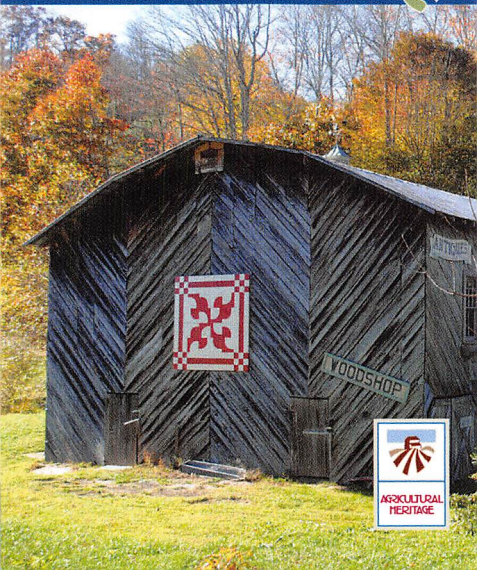


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A Distinctive Appalachian Agricultural Tradition

For thousands of years, Native Americans cultivated the fertile valleys of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. European immigrants brought many of their agricultural practices with them as they settled in the mountains, but soon adopted many Cherokee crops and techniques. This blending of agricultural practices resulted in a distinctive regional agricultural heritage. Today, traditional crops continue to be cultivated along with newer introductions—specialty crops such as Christmas trees, ornamentals, mushrooms, herbs, and wine grapes.

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