

Grants for Farmers

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Are there grants for farmers?

- Yes, but...
- true grants vs. cost share
- innovation, broad collaboration, and wide community impact
- application and sharing impacts

The Common Options

- **WNC AgOptions** is administered by WNC Communities
- **AgPrime** is administered by the University of Mount Olive
- **NC AgVentures** is administered by North Carolina State Extension



County Dependent

WNC AgOptions

Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Clay, Cherokee, Cleveland, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey

AgPrime

Bertie, Beaufort, **Bladen**, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Gates, Hyde, Hertford, Hoke, Jones, **Lee**, Lenoir, **Montgomery**, **Moore**, New Hanover, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Onslow **Richmond**, **Robeson**, **Scotland**, Tyrrell, Washington

NC AgVentures

Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Forsyth,, Gaston, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, **Harnett**, Iredell, **Johnson**, Lincoln, Martin, Mecklenburg, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Pitt, **Randolph**, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, **Stanly**, Stokes, Surry, Union, Vance, **Wake**, **Wayne**, Wilson, Wilkes, Warren, Yadkin

Considerations

- Current/former tobacco growers, former quota holders, tobacco workers or close family descendants
- Not received previous grant awards
- Earn at least 50% of their gross personal income from their farm operation
- **Proposals that present a new direction or innovative opportunity, a kind of pilot project that other farms can learn from.**

Process

- what is your project? \$10,000 max
 - be prepared for small cash match (AgPrime is 10%)
 - consult with your local NC Cooperative Extension Agent
 - complete your application
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- complete the project in 12 months
 - share the project and impacts