

OUR VISION

At the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS), we understand that agriculture is important to our families, our neighbors, our environment and our future. By practicing agricultural activities that are sustainable from farm to fork, we can:

- produce sufficient, healthy food for communities
- protect our environment
- provide a good livelihood for farm families
- promote a just society

As a Friend of CEFS, you can help create a sustainable future for agriculture.



JOIN CEFS IN CULTIVATING
THRIVING COMMUNITIES AND
SUSTAINABLE FARMS. **BECOME A
FRIEND OF CEFS TODAY.**



CEFS HISTORY

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) was established in 1994 by NC State University, NC A&T State University and the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to serve as a center dedicated to sustainable agriculture research, education and outreach. CEFS was the result of several years of work by a task force of university faculty and administrators, state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, farmers and citizens charged with developing a strategy to build a strong sustainable agriculture program in North Carolina. With a 2,000-acre field base located at the Cherry Research Farm in Goldsboro, CEFS began its sustainable agriculture programming in 1996. Today, CEFS is one of the nation's largest centers for the study of environmentally sustainable farming practices.

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FRIENDS OF CEFS



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NC Department
of Agriculture &
Consumer Services

CULTIVATING FOOD, FARMS AND COMMUNITIES

MISSION

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems develops and promotes food and farming systems that protect the environment, strengthen local communities, and provide economic opportunities in North Carolina and beyond.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CEFS is recognized as a national Center for Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture for its high quality agricultural research programs, innovative extension efforts, and outstanding educational offerings. Current programs include:

- Unique long-term, large-scale farming systems experiment that includes organic, no-tillage, conventional, integrated crop-animal and forestry systems
- Research and outreach units for alternative dairy, beef and swine production
- Research, teaching and demonstration unit dedicated to small farms
- Integrated extension and research program to promote organic production in the southeastern United States
- Community-based food systems programming to open new marketing opportunities to farmers and educate consumers on their role in creating a more sustainable agriculture, using a farm-to-fork approach
- Annual educational workshop series for farmers, agricultural professionals and consumers
- Annual Sustainable Agriculture Lecture
- Internships and apprenticeships to train future farmers, researchers and citizens
- Spring Farm Festival celebrating sustainable agriculture in North Carolina
- Discover Agriculture, a curriculum-based, on-farm elementary education program
- Energy initiative aimed at on-farm conservation and developing alternative energy sources



JOIN FRIENDS OF CEFS TODAY

WHAT IS FRIENDS OF CEFS?

Friends of CEFS is a membership organization for those who share a commitment to a sustainable future for agriculture. Friends support the CEFS mission by sharing their time, expertise, and financial resources to support our research, education and outreach programs throughout North Carolina.

HOW DOES MY MEMBERSHIP HELP?

Membership in Friends of CEFS provides funding to carry out a broad range of programs. Every gift is an important contribution to sustainable agriculture, for example:

- \$2,500 enables an aspiring farmer to be a CEFS apprentice.
- \$1,000 helps support a research intern.
- \$250 provides scholarships for 10 limited-resource farmers to attend a CEFS workshop.
- \$25 installs an informational sign at an education station for visiting school children.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Friends of CEFS enjoy:

- Special invitations to Friends events: Sustainable Agriculture Lecture Speaker Reception, Annual Friends Meeting
- Discounted registration and meal tickets for CEFS events
- Reserved seating at our annual lecture
- Opportunities to serve on CEFS advisory committees

HOW TO JOIN

- **BY MAIL:** Complete and return the attached response form.
- **ON-LINE:** Make a secure credit card donation by visiting us at www.cefs.ncsu.edu (click on 'Friends of CEFS' for membership information).

Your gift to CEFS, a 501(c)(3) charity, is tax-deductible.



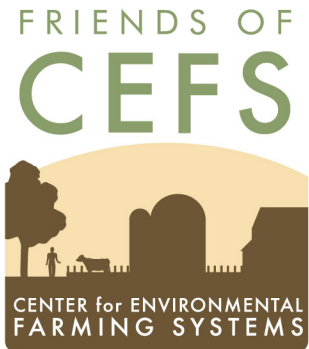
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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| Scout | \$25 |
| Supporter | \$50 |
| Cultivator | \$100 |
| Guardian | \$250 |
| Steward | \$500 |
| Sustainer | \$1,000 |
| Visionary | \$2,500+ |



EDUCATION TO SUSTAIN OUR FUTURE

Sustainer and Visionary Friends of CEFS may designate contributions for educational programs. Your gift will be used to help sponsor one intern (Sustainer) or apprentice (Visionary) to train at CEFS. Visionaries may also choose to provide a graduate student research award. You can interact with your intern, apprentice, or graduate student and visit them at CEFS during the course of their training.



MEMBERSHIP & CONTRIBUTION FORM

I am pleased to provide the enclosed unrestricted gift in support of your efforts at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems and would like to join Friends of CEFS at the following level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Steward | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer | \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultivator | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Visionary | \$2500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian | \$250 | | |

I can't join Friends of CEFS at this time but would like to make a contribution of \$

Please contact me about designating my gift to "Education for a Sustainable Future" (Sustainer & Visionary Friends).

Corporate gift. Please provide company or organization name:

Join online at
www.cefs.ncsu.edu
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Job Title

My employer will match my gift. My spouse's employer will match my gift.

Spouse's Name

Spouse's Employer

CONTRIBUTION

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope with a check payable to "Friends of CEFS."

To make a gift using a major credit card, please complete the information below and return it in the enclosed envelope. You may also visit us at www.cefs.ncsu.edu to make a credit card payment online.

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Expiration Date

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Signature

Thank you for supporting CEFS.