

Earl's Blackberries, located in Millingport, NC is an extension of the family farm started by Earl's grandfather Elder Harvey Almond and continued by his dad, Coy. Coy's children, Herman, Theresa, Cynthia, Cecilia, Keith and Earl have always raised beef cattle and small crops. As times have changed, so did their family farm in an effort to make the farm more sustainable and ensure that it would be viable for the next generation. After a lot of research, Earl looked at trends toward healthier, organically grown foods. In 2008, he planted approximately 500 blackberry plants. He later added blueberries and raspberries as well as a few herbs. Produce is grown using natural fertilizer and biological control of undesired insects and pests. In addition to fresh fruits and herbs, Earl also sells his famous jelly, jam and blackberry syrups as well as cobblers, cakes and sourdough breads. Earl's latest edition to the family farm is Christmas Trees which will be available for the holidays in the coming years as the trees reach maturity. Earl's blackberries, jams and jellies, herbs and fresh baked goods can be found at the Stanly County Farmers' Market.

