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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Our Very Best Wishes to You and Your Families for the Holidays and for 1973

ARS ORGANIZATION

The Agricultural Research Service, USDA, has 19 scientists and 18 support personnel located on the campus at Lincoln. At North Platte, there is 1 ARS scientist and 1 support person; and at Mitchell, 2 scientists and 1 support person. Also, there are presently 37 ARS employees (scientists and support) located at the U. S. Meat Animal Research Center. With the exception of naming Technical Advisors for specific areas of research (which will be done in the near future) the last steps have been taken to accomplish a major reorganization of ARS.

The new ARS organization is highly decentralized, with Deputy Administrators located in each of the four regions corresponding to the regional boundaries of the State Agricultural Experiment Station organization. Area Directors have responsibility for ARS programs in specific geographic areas, within a region, and Location Leaders serve a coordinating role for ARS programs at each location. Research Leaders have responsibility for specific programs of ARS research at each location. The Location Leader may also be, and usually is, a Research Leader for specific area of research.

ARS Research Leaders have been named for the following cooperative ARS programs at Lincoln: Electromagnetic Radiation, Stuart Nelson; Animal Waste Management, Tom McCalla (Acting); Wheat, Virgil Johnson; and Plant Science and Entomology, Herman Gorz. Herman Gorz is also the ARS Location Leader at Lincoln. Also, Location and Research Leaders have been named for ARS cooperative programs at North Platte, Mitchell and the U. S. Meat Animal Research Center.

The ARS Deputy Administrator (Earl Glover) for the North Central Region is located at Peoria, Illinois; and the Acting Area Director (Keith Gregory) for Nebraska-Kansas is located at the U. S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska.

Technical Advisors, when named, will be available to provide counsel to individual scientists on technical matters, as well as to advise Research Leaders, Area Directors and Deputy Administrators on technical problems.

Keith Gregory
PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Adams, Charles H. - Prof. of Animal Sci. - (ret. to duties in Animal Sci. Dept.)
Eastin, Jerry D. - Professor of Agronomy (leave of absence)
Ford, Willie D. - Asso. Prof. of Food and Nutrition, Ag. Ext. (new appointment)
Wagner, Fred W. - Assistant Prof. - Biochem. and Nutrition (ret. from leave of absence)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Brakke, Myron K. - Plant Pathology - USDA, ARS $3,500
Burnside, Orvin C. - Agronomy - Farmland Industries, Inc. 2,000
Campbell, J. B. - North Platte Station - Shell Chemical Company 1,750
Ellington, Earl F. - Animal Science - G. D. Searle and Company 2,000
Farlin, Stanley D. and Terry Klopfenstein - Animal Science - Eli Lilly and Co. 5,000
Mayo Z. B. and H. J. Ball - Entomology - FMC Corporation 1,000
Sander, Donald H. and Kenneth D. Frank - Agronomy - Garst and Thomas Corn Co. 2,500
Twiehaus, M. J. - Veterinary Science - Nebraska Pork Producers Inc. 6,000
Ward, John K. - Animal Science - Hesston Corporation 3,800

GENERAL NOTES

1. Dean Frolik has accepted a special AID assignment in Vietnam for the months of January and February. He and Director Alcorn of California are to develop a peace time plan for agricultural research and extension for South Vietnam. Director Ottoson will be Acting Dean during this period.

2. Dr. Don Burzlaff is leaving his vice-chairman's office December 15 and will be going to Texas Tech as Chairman of their Range and Wildlife Department. His 20 years with the University of Nebraska have been highly productive and he will be much missed. We wish him well in his new work.

3. Congratulations to recent award recipients:

   Ernie Peo - Gamma Sigma Delta - Distinguished Teaching Award
   Harold Stevens and Clare Porter - Gamma Sigma Delta - Awards of Merit for Distinguished Service to Agriculture.
   Dave McGill - American Soc. of Agronomy - Distinguished Teaching Award

4. Dr. Sahs reports that seriously delayed harvesting is now well along: Corn losses are minimal to date, sorghum losses are moderate to severe and soybeans were harvested with minimal losses but high moisture.

5. Recent program reviews include a very productive comprehensive Agronomy review by CSRS sponsored team composed of Dr. McAlister (Arizona), Dr. Burton (Georgia), Director Hueg (Minn.) and Dr. Dubroven (Colo.). The state-federal cooperative program in livestock waste management was also reviewed November 29 and 30. Both these reviews provide bases for future program planning.

6. Extension - Experiment Station Workers Conference January 9-11 at the Nebraska Center.

7. Only he who is lying on the ground cannot fall.

     R. W. Kleis


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