

NC Cooperative Extension
Iredell County Center
Iredell Informed Newsletter
February 2021 Edition



Check out the corny wishes, throughout this newsletter, from the Iredell County Center wishing everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day!

Extension Plant Sale!

IREDELL COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PLANT SALE



\$8 - 1 Gallon pots
Tifblue
Powder Blue
Premier
(more than one variety
needed for pollination)



\$8 - bundle of 25
Earliglow
Allstar
Sparkle



scan for order form

Checks or exact cash accepted for payment. Mail to: NC Cooperative Extension PO Box 311 Statesville, NC. 28687 or deliver to our office at 444 Bristol Drive Statesville, NC. 28677. All orders must be paid in full no later than March 8. Pickup will be March 16-19, 9am - 4pm. Proceeds from sales will help with all Extension Program areas.



COVID Update

COVID Vaccines

The Iredell County Health
Depart is currently offering

COVID-19 Vaccines for those 65 years and older. For more information on their scheduled clinic, please visit their [website](#) and for questions please call 704-878-5300 and press "1" to reach the staffed COVID Vaccine help-line.



Please remember that all county offices are still operating under a mask mandate. So be sure to have a mask handy before visiting county office buildings, and if you forget, county offices have some to give out, as needed.



We still have PPE kits (cloth and surgical face masks, hand sanitizer) for agricultural workers available for any farms who want to come and pick them up at the Iredell County Extension Office. These kits are first come, first serve. Please call (704) 873- 0507 to request kits and to make arrangements to get them.

If you leave home, know your Ws!



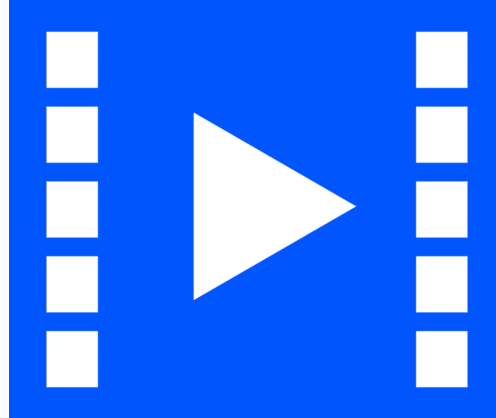
Crops and Livestock "Hay!! Will you be my Valentine?"

New Crop Videos and Articles
available:

[How Much Nitrogen Should I Use at Top-Dressing?](#)

AND

[5-Minute Field Day on Corn Side-Dressing](#)



NCFGFC 2021 Virtual Winter Conference



*Event will take place from 6:30-8:30 pm on

January 26 - All About That Waste!

February 9 - Soil Health!

February 2 - Creating Your Own Opportunities

February 16 - Producer Panel

Featuring

Greg Brann - Owner of Big Spring Farm

Greg Judy - Owner of Green Pastures Farm

As well as other producers and agents from across the state

Sponsored by



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Collaborating with NCFGFC...



Pasture-Based Livestock Education Program



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*If you have any questions please contact
(919) 552 - 9111 or mackenzie_hall@ncsu.edu*



Registration is still available for the 2021 NCFGC's
remaining sessions-- get registered today!

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**Webinar: Shifting from later to earlier
maturing soybean varieties:
What we can learn from the Mid-South**

**When: February 8, 2021 at 9 AM EST via
Zoom**

Featuring:



Dr. Angus Catchot
Entomologist
Mississippi State



Dr. Tom Allen
Pathologist
Mississippi State



Dr. Larry Purcell
Crop Physiologist
Unl. of Arkansas



Dr. Jeremy Ross
Soybean Extension
Unl. of Arkansas

Register: go.ncsu.edu/soybean-webinar

Contact: Rachel Vann (rachel_vann@ncsu.edu)



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Active Registration Link for Soybean
Webinar: go.ncsu.edu/soybean-webinar

Livestock Judging Orientation Meeting

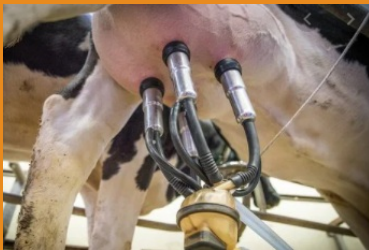


This meeting is for any youth, ages 8-18, interested in participating in 4H Livestock Judging in Cabarrus, Iredell, or Rowan Counties. This will be a great introduction to what Livestock Judging is all about!

