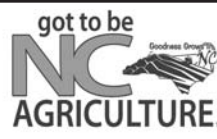


What's in Season?

North Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Availability



You can use this guide to choose the freshest, best tasting produce obtainable!
 Insist on buying local NC grown food in grocery stores, restaurants, in the work place and schools, or - buy direct from a local NC grower at a farmers market, pick-your-own or roadside farm market.

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For directories and more information about NC produce, visit ncdamarkets.org.

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Root Problems Lead to Tree Decline

Most urban tree decline that we can see is most likely related to root problems. Indicators of tree root problems are: crown die back, epicormic shoots and suckers, stunted twig growth, leaves too small and yellowing, and a heavier than usual crop of berries, cones, or nuts. Other indicators of tree decline can be: girdling roots, dead bark on flare roots, lack of root flare, fungal growth, insect activity.



Tree root problems can be caused by the following:

- People pressure – human activities can lead to compaction of the soil surrounding the roots or wounding of the roots. Foot and vehicle traffic or construction equipment cause soil compaction. Grade changes affect roots through addition or removal of soil. Planting at improper depths, excessive mulch piled over the root collar or flare, soil tilling that damages shallow roots (80% of all roots occur in the top 12" inches of the soil), excavation and trenching that severs or tears roots, and damage by equipment such as mowers and trimmers are examples of the types of human activities that cause tree root problems.
- Competing plants – grass, weeds, annuals, and ground covers compete with trees for available nutrients and moisture. In urban situations overlapping root zones of multiple plants increase this competition.
- Hardscape conflict often leads to cut roots, limited soil volume, and reduced availability of water and air.
- Limited soil volume – such as that in containers, street plantings, or parking lot islands.
- Chemicals – excess fertilizer, herbicides, and deicing materials can contribute to tree decline.
- Pathogens – such as insects, fungi, bacteria, or nematodes.
- Voles and other animals – animals might actually feed on roots and bark or can damage roots by digging or burrowing. Rodent feeding may indicate excessive mulch was piled on top of the roots.
- Others include poor quality nursery stock, soil erosion, soil hardpan, excessive surface water, shallow water table, and lack of water

You may be able to add your own bullets to this list from your own experience. Roots are the most important part of a plant and we tend to forget them because they are out of site so out of mind.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They distribute coats to those in need as well as to schools in Anson County. Blankets for the elderly are also available. Gumbys on Highway 74 in Lilesville is a drop off site for donations, or a pick up point for those who need a coat. Just call to schedule it. To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

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PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT BY:

Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.

- **Montgomery County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133
- **Richmond County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133
- **Moore County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133
- **Anson County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the citizens of each county an adequate opportunity for involvement in the planning, implementation, evaluation and assessment of the Community Service Block Grant Program applied for and administered by Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. It is with the intent to file an application for the 2023-2024 Community Service Block Grant Program funding. It is mandatory that we hold these meetings to ascertain the views, comments, questions, and proposals on how the funds will be utilized.

The purpose of the Community Service Block Grant is to provide a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in those areas of the community where poverty is a particularly acute problem.

For further information, please contact our office at 910-947-5675, ext.#106.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
6:00PM
ANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

Parents and student-athletes are invited to join us as we celebrate and recognize our Fall Sports teams and athletes.