



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Community and Economic Impact

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES is a research, education and outreach engine that drives health, wellness and quality of life for North Carolinians and shapes the state's \$111 billion agriculture sector. We're a leader in food science, nutrition and human health, specialty crops, small-farms innovation, and resilient agricultural practices.

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**AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH ROI**



Return on investment in U.S. agricultural research is \$20 for every public \$1 invested

USDA Economic Research Service

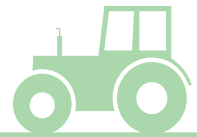
\$45
MILLION

in grant funding was used to invest in N.C. communities:

\$33
MILLION
was invested in agricultural research and teaching programs.

N.C. A&T Division of Research, 2023

\$12
MILLION
was used for outreach through Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T.



WORKFORCE & STATE'S INCOME

Agriculture employs about

16%

of North Carolina's workforce and contributes about

16%

of the state's income

N.C. Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services

4,465
**SMALL-SCALE
PRODUCERS**

improved crop production, farm management and value-added enterprises with training from CAES.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Reporting System



15,500
POUNDS

of produce from N.C. A&T's farm was distributed in food-scarce areas across the state.



26
TEACHERS

were trained to find agricultural connections within their curriculum in 2024, giving more than

1,000

**K-12 AND TECHNICAL
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

exposure to new career paths in 15+ disciplines.



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