



**Center for Environmental Farming Systems Celebrating Twentieth Anniversary with
October 17 SOILbration: Healthy Soils, Healthy Farms, Healthy Food**

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Raleigh, NC: The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS), one of the nation's foremost centers for research, extension, and education in sustainable agriculture and local food systems, is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 2014 with special programs and events.

On Friday, October 17, CEFS is partnering with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. to host a day of soil-related educational activities at its 2,000-acre Goldsboro research farm. SOILbration: Healthy Soils, Healthy Farms, Healthy Food will feature speakers including current and former CEFS researchers, Ray Archuleta and Steve Woodruff of NRCS, and Fred Kirschenmann, Distinguished Fellow for the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture and President of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. The SOILbration will also feature demonstrations including a rainfall simulator, cover crop demonstrations, field tours, exhibitors, a poster session and lunch.

For more information please visit <http://www.cefs.ncsu.edu/newsevents/20th-anniversary/soilbration.html>, or register at go.ncsu.edu/soilbration.

For more information about the SOILbration and other 20th anniversary special events and programs, please contact Lisa Forehand, CEFS Extension and Outreach, at 919-513-0954 or lisa_forehand@ncsu.edu.

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems is a partnership of North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. CEFS' mission is to develop and promote just and equitable food and farming systems that conserve natural resources, strengthen communities, improve health outcomes, and provide economic opportunities in North Carolina and beyond. For more information about CEFS please visit <http://www.cefs.ncsu.edu>.