with what he does best, row crops and livestock. Krista enjoys the hands on farm side, as well as using her social media platform to educate people about agriculture and share her journey to the farm. She originally hated agriculture, and over time developed a love and passion for it. She now shares that story with the world in hopes of showcasing the beauty of this industry we love so much. We at Huss Farms strive to continue to do our part in feeding the world using practices that help preserve the land and environment.

We are first year State Young Farmer and Rancher Committee Members in 2024. We look forward to working with the other members to promote the agriculture industry.

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Harrison and Taylor Jenkins live in Stony Point, NC, where they are raising their daughter, Caroline, whom they welcomed to their family in February 2022. They own Westward Farms alongside Harrison's parents, growing corn and soybeans, as well as operating broiler breeder houses. They are proud to continue the Jenkins family's multigenerational tradition of farming while working to diversify the operation through agritourism and value-added products like bagged deer corn.

Harrison is a 2017 graduate of NC State University with a degree in Agriculture Education. He taught until May 2022, when he decided to leave the classroom to work full-time on the farm. Taylor is also a 2017 graduate of NC State University with a degree in Animal Science. Formerly a 4-H Agent, she now works for AgHires aiding agricultural businesses across the country in talent acquisition.

Along with YF&R, Harrison and Taylor are members of New Sterling ARP Church, and Harrison serves on the Iredell County Farmland Preservation Board and the Iredell County Museum Board of Directors. In their spare time, they enjoy traveling and are excited to share that with Caroline as she grows. They are enthusiastic about all that our state has to offer and are always up for a day trip to explore, often with their beagle, Sailor, in tow.

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Coming from an agricultural background, MaKayla grew up on a poultry farm where her family raised broilers for Tyson Foods and raised commercial beef cattle. Growing up MaKayla always knew she wanted to do something in agriculture as a career. In high school she participated in various FFA events where she found other areas of agriculture that were of interest to her. She went to Wilkes Community College where she earned an associates degree in Horticulture and transferred to NC State where she pursued her agricultural education degree. MaKayla now teaches animal science and horticulture classes at West Caldwell High School in Lenoir, NC.

Coming from a construction background, Matthew grew up helping his dad in the construction industry building and remodeling homes. Growing up in the construction industry and taking trades classes throughout high school, Matthew knew he wanted to do something in the construction industry. He worked a number of jobs in the industry before he landed teaching carpentry at West Caldwell High School in Lenoir, NC.

We are The King Family. We own and operate MK2 Boer Goats alongside teaching agriculture and carpentry courses at West Caldwell High School. We met at our current jobs and have started our own Boer Goat Farm along with our sons Brody and Wesley. We operate our goat herd while also helping MaKayla's family during the summer months making hay and working cattle. We also operate a production farm at West Caldwell through the agriculture classes. The students in MaKayla's classes run a plant sale as well as raise calves and goats throughout the school year to help raise money for the program. MaKayla and Matthew both run a livestock club through the school where students are able to show goats throughout the fall show season.

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Ethan and Frankie Lineberger are from Dallas, NC where they raise their two children, Owen and Charlie. Ethan fondly remembers hoeing weeds in the strawberry field with his grandmother when he was 5 years old. Ethan is a self-employed 4th generation farmer and currently farms alongside his brother-in-law, and father. His operation, Maple Springs Farm LLC, grows strawberries, blackberries, elderberries, peaches, summer vegetables, pumpkins, grapes, and fall squash. The farm focuses on direct marketing their produce through on-farm stores, CSA subscriptions, and farmer's markets.

Frankie and Ethan both graduated from North Carolina State University. Ethan has an undergraduate degree in Soil Science Agronomy and a master's degree in Soil Science. He always knew he wanted to return to his family farm. Frankie also graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Natural Resources and a Minor in Spanish. She currently works for NRCS as a soil conservationist. Frankie has leads digital marketing on Lineberger's Farm focusing on the website and facebook page. Their two sons are following in their father's footsteps learning to farm, starting with weeding the strawberries. Frankie and Ethan use their NCSU skills to implement economically viable and environmentally sustainable practices on their farm.

