Eagle Feather Organic Farm
300 Indigo Bunting Lane
Marshall, NC 28753
(828) 649-3536 (phone)
Robert@ncgoldenseal.com (email)
www.ncgoldenseal.com (website)

- **Owner, Sales & Grower**: Robert Eidus
- **Number of employees**: One parttime bookkeeper, one lawn maintenance professional, one webmaster, one Craig’s list person, and one or two interns throughout the year.
- **Square feet/ acres of business**: 6 acres; two acres are in the sun and four acres are wooded.
- **Product mix**: Robert is a licensed ginseng dealer and a NCDA certified nursery. Native medicinal herbs such as Ginseng, Goldenseal, Echinacea and more are available. Ginseng seed, rhizome, and roots are available in the fall. However, be sure to check dates for availability. You can purchase finished products such as tinctures as well.
- **Clientele**: Eagle Feather Farm has major presence at local festivals such as the Spring Herb Festival at the WNC Farmers Market, The True Nature Country Fair, Mars Hill Heritage Fair and Organic Growers School. Eagle Feather Farm also has a major presence on the internet and does a lot of internet sales. Be sure and check out www.ncgoldenseal.com
- **Comments**: Eagle Feather Farm hosts two workshops each year - one in the spring and one in the fall. These workshops will focus on Ginseng and Goldenseal. Eagle Feather Farm also does native landscaping and site visits to consult on planting projects. At the website, you can find books, DVD’s and booklets on growing native herbs. Eagle Feather Farm was designated as a Native Botanical Sanctuary by the United Native Plant Savers. Give ‘em a call and support your local growers!

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Fall 08
North Carolina Arboretum. 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC. The arboretum has wonderful educational programs throughout the year. Check them out!! Visit their website at: www.ncarboretum.org

Fall 08
Asheville Botanical Gardens. 151 W. T. Weaver Boulevard, Asheville, NC. Check out the educational programs the Asheville Botanical Gardens have to offer. Visit their website at: www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org

September 9-11
The 1st Annual Urban Forestry Conference - Trees for an Urban Future. Marriott Hotel, Greensboro, NC. This conference is designed to cover environmental, planning and educational issues, as well as technical tools and resources needed to assure urban forest quality throughout North Carolina. For more info contact the Extension Center, 828-255-5522. http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/urbanforest/conference.html

October 1-2
Commercial & Private Applicators Pesticide License Exam & School. Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Mills River, NC (formerly Fletcher – same place). You will need to register for the school and exam, as well as purchase study manuals. All this information can be found at the found at the following website: http://www.ncagr.com/SPCAP/pesticides/index.htm. If you do not have internet access or have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Center, 828-255-5522.

October 20-24
1st Annual Tree Climbing School. Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, Charlotte, NC. Presented by the NC Urban Forest Council and the Southern Chapter ISA, this class is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of tree maintenance. Cost of the school is $475 for NCUFC members and $500 for non-members. Contact the NC ISA Southern Chapter for more information or to register, (888) 339-8733, dcarter@isasouthern.org

November 2
Advanced Beekeeping School – “Apiary Management Without Chemicals” by Kirk Webster. Folk Art Center, 1:00-4:00 pm. Questions? Contact the Extension Center, 828-255-5522 or visit www.wncbees.org for more info.

November 9
“Intro to Beekeeping”. Folk Art Center, 1:00-4:00 pm. Questions? Contact the Extension Center, 828-255-5522 or visit www.wncbees.org for more info.

Firewise Landscaping Workshop

Tuesday, October 21, 10:00 to noonish
Botanical Gardens at Asheville, 151 W. T. Weaver Boulevard, Asheville (next to the UNCA Campus)

Wildland fires have become too common in Western North Carolina in recent years. This workshop helps the homeowner or landscape professional understand how landscape design and maintenance affect the survivability of a home in the urban-wildland interface. Coverage includes how fire behaves and how our building and landscape practices create fire hazards, such as decks that serve as heat traps. Key points include the concept of defensive zones, flammability ratings of different plants and maintaining fire preparedness. This workshop has been approved by the NC Board of Landscape Architects for one hour of continuing education credit. BGA members $10. Non-members $15. Call 828-252-5190 or email bgardens@bellsouth.org
Pesticide Recertification Classes

***Please visit North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Section for a list of recertification opportunities throughout N.C. http://www.ncagr.com/SPCAP/pesticides/index.htm

Pesticide Safety Training Sessions (Category V)


Pesticide Specialty Training Sessions


Getting Started in the Nursery Business Workshop

Mark your calendars for the Getting Started in the Nursery Business Workshop on Wednesday, September 24, 8:30 am-2:00 pm (with lunch), at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Mills River, NC (formerly Fletcher - same place). Topics to be covered include risk management, business planning, farm resource management, site selection, and marketing, plus a tour of nursery production at the research station. Registration fee of $10 includes lunch. Questions? Contact the Extension Center, 828-255-5522.

