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### **NEW JOB OPENINGS AT THE NC STATE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSTITUTE**

As The NC Research Campus Grows, So Do The Job Opportunities

**Kannapolis, NC-** As the North Carolina Research Campus continues to develop many more job opportunities are becoming available. The NC State Fruit and Vegetable Science Institute is anticipating the creation of about sixty new jobs over the next twelve months. The Horticulture Science Department recently interviewed thirteen candidates for the first four tenured faculty positions to be based full time at the NC Research Campus. These positions included a Leafy Vegetable Breeder, Strawberry Breeder, Applied Molecular Geneticist for Fruit and Vegetable Cultivar Development, and a Postharvest Physiologist.

The first faculty positions being filled by NC State University on the NC Research Campus are twelve month, 100% research, tenure-track positions. In addition to these four positions, NC State will also be interviewing for the following positions at all levels; Quantitative Geneticist, (2) Phytochemists, Metabolomics Scientist, Genomics, Systems Biologist, Plant Molecular Biologist, Pathway Engineering, and a Plant Biochemist. The interview process for these positions will be conducted from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

In an effort to provide more information to the public, Dr. Steve Lommel with the NC State Fruit and Vegetable Science Institute will host a Town Hall meeting in Raleigh on July 9, 2008. He will be joined by Dr. Steve Colman, Interim Chief of Operations at the David H. Murdock Research Institute, who will give an update on the DHMRI "Core" lab, followed by a question and answer session. This town hall meeting will be held at the Golden LEAF Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center (BTEC) Auditorium on Centennial Campus, Raleigh, NC from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is open to the campus community.

The North Carolina State Fruit and Vegetable Science Institute is pioneering a dramatic shift in the way the American public views and uses plant food crops by highlighting them as a powerful resource for components that protect and enhance human health. The NC State Fruit and Vegetable Science Institute is located at 600 Laureate Way, Kannapolis NC.

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