BORDER BELT TOBACCO RESEARCH STATION (NCDA&CS)

Location
City: Whiteville
County: Columbus

Background:
• Established in 1949
• moved to current location in 1956

Unique Characteristics:
• Soil are uniform in nature and highly characteristic of the Southern Coastal Plain
• The southern latitude allows for a longer growing season than other research station locations
• The high humidity and temperatures provide an excellent environment for disease work

Station Statistics
Staff: 5
Management Units: Field Crops
Buildings: 10

Research Program
Project Leaders (#): 9
Ongoing Projects (#): 28
Focus: Soybeans, Peanuts, Corn Tobacco, Small Grains

Acres:
Station Total 101.44 ac.
Field Crops 42
  Flue-Cured Tobacco 16
  Corn 5
  Soybeans 15
  Peanuts 4
  Small Grains 2
Rotational 16
Ponds 0.9
Woodlands 6
Infrastructure 36.54

Station Improvements:
• Two greenhouses used for hydroponics studies
• Burley tobacco curing shed
• Station dwelling

Station Events:
• Tours – Tobacco & Plant Pathology
• Meeting – Extension & Community College
• Events – Disaster Relief Hay Demonstration