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Federal budget: At long last Congress has acted on the federal portion of the Station budget for the fiscal year starting October 1. The big news: the Hatch funds were restored to the FY 1978 levels. It is ironic to rejoice over the status quo, but there were several threats, including the administration's original recommendation, that we would suffer a cut for FY 1979. Other highlights of the new budget: (a) the new competitive grant program was continued at the same level with $9.7 million being earmarked for research on crop production, and $4.9 million for nutrition research; (b) the special grant program (PL 89-106) includes titles as follows: food and agriculture policy; soybean research; pest management research; transportation, marketing, and storage research; genetic vulnerability; pesticide clearance; dried bean research; pesticide impact assessment; and animal health research.

Official channels for grants and contracts: Please be reminded that for Experiment Station faculty the official channel for transmission of all grant and contract documents, including budget and data sheets, is through the department head or district director to the Experiment Station office. We "sign off" on them, and forward them as appropriate. We keep a file of all research grants and contracts received by Station faculty.

Photos for new staff: As you know, from time to time we run pictures of new staff members in our newsletter. We get the pictures from Agricultural Communications. It would be helpful, shortly after they arrive, if new staff members would make an appointment with Photographic Productions to have their pictures taken. They should tell Photographic Productions that the picture is for the Agricultural Communications bio file. This service is free, and the pictures will automatically be sent to Agricultural Communications.

Howard W. Ottoson

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Bauer, Dennis E. - Asst. B-K-R Extension Agent Chairman (NP Sta) - New Appointment
Huso, Scott K. - Inst. (Research Soil Scientist) - Cons. & Surv. Div. - New Appointment
Schmerdtmann, Nancy H. - Home Economics - Extension Administrator - New Appointment
Tisdale, Shirley M. - Area Ext. Agent (PH Sta) - Resignation (to University of Guam)
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Arnold, R.G. - Food Sci & Tech - Nebr. Soybean Dev., Util. & Mktg. Bd. $ 6,000
Campbell, J.B. - Entomology (NP Sta) - USDA/SEA-AR 1,000
Coyne, D.P. & J.L. Welhing - Hort. & PH Sta. - Anna H. Elliott Fund 6,000
DeShazer, J.A. - Ag. Engineering - Alcoa Foundation 5,000
Hanna, M. - Ag. Eng./Food Sci & Tech - Nebr Soybean Dev., Util. & Mktg. Bd. 5,000

Klucas, R.V. - Ag. Biochemistry - USDA/SEA-CR 67,600
Martin, A.R. - Agronomy - Stauffer Chemical Company 500
Moomeaw, R.S. - Agronomy (NE Sta) - Miscellaneous Donors 1,100
Peters, L.L. - Entomology (SC Sta) - American Cyanamid Company 500
Roeth, F.W. - Agronomy (SC Sta) - American Cyanamid Company 750
Rush, I.B. - Animal Science (PH Sta) - Dow Chemical Company 6,000
Schuster, M.L. - Horticulture - Green Giant Foundation 1,500
Steadman, J.R. - Plant Pathology - National Science Foundation 1,350

Torres-Medina, Alfonso - Vet. Science - Nebr. Pork Producers Assn. 6,000
Williams, J.H. - Agronomy - Nebr. Soybean Dev., Util. & Mktg. Bd. 8,000
Wilson, R.G., Jr. - Agronomy (PH Sta.) - Hercules Incorporated 500
Wilson, R.G., Jr. - Agronomy (PH Sta.) - Rocky Mtn. Bean Dealers Assn. 1,000

GENERAL NOTES

1. The new USDA/SEA competitive grant program, funded at $15 million last year has been activated with grant awards just ahead of the end of the year (September 30). Isn't the increased efficiency of the new USDA organization impressive?? We submitted 14 proposals. Two were funded to state scientists and one to a federal (AR) coworker. It appears that about half the awards went to Land Grant institutions. The other half includes other public and private universities and private firms.

2. The Calf Scours Vaccine Royalty funds have provided for grant funding of four projects in Veterinary Science, Animal Science and North Platte livestock health programs with $61,000 for 1978 - 1979.

3. The Food Science and Technology Department has observed its tenth anniversary by preparing an impressive document outlining its program goals for "Decade II".

4. A planning committee has been established for the 1979-80 IANR Staff Conference. It includes Dr. Z.B. Mayo, Dr. Dale Swartzendruber, Dr. Ron Hanson, Dr. Bobby Moser, Dr. Mary Quinn, Professor Shirley Niemeyer, Professor Harold DeGraw, Professor Gary Whitely, and Dr. R.W. Kleis. They will welcome your suggestions for a productive conference as they start their planning well ahead of time.

5. Remember when instant recall meant good intelligence rather than bad manufacturing?
Journal Articles - Submitted for Publication (contact authors for more information)


5581. Modification and Verification of Nebraska's Corn Growth Model - CORNGRO. Philip Tscheschke and James R. Gilley. American Society of Agricultural Engineers.


Journal Abstracts - Submitted for Publication (contact authors for more information)


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