The Northwest Experiment Station has for the past 100 years provided research and education that has focused on agricultural commodities and enterprises. Its programs have focused on research and education relevant to the needs of northwest Minnesota with application to the knowledge base of the United States and the world.

As the Northwest Experiment Station ends a century of commitment to agriculture and its profitability, it must look to the next 100 years and the implementation of new technologies in research that will continue to benefit the population of not only northwestern Minnesota, but population worldwide.

The University of Minnesota Foundation, working closely with the Northwest Experiment Station, has chosen the Centennial year to conduct a fund raising campaign. The timing is appropriate for this effort as the Northwest Experiment Station reflects upon the achievements of the first century and continues to build into the second century. Our objectives for funding will be research and education, and the facilities and equipment to perform these functions.

"The first century witnessed many changes in the Northwest Experiment Station role as it moved toward excellence in its arena of research and education," states Dr. Larry Smith, current Head of the Northwest Experiment Station. "We believe that the research and education mission of the Northwest Experiment Station is highly desirable for the needs of not only northwest Minnesota, but the entire State and an increasingly interdependent world. This campaign will help us provide the resources to continue this mission."