

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Steve Troxler, Commissioner

Research Stations Division

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Mission & Responsibilities

To manage crop and livestock facilities that serve as a platform for agriculture research to make farming more efficient, productive, and profitable, while maintaining a sound environment and providing consumers with safe and affordable products .

History of Division

The Research Stations Divisions is comprised of 18 Research Stations—12 operated by NCDA and 6 operated by NCSU. All are managed by NCDA through a Memorandum of Understanding between the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State University initially developed in 1938 and revised in 2010. An MOU was developed between NCDA&CS and NC A&T State University in 2010 bringing them in as an additional partner. The total land base administered by the Research Stations Division is 19,157 acres with the research stations strategically located across the state based on soil type, elevation, climate, and key commodities. The first research station was established in Edgecombe County in 1902, and five are now more than 100 years old.

Employees

224 full-time positions: 163 NCDA staff, 61 NCSU staff

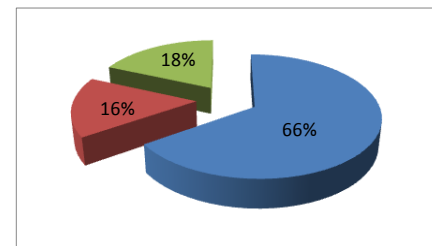
2011-2012 Accomplishments

- 476 different research projects conducted by 75 faculty and 148 graduate students from NCSU and NC A&T, as well as USDA scientists. Research projects represent thousands of individual field plots and animals from which data are collected.
- Research represented the diversity of North Carolina agriculture and the world-class nature of research faculty, with over 70 commodities represented, and research focused on production, efficiency, environmental impact, sustainability, local food, and human health implications.
- Hosted 325 official events attended by 9,823 individuals. Events included field days, workshops, tours, outdoor classrooms, and school-age educational opportunities.
- Invested in GPS-based precision agriculture technology as well as irrigation infrastructure to keep pace with the modern pace of agriculture.
- Partnered with researchers at NCSU, NC A&T and USDA to support over \$40 million in grant-supported agricultural research.
- Generated data that are used for recommendations by Cooperative Extension to support large, medium, and small farming operations across North Carolina.

FY 2011–2012 Sources of Funding

State Appropriations
Personnel Services - \$8,195,671 (66%)
Appropriated Operating—\$2,014,009 (16%)
Receipts—\$2,306,407 (18%)

Total Budget: \$12,516,087



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