## State University **Receives Grant**

The National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases has pledged \$400,000 in grant support to North Carolina State University over the next four years for a study which will lead to a better understanding of infectious disease process, both in humans and in animals.

The university has received \$117,000, the first installment of the grant, which is supporting research in the NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

"This is a very basic study," Carter said. "We will be examing the types of immune responses which a mammalian body produces when pathogens-bacteria, viruses or parasites-invade the intestine.

"We will try to learn what keeps them contained there, or how they enter the bloodstream when the immune system is overridden and the person becomes ill," he said, "and we hope to learn how to stimulate the immune

"Gaining this basic information will give us a better understanding of the infectious disease process in both animas and humans," he said. "It also will give us a better hope for someday unraveling the causes of certain incurable diseases, such as some forms of colitis, diabetes and arthritis, which are believed to be caused by an autoimmune response. This response occurs, he said, when the body mistsakes its own tissue for foreign invader organisms and mounts an offensive against its own cells. Continued On Page 12-B

## Crop Conference

"New Innovations in Agriculture" is the theme for the 2nd Annual North Carolina-Virginia Field Crops Conference scheduled for January 19, 1983 at the huge Virginia Beach Arts and Con-Center ference Throughway 44 at Virginia Beach.

Designed for corn, soybean and small grain producers, the two-state Conference will feature a wide variety of speakers, topics and exhibits dealing with corn, soybeans and small grain production and management.

Subjects to be discussed include weed control, how to grow triple digit wheat, soybean variental changes and prospects, using legumes as a nitrogen source for corn, synthetic pyrethroids and low volume spraying, straw management in no-till farming, a market outlook for 1983, and much more.

Farmers in Virginia can also be recertified for the **Private Pesticide Applicators** Category by attending this Conference.

More than agribusinesses sponsored last year's Conference and over 600 farmers attended.

There is no charge for admission to the Conference. however, you must have a ticket to attend. Thanks to the area's Agribusiness Industries, the first 500 at the door with a ticket will receive a complimentary meal ticket for a free lunch.

Doors to the exhibit area open at 8:30 A.M. with the program starting at 9:30 A.M. Tickets can be obtained from local offices of the Cooperative Extension Service, local offices of the State Farm Bureaus and certain agribusinesses in eastern North Carolina and Virginia, or write: TICKETS, Field Crop Conference, Agriculture Department, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, VA

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