

Cambria & Bryce Fedie

Farm Seekers — Lavender, Apiary & Farm-Stay Agritourism

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OBJECTIVE

To purchase 50–100+ acres of farmland in western North Carolina and establish a permanent, diversified agricultural operation — anchored by 5+ acres of lavender, a producing apiary, and a small orchard — funded and sustained by an on-farm retail store and farm-stay lodging that immerses guests in the working farm. We intend to keep the land in agricultural production permanently and would welcome structures (owner financing, leaseback, life estate) that honor a retiring owner's legacy.

FARM EXPERIENCE

Apiary Owner/Operator — Bloom & Buzz | 2024 – Present

- Manage multiple hives year-round: inspections, disease and mite management, swarm prevention and capture, splits, and overwintering.
- Full honey production cycle: pulling and grading supers, extraction, bottling, and sales; expanding into wax products and nucs.
- Operating under the ongoing mentorship of an established commercial beekeeper, including work on his out-yards and pollination sites.
- Building a documented farm business record: sales tracking, expense records, and federal Schedule F filing.

Agritourism & Farm Business Planning (self-directed) | 2023 – Present

- Completed a comprehensive business plan for a combined lavender/apiary farm with farm-stay lodging, including market analysis, unit economics, and phased development.
- Member, American Glamping Association; attended Glamping Show Americas and pre-show workshops; site research at comparable operating farm-stay properties.
- In-depth study of lavender cultivation for Southeast conditions: humidity-tolerant varieties, mounded well-drained rows, and drip establishment.
- Extensive land-use research: county zoning ordinances, present-use-value taxation, NC bona fide farm statute (G.S. 160D-903), and USDA/FSA and Farm Credit financing programs.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Cambria Fedie: Experienced finance and operations leader with a background in budgeting, business management, customer relations, and project management, bringing strong organizational and strategic planning skills to farm and agricultural operations.
- Bryce Fedie: Army veteran and skilled tradesman with extensive experience in home renovation, equipment operation, maintenance and construction, providing practical expertise for farm instructor and property development.
- Owned and managed investment real estate (Savannah, GA), including renovation oversight, tenant relations, and property finance.

PRODUCTION & STEWARDSHIP GOALS

- Lavender: 5+ acres for retail products, u-pick events, and guest experiences.
- Apiary: expanded hive count producing sourwood and wildflower honey; pollinator-first, no-spray management across the farm.
- Orchard: small fruit planting for u-pick and farm-stay programming.
- Stewardship: soil health, diverse forage plantings, dark-sky-friendly lighting, and permanent agricultural use — no subdivision.

FINANCIAL READINESS

- Written business plan with phased capital budget; financing pathway in progress with Farm Credit and USDA/FSA programs.
- Down-payment capital available; open to owner financing and installment structures.

References available on request, including our beekeeping mentor.