UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RESEARCH STATION (NCDA&CS)

Location

| City: | Rocky Mount |
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| County: | Edgecombe |

Background:

- Established in 1903
- Over half of the tobacco acreage in North Carolina and South Carolina is planted to Black Shank resistant varieties; all developed in the Black Shank nurseries on the UCPRS.

Unique Characteristics:

- The range of soil textures from deep loamy sands to sandy clay to silt loams, provide effective evaluation of the efficacy of various herbicides and herbicide combinations leading to the development of highly effective weed management strategies for cotton, corn, peanuts, soybeans and tobacco
- Abundant water supply, even in times of drought

| Station Statistics Staff: | 9 | |
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| Management Units: | Field Crops Tobacco | |
| Buildings: | 28 | |
| Research Program Project Leaders (#): Ongoing Projects (#): Focus: | 22 150 Peanuts, Cotton, Soybeans, Co Switchgrass, Trees, Weed Mana | rn, Tobacco, Cucurbits, Small Grain, agement |
| Acres: Station Total Field Crops Corn Soybean Cotton Peanut Small grain Tobacco Vegetables Switchgrass Rotational Irrigation Ponds Woodlands Infrastructure | 441.92 ac. 193 65 20 65 35 8 27 1 7 26 16 100 71.92 | BESEARCH FORESTRY DINFRASTRUCTURE |

Station Improvements:

- Renovation Dwellings and Maintenance Shop
- New Burley Curing Shelter, Greenhouse for tobacco transplant production and Clean Room for Pesticide Storage and Loading Facility
- Equipment purchases Emergency Generators, Traveler irrigation systems, backup irrigation pump, 4-wheel tractor, high-clearance tractor
- Installation of natural gas lines to all facilities

Station Events:

- Field Days Cotton
- Tours Annual Tobacco, Annual Weed Management, Burley Tobacco
- Training Soil Classification, Extension Agents, Entomology, Cotton, Peanut & Tobacco Production
- Visits Seed Company and Agricultural Chemical Reps