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# From the DIRECTOR



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Included in this issue of FARM RESEARCH is the annual report of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station for the fiscal year of 1966-67. It is our annual opportunity to make this type of report to the taxpayers. It is their money over which we exercise stewardship, and we want them to know what use we have made of the tax dollars that support our agricultural research programs.

Funds to support the operations of the Agricultural Experiment Station come from State Appropriations, Federal Appropriations, and Institutional Collections. The 1967 annual operating budget of \$3,218,696.09 was made up of about 60 per cent State Appropriations, 20 per cent Federal Appropriations, and 20 per cent from gifts, grants, contracts, and sales of research by-products.

During this same period, the work of the Station was conducted and supervised by 101 full-time (12-month equivalent basis) professional degree-holding staff members. By simple division, this works out to a cost of \$31,868.28 per staff member. In addition, there are 14 full-time professional research persons, financed directly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, housed in Station facilities and using its equipment. Also, the professional scientists in the USDA Metabolism and Radiation Research Laboratory are located on the Fargo campus. The competence of the USDA personnel has a highly beneficial impact on both the teaching and research programs of the College and Station, and the University.

Since this average figure is much higher than the average salary paid these staff persons, it is obvious that the cost involves such other things as supplies, special equipment, laboratory facilities, and all the other maintenance items needed to make such a large operation function, plus the supporting non-professional staff.

Being administered from the same office, the Agricultural Experiment Station work is closely integrated with the College of Agriculture at North Dakota State University. Many Station personnel also have assignments and responsibilities for teaching and administration in the College. The teaching and research programs of the College and Station at Fargo utilize for plots, fields, pastures, barn areas and other such purposes about 1,800 of

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**On The Cover:** Clarence Swallers, assistant professor of agronomy at NDSU, used these white parchment pollination bags to save seed in this plot of grain sorghum at the Fargo Station. He covered the heads he wanted to save for future planting to keep the birds from eating his seed supply.

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