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HISTORY

In the *First Annual Catalogue* of North Dakota Agricultural College, under the heading winter course (three months in two consecutive winters), the first year studies were devoted to soils and crops and in the second year, concentration was given to livestock and dairy husbandry. Under the four-year curriculum for the Department of Agriculture, the study consisted of: freshman year - general agriculture, breeds and breeding, and crops; sophomore year - farm buildings and machinery; junior year - dairying and stock feeding; and senior year - agricultural review, agriculture, and elective work. (*First Annual Catalogue*, May 1892, pp. 11-13, 20-23.)

By 1907, the Department of Agriculture was broken into three broad divisions: Division of Applied Agriculture (elements of agriculture, farm mechanics, breeding, and dairying); Division of Agronomy (grasses and grains, soil physics, agricultural physics, judging grains, grasses and grains, and crop rotation); and the Division of Animal Husbandry (breeds of live stock, feeds and feeding, and judging live stock).

By 1910 the Division of Dairying had been added, and consisted of all aspects of dairy work, both theoretical and practical. In 1917, six schools within the college were organized. One of the schools was the School of Agriculture. Three departments were in the school: the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Horticulture and Forestry, and the Winter Short Course in Agriculture. By 1923, the School of Agriculture encompassed the Departments of: agricultural economics, agricultural education, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, and horticulture and forestry. By 1933, the following departmental majors were offered in the School of Agriculture: agricultural economics, agricultural education, agronomy-crops, agronomy-soils, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry-dairy cattle, dairy husbandry-dairy manufacturers, horticulture, poultry husbandry, and bacteriology.

“The School of Agriculture comprises the Division of Animal Industry which includes the Departments of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Husbandry, Poultry Husbandry and Veterinary Science, and the Departments of General Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural

Education, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Entomology, Agronomy, Bacteriology, and Horticulture and Forestry.” (The 1944-45 NDAC Catalog) By 1954-55, the School had remained relatively the same, with the exception of the addition of the Division of Plant Industry, which included the Departments of Agronomy (Crops & Soils), and Horticulture and Forestry.

On December 8, 1960, North Dakota Agricultural College became North Dakota State University and all schools within the university became colleges. By the mid-1960s, the College of Agriculture consisted of the Departments of Agricultural Biochemistry, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Education, Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Bacteriology, Botany, Cereal Technology, Dairy husbandry, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Poultry Husbandry, Soils, and Veterinary Science (1965-67 Bulletin). In addition, agricultural short courses were available, as well as an Associate Degree in Agriculture.

By the mid-1980s, the following curricular were available for the bachelor of science degree: agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural extension, agricultural mechanization, agronomy, animal and range sciences, bacteriology, entomology, food science, general agriculture, horticulture, plant pathology or soil science.

By 1992, the Associate Degree was no longer offered. As of the 2000-2002 on-line NDSU bulletin, the following majors are offered: Agricultural Economics*, Agricultural Systems Management, Animal and Range Sciences, Biotechnology, Crop and Weed Sciences, Food Science (in conjunction with the College of Human Development and Education), General Agriculture, Horticulture, Microbiology, Natural Resources Management, Plant Protection, Soil Science, and Veterinary Technology.

“To help meet the existing and future demand for qualified food safety professionals, the Great Plains Institute of Food Safety at North Dakota State University was created in 2000 with funds provided by the USDA. The Institute now offers five undergraduate and graduate options. The food safety minor, major, M.S., Ph.D., and graduate certificate programs are inter-disciplinary courses of study. They are oriented toward the single issue of food safety.”

At their June 20, 2002 meeting, the State Board of Higher Education “approved a name change from the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources.”

At their April 3, 2008 meeting, the State Board of Higher Education approved the creation of the School of Natural Resource Sciences (<http://www.ndsu.edu/nrs>). The School is composed of the Natural Resources Management program, the Range Science program, and the departments of Soil Science and Entomology.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The records of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources , as whole, consists of annual reports (1982-1987), accreditation/self-evaluations (1987-1995), faculty and staff information (1972-2002), Honors Day (1993-1996, 1998-2001), special programs (1951-2004), recruitment/public relations (1920s – 2004), alumni activities (1954), student organizations (1991-2003 {gaps}), curriculum committee (1962-1976), industrial formula committee (1975-1977), newsletters (1971-2004 {gaps}), *Bison Furrows* (1938-1950), and catalogs (1906-1976 {gaps}).

