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Budgeting for fiscal year 1973-74 is over as far as our office is concerned; no doubt you would like a recap of the main features. They include the following:

A. New Programs (Totaling $149,501 for the Station):
   1. A research virologist and support in Veterinary Science
   2. Graduate research assistants in Animal Science
   3. A range management specialist (Research & Extension) and support at Scotts Bluff
   4. A research engineer in irrigation, and support, in Agricultural Engineering
   5. Increased support for the Sandhills Agricultural Laboratory
   6. A veterinary science technician at North Platte

B. Salary increases averaged 4.5 percent for A- and B-line personnel; for classified the increases were established by the State Pay Plan.

C. Concerning Hatch cuts; all budgets in the Experiment Stations were reduced by 4.0 percent from 1972-73 levels to meet the projected cut in Hatch funds for next year, as well as to provide an extra one percent of increase on A- and B-line salaries over the guideline 3.5 percent. In addition, all A-line TBAs were put in "deep freeze." We still have some hope that the Hatch funds may be restored, but we won't really know until next fall.

This is the budget story; not too bad from the standpoint of State funds; still grim from the Federal standpoint, but let's not give up yet! One encouraging note--a lot of good friends have been writing letters on our behalf to Congress. The help of several department chairmen is also sincerely appreciated.

Have a good summer!

Howard W. Ottoson

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS--1973-74

Recent Legislative and Administrative actions have resulted in numerous capital improvement projects for 1973-74 which will enhance the program capabilities of the College of Agriculture. Briefly the projects and appropriations are:

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (Lincoln) .................................................. $1,000,000
   ($400,000 in FY 1974 and $600,000 in FY 1975)
Animal Health Research Facility (Planning) ........................................... 250,000
Remodeling and Renovation (Both UN-L Campuses) .................................. 100,000
UNSTA (Curtis)--several projects ...................................................... 134,000
Northeast Station feed storage and handling ........................................... 55,000
Northeast Station miscellaneous renovations ........................................... 5,000
South Central Station H. Q. Building (planning) ...................................... 3,000
North Platte Station Vet. Diag. Lab Addition ........................................... 100,000
North Platte Station miscellaneous renovations ........................................ 5,000
North Platte Station plant material facility (planning) .......................... 1,000
Sandhills Agricultural Laboratory purchase........................................180,000
Scotts Bluff Station plant materials and environmental control facility...200,000
Scotts Bluff Station machinery service and research building.............100,000
Scotts Bluff Station irrigation development.....................................100,000
Scotts Bluff Station, silos, boiler, and residence renovation..............80,000
Scotts Bluff Station miscellaneous renovations.................................5,000

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Burnside, Orvin C. - Agronomy - Chemagro 500
Burnside, Orvin C. - Agronomy - E. I. Du Pont De Nemours Incorporated 500
Burnside, Orvin C. - Agronomy - Hercules Incorporated 500
Campbell, John B. - Entomology (NP Sta.) - Chevron Chemical Co. 1,000
Clegg, M. D. - Agronomy - Pioneer Hi-Bred Company 2,000

Fenster, C. R. - Agronomy (SB Sta.) - U. S. Borax Research 500
Hagen, Arthur F. - Entomology (SB Sta.) - FMC Corporation 500
Hagen, Arthur F. - Entomology (SB Sta.) - Union Carbide Corporation 750
Hagen, Arthur F. - Entomology (SB Sta.) - E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Co. 500
Hanway, D. G. and Dickason E. A. - Agronomy & Entomology - NSF 14,785

Kies, Constance and Hazel Fox - Food and Nutrition - Fairmont Foods Co. 2,140
Kindler, Dean - Entomology - E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Company 500
Lucas, Leo - North Platte Station - Miscellaneous Donors 2,650
Mayo, Z. B. and H. J. Ball - Entomology - FMC Corporation 1,000
Mayo, Z. B. - Entomology - Dow Chemical Company 1,000

Mayo, Z. B. - Entomology - Nor-Am Agricultural Products, Inc. 600
Rosenberg, Norman - Horticulture and Forestry - National Sci. Foundation 14,500
Shahani, Khem, M. - Food Science and Technology - Dannon Milk Products 4,200
Sullivan, Thomas S. - Poultry Science - Commercial Solvents Corporation 4,000
Wicks, Gail - North Platte Station - Hercules Inc. 500

GENERAL NOTES

1. The Animal Science Department and the Meat Animal Research Center are joint hosts for the 65th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science in Lincoln and Clay Center July 28 to August 1. Governor Exon has declared the week as "Animal Agriculture Week." In addition to recognizing the importance of animal enterprises in Nebraska's economy, these activities focus attention on the 75th Anniversary of the University's Animal Science Department.

2. Dr. Sahs urges vigilance in weed control. Project leaders should inspect acreages for musk thistle, hemp, field bindweed, etc. Hand removal of the musk thistle is in order as the time for herbicide spraying of this species is past.

3. The committee for planning and conducting the next biennial Station and Extension Workers Conference has been established and will be active soon: Kleis, Chairman; Raun, Vicechairman; Sullivan and Krohn Cochairmen of Program Subcommittee; Sutton Sahs, Stewart, Koopman, Graham, Florell, Hanway, Fischer, Clanton, Paul, Schnieder, Skinker, Frank and Miller (Don). This conference is tentatively scheduled for early January 1975. Please provide any suggestions you have to any of the committee members.

4. Field days scheduled for this summer:

High Plains Agricultural Laboratory.........................June 22
Northwest Agricultural Laboratory..........................June 28
Tractor Power and Safety Day (Field Lab).................June 26
Sandhills Agricultural Laboratory.......................August 7
If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man—Mark Twain.

R. W. Kleis

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Journal Articles (contact authors for more information)


3631. Additional Evidence for Possible Autolytic Activity During Glutaraldehyde Fixation of Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus Infected Corn. Willem G. Langenberg and Helen F. Schroeder. Phytopathology.


Journal Abstracts (contact authors for more information)


