The Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center University of Mount Olive



Making the Connection: Agriculture, Business and Education

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT OLIVE

- Located In Heart Of Eastern NC Agriculture
- Founded By Convention Of OFWB In 1951
- Private, Liberal Arts University
- Traditional Student Body Around 900 Students
- Small Class Sizes
- Individualized Attention

MAKING THE CONNECTION: AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

- Visionary Leadership And Support:
 - Lois G. Britt and Family
 - NC Pork Council
 - Mount Olive Pickle Co. and others
- In 2007 Agribusiness Center was Dedicated as The Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center at the University of Mount Olive
- Focus On Agriculture Curricula And Outreach

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT OLIVE

The Only Private Institution in the State Offering:

- Bachelor of Science Agribusiness- 2002
- Bachelor of Science Agriculture
 Education 2007

- Undergraduates in Agriculture Programs
 - ☐ 101 enrolled majority from eastern NC
 - ☐ Over 10% of traditional students in Agriculture

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT OLIVE

Undergraduate Agriculture Programs Offer

Students:

- Internships
- Hands-on Learning
- Career Placement



Graduates Employed in Eastern NC

90% of Agribusiness Graduates

98% of Agriculture Education Graduates

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION



AGRIBUSINESS







STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS COLLEGIATE FFA

- Largest, Most Active Campus Club
- University & Community Service CFK
- Judge Federation and State FFA Events
- Attend State and National FFA Conventions
- Social Activities



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

COLLEGIATE YOUNG FARMER AND

RANCHER

- Sponsored by NC Farm Bureau
- Agricultural Advocacy
- State & National Conferences
- Collegiate Discussion Meet –
 Regional & State
- Harvest For All -Service Project

36,000 Lbs. of Food Collected/Gleaned



FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLANS

- Plans Created With Input From County Agencies, Landowners, Businesses, And Non-farm Residents
- Identify Challenges And Opportunities
 For Agriculture In The County
- Recommend Actions To Meet Identified
 Challenges And Opportunities
- 20 of 49 Plans Statewide

WAYNE COUNTY COST OF COMMUNITY SERVICES STUDY

First Study Conducted East of I-95

RESULTS:

Residential \$1 revenue/\$1.24 services

Commercial \$1 revenue/\$.34 services

Farms/Forests \$1 revenue/\$.47 services
Pending Studies for Lee, Craven and Pamlico Counties

FOREST AND WOODLAND OWNER EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Partnering With Cooperative Extension In Duplin, Lenoir, Green, Onslow, Pender and Wayne Counties

Educational Workshops: Taxation, Selling Timber, Management Plans, Maximizing Profits, Etc.

Created 3 Local Forestry
Associations and One Regional
Association



FARM TRANSITION AND ESTATE PLANNING

Over 1000 attendees reached through conferences and workshops presented in 2013.

Additional workshops scheduled:

Wednesday March 5, 2014 – Johnston County Agricultural Center – Smithfield, NC

Thursday March 11, 2014 – Moore County Cooperative Extension Center – Carthage NC

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