Along with YF&R, Ethan currently serves as a board member for Gaston County Farm Bureau. Ethan and Frankie are active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hardin, NC.

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I'm a farm kid raised in the sands just outside of Tarboro, NC. In 2016 I graduated from NC State with a B.S. in Agriculture Science.

In 2018 I moved home from Raleigh to work on the family row crop farm. My sisters and I have also started a venture called Mayo Mills making socks at our family textile factory with cotton from our family's farm.

In 2019 I was elected to Tarboro's town council. In '21 I was elected Tarboro's mayor.

This past year I made the jump from working for the family's farm to teaching high school agriculture at our local charter school, North East Carolina Preparatory School. This year I am also looking to start farming on my own in all of my free time with 65 acres of soybeans.

Just wanted to pass along my contact information and a little background information. If I can be helpful in any way, shape or form please do reach out.

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Russell and Sara McPherson own and operate McPherson Farms located in Columbus County, NC. They have two children; Bryce, seven years old, and Kacy, six years old.

Russell and Sara are natives of Columbus County. After High School both attended NC State University. Russell receiving a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business Management while Sara obtained her bachelor's degree in Education. They have been married since 2013.

The farm consists of a variety of crops including; corn, soybeans, wheat, peanuts, hay and other forages. Livestock has always been an important part of the farm. Along with a herd of 100 brood cows, McPherson Farms also produces turkeys and hogs for Prestage Farms. In addition to the crops and livestock, they provide a precision soil sampling and mapping service.

By growing up on a family farm and being active in the FFA in high school, after college Russell decided to pursue his dreams of being a full-time farmer. Sara, married into the family farm and enjoys teaching third grade. Together, they hope to continue to grow the legacy of the farm that was established by Russell's grandfather for many generations to come.

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John and Kristen live on the family farm where John was raised along with their two children in Rockingham County. John is a fifth-generation farmer who grew up on a tobacco farm that transitioned into beef cattle. Kristen is a seventh generation farmer who was raised in Rutherford County on a beef cattle farm.

John graduated from North Carolina State University in 2014 with a BS in Agricultural and Environmental Engineering Technology and now works for Duke Energy as an Engineer. Kristen graduated from North Carolina State University in 2015 with a BS in Poultry Science and a minor in Feed Manufacturing and now works as an Environmental Health Specialist for Rockingham County.

In 2020, John and Kristen bought the farm that his grandparents owned. Their children are fully involved with almost every aspect of the farming operation from baling hay, working cattle, picking berries, and making deliveries. The family farm, Norwood Meador Farms, is a cow calf operation that grows out the steers for beef and sells meat to four restaurants and individuals with their NCDA Meat Handlers License. In 2021, Kristen began selling blueberries and blackberries.

They are both active members in the Stokes Rockingham County Young Farmers and Ranchers. Kristen is the First Vice President for the Rockingham County Cattlemen's Association. They are both coaches for the local FFA cattle working teams. John is on the Rockingham County Farm Bureau Board, Rockingham County Agricultural Advisory Board, and Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board. They are both involved in church functions and activities.

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Caleb and Sarah Richardson live in Gates County. They were married in 2022 and live on Sarah's family farm in Sunbury, NC. Sarah's grandfather raised row crops such as milo, corn, peanuts, and soybeans. He also raised hogs from farrow to finish until 1997.

Sarah was raised in Gates County. Sarah is a 2022 North Carolina State University graduate with a degree in Agricultural Science. Sarah works with North Carolina Cooperative Extension as the Area Commercial Horticulture Agent for Gates, Chowan, and Perquimans counties. Sarah is working on getting her Master's degree in Horticultural Science at NC State.

Caleb was raised in Perquimans County. Caleb is a 2020 graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in Extension Education. Caleb works as an outside sales representative for Ward Enterprises. Caleb grew up working for his father's commercial crab operation and later found a passion for showing livestock. Caleb helped his family start their cattle operation, Whistlin Pines' Farms.

