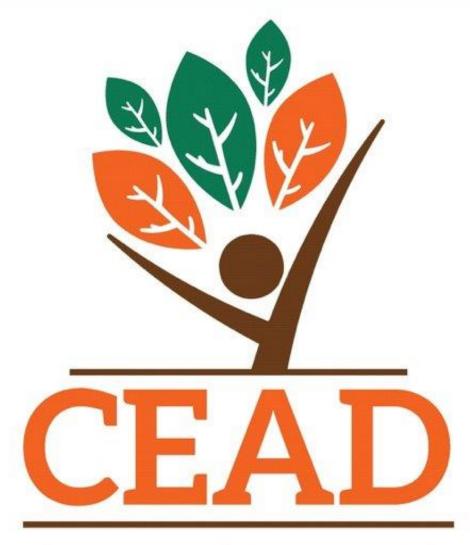
Piedmont Community College's



Center for Educational & Agricultural Development

Project Update Fall 2024

Center for Educational and Agricultural Development

Mission

• We **educate** students and the community on agribusiness practices and **incubate** local food and agricultural enterprises to **build** thriving rural economies and food systems.

Goals

- To increase job creation and economic investment in rural, economically distressed, and tobacco-dependent communities
- To improve workforce preparedness in rural, economically distressed, and tobaccodependent communities
- To increase the value of NC's agricultural industry
- o To improve the competitiveness, capacity, and vitality of targeted communities
- To have, and be recognized for, excellence in organizational collaboration, innovation and impact

Consistencies

- Project Goals
- Funder Support
- Community Support & Collaboration
- Key Partners
- Architect, Construction Manager, Engineers
- Communication
 - CEAD Leadership Team Meetings (every 6 weeks, as needed)
- BLAST Program (pipeline of interest)



2024

Funding Secured (HUD Grant)

Finalized fundraising for Phase 1

Reduced scope

- New schematics
- New estimates
- 4P Foods- Concerns
- Approved by State Board of Community Colleges (second amendment to 3-1)

BLAST Expansion

\$100,000 Endowment



Looking Ahead

- Design Development Stage with SCO
- Preconstruction Package
 - Groundbreaking Target-<u>2025</u>
 - Army Corps of Engineers
 - Easement w/ Caswell County
 - Occupancy Target- <u>2026</u>
 - Final Budget
- CEAD Leadership Team Meetings
- MOU with 4P Foods (in progress)
- Fundraising for Phases 2-3

