## **UPPER PIEDMONT RESEARCH STATION (NCSU)**

Location

City: Reidsville County: Rockingham

## Background:

Established in 1959

 The only location in North Carolina that has been used to develop an alternative air-cured tobacco industry for producing tobaccos that are low in the production of nitrosamine, implicated as the agents that are carcinogenic in tobacco

## **Unique Characteristics:**

- The only location adjacent to the Yadkin Valley wine grape growing region and host to the only major wine grape research effort in the state
- Rolling hills and some steep slopes provide ideal landscape and climate for cow/calf beef production.
  Location of the only Registered Angus Beef herd in the system
- Mild winters and short summers make this region very suitable for beef production.

#### **Station Statistics**

Staff: 9

Management Units: Livestock Herd Size (#)

Beef 230

Field Crops

Buildings: 42

**Research Program** 

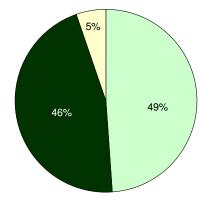
Project Leaders (#): 17 Ongoing Projects (#): 22

Focus: Grapes, Beef, Flue-cured, Burley & dark Tobacco, Paulownia Trees,

Wheat, Canola, Biofuels, Turf

# Acres:

Station Total			815.63 ac
Field Crops		80*	
Tobacco	10		
Corn	5		
Biofuels	10		
Wheat	35		
Rye Grass	20		
Pasture/Hay		350*	
Small Fruits		6	
Rotational		35*	
Irrigation Ponds		7.9	
Woodlands		354.52	
Infrastructure		50	
Lease Land		67.59	
*supported by leased acreage			



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### Station Improvements:

- 200 foot 54 gate Calan barn
- Local Farmer's Market on-site
- 1.5 mile long walking trail
- 4 new 40X80 ft sheds for tobacco curing and hay storage
- 4 box barn curing unit structure for curing tobacco
- Underground irrigation lines to irrigate over 60 acres.

## **Station Events:**

- Annual Research Stations cattle sale
- Tours NC A&T State University staff and local school groups
- Farm Safety Day
- "Spring Fever Sale" & "Long Horn Show"
- Chinqua-Penn Stew Day and UPRS hayrides; Hospice Walk-A-Thon