

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1173
SENATE BILL 277

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
2 AGRICULTURE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESEARCH STATION
3 EMPHASIZING SWEET POTATOES, VEGETABLE CROPS, AND SMALL FRUITS
4 TO SERVE NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO BE LOCATED IN ONE OF THE
5 SOUTHEASTERN COUNTIES NAMED HEREIN.

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7 WHEREAS, the economy of North Carolina is based largely upon agriculture, with
8 sweet potatoes and other vegetable crops and small fruits being major enterprises; and

9 WHEREAS, the Coastal Plains Vegetable Research Station at Faison was
10 established in 1949 on a 45 acre rented tract of land and this research station is not of sufficient
11 size to permit the conduct of some investigations that should be carried out in this important
12 sweet potato and vegetable producing area and is not possible to conduct certain kinds of work
13 on rented land; and

14 WHEREAS, a more complete and productive research program can be conducted
15 for North Carolina by purchasing new lands and developing new facilities thereon somewhere
16 in the southeastern part of North Carolina and by terminating the lease on the Coastal Plain
17 Vegetable Research Station at Faison; and

18 WHEREAS, these research activities in sweet potatoes, vegetable crops, and small
19 fruits in North Carolina will make possible an expanded program with these enterprises so
20 important to the economy of this State and to the future of the food supply of this country;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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25 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State of
26 North Carolina to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in addition to all other sums,
27 the sum of two hundred fifty-six thousand and one hundred dollars (\$256,100.00) for the
28 general purposes set forth in the preamble to this Act and for the specific purposes of providing
29 capital items (land and facilities) for a new research station for Southeastern North Carolina to
30 be located in either one of the following counties: Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Sampson or Wayne,
31 according to the following schedule:

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COASTAL PLAIN RESEARCH STATION FOR SWEET
POTATOES, VEGETABLES, AND SMALL FRUITS.

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Land (250 acres) 250 @ \$500.....		\$125,000
Office Building.....	\$ 30,000	
Implement shed, shop.....	16,000	
Foreman's dwelling	18,000	
Worker's dwellings (2).....	28,500	
Fertilizer & Pesticide storage.....	14,000	
Land development.....	18,600	
Well & Water system.....	6,000	

1	TOTAL.....	\$131,100	\$125,000
2	GRAND TOTAL	\$256,100	

3 The funds herein appropriated if not expended by the Department of Agriculture
4 during the biennium of 1969-1971, shall not revert to the General Fund of the State but remain
5 available for the purposes herein provided.

6 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

7 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1969.

8 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1969.