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LITTLE LEAF FARMS WILL CREATE 100 JOBS AND BUILD HIGH-TECH GREENHOUSE COMPLEX IN YANCEY COUNTY

The Yancey County Economic Development Commission and Yancey County Government join Governor Cooper and the North Carolina Department of Commerce in announcing the recruitment of Little Leaf Farms to Yancey County. Little Leaf Farms, LLC is an innovative producer of fresh lettuce, headquartered in Devens, Massachusetts, and will build an approximately twenty-acre state of the art greenhouse complex in Yancey County, creating up to 100 jobs and investing up to \$86 million in their new Burnsville facility.

“This is a momentous announcement for Yancey County and we whole-heartedly welcome Little Leaf Farms to Burnsville” said Yancey County Economic Development Director Jamie McMahan. “Little Leaf Farms is a cutting edge company, pioneering technologies normally associated with advanced manufacturing into sustainable, environmentally responsible agricultural production. In Yancey County we have a long heritage of agriculture, a strong connection to our natural environment, and a dedicated workforce skilled in advanced industrial technologies. These qualities make our community a great fit for Little Leaf Farms and we are grateful for their decision to locate here and look forward to them joining our business community” added McMahan.

“We’re excited about the announcement of this wonderful company coming into Yancey County and our future relationship with Little Leaf Farms as the newest member of our business community. We are pleased that our community was chosen for this new facility and excited for the positive impact it will have on our community” said Jeff Whitson, Yancey County Commission Chair.

County Manager Lynn Austin added “This project broadens the economic diversity of our county. Little Leaf Farms’ new facility will re-energize agriculture as an economic driver in Yancey County in new and interesting ways.”

Additional details regarding the announcement may be found at the following link:
<https://www.nccommerce.com/news/press-releases/little-leaf-farms-will-create-100-jobs-and-build-high-tech-greenhouse-complex>

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