

# YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS



## HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 2022 ISSUE:

Agriculture - Horticulture

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Administration/FSA



## AGRICULTURE - HORTICULTURE

*Kellee Payne*

### Yadkin County Farmers Market

It's that time of the year! The Yadkin County Farmers Market opening day is May 3, 2022 and Kellee is busy with Farmers Market meetings and grower certifications. Sellers of the Farmers Market must reside in Yadkin or an adjacent county and submit a growers certification. A site visit will be scheduled to complete the growers certification before a seller can sell at the Farmers Market. Kellee Payne, Agriculture - Horticulture agent is responsible for these certifications. If you plan to sell at the 2022 Farmers Market and need a growers certification, please contact her at 336-849-7908 or [kellee\\_payne@ncsu.edu](mailto:kellee_payne@ncsu.edu). We look forward to a great year at the Yadkin County Farmers Market.

### Kellee's Program Area Updates :

- *NC Farm School/Field Trip*
- *Social Media Team for NC Farm School*
- *Yadkin Gardner's Meetings*
- *WIC Garden Spring Planning/Irrigation*
- *Prep for Ag Awareness Day*
- *Tomato Growers Association*
- *Farm Visits*
- *Strawberry One on One Webinar*
- *Mentor Meetings*
- *Visit NC Farms App Administrator*
- *Spotted Lantern Fly Webinar*

**"Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of our industries. The cities are but branches of the tree of national life, the roots of which go deeply into the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer."**

**Bernard Baruch**



Farmers Market Certification

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Madaline Jones*

### Red Carpet Achievement Night

It was time to celebrate our 4-H members! On March 11th Yadkin County 4-H held a Red Carpet Achievement Night. The annual Achievement Night event is held to recognize the accomplishments, hard work, and dedication of our 4-Her's. We love to recognize the amazing efforts of our youth. The night started off with a message from Lisa Hughes, our County Manager. Project Record Books, Portfolios and 4-H graduates were recognized. Achievement Night is not complete without the art and talent show entries. The night finished up recognizing our 4-'Her's of the year, Lola Wilbanks the 2021 Junior of the Year and Sydney Tucker the 2021 Senior of the year. We were excited that Achievement Night was in person this year! Congratulation, to all who participated in a night full of fun and accomplishments.



*4-H Achievement Night*

**"In America we have only one title to nobility and that is ACHIEVEMENT. You 4-H'ers have won that title."**

**President Woodrow Wilson**



**Lisa Hughes, County Manager**  
**4-H Achievement Night**

### Madaline's Program Area Updates :

- *Steps to Health 9 Lesson Program*
- *Mentoring New 4-H Agent*
- *District Activity Day in Wilkes County*
- *Fashion Revue Planning Coordinator*
- *In-Person Club Meetings*
- *In-Person Teen County Council Meetings*
- *Yadkin County 4-H Photography Contest*
- *Poultry and Rabbit Show*
- *Prep for Ag Awareness Day*
- *Presentation Workshop*
- *State 4-H Council Representative Meetings*

## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES LIVESTOCK

*Phil Rucker*

### Phil's Program Area Updates :

- *Cattlemen's Meetings*
- *Livestock Meetings*
- *Ag Agent Meetings*
- *Pasture/Poultry Workshop*
- *Pasture Management Webinar*
- *Livestock Nutrition Management*
- *Prep for Ag Awareness Day (Yadkin)*
- *Prep for Farm Animal Day (Davie)*
- *Newspaper Articles*
- *Farm Visits*



**Farm Visit**

**"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness."**

**Thomas Jefferson**



## Springtime

It's springtime! Phil is busy with customer phone calls, farm visits and educational programming. A large customer concern has been fertilizer prices. The first question Phil will ask, "Have you had a soil test?" Soil testing prevents over application of fertilizer waste. Soil testing is free from April - November. Sample boxes and forms are available in our office Monday - Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

## NC Farm School

Phil is involved with a variety of projects in both Davie and Yadkin Counties. One is the NC Farms School Field Days. Field Days are scheduled once a month from March - June. Field Days help students tour successful local farmers and mentoring based on your area of interest. NC Farms school provides a network of professionals and resources.

## YADKIN COUNTY

### COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR

*Addie Wilson*

#### Interim Family Consumer Sciences Agent

As most of you know, our Family and Consumer Sciences agent, Ashley Beard, got married this spring. Ashley transferred to Lee County Cooperative Extension to be closer to her new home. We miss Ashley and wish her the best!

Addie is stepping into the role of Interim FSC agent until the hiring process is complete. Addie attended the Rotary Club meeting, attending FCS check in's, and helping with ECA.

#### Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce

Addie is a chairperson on the 2022 Board of Directors for the Yadkin County Chamber. Also, this year, the Cooperative Extension Office was the luncheon sponsor for the February Chamber investor meeting. We had lots of fun serving food and greeting members at the February meeting. Extension is grateful for the partnership with our Yadkin Chamber as an advocate for our communities.

#### Addie's Program Updates :

- *CED Training*
- *CALS Strategic Planning Meetings*
- *Professional Development Training Management and Leadership Styles with Dr. Rhonda Sutton Completed*
- *Year End Budget Prep*
- *Program Planning and Administration*
- *Interim FSC until filled*



**Yadkin Chamber Luncheon**

**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, and become more, you are a leader."**

**John Quincy Adams**

*Reported by Lisa Johnson*