

Company News

As some of you may have noticed already, we are currently under construction at our shop facility off Hwy 181 in Oak Hill. A large new building has been added to the front of our existing shop that will house our new office! We are so excited to join forces with our crews and physically be in the same location. Our current office on Henderson Mill Road will be vacated in the near future making things much easier on everyone. We are not quite sure of our move in date as of yet but will keep you all posted. Once we are up and running we would love to have you drop by and visit. We are proud of this new endeavor and excited about the future!

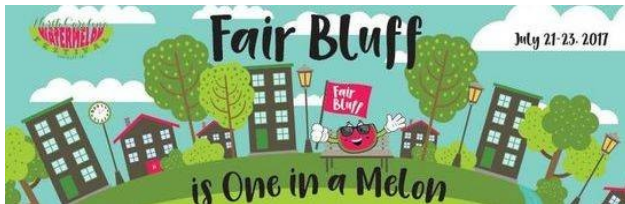


The Fourth of July tomato, sometimes called 'Independence Day Tomato,' is one of the earliest varieties of non-cherry tomatoes. Early season tomatoes mature in 65 days or less from the time plants are set out in the garden. It is so named because it can produce ripe fruit by July 4 (Independence Day in the USA) in the typical climate. Even in regions with the shortest growing seasons, the plant has been known to yield red tomatoes by early July. Fourth of July was bred by Burpee, which maintains exclusive distribution rights. As with other hybrids, the variety's parentage remains a well-guarded industry secret. The fruit's main attractions are its early arrival, its dependability, disease resistance, and the sheer volume of fruit it produces. Even for an early tomato, critics agree, Fourth of July has a better-than-average taste. The only drawbacks mentioned regularly about this tomato are thicker-than-normal skin and occasional cracking.



To Water Or Not?

I dare say that in our heavy clay soils more woody plants perish from too much water than not enough. With the temps already soaring into the 90s the need for supplemental watering increases. Any woody tree or shrub planted in the last year will need watered at least once per week to survive the heat. How much and how often? Our rule of thumb is to water a minimum of once per week unless we get an inch of rain or more. Hold a hose on the roots to a count of fifty and that will do it until the next week. If they display wilting, make sure the roots are dry prior to watering. A drowning plant will wilt also from a lack of oxygen.



The North Carolina Watermelon Festival will be held July 21-23, 2017 in downtown Fair Bluff. A family fun event that includes pageants, parade, entertainment, vendors and more. This festival has a deep and rich history dating back to 1979 when two men, Monroe Enzor Sr. and AJ Worley began comparing their watermelons. Both men were semi-retired farmers and wanted a fun hobby to do. Carrying their prize melons into town on the backs of their pick up trucks, each man was looking for bragging rights. Both successful in growing huge melons, Monroe has earned bragging rights over his 117 lb melon and AJ has earned bragging rights over his 120 lb melon! In years that followed the crowds coming into the little town of Fair Bluff began to increase with the excitement of the watermelon contest between these two friends. Make the road trip! I'm sure Fair Bluff is *One in a Melon!* For more information visit <http://www.ncwatermelonfestival.org>.



Left: AJ Worley
 Right: Monroe Enzor, Sr.

