# **PIEDMONT RESEARCH STATION (NCDA&CS)**

## Location

City: Salisbury County: Rowan



### Background:

- Established in 1953
- Research on layers provided a biological basis for Chemoprevention of Ovarian Cancer in women
- Cattle diets developed utilizing waste cotton fiber from spinning mills, reducing the amount of waste going to landfills and identified a cheap feed source.

#### Unique Characteristics:

- The only facility with commercial poultry research including work with broiler breeders, broilers, incubation, and commercial layers as well as using spent fowl in medical research to develop an avian model to increase the understanding and ultimate reduction of Ovarian Cancer
- Dairy facility conducting applied and basic work to increase the efficiencies of dairy production and reduce the impact of the dairy activities on the surrounding area by improving nutrient management

Station Statistics Staff:	29	
Management Units:	Livestock Dairy Poultry Horticultural Crops Field Crops	Herd Size (#) 316 12904
Buildings:	44	
Research Program Project Leaders (#): Ongoing Projects (#): Focus:	19 35 Poultry, Dairy, Corn, S Strawberries, Cane Be High Tunnel Production	
Acres: Station Total Field Crops Wheat Canola Soybeans P & K (Soil Science) Ground cover Pasture/Hay Small Fruits Vegetables Rotational Irrigation Ponds	1036.2 ad 25 15 3 2 2 3 185 10 10 10 171 8	c. 45% 49%
Woodlands Infrastructure	462.2 165	□ RESEARCH ■ FORESTRY □ INFRASTRUCTURE

## Station Improvements:

- 22,500 sq. ft. of high tunnel greenhouses
- Upgraded dairy facility including onsite laboratory
- Upgraded poultry research facility

## Station Events:

- Field Days Small Grain & Dairy
- Workshops Bio-Fuels & Small Grain
- Training: NCDA&CS ICS
- Training: NCSU Pesticide, 4-H Judging, NCRS Training
- Youth Programs District 4-H Event, State FFA Dairy Judging, Poultry Youth Program
- Area & Public Schools Classroom Visits
- Disaster Recovery Hay Relief