

School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences SMALL FARMS WEEK: 2014

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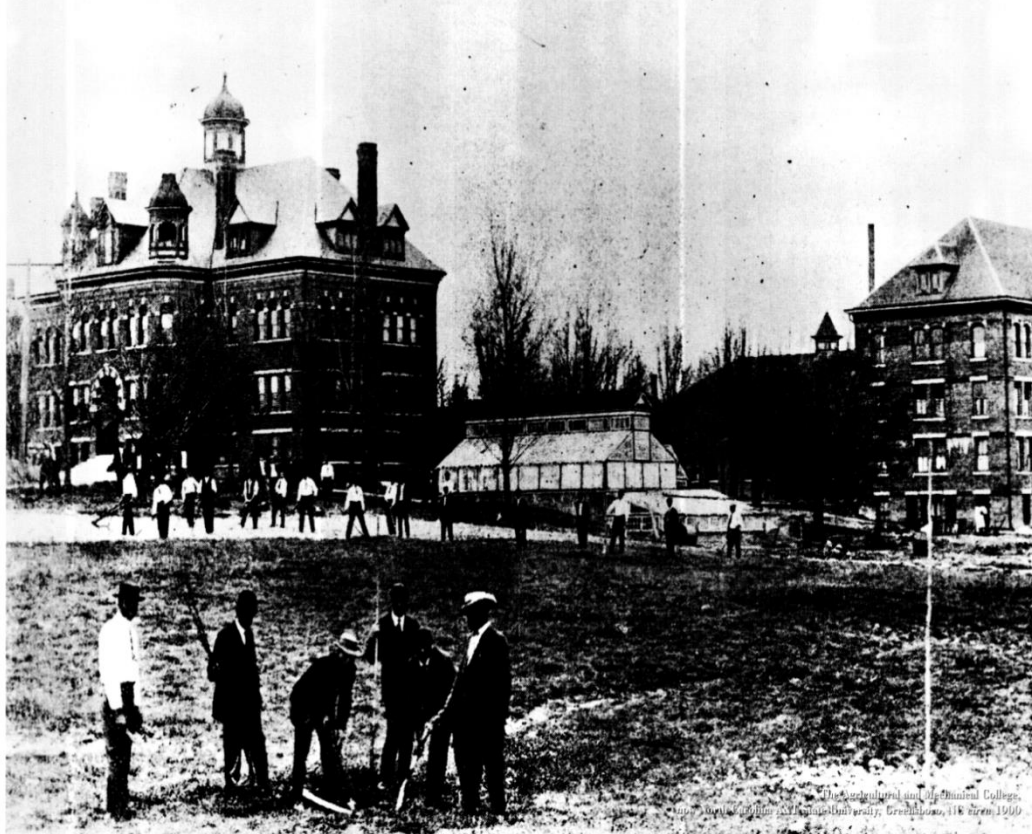
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“From it’s inception, A&T’s mission has been to serve the disadvantaged and unrepresented, the small farmer and community”



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28 years ago, A&T initiated “Small Farms Week”

3rd Week of March

- Tours
- Seminars
- Workshops

“Small Farmer of the Year announced at luncheon

Circa 1900



USDA Census Data: 2012 vs 2007 African American Principle Operators: NC

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Number of Farms:	1,637	1,491	+ 146
Acres:	152,800	133,124	+19,775

(Farms generally got larger across categories)

Ag Products Sold:	\$99,394,000	\$80,801,000	+\$18,593,000
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86% of Farms sold less than \$50k
51% of Farming was Primary Activity

79% Farmed 10 years or more
3% Under 34 years of age





Cooperative Extension Centennial

Strategic Focus for Small Farmers

- Marketing, Marketplace Access
- Business Management, Best Management Practices, Federal and State Assistance Programs
- Innovations in Food Production, Farmer Education Programs (Beginning and Advanced)

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