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The Monticello Department of Archaeology has been working on the analysis of plowzone data from the Home Farm Quarter, a pair of late-eighteenth century domestic sites for enslaved African-American field hands. Sites 7 and 8 have been a focus of research at Monticello for seven years, and work there is ongoing. The current analysis uses results from excavation to date, including plowzone data from 250 5 x 5 foot excavation quadrats. Two posters from this analysis were presented at the annual meetings of the SAA this year in Salt Lake City. The first poster, by Neiman and Smith, combined Bayesian smoothing and correspondence analysis to identify components in the plowzone ceramic data. The second poster, by Bon-Harper and Wheeler, explored the contributions of survey and excavation data in the identification and interpretation of house and midden areas at the sites. Links to on-line versions of both posters are at: <http://www.monticello.org/archaeology/publications/index.html>.