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Earlier this year, Stanley Hughes was named the Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmer of the Year in a ceremony on the campus of N.C. A&T State University. By working with Extension and the nonprofit farmers-training organization Operation Spring Plant, Hughes learned more about organic farming. He began to sell his produce at farmers' markets. He has also begun pastured poultry, raising naturally-fed chickens. His latest venture is organic herbs, the certification for which he has just received. Presently, he farms more than 300 acres, 75 of which he owns. Photo provided by James Parker, visual communications specialist at the North Carolina A&T State University. Story on page 14.