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Getting Started in the Nursery Business

Registration Form
September 24, 2008

Registration Deadline: September 17, 2008

One registration form per participant, please!

Name: ______________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City:_______________________________________ State:_____________________ Zip_____________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________

E-mail Address________________________________________________________

☐ Nursery Business     Cost: $10          Total _________

Make check payable to Henderson County Cooperative Extension (ATTN: Landscaping on memo line)
Mail to:
N. C. Cooperative Extension
Henderson County Center
740 Glover Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tree Seedlings Available!!

NC Division of Forest Resources, N.C. Forestry Store
1-888-NC-TREES (628-7337) (phone)
Seedlings@ncmail.net (email)
www.dfr.state.nc.us

The forestry store is open to NC Landowners effective July 1, 2008, for the 2008-2009 season.

To place orders: Call 1-888-NCTREES or visit the website www.dfr.state.nc.us and then click on “starting a forest”.

Product mix: 1-2 year old tree seedlings, hardwood & conifer, natives, typically sold in bundles of 100 seedlings, bare root and some containerized. Tree catalogue is available online.

Delivery: Seedlings will be shipped beginning the first week in December, weather permitting. Delivery will be made to the distribution center serving your county. Contact 828-667-5211 for directions to the distribution center in Asheville. The county ranger/forester will also contact you regarding your order. UPS delivery is available at an additional cost.

Nursery Pickup: If you wish to pick up your seedlings at the nursery, please contact the nursery at least three days in advance. Seedlings not picked up by May 15, 2009, will be destroyed.

Nursery: Crossnore, Linville River Nursery, 6321 Linville Falls Highway, Newland, NC 28657.

Attention Landscapers & Green Industry Professionals!!

New Irrigation Contractor’s Law!!

Where: Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Mills River, NC (Fletcher – same place).
When: September 15, 3:00-5:00 pm

Come hear the review of the ‘new’ irrigation contractor law and get a better understanding as to what you need to do to comply. Help us determine the needed venues to provide additional training. Hosted by Cooperative Extension with sponsorship supplied by John Deere Landscapes and the Green Industry Council. Please help us with the head-count by RSVP - call to confirm 828-697-4891.

WNC Horticulture and Landscape Show

Due to a low interest in the Horticulture and Landscape Show to be held in Haywood County on September 13-14, the show has been CANCELLED. We feel very strongly about having a trade show here in the west and will be planning to try this again next fall. If you have an interest in helping plan or being a part of this trade show, or just have great ideas, contact Amanda Stone, 828-255-5522, Tim Mathews in Haywood County, 828-456-3575 or Cliff Ruth in Henderson County, 828-697-4891.

Agpropane.com - Website to Check Out!

Interested in using propane as a fuel source? Interested in propane powered mowers or propane torches for thermal weed control? If you have project ideas, Ag Propane is willing to cost share on projects. Submit your ideas to: mark.leitman@propanecouncil.org or just for more information on propane visit: www.Agpropane.com

Recommendations for the use of chemicals are included in this publication as a convenience to the reader. The use of brand names and any mention or listing of commercial products or services in this publication does not imply endorsement by NCSU, NCA&T State University or N. C. Cooperative Extension or discrimination against similar products or services not mentioned. Individuals who use chemicals are responsible for ensuring that the intended use complies with current regulations and conforms to the product label. Be sure to obtain current information about usage regulations and examine a current product label before applying any chemical. For assistance contact an agent of N. C. Cooperative Extension.
2008 WNC Certified Turfgrass Professional Short Course
Sponsored by N. C. Cooperative Extension
and
The Turfgrass Council of North Carolina

Classes will be held at the Haywood County Extension Center, Waynesville. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:30-4:30 pm each day. Note: Exam Date, November 20 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Pesticide credits have been applied for.


Day 1 - October 16, 2008: Section I Turfgrass Characteristics
Day 2 - October 21, 2008: Section II Establishing Turfgrass
Day 3 - October 23, 2008: Section III Soils & Nutrient Management
Day 4 - October 28, 2008: Section IV Cultural Practices, Section VII Landscape Safety/Pesticide Use
Day 5 - October 30, 2008: Section V Pests and Integrated Pest Management
Day 6 - November 4, 2008: Section V Pests & Integrated Pest Management (continued)
Day 7 - November 6, 2008: Section VI Pesticides Characteristics
Day 8 - November 13, 2008: Section VIII Calculations & Calibration
Day 9 - November 18, 2008: Section IX Turfgrass Business & Economics/Review
Day 10 - November 20, 2008: EXAM

The exam, held at the Haywood County Extension Center, may take all 6 hours. Exam fees to be paid to TCNC.

