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Activities Update

Recent visits and meetings to review research programs and discuss Experiment Station issues have included:
- Entomology
- Textiles, Clothing & Design
- Forestry -- Mead Field Laboratory and Horning Farm
- Animal Science -- Swine research program, Mead Field Laboratory
- Dairy research program, Mead Field Laboratory
- Beef research program, Mead Field Laboratory
- Dalbey-Halleck Farm
- Agricultural Engineering -- structures and environment research group
- Agricultural Communications
- Mead Field Laboratory development plan meeting (with Dr. Sahs & unit administrators)
- Experiment Station Advisory Committee

Grants Opportunities and Proposals

At the Experiment Station Advisory Committee meeting, the appropriate role of the Experiment Station Director's Office relative to grants was discussed. During visits to units, several Station scientists have suggested a greater role in identification of grant opportunities, monitoring of status of proposals, grantsmanship training, and proposal preparation. The Advisory Committee will be pursuing this issue further. Your suggestions and comments are invited.

Numerous questions concerning preparation and processing of grant proposals continue to surface. Mrs. Heloisa Scholl, secretary to Dr. Kleis in the Station Office, has prepared the feature on grant proposals presented in this issue for your use and future reference. A "Supplemental Information for Completing SOPP Forms" was sent to unit administrators in April, in an attempt to help staff members completing these forms. We hope you will refer to these materials when preparing Experiment Station grant proposals.

Roy G. Arnold
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IANR Field Day Schedule -- Field Day dates, locations and times are:

June 20 - High Plains Agricultural Laboratory, Sidney, 8:30 a.m.
June 26 - Northwest Agricultural Laboratory, Alliance, 6:30 a.m.
July 24 - Tractor Power and Safety Day, University of Nebraska Field Lab, Mead, 9 a.m.
Aug. 5 - Sandhills Agricultural Laboratory, North Platte, 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 7 - Panhandle Station, Scottsbluff, 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 14 - South Central Station, Clay Center, 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 26 - Northeast Station, Concord, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 12 - Agronomy Field Day, NU Field Laboratory, Mead, time to be announced.
Planning to submit a grant proposal for research work within the Ag Experiment Station?

If so, please:

-- Follow the guidelines and the format requested by the granting agency.
-- When utilizing personnel services, always make provisions in your budget section for staff benefits and indirect costs.
  - The rates for benefits are: 13% for faculty members, 11% for secretarial and clerical, and 6% for graduate assistants and hourly helpers.
  - The current rate for indirect costs for the Experiment Station is 58.3% of salary and wages only. When the granting agency doesn't pay indirect costs as a matter of policy a statement to this effect should be included with the proposed budget.
-- Requests for more than 1 year support should show a budget breakdown for each year separately; however, the SOPP forms should be for the first year only. Renewal figures are shown under #37, #38, #39, #42, #43 and #44 of Page 3 of the SOPP forms.
-- Sometimes, especially for small grants, the Station office doesn't receive the agency guidelines. It would save time and phone calls if you could send this information to our office with the original of the proposal.
-- We usually need only a few minutes to check proposals and to prepare the transmittal letter. Correcting proposals and collecting the signatures may take additional time even when the documentation is being hand-carried. Proposals hastily prepared have sometimes been submitted without vital information. All proposals are sent from our office to the Administration Building by taxi.
-- Experiment Station proposals should always be signed by the Principal Investigator. Department Chairmen or Heads and District Directors should sign the original of the proposal only when requested by granting agency guidelines. However, these unit administrators must sign the proposal checklist form accompanying the SOPP forms. The Associate Director or the Dean & Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station signs the proposal checklist and a transmittal letter and the documents then go through Vice Chancellor Massengale's office for approval and subsequent forwarding to the Office of Research Services.
-- Dr. Francis L. Schmehl is the Authorized Institutional Representative who signs for the University. In the case of IANR proposals, Dr. Schmehl signs following review and approval by IANR. Research Services will mail proposals. This office requests that proposals be received one week before the deadline to ensure time for review, processing and mailing.
-- If you have questions please call our office before you prepare the final documentation. Everyone involved in the processing of these papers will appreciate your cooperation.

New Forms -- Research Services has distributed to all unit administrators, under cover memo of April 1st, a set of forms to be used when reporting grants. A 1-page form entitled "Form for Reporting Industry Grant" replaces the old 3-page long form DAS-2000-1. Please make sure you have the new forms when reporting grants.

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