



Biography

Nancy Creamer

Nancy Creamer is a Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Agriculture and Community Based Food Systems at NC State University. Dr. Creamer received her Ph.D. in Horticultural Science at Ohio State University, her M.S. in International Agricultural Development from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and her B.S. degree from UC Santa Barbara.

Dr. Creamer is Co-Director of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS), which includes a 2000 acre sustainable agriculture research, outreach, and teaching facility. Dr. Creamer's area of specialization includes farming systems research, organic production systems, and community-based sustainable local food systems. She provided leadership for a statewide North Carolina initiative engaging many diverse sectors and partners resulting in a statewide action plan: *From Farm to Fork, a Guide to Building North Carolina's Sustainable Local Food Economy*, and has spearheaded the development of many of the strategic initiatives identified in the report, including a current USDA AFRI project focused on scaling up local food supply chains into mainstream markets including Fort Bragg Military base. Dr. Creamer was a member of the USDA Specialty Crops Advisory Committee, and has served as a consultant to the European Commission on funding and evaluation of European-wide agriculture research activities. She was appointed by the North Carolina Governor to the legislated NC Sustainable Local Foods Advisory Council in 2010, and was Vice Chair of the Council through 2013. The CEFS team was recently awarded the Southern Region's C. Peter Macgrath Community Engagement Award, a national distinction which recognizes outreach and engagement partnership efforts of four-year public universities. In 2012, CEFS received one of the highest awards given by USDA and was awarded a Secretary's Honor Award for "Assisting Rural Communities in Creating Prosperity so they are Self-Sustaining, Repopulation, and Economically Thriving". Dr. Creamer was recently appointed by Secretary Vilsack as Board member for the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research.