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Register to attend at:

go.ncsu.edu/livestockjudgingorientation



Dairy

"You are 'Udderly' fantastic, Valentine!"

Colostrum: Your Calf's Health Depends on it!

"Incorporate a colostrum monitoring program into your herd health program to make sure your calves get the best start possible."

The full article, recently published by Penn State, is [available](#) and worth a read!





Family and Consumer Science

"Have a EGG-cellent Valentine's Day!"

February is National Heart Month

Show your heart some love this month! Check out [American Heart Association's website](http://www.heart.org) to learn more about heart health and how you can love your heart more!



American
Heart
Association®

Salted Dark Chocolate with Pomegranate and Almonds



INGREDIENTS:

- ***8 ounce dark chocolate** (at least 72% cacao), chopped
- ***1/4 cup chopped almonds**, toasted
- ***1/4 cup unsweetened large coconut flakes**, toasted
- ***1/4 cup pomegranate seeds**

***Pinch flaked sea salt**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Line 15×10-inch baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.
2. Place chocolate in a medium heatproof bowl set over (not in) a saucepan of gently simmering water. Stir chocolate occasionally just until melted, 4 to 5 minutes. Spread chocolate evenly in a thin layer on the prepared baking sheet.
3. Sprinkle with almonds, coconut and pomegranate seeds and sea salt, pressing gently into the chocolate. Refrigerate 20 minutes or until set. Store covered in the refrigerator for up to 2 days.



Horticulture

"Wishing you an a-"Maize"-ing Valentine's Day!"

Save the Date

2021 Virtual NC Agritunity Conference

Thursday February 11th, 2021

9:30am-2:30pm EST

CONFERENCE TOPICS INCLUDES:

Online Marketing Opportunities • Summer Native Warm Season Grasses
Poultry Production • Season Extension Techniques • Effective Small Tools for
Small Farm Operations • and more!

Register at go.ncsu.edu/ncagritunity2021registration



NC Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider

Active Registration Link- go.ncsu.edu/ncagritunity2021registration

For more information on this VIRTUAL event check out the
[NC Agritunity Webpage](#).

Session Times:	Concurrent Session 1: Market & Market Garden Focus	Concurrent Session 2: Animal Production Focus
9:30am - 10:30am	Hannah Dankbar - NC Cooperative Extension Local Food Program Manager: <i>Online Marketing for Success!</i>	Jason Smith - NC Wildlife Resources Commission Wildlife Biologist: <i>Native Warm Season Grasses</i>
10:30am - 12:00am	Aaron Moore - NC Cooperative Extension Small Farms Area Agent/Gena Moore - Organic Research Coordinator for Carolina Farm Stewardship Association: <i>Season Extension in North Carolina</i>	Lauren Greene - NC Cooperative Extension Area Poultry Specialist: <i>Diversifying with Pastured Poultry</i>
12:00 - 1:00pm	Break	
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Michael Fine - Seven Sisters Farm: <i>Small Tools That Make a Big Difference!</i>	Panel Discussion: Lee Menius - NC Choices Technical Program Director/Eddy Labus - NC Cooperative Extension Watauga County Livestock Agent/Jessica Evans from Evans Family Farms: <i>Multi-Species Grazing in Diversified Livestock Operations</i>

Blueberry Pruning Workshop Scheduled — February 17



N.C. Cooperative Extension, Iredell County Center is partnering with local Producer Doug Prevette to provide an annual Blueberry Pruning Workshop for small farms and community growers.

This will be held fully outside, and social distancing will be practiced.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021
1 to 3 p.m.**

Location: Prevette Family Farm: 236 Williamsburg Rd., Olin, NC 28660

Speakers: Matt Lenhardt, Iredell County Horticulture Agent and Bill Cline, Small Fruit Specialist

Hands-on and outside pruning demonstration, with class size limited to 30

participants. Participants should bring their own pruners and comfortable shoes/boots as well as an appropriate mask/face-cover.

