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From the Director's Desk

Staff Conference Off

The 1982 biannual IANR staff conference which was scheduled for January 5-7, 1982 has been indefinitely postponed due to recent budgetary developments.

Curiosity

Thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to my invitation to offer suggestions regarding ways in which curiosity might be stimulated. I have received several interesting and helpful suggestions. These will be useful in developing follow-up programs, activities, and policy considerations.

Budget Reductions

The Agricultural Experiment Station is faced with a mandated reduction in FTE and a budget reduction resulting from actions of the recent special session of the Legislature. Actions to reduce current year expenditures have been implemented. These include a hiring freeze, a hold on further expenditure of equipment funds, reduction in operating budgets, and deferral of numerous planned expenditures. To meet the FTE reduction, some positions will be deleted permanently from the budget. Other positions may need to be eliminated to meet the budget reduction, particularly if reduced budget levels continue into the next fiscal year.

Although budget and personnel reductions are never a pleasant experience, we each need to work toward continuation of high priority research programs by finding alternative ways of doing business. Reduced personnel may cause discontinuation of some projects and programs. Research scientists may need to accommodate to greater sharing of support personnel and operating funds. Although considerable sharing of resources already occurs throughout the Experiment Station, short range budget prospects will require all of us to think more creatively in programming the limited available resources to continue to carry out our research mission.

Present budget adjustments are viewed by many as relatively short range, with prospects for better days ahead. I share that view, and will make every effort to point out the importance of continued investment in research programs of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Roy G. Arnold
Dean and Director

Sahs Sez

Unprecedented grain yields of corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum, both dryland and irrigated, are being harvested at the Field Laboratory and in Saunders County. Harvest is half finished in spite of high humidity and wet soil conditions.

Integrated Energy Farm Progress

Twelve hundred gallons of sweet forage sorghum "juice" has been harvested and successfully fermented to 8% alcohol. The final distilled product is 185 proof alcohol. Although a bit late in the season, this pilot project has achieved its 1981 goals. The grain handling and storage facilities are in place and being filled with corn and soybeans. Construction of the swine units is underway.

Hunting Season

Hunting season opened with 410 hunters taking 152 pheasants the first two days. We appreciate the weekend help of the Wildlife Club members in monitoring the hunting activity.

Warren W. Sahs
Assistant Director

Grants and Contracts

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On July 1, 1981 the SOPP forms were replaced by "PRO Forms" for submittal of grants and contracts. Every Department and District Station should have a blue three ring binder notebook entitled, "Guide to Proposal Preparation at UNL," to assist you in preparing the forms. Some of the areas that need clarification are:

1. On Form 2000-3 (For State Agencies, Boards or Commissions Only) Item VI. Personnel. (Page 85 of manual).
List only personnel that are to be paid from this grant money, the FTE, current or new hire and the annual salary (do not include fringe benefits).

2. IX. Narrative - Do not fill this out. Research Services will fill in the information requested. (Page 87 of manual).

3. On the UNL Proposal Budget Form (Page 89), the fringe benefits are as follows:
14% - Faculty and Staff
12% - Graduate Students
6.65% - Hourly Help

4. The overhead rate is 31% of the Modified Total Direct Costs except:
   a. Individual equipment items which cost in excess of $500 and have an anticipated useful life of more than two years.
   b. Student aid including stipends, tuition and fees, and related expenses (note: we do not have any that would fit this category).
   c. Alteration and renovation of physical facilities.
   d. Subgrants and subcontracts in excess of $25,000. Initial $25,000 is included, excess over $25,000 is excluded.

5. The budget page of the PRO forms and the budget page in the proposal must be in agreement.

6. The UNL Proposal budget form should be signed by the Department Head or District Director (Page 89).

7. The source of match, in most instances, will be the Departmental funds.
It has been noted that some industry checks have been held in the Department for several months. Since some checks become void after a certain length of time, it is important that these checks be deposited into an account immediately.
If you have any questions on filling out the forms, please contact Diane Mohrhoff, Ag Experiment Station, Extension 2-2045.
Journal Articles - Submitted for Publication (contact authors for more information)


Journal Abstracts - Submitted for Publication (contact authors for more information)

81-1626. Vegetational Changes in Nebraska Sandhill Plots During a 55-year Period. J. Stubbendieck, Don Vokal and Peter N. Jensen. Society Range Management Meetings.


81-1628. Impact of Corn Bran on Human Nutritional Status and on Gastrointestinal Tract Function. C. Kies. 7th World Cereal and Bread Congress.


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