The USDA ARS Wind Erosion Lab came on line in Manhattan, KS, a small project with a tiny greenhouse that is nonetheless a far cry above what the users had before. The Kohler Environmental Center of Wallingford, CT also got completed this year. Pretty impressive LEED greenhouse with natural ventilation, heated slab, computer control and all the bells and whistles. The renovation and expansion of the Floriculture Greenhouse at UCONN (Storrs) was also completed in the course of 2012. The expansion provides very modern research spaces and frees existing greenhouse space for teaching. Renovation is scheduled for 2013 construction.

The Bell Tower Development project at UNC Chapel Hill finally opened with its magnificent air conditioned greenhouse on the roof. This huge project took a long time to see its completion and should get its LEED certification shortly. Agritechnove was also busy preparing the renovation of the Fort Dietrick BSL-3 greenhouse. Construction should begin in 2013 depending on the availability of funding at USDA.

We prepared the programming of the renovation of a large existing greenhouse for teaching and research at Howard University in Washington, DC and for 2 colleges in Pennsylvania. We also worked on the irrigation system of a new 1 ha tomato greenhouse and evaluated 2 large multi-HA lettuce production facilities in Tennesse and Montreal. Construction has started for Phase 3 of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis and should get completed mid-2013.

Wish you all a productive 2013 !

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