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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Grants and Contracting Activity

During a period of more austere financing, grant and contract activity takes an increasing importance as a source of funds to support the Station research program. I was curious as to how successful we in the Experiment Station have been in tapping such resources recently. The following data give an overall picture of recent years:

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<th>Calendar Year</th>
<th>Grants and Contracts</th>
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<tr>
<td>1975-76</td>
<td>$1,887,949</td>
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<td>1976-77</td>
<td>$2,349,683</td>
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<td>1977-78</td>
<td>$1,635,118</td>
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<td>1978-79</td>
<td>$1,698,101</td>
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<td>1979-80 (5 months)</td>
<td>$1,019,895</td>
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I was struck by the variation in these data, as well as the fact that the data for 1975 and 1976 exceeded those of 1977 and 1978. However, the grants and contracts for 1977 included three unusually large ones. The total for the first five months of 1979-80 suggests a higher level of activity for this year.

We encourage Station staff to actively pursue grants and contracts relevant to the subject matter areas of their station projects. Please let us know if we can help you in any way toward this end. I suspect that we will need to rely more heavily on such funds as a source of support for our research as the purchasing power of our operating funds shrinks.

Holiday Greetings

As 1979 rapidly comes to a close I want you to know that I have enjoyed working with you. It has been a busy year, with the usual frustrations and disappointments, but many more rewards. Best wishes to each one for a joyful Holiday season.

Howard W. Ottoson
PERSONNEL ACTION

Fitzgerald, Jay B. - Assoc. Prof. - Horticulture - New Appointment
Graham, Ralston J. - Prof. & Head Ag Communications Emeritus - Retirement
Schanbacher, Bruce D. - Assoc. Prof. - Animal Sci. - Courtesy Appointment (Clay Center)
Shull, Hollis - Assoc. Prof. Ag Engineering - Courtesy Appointment
Sidhu, Gurmel S. - Asst. Prof. - Plant Pathology - New Appointment
Wilhite, Donald A. - Asst. Prof. - Ag Climatology - New Appointment

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Danielson, D. M. - Animal Science - (NP Station) - Pfizer, Inc. $ 500
Coyne, D. P. - Horticulture - Anna Elliott Fund 6,000
Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - Monsanto 1,000
Lagrone, W. F. and G. A. Helmers - Ag Economics - USDA/ESCS 4,000
Omtvedt, I. T. - Animal Science - Elanco Products Co. 1,000
Shearman, R. C. - Horticulture - Miscellaneous Donors 500
Vidaver, A. K. - Plant Pathology - Agrico Chemical Company 2,000
Wicks, G. A. - Agronomy - (NP Station) - Miscellaneous Donors 1,900

STAFF NOTES

1. Dr. R. W. Kleis, Dean, International Programs and Dr. Norman J. Rosenberg, Leader, Ag Metereology, are on a fact finding mission to ICRSAT, Hyderabad, India and The International Rice Institute, Phillipines.

2. Assistant Director Norman E. Tooker, International Programs, indicates the pending Title XII contract with Morocco is in the final stages of being signed. Emphasis will be on dryland agriculture.

3. Sahs says it is a good time to review and correct potential fire hazard areas in facilities, laboratories and storerooms. Every outstate station should have a prescribed Plan of Action in case of fire and/or emergencies. I recommend that each station acquaint its local Fire Department personnel with a diagram sketch of the station buildings, fire plug locations, etc.

4. In retrospect, concerning the December 5th Field Laboratory fire, the reaction and performance of the four local Fire Departments and the Field Laboratory employees was outstanding. The personnel who were involved are to be commended. Two thirds of Load Line 1 and much equipment stored near the fire site was saved due to the prompt response and action of all Field Laboratory employees and Fire Department support units.

W. W. Sahs
Journal Articles - Submitted for Publication (contact authors for more information)


5792. The Effect of Sublethal Dosages of Carbofuram and Carbaryl on Fecundity and Longevity of the Female Western Corn Rootworm, Diabrotica virgifera LeConte. Harold J. Ball and Paulina P. Su. Journal of Economic Entomology.


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