

**North Carolina Department of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services**

January 18, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Designated Legislative Committee Members/ Friends of North Carolina Agriculture

**SUBJECT:** 2010 North Carolina Agricultural Research Stations Annual Report of Activities

As you are aware, Session Law 2008-107, Sec. 9.13 directed the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University, the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences to jointly study and develop a comprehensive strategic plan for management of the agricultural research stations and the university research farm at NC A&T State University. In keeping with our long-standing partnerships, we as Deans of the State's two land-grant universities and as Commissioner of Agriculture agreed to continue working together to seek ways to enhance efficiency, improve effectiveness and modernize the Research Station System.

In response to this request, we established a Strategic Planning Council and a Working Group consisting of members from each organization. We also appointed an External Advisory Committee comprised of 23 leaders in the North Carolina agricultural community. On May 1, 2009, we were pleased to be able to share with you the results of our strategic plan entitled *Working Together for Agriculture, A Strategic Plan for North Carolina Agricultural Research Stations*. Throughout the past year, we have been hard at work implementing the recommendations of this strategic plan.

On December 14, 2010, we met with members of the External Advisory Committee for the North Carolina Agricultural Research Stations to prepare our first annual report of activities as called for in our strategic plan.

Today, we are pleased to provide this report to you, not only to highlight accomplishments at our research stations during 2010, but as a way to document our progress towards the goals outlined within the strategic plan. This report is also available as a printable PDF file at the following URL: <http://www.ncagr.gov/research/documents/ResearchStations2010AnnualReport.pdf>.

We share a common vision and a continuing commitment to work together to enhance North Carolina agriculture through activities at our research stations. We appreciate your continuing support.

Sincerely,

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Steven W. Troxler  
Commissioner

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Dean and Executive Director  
For Agricultural Programs

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Donald R. McDowell  
Interim Dean