Space is very limited, so please register today –[online](#) or by calling the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Iredell County Center at 704-873-0507.



4-H and Youth Development

"I am not kidding around, have a great Valentine's day!"

The Heart of 4-H

We're teaming up with Johnston County 4-H to host a cooking and crafts Valentine's themed program from 4-5 PM on February 10 and 11!

Head to the [registration link](#) for more information, including a supply list!

This program is open to any 4-H'ers in North Carolina, ages 5-18 (as of January 1st). Parental guidance is highly encouraged.

Johnston County & Iredell County 4-H presents...

TRUE LOVE BE MINE LOVE YOU

THE HEART OF 4-H
VALENTINE'S CRAFTS & COOKING

Join us for 2 days of Valentine's Day fun! We will be making 2 crafts and cooking 2 recipes to celebrate.

02.10 4-5 PM on Zoom
&
02.11

Visit go.ncsu.edu/valentineprogram to register and learn more about what you need to bring to our virtual meetings

Great creative and make someone's Valentine Day!!



Iredell County 4-H will be collecting Valentines cards for a local assisted care facility. We want to spread some joy to their residents! Please consider having youth (or your whole family) create Valentines and **drop them off at the Iredell County Extension Office by Friday, February 12th.**

Get creative and use lots of bright and happy colors! Make sure to keep them generic as we can't be sure who exactly they will go to, and please refrain from using too much personal information. **We encourage you to sign your**

name, either your first name only or first name and last initial.

For example, I would sign it Taylor or Taylor J.

If you have any questions about this service project or for directions to the

Scholarship available for High School Students with interest in Business

**North Carolina Cooperative
Extension Administrative
Professionals Association**

**Herter-O'Neal
Scholarship**

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nominations Sought for Business Scholarship

Date: 2/2/21

Contact: *Beth Cloninger, Administrative Secretary*

Address:

Iredell County Cooperative Extension

PO Box 311

Statesville, NC. 28677

Phone: 704-873-0507

E-Mail: *beth_rogers@ncsu.edu*

Nominations are being sought for a \$750 scholarship offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association (NOCEAPA) through March 12, 2021. The scholarship is available to North Carolina residents pursuing a college degree (Associates and/or Bachelors) in business or a business-related field of study. Applicants must be enrolled to attend classes at a college during the 2021-2022 school year.

The scholarship is awarded annually to honor the work and dedication of Edith Herter and Frances O'Neal, co-leaders in forming the NOCEAPA in 1973.

Qualified applicants interested in applying for this scholarship can obtain an application packet from the financial aid office at their local community college. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Iredell County center, at 704-873-0507, or by visiting the Center at 444 Bristol Drive, Statesville.

Like 4-H on Facebook!

Be sure to like Iredell County 4-H on Facebook and [sign up for our newsletter here](#) to stay

informed on our upcoming programs!
Soon to come is information on our next Community Outreach Project- bird seed ornament kits!



Iredell County
4-H



Congrats to Iredell County 4-H Agent Taylor Jenkins and her husband, Harrison Jenkins (here pictures with NC Ag Commissioner Troxler), on being awarded the 2021 NC Innovative Young Farmer of the Year. Way to go!

Continue to catch Extension on WAME

Extension continues to have daily slots on the local radio station, WAME 92.9FM/550AM!

Check them out at 6:40am and 6:40pm

Mondays- Taylor Jenkins and Kelly Pierce for 4-H/Youth Development

Tuesdays- Andrea Sherrill for Family & Consumer Science

Wednesdays- Matt Lenhardt for Horticulture

Thursdays- Laura Elmore and Jenny Carleo for Crops and Livestock

Fridays- Nancy Keith, Dairy and Extension Director News



Need to get in touch with Extension Staff?

--Just click on the person below--

Agents/Associates:

Nancy Keith: County Extension Director, Dairy

Andrea Sherrill: Family & Consumer Science

Jenny Carleo: Area Specialized Agent, Grain Crops

Laura Elmore: Livestock and Crops

Matt Lenhardt: Horticulture

Taylor Jenkins: 4-H Youth Development

Kelly Pierce: 4-H Program Associate

Support Staff:

Beth Cloninger

Stephanie Watts

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