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Nursery and Farms, Inc.

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We are a third Generation Family Farm

Present day farm was started in 1953 by Everette Lewis

Original focus was strawberry production and
strawberry nursery plant production





1950's- Strawberries and strawberry plant production



1960's- Blueberry production was added



1980's- Cal returned to family farm and started plastic culture strawberries



1990's- Diversified into vegetable production



2000's- Present Day focus has been production of all berries with the addition of blackberries and raspberries

Current day Lewis Nursery and Farms

We are now working in the fourth generation with my daughter Margaret and nephew Walt Webb's involvement

Our present-day focus is strawberry, blueberry, and blackberry production along with research trials with long cane raspberries



Spring Strawberries

We presently produce 150 acres
of traditional spring strawberries
in April and May

Lewis Farms offers both
wholesale and a local retail
market



Winter Strawberries

We launched winter production of strawberries under solar high tunnels in 2007

Production season is November through May

We presently grow 35 acres



Blueberries

We presently grow 375 acres of
blueberries

Production season is May
through June

All blueberry sales are conducted
through our sister company
American Blueberries



Blackberries

We presently produces 50 acres of Blackberries

25 acres are DSA proprietary varieties

25 acres are public varieties

Production season is June through July

All public variety blackberry sales are conducted
through American Blueberries



Raspberries

We have been trialing long cane raspberries under tunnels for the past several years in partnership with NC State and Triest Ag

We presently produce 3.5 acres of long cane raspberries

- Kwanza long canes sourced from Quebec, Canada
- Planted in late January/early Feb
- Harvested mid April- May



American Blueberries LLC

American Blueberries is a berry marketing company, owned by the Lewis family, that proudly represents blueberry and blackberry growers

Presently marketing domestic blueberries from April through August with a concentration during the NC blueberry season from mid May through mid July

We presently market 25% of North Carolina's fresh blueberries



American Blackberries

Presently marketing blackberries from NC growers from June through October

Southeastern NC grows ~ 300 - 350 acres
The piedmont and mountains grow ~ 600-700 acres

American markets approximately 20% of NC blackberry production

Primary public blackberry varieties in our region:

- Ponca
- Prime Ark 45
- Ouachita
- Osage
- Navaho
- Caddo
- Galaxy



Evolution of Southeastern NC Blackberry Production

Early 2000s, visited Ervin Lineberger, pioneer of NC blackberry production and consulted with Gina Fernandez, small fruit specialist at NCSU. They encouraged us to look into commercial blackberry production to support the growing demand and to compliment our other berry production

In 2007 we launched initial trials with tunneled blackberries at the encouragement of Miles Reiter using Driscoll's varieties under tunnels as well as public varieties. The use of tunnels promoted higher quality and to maximize production in our climate

Having success, we continued our blackberry production at Lewis Farms and began promoting this opportunity with other southeastern NC growers to compliment our blueberry marketing effort with American Blueberries

Future Opportunities

We think there is continued growth potential in the production of all the presently grown berries in Southeastern NC with an exciting opportunity to produce long cane raspberries

