

Small Farms Initiative

Agriculture Agent

Buncombe County Cooperative Extension Service

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Program commitment is to:

1) Provide educational programs on farm planning, new crop production, adding value to existing products, new enterprise development, marketing techniques and farmland preservation.

2) Link farmers with local markets

3) Connect aspiring farmers and aging farmers through leasing and transition programs.

Snelson Farm – Leicester, NC

Past programs and

1) Pursued applicable forms of professional training

2) New Enterprise Opportunity: Hops farm tour and production programs

3) Preservation, Leasing, Transfer: Landowners workshop - Keeping your farm

4) Food Safety – GAP

5) Business Side of Agro-tourism

6) Ag Options Grant recipients – 120 applications, 9 recipients, personally worked with 5

7) Developed Advisory Committee

Sandy Hollar Farm –
Sandy Mush, NC

Current and future programs:

1) Quarterly newsletter

2) More on Hops and other alternative agriculture and value added enterprises

3) Feasibility study on the need for an incubator farm in WNC – Buncombe County

4) Developing a land leasing/transition database with the BCCES

5) Work with ASAP and BRFV

6) Organics with Dr. Jeanine Davis

7) Continue working with WNC “Green Team”

Dillingham Farm, Barnardsville NC

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