Together Caleb and Sarah have started raising black Angus cattle in hopes of expanding their operation to breed show cattle as well as freezer beef. Caleb and Sarah attend Sandy Cross Baptist Church in Hobbsville. Caleb enjoys any type of hunting, especially quail hunting with his English Setter or duck hunting with his Lab. Sarah enjoys canning, reading, quilting, gardening, and going to the beach. Caleb and Sarah enjoy spending time with the Gates County YF&R program and the fellowship that it brings!

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Ryan and Betsy Roberson live and work on a multi-generational farm in Wayne County, NC, just outside of Goldsboro. Ryan is a 2009 graduate of NC State University with a degree in Animal Science, and a 2012 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Master's in Animal Science. Betsy graduated from Elon University in 2009 with a degree in elementary education. They married in 2009, then moved to Blacksburg, VA, for Ryan to attend graduate school and manage the swine research facility at Virginia Tech. Upon completion of his master's degree, they moved back to Wayne County, NC, for Ryan to farm on Betsy's family farm, Overman Farms, Inc, of which she is the seventh generation.

Ryan and Betsy work with her parents to manage a 27,000 head swine wean to finish operation for the farm and around 3,000 acres of corn, soybeans, and sweet potatoes. Ryan also operates a 600-acre beef cattle and hay operation. Betsy taught elementary school until 2014, when she left teaching to stay home with their children and help run the farm office. Their hope is to maintain a farming operation that will be sustainable for the next generation.

Together, Ryan and Betsy are raising their four children, Wade (9), Logan (7), John Rex (5), and Brooks (2), which is their greatest joy. They are active members of Stoney Creek Church, and Ryan serves on many boards and committees both for the church and in the agricultural community for Wayne County. Any free time they have is spent enjoying being with family and friends, and being active with their children, outdoors and on the farm.

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David and Katlin Rose reside and work in Washington County, NC. David was born in Fayetteville, NC and calls Northeastern North Carolina home after spending the past 17 years living in Currituck, Pasquotank, Chowan, and Washington County. Katlin was born in Edenton, NC and was raised in North Carolina for a majority of her life. Residing in Perquimans, Pasquotank, and Dare County.

David is a third generation beekeeper with his father Patrick and Grandfather Wayne Rose. David graduated John A. Holmes High School in 2014. After one year of studying architecture at College of the Albemarle, David started Beekeeping full-time. David became the sitting YF&R chairman for Washington County in February 2021.

Katlin graduated with her GED from COA in 2015. She spent the next six years working for various nursing homes and working towards her Early Childhood Associates Degree. She completed her degree in 22 and is now a full-time Pre School Special Ed Teacher.

David and Katlin met in October 2015 and got married in January 2016. They have two children, Bryson, seven years old. Peyton, five years old. In their free time David twitch streams and Katlin enjoys crafting.

CODY & ELIZABETH WATERS



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Cody and Elizabeth live in Edgecombe County with their daughter, Sloane. They are currently expecting a little boy who is due in early June. Cody grew up in Aiken, South Carolina but came to eastern North Carolina right after college. Elizabeth grew up in Wilson / Edgecombe County on her family's tobacco, row crop, and cattle operation.

Cody started working at AgCarolina Farm Credit in the Rocky Mount office right after graduating from college in 2010 and worked with producers in Edgecombe, Wilson, and Nash County for 8 years. It was during this time that he met Elizabeth.

In 2018, Cody left Farm Credit and started in the crop insurance business. He currently works with growers throughout eastern North Carolina and South Carolina. Elizabeth went to college for Dental Hygiene. After graduating, she came back to Wilson to work at a dental practice.

