

Date: September 14, 2011

To: Chris Hamilton

From: Wendy Wintersteen

Subject: Justification for Retention of NC-007 Multi-State Project Designation

Dear Chris:

For the past 63 years, one of the longest running projects supported by the Agricultural Experiment Station Directors of the North Central Regional has been known as the NC-007 Project.

The impacts of this project are well-recognized, having contributed to agricultural production and economic security on a global as well as regional basis, and are associated with the Project's name. All over the world, researchers recognize the NC-7 Project designation, and the accomplishments of the associated researchers and institutions. Changing the project designation would be akin to changing a major brand-name.

For continuity, and for service to stakeholders who utilize the germplasm conserved by the North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station, and research recognition, we request that the NC-007 Project designation be retained.