Colonel William H. Breeze and his late wife, Elizabeth, wanted Col. Breeze’s father’s family farm to remain forever in agricultural use. They accomplished their objective by establishing a charitable remainder trust with the farm property. The trust sold the farm to the State of North Carolina, which designated it to the NC State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The College is utilizing the farm through a strong collaboration with local cooperative extension centers and regional ag economic development professional.

Located in Hurdle Mills, the Breeze Farm is situated on 269-acres of pastoral farmland. Uniquely situated between the Triad and Triangle regions of North Carolina, the WC Breeze Family Farm can fulfill the growing need for alternative farming systems and highlight the emerging opportunities for farm diversification in central North Carolina.

The Breeze Farm is closely integrated with the Piedmont Food & Agricultural Processing Center, a shared-use, value-added facility for farmers and food entrepreneurs.
Who are we?
North Carolina Cooperative Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences discovers, develops, teaches, and applies knowledge and technology that enable students, clientele, and citizens of North Carolina to improve the quality of their lives and to enhance the agricultural, economic, environmental, and social well being of the state.

Here at the Breeze Family Farm, we share that mission and bring the work of the University to the citizens of North Carolina by:

- Empowering People - Producing Solutions
- Developing Farming Systems for a Changing World
- Promoting agriculturally innovative, environmentally sound, and economically viable farms to help grow local food systems in the Piedmont Region
- Supporting agricultural education and awareness
- Conducting agricultural research programs
- Hosting local initiatives and activities conducted by county and regional agricultural professionals

What program topics are available?
- Enhancing Farm Enterprise Profitability
- 4-H, FFA, & Youth in Agriculture
- Pasture & Grazing Management
- Sustainable & Organic Farming
- Farm-based Energy Efficiency
- Environmental Stewardship
- Woodlot Management
- Fruit & Berry Production
- Vegetable Production
- PLANT@Breeze; A Farm Enterprise Incubator

What is in the master plan for the Breeze Family Farm?
- Research & Extension building for staff and field labs, as well as a small conference room
- Regional agricultural exhibition facility
- Equipment Storage & Support
- Greenhouses
- Pesticide Storage

How can you help?
Your support means local farmers are educated on the newest in farm management best practices, youth are taught all aspects of farming - from planting seeds and starts to selling at farmsteads and markets and our research can be focused on sustaining agriculture for the next generation.

Contributions to the Breeze Family Farm can be made through the Orange County Cooperative Extension Center. All gifts to the Farm are tax deductible.