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come of North Dakota is indeed very small — on the order of one-half of one per cent.

It is realized that farm income in our state is not at a peak, but without the work of the Experiment Station it would undoubtedly be much lower.

Major areas of research are oriented toward the agricultural sciences and include a wide range of topics. Attention is devoted to production, management, financing, marketing, consumer use, quality, and processing of agricultural products.

Research activities are also directed toward several aspects of rural life, illustrated by housing, utilities, recreation, and population changes.

The Agricultural Experiment Station is composed of the Main Station, located on the NDSU campus, seven Branch Experiment Stations and the Agronomy Seed Farm. The branch stations are located at Carrington, Edgeley, Dickinson, Hettinger, Williston, Langdon, and Minot. The Agronomy Seed Farm is located at Casselton.

The Experiment Station is closely integrated with the College of Agriculture and many Experiment Station personnel also have teaching appointments and responsibilities in the College of Agriculture. For the combined agricultural teaching and research programs, there are some 1,800 acres

of NDSU's 2,180 acres devoted to plots, fields, barn areas, and other agricultural uses. The outlying stations total an additional 6,050 acres.

There are 344 authorized positions on the Experiment Station and College of Agriculture staff, of which 144 are professional positions. Of the 130 professional positions at NDSU, Fargo, 109 are jointly budgeted into the College of Agriculture teaching program. There are also 11 professional research personnel and their assistants stationed in University facilities and financed by the USDA. Agricultural information personnel and personnel in the USDA Metabolism and Radiation Research Laboratory on the campus also contribute to the research and teaching program.

To accomplish the research, there are 13 administrative departments: Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Animal Science, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Botany, Cereal Chemistry and Technology, Entomology, Horticulture and Forestry, Plant Pathology, Soils, and Veterinary Science.

Information from research efforts is continuously interpreted, shared, and made useful in the form of publications, conferences, lectures, scientific papers, special group "short courses," assistance to the Cooperative Extension Service in its teaching program, and in college classrooms. Information is also shared in the regional research program with sister agricultural experiment stations and the USDA.

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