FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Agricultural Experiment Station budget for 1972-1973 is austere to say the least. The total budget of state and federal tax funds (G accounts) for FY 73 is $4,827,000, representing an increase of $229,000 over the $4,598,000 budget for FY 72. The non-personnel operations budget (K) was not increased in order to provide for women's equalization. The increase is assigned as follows (rounded to nearest 1000):

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<td>General salary increases</td>
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<td>Restoration of Diagnostic Lab</td>
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<td>assessment and 4 technician cuts of 1972</td>
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<td>Staff benefits cost</td>
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The above budget incorporates $43,000 of increased federal (Hatch) funds. An anticipated $21,000 increase (consistent with the federal Executive budget) for FY 73 in federal Regional funds has been allocated to regional project (W) accounts. This is not a good budget year but we have had worse. We are now working for a better 1973-1974.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UN FIELD LABORATORY

The tenth anniversary of the 9500-acre Field Laboratory will be observed in conjunction with the 21st Tractor Power and Safety Day, Thursday, July 20, 1972.

In the spring of 1962, essentially one-half of the former Nebraska Ordnance Plant, Wahoo, Nebraska became available to the University of Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station for research, extension, and demonstration activities through a 20-year public use grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Warren W. Sals, Supervisor, with the aid of selected departmental specialists, began the reclamation and development of the agricultural land areas. Approximately 2500 acres were seeded to cool season and legume mixtures and 1500 acres to warm season grasses. These excellent pastures provide the carrying capacity for beef, dairy, and sheep research animal units.

F. C. Hastert, Facility Manager, is in charge of utilities, renovating suitable excess military buildings for agricultural research use, and the development of physical facilities for those departments transferring research activities from the Lincoln area. Elmer Knapp, Farm Operations Manager, is in direct charge of general Field Laboratory work crews and necessary machinery for the grass seedlings, alfalfa hay harvest, silage preparation, landshaping, and drainage projects.

The major portions of field research of the departments of Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science, Horticulture and Forestry, Entomology, and Veterinary Science and Foundation Seed Division are now at the Laboratory at Mead. The new location has resulted in excellent irrigation capability, flexibility for project expansion, and new and/or better physical facilities.
Most departments will have an Open House July 20. A noon luncheon is planned for local and national dignitaries who were, and are, instrumental in the acquisition, development, and future success of the University of Nebraska Field Laboratory.

Warren W. Sahs

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Bullerman, Lloyd B. - Asst. Professor of Food Science and Technology (resignation)
Crouse, John D. - Asst. Professor of Food Science and Technology (courtesy appointment)
Hillestad, Robert C. - Asst. Professor of Textiles, Clothing and Design (leave of absence)
Jennings, Neal E. - District V Extension Forester, Instructor (new appointment)

Klepper, Lowell A. - Asst. Professor of Agronomy (new appointment)
Knapp, Bradford W. - Asst. Prof. of Animal Sci. and Res. Geneticist (courtesy appointment)
Larson, Larry L. - Assistant Professor of Animal Science (new appointment)
Long, Charles R. - Assistant Professor of Animal Science (courtesy appointment)

Moser, Bobby D. - Asst. Professor of Animal Science (appointment)
Peters, Leroy L. - Associate Professor of Entomology (new appointment)
Siffring, Donald D. - District Extension R.C. & D. Specialist - Scotts Bluff (appointment)

Stroike, James E. - Assistant Professor of Agronomy (appointment)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Burnside, Orvin C. - Agronomy - Amchem Products, Inc. $1,000
Clanton, Donald C. - North Platte Station - Dow Chemical Company 2,000
Edison, Allen R. - Electrical Engineering - USDA 43,187
Fenster, C. R. - Scotts Bluff Station - Geigy Agricultural Chemicals 500
Fischbach, Paul and Bert Somerhalder - North Platte Station - Rain Bird 13,290
Frey, Thomas L. - Agricultural Economics - Nebraska Bankers Asso. Inc. Res. Fund 1,500
Hagen, Arthur F. - Scotts Bluff Station - Union Carbide Corporation 1,500
Mattern, Paul J. - Agronomy - Department of State, Agency for Int. Development 294,730
Moomaw, Russell S. - Northeast Station - Shell Development Co. 1,000
Nichols, James T. - North Platte Station - Allied Chemical Corp. (Supplies) 2,500
Schmidt, John W., Mattern, P. J., and V. A. Johnson - Agronomy - Wheat Development Division - Nebraska State Department of Agriculture 12,000
Wicks, Gail A. - North Platte Station - Shell Development Company 1,000

GENERAL NOTES

1. Musk thistle and wild hemp are making rapid growth. All project leaders are responsible for the control and eradication of these weeds. If jurisdiction of the infested area is in question, please contact Warren W. Sahs.

2. Each department has been provided a copy of the Council of Biology Editors Style Manual, Third Edition. We think that you will find this Manual useful in your scientific writing.

3. Out-of-state travel requests to attend meetings should give the dates of the meetings on the request. This is especially critical where the travel is combined with vacation time.

4. Dry ice is available on a self-serve basis during working hours in room 121 Biochemistry and Nutrition. Purchasers are reminded to provide the correct account number on the charge tickets. Billings will be submitted quarterly.

5. The Analytical Advisory and Service Laboratory of the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition, B&N 304, tel. 472-2939, exists for the benefit of Experiment Station personnel. Its purpose is to provide assistance with those chemical determinations for which the individual researcher does not have facilities or which he cannot perform efficiently for himself. When time permits, limited analyses will be made on Extension samples. The recently installed atomic absorption spectrophotometer enables routine determinations of cobalt, calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, nickel and zinc. Additional elemental capabilities will be acquired as demand dictates.

E. H. Cobb


ABSTRACTS


BULLETINS PRINTED

SB 494 Farm Partnerships for Nebraska. Steven McWhorter.


SB 519 Vegetable Gardening in Nebraska. R. E. Neild.


RB 250 Date of Planting; Studies of Winter Wheat and Winter Barley in Relation to Root and Crown Rot Grain Yields and Quality. C. R. Fenster, M. G. Boosalis and J. L. Weihing.