WNC Turfgrass Professional Short Course
Registration Form
Due by October 5, 2008
Class Size Limited to 25

Company Name: ____________________________________________

Employee(s): ______________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Phone: ____________________________

E-mail Address: ________________________________

Registration for this class is $120 per person. This fee covers the text book, refreshments, and all handout materials! If you have a book, the fee is $40. It doesn’t include the examination fee. That fee is payable to TCNC!

Make check payable to Henderson County Cooperative Extension Center and mail to:
Cliff Ruth, Extension Area Agent
N. C. Cooperative Extension
Henderson County Center
740 Glover Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Forest Landowner’s Workshop

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program announces a Field Forestry Workshop at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center (http://www.lakelogan.org/map and directions) near Canton, NC, on **Wednesday, November 12 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm**. The morning session will feature speakers on the advantages of active forest management and tax strategies, including forest health and wildlife habitat enhancements. Local forestland owners will also speak on their experiences in developing stewardship plans for their properties.

The afternoon session will feature field tours of a nearby private forest property being managed for multiple purposes and forest/wildlife management activities on the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission’s Cold Mountain Game Land surrounding Lake Logan. The NC Division of Forest Resources will provide transportation for the tours and a complimentary lunch will be served at the Lake Logan facility. The workshop is provided free of charge courtesy of the North Carolina Tree Farm Program and local supporters.

Call the NC Cooperative Extension - Haywood County Center at 828-456-3575 to register for the workshop. For more information on the NC Tree Farm Program go to [http://www.nctreefarm.org/](http://www.nctreefarm.org/). For more information on the Lake Logan workshop contact:

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Southern Appalachian Multiple Use Council
828-627-3333
[Shenson1@earthlink.net](mailto:Shenson1@earthlink.net)

Dave Woodmansee
Outreach/Education Coordinator
NC Tree Farm Program
252-975-3278
252-947-2345 CELL
[DWWForester@aol.com](mailto:DWWForester@aol.com)

Farmers Adopting Computer Training (FACT) Project

This project is designed to train farm families one-on-one or in group settings how to use computers for their farming operations in order to become more competitive in the market place. Small and limited resource farm families are encouraged to participate. FACT can make computers available for farmers unable to purchase one. This program will be offered at AB-Tech-Enka Campus. For more info on this program, please contact Gea Skeens at AB-Tech, 828-254-1921, Extension 334.

Basic Home Maintenance Course

The Buncombe County Cooperative Extension Center is offering a five-series Basic Home Maintenance Course beginning **Thursday, October 16 from 5:30–7:30 pm**. The remaining dates for the course are: **October 21, 23, 28, & November 4**. Some of the topics to be covered are: saving on your heating and cooling bills, basic plumbing repairs, interior and exterior maintenance, landscaping and lawn care, indoor air quality, common household pest, etc. The fee of $20 includes all materials. Space is limited so pre-registration is required.
## Grower Spotlight – Past Issues

1. **Meadowbrook Nursery, We-Du Natives**, (828) 738-8300, 2055 Polly Spout Road, Marion, NC  28752
   Native trees and shrubs, conifers, perennials, ferns, grasses, vines and wildflowers. Lots of new plants each year! Wholesale and retail – can order online too.

2. **Sandy Mush Herb Nursery**, (828) 683-2014, 316 Surratt Cove Road, Leicester, NC  28748
   Traditional culinary and medicinal herbs, scented geraniums, wildflowers and other native plants, perennials, trees and shrubs, Bonsai plants and much more. Retail at the nursery or by mail order.

3. **Reems Creek Valley Nursery & Garden Center**, (828) 645-3937, 70 Monticello Road, Weaverville, NC  28787
   Natives, perennials, annuals, bedding plants, vegetable transplants, trees and shrubs. Heirloom and organic seeds fruit trees, blueberries and small fruits. Water gardening supplies, pottery and garden gifts. Retail and 20% off green goods to landscape contractors with proper identification.

4. **Jack Young Greenhouses**, (828) 667-5555, 91 Holbrook Road, Candler, NC  28715
   Perennials and annuals grown from seed, perennials grown from cuttings and division, hanging baskets, potted flowering plants like lilies, flowering shrubs, veggie transplants, water plants and poinsettias.

5. **Country Fields Greenhouse & Gardens, Inc.**, (828) 296-8839, 154 Lower Grassy Branch Road, Asheville, NC  28805
   Perennials, annuals, bedding plants, shrubs, blueberries, hydrangeas, crape myrtles, field grown trees from seeds and plugs plus organic vegetables. Retail and wholesale to the green industry.

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**Individuals with disabilities who would like to participate in any program mentioned in this newsletter, but who need special assistance to do so, should call the Extension Center at 828-255-5522 at least five days prior to the event.**