

North Carolina State University Phytotron
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Accomplishment Summaries

Experiments at the NCSU Phytotron encompass many areas of research and a summary of our accomplishments is published annually on our website (<http://www.ncsu.edu/phytotron/>).

Impact Statements

Tables summarizing the use of our facility by growth chamber type, department and crop are listed at the end of the report and a more detailed report is published annually on our website (<http://www.ncsu.edu/phytotron/>). Usage for all growth chambers in 2013 was 88% of the recommended optimal occupancy, or 71% of maximal occupancy (Table 1). For 2013, total A-chamber usage was 115% the recommended optimal occupancy. Usage of B-chambers was at 65% and C-chambers, 73 % for the year. Sixty-six different projects were conducted in the Phytotron during 2013 by faculty and students from 9 departments in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and (Table 2). Statistics were low during 2013 due to renovations at the Phytotron.

The Crop Science Department used the largest amount of space in 2013 (more than 40%, for 20 different projects). The Plant Pathology Department used 22% of the space for 14 projects. The Plant Biology Department used 20% of the space for 10 projects, and Entomology used over 5% for 6 projects. 10% of the space used in the Phytotron during 2013 was used to grow Corn (Table 3). Research with other agronomic crops included cotton (9%), turfgrass (9%), and tobacco (7%). Space for research on vegetable crops used 7% of the space in 2013, ornamentals, 1% and for trees, 4%. The 'Demonstration' category (1%) included space for plants grown for display during tours of the facility.

Selected Publications

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Table 1. CHAMBER USAGE SUMMARY, 2013

Chamber		% Optimal	% Maximum
All chambers	(57)	88	71
A-chambers	(22)	115	72
B-chambers	(10)	65	65
C-chambers	(22)	73	73
Glasshouses	(5)	54	46
HID Walk-in Chambers	(2)	86	86
Tall Chamber	(1)	62	58

* Dimensions of Chambers are:

A = 8' x 12' x 7'h

B = 8' x 4' x 7'h

C = 4' x 3' x 4'h

H = 10' x 6' x 8'h

T = 16' x 12' x 7'-15'h

Table 2. DEPARTMENT USAGE SUMMARY, 2013

Department	% Total Use-Days	# Projects
Crop Science	41	20
Entomology	5	6
Forest Resources	1	2
Genetics	1	1
Horticultural Science	5	3
Phytotron	3	2
PlantBiology	20	10
PlantPathology	22	14
Soil Science	1	2
Teaching	1	1
Zoology	2	1

*66 Studies Conducted in the Phytotron During 2011

Table 3. CROP TYPE SUMMARY, 2013

Crop	% Total Use-Days
ARABIDOPSIS	5%
BIOFUELS ^a	7%
CORN	10%
COTTON	9%
DEMO ^b	2%
FRUIT ^c	6%
INSECT ^d	4%
MAINTENANCE	4%
ORNAMENTALS ^e	1%
OTHER ^f	23%
RICE	1%
SOYBEAN	5%
TOBACCO	7%
TREES ^g	4%
TURFGRASS ^h	9%
VEGETABLES ⁱ	6%

Includes:

^a Camelina sativa, Switchgrass

^b Corn, Peas, Mung Beans.

^c Strawberries, Watermelon

^d Ants, *Heliothis subflexa*, Scale

^e Dogwood, Helleborus

^f Eucalyptus, Oak, Short Leaf Pine

^h Bentgrass (*Agrostis palustris*), Bermudagrass, and Tall Fescue

ⁱ Cucumber, Tomato