After getting Married in 2014, they started LizCo Farms Inc. in February 2015. The first couple of years they grew 5 – 10 acres of a variety of vegetables – pumpkins, butternut squash, broccoli, cabbage, sweet corn, cantaloupe, squash, and watermelons. After trying all these different crops, watermelons have become the main focus of the operation. In 2023, they grew 80 acres of seedless watermelons on plastic and have been increasing acreage by 5 -10 acres each year. They grew 20 acres of broccoli in the fall of 2023 to add some diversity to the crop mix but the verdict is still out as to whether this will become a new staple.

Cody and Elizabeth have very little free time between the crop insurance business, the farm, family, and life. Cody is on the board for Edgecombe County Soil and Water and the North Carolina Vegetable Growers. They do get away to Lake Gaston in summer and enjoy travelling to new places with friends and family.

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Proudly representing the Brunswick County Farm Bureau Board, Zachary “Zack” White is a resident of Ash, North Carolina located in Brunswick County. He is employed by Landoll Corporation based and manufactured in Marysville and Beloit, Kansas as the Southeastern Territory Manager. His territory includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Zack’s duties include the sales of Landoll’s products throughout their dealership network and on the farm service of agricultural tillage equipment, seeding equipment, and construction products. His daily duties require him to visit equipment dealerships and provide knowledge, training and repairs on the farm for his customers.

Landoll Corporation manufactures low boy trailers, traveling axle trailers, disc harrows, vertical tillage tools, grain drills, high speed discs, coulter chisel plows, field cultivators, Brillion seeders, cultipackers, pulvi-mulchers, dirt pans, feed lot scrapers and construction discs in addition to other farm equipment.

A 2011 alumnus of North Carolina State University, Zack obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in Agricultural Business Management with a minor in Economics.

Zack attends Longwood Baptist Church. In his free time enjoys spending time with his family and attending as many NC State sporting events as possible.

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Tucker Worley lives and works on his family's farm in Leicester, North Carolina while working fulltime as a horticulture research specialist at the NCDA Mountain Research Station. The family farm has been based on livestock, primarily beef cattle, with a history in tobacco as well. In recent years, the farm has diversified to include a U-Pick Flower Farm, and Tucker's personal passion, honeybees. Tucker started with one hive in 2019 and has quickly grown to 80. He has honey for sale year-round, nucs are available in the spring, and queens and queen cells in the summer. Tucker also works with local farmers and provides pollination contracts for seasonal crops, such as cucumbers. In addition to his fulltime job and work on his family's farm, Tucker also teaches classes at local beekeeper meetings and state level conferences. He has expanded his knowledge and his business to include many successful beekeeping ventures. The newest adventure on the Worley Farm is the U-Pick Flowers. Over 40 varieties of seasonal fresh flowers are available for picking from frost to frost.

North Carolina Farm Bureau YF&R Award Programs

The Achievement Award Program recognizes outstanding achievement in farming, local community and civic organizations. Participants must be actively engaged in farming or ranching with a majority of income coming from production agriculture. Winners of this award receive thousands of dollars in cash and prizes.

The Excellence in Agriculture Award Program is designed for those who may or may not currently own farming or ranching operations. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture or agribusiness, leadership roles, civic organizations and Farm Bureau. Winners will receive valuable cash prizes and other awards.

The Discussion Meet enhances speaking and communication skills while problem-solving and promoting solutions to agricultural issues. Thousands of dollars in cash and prizes await the winners, but there are no losers in a discussion meet because everybody learns and becomes a better spokesperson for agriculture. Leaders from across the nation use the Discussion Meet to advance their careers. Participants should be actively involved in production agriculture.

The Collegiate Discussion Meet enhances speaking and communication skills while promoting solutions to agricultural issues. Participation in the Collegiate Discussion Meet will also develop leaders for effective problem solving through group discussion. Contestants must be involved in an agricultural course of study or at a college of agriculture.

General

NC Farm Bureau YF&R Winner Prizes are listed at <https://www.ncfb.org/young-farmers-ranchers/>.

Winners go on to compete at the national level.

Contestants participating in all awards programs should have a current Farm Bureau membership.

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