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As mentioned in the last month's newsletter, there are about 500 full-time equivalent employees of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station involving about 800 people. This includes many different groups of employees each of which is essential to performing the research function of the Station. Secretarial staff, farm and livestock workers, graduate assistants, student workers, technicians, laboratory assistants, scientists and others, perhaps even including administrators, perform necessary functions in the broad and varied programs. One key group which has a difficult role is the managerial-professional staff.

The manager of a research facility or service finds himself in between the scientist-research leader and the various complications to getting the job done. He must understand, appreciate, and satisfy the requirements for the research involved even though they may appear peculiar. One of his responsibilities is to see to it that all special requirements are understood by all involved and fulfilled. The validity of the research is at stake. On the other hand the manager must manage labor, equipment, supplies, schedules, livestock, land, etc., to satisfy all needs while overcoming weather, breakdowns, misunderstandings and other detractors from an easy life.

The manager is also important to our research organization from the standpoint of 1) influencing morale and effectiveness of other employees; 2) public relations, as he is the person on site communicating with the public about the operation; 3) security and efficient use of physical facilities; and 4) appearance and image of the property, programs and people involved. He represents the administration and scientist in implementing programs and at the same time must be concerned with the interests of others involved.

And so, it is obvious that managerial-professional staff are key people in the execution of our many and varied research programs. For them to be most effective, it is important that research leaders communicate thoroughly with them concerning the why of the research as well as the what, when and how. Advanced planning with them is important.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Birnsthil, Elizabeth A. - Dist. Home Ec. Supervisor, District V (promotion)
Bucy, John I. - Extension Assoc. in Agr'l Econ.--courtesy app. (resignation)
Childears, John M. - Instructor in Animal Science (courtesy appointment)
Danielson, David M. - Associate Prof. of Animal Science, North Platte Sta. to Grad Staff
Fritschen, Robert D. - Associate Prof. of Animal Science, Northeast Sta. to Grad Staff
Personnal Actions (continued)

Gipson, Philip S. - Assist. Prof. of Poultry and Wildlife Science to Grad. Staff
Hamilton, Rickey A. - Assist. Prof. of Forestry and Extension Forester (new appt.)
Lane, Leslie C. - Assist. Prof. of Plant Pathology (new appointment)
Olson, Kenneth C. - Instructor in Veterinary Science (courtesy appointment)
Roeth, Fred W. - Assist. Prof. of Agronomy, South Central Station (new appt.)
Sheffield, Leslie F. - Appointment as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor (duty change)
Splinter, William E. - Acting Director of Water Resources Research Inst. (additional duty)
Wilson, Robert C. - Assistant Professor of Agronomy, Panhandle Station (new appt.)
Witkowski, John F. - Assistant Professor of Entomology, Northeast Sta. (new appt.)
Young, Melvin D. - Instructor in Animal Science (courtesy appointment)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Dreier, A. F. - Agronomy - Nebraska Crop Improvement Association $ 2,500
Mattern, P. J. - Agronomy - AID 26,000
Owen, F. G. - Animal Science - Ruminant Products Company 5,000
Perry, L. J. - Agronomy - Anna Elliot Fund 7,550
Shahani, K. - FS&T - Office of Water Research and Technology 5,000
Stubbendieck, J. L. - Agronomy (PH Sta.) - Anna Elliot Fund 3,450

GENERAL NOTES

1. The Departments of Veterinary Science and Poultry and Wildlife Management recently reviewed their research programs with a CSRS team of specialists. The team offered many complimentary comments about the present programs and helpful considerations for future programs.

2. Dr. Jack Adams is on sick leave as he now recovers from his health problem through medication and physical therapy. We wish him a speedy recovery and return. Agnes Arthaud is ably serving as Acting Director of the Cooperative Extension Service.

3. The agricultural climatology program developed within Horticulture under Dr. Rosenberg is being transferred to administrative affiliation with Agricultural Engineering. Their office location will not shift from Plant Industry in the foreseeable future. Dr. Neild and his program related to climatology will continue with Horticulture.

4. Schnieder on chemical safety - Read the label! Find out what protective measures are needed for safe handling and application. Then take these measures. Used improperly, many agricultural chemicals can be dangerous to both man and the object of their use.

5. The Planning Committee for the Plant Sciences Complex has completed the very complex "program" document for these facilities. This will be ready for use by the designers when funds are appropriated.

6. Sahs sez - Everyone involved should become familiar with the new standard Hand Signals relating to movement and operation of agricultural equipment. An excellent film and brochure is available through Rollin Schnieder in Agricultural Engineering.

7. To err is human. To really foul things up try a computer.

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Journal Articles (contact authors for more information)


3941. Mating, Oviposition Patterns, Fecundity and Longevity of the Western Corn Rootworm. Roscoe E. Hill. Journal of Economic Entomology - Section C.


Journal Abstracts (contact authors for more information)


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