

From the DIRECTOR

A. G. HAZEN



The Agronomy Seed Farm near Casselton was made possible through the interest and efforts of the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association and other friends of the Agricultural Experiment Station, North Dakota State University. The Crop Improvement Association sponsored the solicitation for necessary funds to purchase land, and other donors provided machinery and items of equipment.

Beginning with the crop season of 1950, this site has continuously served as a place for the increase of pure seed of new varieties developed not only at the Experiment Station but also at other stations and from private sources. The site has also been utilized for rebuilding stocks of pure seed of older varieties still in extensive use. The 1969-71 report for the Agronomy Seed Farm is contained in this issue of Farm Research.

Mr. Mark L. Jendro has served in a highly commendable manner as the Superintendent of the Agronomy Seed Farm since its establishment. Mr. Jendro is known throughout this geographic area for his careful attention to the details of producing and assisting in the distribution of many different kinds of seeds. He is known among his colleagues as a meticulous and dedicated cooperater whose experienced judgment is highly respected. I take this opportunity on behalf of all of us who have been privileged to work with him to publicly thank Mark for his years of unselfish and faithful devotion to the development and maintenance of the Agronomy Seed Farm. It is a physical plant and a program of which all of us can be justly proud. In compliance with the retirement policy of our State Board of Higher Education, Superintendent Jendro is scheduled to retire due to age on June 30, 1972.

Another dimension was added to the original program of the Agronomy Seed Farm as a consequence of the Last Will and Testament of Mr. John S. Dalrymple who passed away in April, 1958, at 85 years of age. Mr. Dalrymple succeeded his father, Mr. Oliver Dalrymple, in the ownership and management of comparatively large landholdings in the Casselton area. Both of these men maintained an acquaintance with the personnel and activities

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On The Cover: Mark Jendro, superintendent of the Agronomy Seed Farm at Casselton since its beginning 20 years ago, looks over the stored stacks of Rolette durum seed stock produced this year.

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An additional scale and overhead bins are planned for the near future.

The financial report for the period July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1971 is shown in Table 2. The income is entirely from seed sales and some hail loss payments. No appropriated funds are received.

The Agronomy Seed Farm Council met on July 21, 1971, for its regular biennial meeting. Council members are as follows:

Terms expiring in 1971.

Leon Peters, Jamestown
 , Jerome Nesvig, Buxton
 Jack Wilkinson, Montpelier
 Daryl Anderson, Reeder

Terms expiring in 1973.

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Terms expiring in 1975.

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Terms expiring in 1977.

To be appointed soon.

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of the Agricultural Experiment Station and were constant supporters of the agricultural research program. John S. Dalrymple bequeathed a tract of land to be used for experimental purposes and with the request that it be known as the Dalrymple Experimental Plot.

For a number of reasons it took several years to fully comply with the provisions of the bequest, but in April, 1963, the Agricultural Experiment Station assumed ownership of a parcel of land containing 160 acres and located adjacent to the Agronomy Seed Farm. This land is designated as the Dalrymple Experimental Plot. Formal dedication ceremonies were held July 8, 1968, at which time Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dalrymple, Jr., were present to participate in the program. This 160 acres of land has been developed into excellent research plots and is currently utilized for research by the Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, and Soils departments. Superintendent Jendro has assisted in the development and maintenance of this land.

We were saddened to learn of the recent death on November 7 of John S. Dalrymple, Jr., owner and manager of the Dalrymple farms since his father's death in 1958. Mrs. Dalrymple has designated the Agricultural Experiment Station to receive memorials for her husband, and these memorials will be utilized in support of the continuing agricultural research program at the Dalrymple Experimental Plot. We offer condolence to Mr. Dalrymple's survivors together with this expression of appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the members of the Dalrymple family who have been instrumental in providing the Dalrymple Experimental Plot and assisting in its financial support.

Table 2. Agronomy Seed Farm account as provided by office of the Director, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, North Dakota State University, Fargo.

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| Balance on hand July 1, 1969 | \$ 52,688.06 | Balance on hand July 1, 1970 | \$ 70,716.13 |
| Income from farm: | | Income from farm: | |
| Seed and Misc. grain | \$49,979.79 | Seed and misc. grain | \$51,982.99 |
| Other miscellaneous | 11,481.48 | Other miscellaneous | 5,096.02 |
| | 61,461.27 | | \$ 57,079.01 |
| Total | \$114,149.33 | Total | \$127,795.14 |
| Expenditures | | Expenditures | |
| Farm operations | \$41,516.60 | Farm operations | \$51,853.45 |
| Machinery and equipment | 1,916.60 | Machinery and equipment | 955.62 |
| Storage building | —0— | Storage building | 24,093.20 |
| All farm operations | 43,433.20 | | \$ 76,902.27 |
| Excess income over expenditures | \$ 70,716.13 | Balance, July 1, 1971 | \$ 50,892.87 |