Agricultural Experiment Station News November 1976
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

USDA Consumer Representation Plan

The Consumer Representation Plan is in response to a directive from President Ford to the executive branch departments to improve their procedures for considering consumer viewpoints and major departmental decision making processes. The USDA has established two committees to consider consumer matters, namely a Committee for Consumer Responsiveness, and a USDA National Consumer Advisory Committee. While we are not directly involved in this plan, we will, as members of the experiment station system, play a role in securing consumer viewpoints with respect to research decisions.

The key factors which will be considered with respect to major changes in USDA policies under this plan include:

1) Is there a history of consumer interest in the issue?
2) Are there adverse social and economic impacts?
3) Are these impacts long-term or short-term?
4) Are the consequences irreversible or irretrievable?
5) Is there potential for widespread controversy?

Each major departmental agency has appointed a consumer coordinator who advises the agency administrator on consumer matters and reflects consumer viewpoints on significant issues. Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Coordinator of Home Economics Research, Cooperative State Research Service, will serve this function in CSRS.

We Goofed

In the article on exterior relationships in the October Newsletter, I neglected to mention another important area of research relationships which involve the Experiment Station, namely forestry research. In the first place, we are accountable to Cooperative State Research Service, USDA, for the utilization of McIntire-Stennis funds which are appropriated specifically for forestry research. Second, we relate to the Forest Service in forestry research programs which are conducted by Forestry Service research personnel in cooperation with the Station. Sorry!

Howard W. Ottoson
PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Fricke, Carl - Asst. Prof. (Hydrogeologist), Conservation & Survey - Appointment
Gipson, Philip - Asst. Prof., Poultry & Wildlife Science - Resignation
Pierce, Richard - Instructor, Ag. Engineering - Appointment

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Anderson, D. G. - Ag. Economics - USDA, Economic Research Service $15,000
Farlin, S. D. - Animal Science - Eli Lilly & Co. 6,000
Farlin, S. D. - Animal Science - International Paper Co. 10,000
Ferguson, D. L. - Vet. Science - Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals 6,500
Hanway, D. G. - Agronomy - Garst & Thomas Hybrid Corn Co. 2,500
Krause, V. E. - Animal Science (NE Sta) - Lilly Research Lab 4,000
Maxcy, R. B. - Food Sci. & Tech. - Dept. of Army, Natick Labs 3,500
Moomaw, R. S. - Agronomy (NE Sta) - Stauffer Chemical Co. 500
Moser, B. D. - Animal Science - Fats & Proteins Research Fdn. 12,000
Olson, R. A. - Agronomy - Tennessee Valley Authority 9,000
Rhodes, M. B. - Vet. Science - Miscellaneous Donors 645

GENERAL NOTES

1. The indirect cost rates (overhead) on grants and contracts were recently renegotiated for the UN-L. The current effective rates for programs of the IANR are:

   - Instruction Programs - On-campus . . . . . . .48.50% of S&W
   - Off-campus . . . . . .25.58% of S&W
   - Agr'1. Exp. Station - All . . . . . . . . . .51.00% of S&W
   - Agr'1. Extension - All . . . . . . . . . .34.00% of S&W

Continuing is the policy that Cooperative Agreements with the USDA do not normally carry overhead; nor do industrial grants of less than $2,500.

2. The new East Campus Student Center is scheduled for occupancy and use by January 17, beginning of second semester.

3. The Horticulture Department recently had a very good review of their programs by a CSRS team. We believe the report of the reviewers will be constructive and helpful in future program conduct. Food and Nutrition, Food Science and Technology, and Agricultural Biochemistry will be reviewed by a joint team November 30 through December 3. Collaborators and others are welcome to participate.

4. Grants and contracts totaled $3,706,990 for the IANR in FY 1976. Of this, $3,209,613 was in support of research.

5. You will soon again be completing your annual staff activities reports. These are read and used in evaluation processes; it is, therefore, important that they be done thoroughly and well.

6. Dr. John Woodward will edit the next AES Newsletter in my absence. I appreciate his help. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

R. W. Kleis
Journal Articles (contact authors for more information)


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Journal Abstracts  (contact authors for more information)


76-797. Soil Persistence of Corn Herbicides During the Year of Application. O. C. Burnside. North Central Weed Control Conference.

76-798. Selective Control of Weeds in Corn with Cultivation or Preplant, Preemergence, and Postemergence Herbicides. O. C. Burnside. North Central Weed Control Conference.

BULLETINS PRINTED

RB 278. Properties of Soils in the Solid Set Irrigation Area of the Sandhills Agricultural Laboratory. David T. Lewis.


SB 541. Economic Impact of Rail Branch-Line Abandonment: Results of a South-Central Nebraska Case Study. Dale G. Anderson, Floyd D. Gaibler and Mary Berglund.
Dean E. Eisenhauer, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering, is the new District Extension Irrigationist at the South Central Station at Clay Center.

Raymond Supalla, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, joined the staff as a water economist on July 1. He also does some teaching.

Leroy Svec started at the South Central Station at Clay Center in March as Associate Professor of Agronomy. He is District Crop Production Specialist, research and extension.

Walter Trimmer, Instructor of Agricultural Engineering, specializes in irrigation problems. He joined the staff at the Panhandle Station in January.

Dale L. Lindgren, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, joined the staff at the North Platte Station in January as the District Extension and Research Horticulturist.

Osmund Gilbertson, the new Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Education joined IANR in August, coming from California Polytechnic State University.

David Aiken joined the Agricultural Economics Department as an Assistant Professor in the area of water law in December, 1975. He has a split extension-research appointment.

Joanne Nill, Instructor of Agricultural Communications, is the Assistant Extension-Research Editor for Home Economics.

Dean Darling, Associate Professor of Veterinary Science, started in April as a research pathologist and extension veterinarian at the Panhandle Station.
Lynn Lutgen, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, started in August as the Livestock Marketing Specialist, research and extension.

Bertrand R. Somerhalder, Professor of Agricultural Engineering with the University of Nebraska at the North Platte Station, has retired. He joined the staff in 1949.

E. C. Conard has retired from the staff of the University of Nebraska Department of Agronomy after 40 years as a teacher and researcher in range management.

Roscoe E. Hill, professor of Entomology, has retired after 36 years of service to agriculture.

A. W. Epp, Professor of Agricultural Economics, has retired after 33 years of service to agriculture.

Lester F. Larsen, professor of Agricultural Engineering, has retired. He was engineer-in-charge of tractor testing for 29 years.

Stephen Lowry, Assistant Professor of Animal Science, joined the Statistical Laboratory in July. He has responsibility for teaching and bio-statistics research consulting.