



April 3, 2020

Dear Small Farmers and Small Farms Week Supporters:

As chancellor of N.C. A&T, one of the most rewarding parts of my job is learning about the many ways our university and its programs touch the lives of the people of North Carolina. This impact is evident through the work of our College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) and Cooperative Extension.

N.C. A&T, CAES and Cooperative Extension are committed partners with our small farmers and rural communities. We understand the importance of small farms to our agriculture sector and to the overall health and well-being of the people in our state. Our theme for Small Farms Week this year was *Inspiring Farmers, Sustaining Farms*, and in these challenging times, I want to assure you that all of us at N.C. A&T remain committed to the land-grant mission, education and research through CAES, and agricultural outreach through Cooperative Extension.

The CAES is a research powerhouse that has led the university in research funding for the last several years. That research will lead to new sustainable farming techniques, new agriculture technologies, new crops and new markets for farmers. Cooperative Extension, as it has done for generations, will transfer that research knowledge into practical solutions that inspires farmers and supports them in sustaining their farms and way of life. By helping our small farmers prosper, together we build a statewide agriculture industry that is strong, diverse, resilient, and a foundation for healthy rural communities.

I thank you for all that you do to feed and support our local communities, our nation and the world. Working together, I am confident we can build a future for small farmers in our state that is both inspiring and sustainable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harold L. Martin".

Harold L. Martin, Sr.
Chancellor