Learn how to tackle the hot summer months in this course by learning tips to turn a hostile environment into a positive environment for your crops. You will also explore ways to market in this season, to maintain relationships, and to keep your farm profitable. Focus on summer greenhouse management by learning ways to maintain your soil health and how to maneuver production challenges, including climate and water usage.

It’s time to harvest! Learn how to assess the business of your farm and how to think ahead in planning for the next season. You will learn tips such as how to provide a habitat for your beneficial, in order to control and encourage healthy pest and plant relationships. You will find out ways to utilize season extension as a marketing, production and profit-making tool that will lead you into next year. Even learn ways to finance your growing farm business.

Please register at least one week in advance. Call 704-216-7222 or register online through WebAdvisor (go to WebAdvisor, click “Continuing Education,” then “Search, Register and Pay for Continuing Education Classes”). www.rccc.edu
Come join us at Lomax Incubator Farm to learn how to profitably grow good food in a certified organic farm. This is a hands-on series of classes based on seasonal farm management issues which may be taken in any sequence. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 pm. Tuesdays will be 100% field work while Thursday evenings will consist of primarily classroom and lecture time with occasional field work. We’re going to be on a working farm, so dress appropriately including dressing for hot, humid weather and freezing cold weather. Closed toed shoes are required on the farm. Your own water bottle is recommended, as is sunscreen and a hat.

5 SEPARATE CLASSES WITH 5 SEPARATE REGISTRATIONS

All classes meet 5-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lomax Incubator Farm
3445 Atando Road, Concord N.C. 28025

Registration fee: $125 for each course

Courses are based on seasonal farm management issues and do not need to be taken sequentially. No pre-requisites for any course.

WINTER FARM ECONOMICS:
Tues./Thurs., Jan. 10 - Feb. 28
Datatel # 91733
Learn about the basics of building your own farming business in this hands-on course that will teach you how to plan, prep and plant your way to success in agriculture. You will explore budgeting, cash flows, and crop plans that will help your production make a profit. You will learn how demographics can work for you by finding the right customers and how to market what is best for them. You will work on creating profitable growing environments through greenhouse management.

SPRING PLANTING & SOIL HEALTH
Tues./Thurs., March 12 - May 2
Datatel #91737
Explore the science behind your business as you study ways to make your land work for you using tools that will work for your land. Learn tips such as site analysis as you test your soil, how to plan based on weather, and how to plan your irrigation system to maintain your soil and plant health. You will also study farming technology and equipment to help increase the productivity of your crops.

MID-SUMMER MARKETING, AGRIBUSINESS AND DESIGN
Tues./Thurs., May 7 - July 2
Datatel #91740
Learn how to make your crops suitable for market in this hands-on course that will teach you how to navigate your business through the agricultural community. You will learn how to manage your own profits by building customer relations in the marketplace, and how to create your own food safety plan to maintain your farm’s credibility.

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