THE SMITH INITIATIVE
For NC Research Stations and Field Laboratories

DELIVERING AGRICULTURAL ADVANTAGE TO NORTH CAROLINA’S FARMERS
For 125 years, NC State University scientists have worked side by side with North Carolina farmers to increase productivity, develop new markets, meet emerging challenges, and advance our state’s competitiveness in the world market. Applied research translates solutions from the laboratory to the field in 18 research stations and 5 field laboratories across North Carolina’s diverse geographic, climatic and agronomic landscape. These facilities, managed through a partnership with the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS), are a unique strength of our agricultural research engine...and a powerful tool supporting the economic success of North Carolina’s farmers.

MEETING 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES TO AGRICULTURE AND SOCIETY
21st century challenges to food security, food safely, and environmental sustainability require 21st century research capability. NC State and NCDA&CS are committed to ensuring that North Carolina’s research stations and field laboratories are equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment required to solve increasingly complex cultural problems, help farmers utilize technology to meet GAP standards, and deliver new solutions to feed a hungry world. A few examples include:

- GPS-enabled planters, harvesters, sprayers and yield monitors
- Sensors and other data collection and management technology
- Variable rate seed, spray and irrigation equipment

CREATING THE FARM OF THE FUTURE
The strength of North Carolina’s agricultural economy is a testimony to the century of partnership between NC State’s research and extension faculty, NCDA&CS leadership, farmers and agribusiness professionals. This partnership – played out through classroom education, laboratory and field research, on-farm testing and field day demonstrations – provides a competitive advantage for North Carolina’s agricultural economy. THE SMITH INITIATIVE FOR NC RESEARCH STATIONS AND FIELD LABORATORIES is designed help sharpen the competitive edge that delivers the promise of the farm of the future.

HONORING DR. DAVID SMITH’S SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE
In 2012, to honor Dr. W. David Smith’s 31 years of service, we sent an open invitation to NC State’s agricultural research partners and stakeholders to join in this commitment to North Carolina’s future. Gifts of cash, equipment, or supplies to The Smith Initiative may be pledged over a one-to-five year period.

Gifts may be designated for a particular station or field lab, or may be unrestricted to address the highest area of need and opportunity. Unrestricted gifts will be allocated through a competitive process by the NC Agricultural & Life Sciences Research Foundation Board of Directors.
I/we wish to join The Smith Initiative through the following commitment:

**Gifts of Cash**

$__________ total cash pledge to be designated as follows:

My/our commitment will be fulfilled in the following manner:
Total pledge of $__________ to be paid over _____ years (not to exceed 5)
First payment of $__________ enclosed OR to be made on or about _________
Remaining pledge payments to be made on the following schedule:

- [ ] monthly, beginning on _________
- [ ] quarterly, beginning on _________
- [ ] semi-annually, beginning on _________
- [ ] annually, beginning on _________
- [ ] other

If you make a pledge, reminders will be sent to you prior to each pledge payment date.

**Matching Gifts:**
- [ ] My company/spouse’s company will match my personal gift.
  Company name: ________________________________

**Credit Card Gifts:**
We care about protecting your private information. To make a secure credit card gift, visit [http://go.ncsu.edu/smith_research_initiative](http://go.ncsu.edu/smith_research_initiative). If you prefer, you may call Angela Lands at 919.515.9261 and she will process your gift over the phone. (Have your card handy!)

**Gifts of Equipment/Supplies:**

Item or supplies: ____________________________________________________________
Market value: $______________

Independent appraisals required for in-kind gifts of $5,000 or more. Gifts of services will be recognized in Smith Initiative and College publications, but are not tax-deductible.

**Designation/Publishing of Gift**

- [ ] Direct my/our gift to the following research station or field laboratory:
  __________________________________________________________

- [ ] Direct my/our gift to the area of greatest opportunity and need.

- [ ] I/We wish to make this gift anonymously.

Print Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________
Print Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Please make checks payable to the NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. with Smith Initiative on the memo line. You will receive an official receipt. Send to: NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc., Campus Box 7645, Raleigh, NC 27695. NC Ag Foundation Tax ID: 56-6049304.