INVENTORY

10.1.1 Annual reports

College of Agriculture - Annual Report - 1982
College of Agriculture - Annual Report - 1983
College of Agriculture - Annual Report - 1984
College of Agriculture - Annual Report - 1985
College of Agriculture - Annual Report - 1986
College of Agriculture - Annual Report - 1987
Summary of Agricultural Research, State Fiscal Year 1985 (CRIS)
College of Agriculture - Annual Report – 1997-1998
College of Agriculture - Annual Report – 1998-1999
College of Agriculture - Annual Report – 1999-2000
College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources - Annual Report – 2001-2002

10.1.2 Accreditations/Self-Evaluations

Biological Science Review 1989 Vol. 1 of 4 (Contains Animal & Range Science 1987 Annual Report, Annual Report on Research, Teaching and Extension of Crop and Weed Science [Agronomy] 1987)
Biological Science Review 1989 Vol. 2 of 4 (Contains Entomology Annual Report 1988, Dept. of Horticulture and Forestry 1987 Annual Report, Dept. of Microbiology Annual Report 1988)
Biological Science Review 1989 Vol. 3 of 4 (Contains Plant Pathology 1988 Annual Report, Soil Science 1988 Annual Report, Veterinary Science 1987 Annual Report)
A Vision and Plan for the Future – College of Agriculture – November 1995

10.1.3 Faculty and Staff

10.1.3.1 Faculty Lists

Faculty List: College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station - 1972
Faculty List: College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station - 1976
Faculty List: College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station - 1977
Staff List: Agricultural Experiment Station & College of Agriculture 1989
Agricultural Experiment Station & College of Agriculture - Staff (Instructor & above) - 1989
Faculty List – October 1976
Faculty Appointments: College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station - Appointments - 1990
Faculty List: College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station – Fall 1991
Faculty List: College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station – Fall 1992

10.1.3.4 Faculty Advising

The Honor System – brochures – c. 1950s, c. 1990s
Academic Advising, Student Success brochures - 2002
Scholarship Program brochures – 1999, 2002

10.1.3.6 Faculty Honors

Faculty/Staff Awards – 2001, 2002

10.1.4 Honors Day

Honors Day programs – 1993-1996, 1998-2001

10.1.5 Special Programs

10.1.5.1 Agricultural Centennial Celebration

NDSU Agricultural Centennial Celebration - brochure & letter - 1990

10.1.5.2 Agricultural Recognition Day

Agriculture Recognition Day - Harvest Bowl - flyer - 1976

10.1.5.3 Agricultural Short Courses (see also: 10.7.4 Catalogs)

Request for information from Michigan State – re: short courses – 1951

Agricultural Short Course Club – constitution – n.d.

Short Course Advisor's Materials – n.d.

Scholarships – information, forms, recipients – 1950s

Enrollments – 1952-1965 [gaps]

Agricultural Short Courses and Farm Folk reunion – list of participants and reunion letter – 1991/1992

10.1.5.4 Farm and Home Week Programs

North Dakota Farmers and Homemakers Week program 1932; North Dakota Farm and Home Week programs 1941; 1944

10.1.5.5 Farm Folk School

“An American Farm Folk School” by H. L. Walster c. 1940; The Farm Folk School” by W. J. Promersberger [1989]

10.1.5.6 Hatchery School Programs

11th & 12th Annual N.D. Hatchery Schools - 1945, 1946

10.1.5.7 Scholars Day Programs

Scholars Day Program - College of Agriculture, College of Human Development & Education, College of University Studies – 1993, 1994

10.1.5.8 General Agriculture Program

General Agriculture Program – NDSUfacts: 1988, 1993

10.1.5.9 Great Plains Institute of Food Safety

Program material – 2001, 2002, 2007; Newsletter – 2007
Annual Report - 2004

10.1.7 Recruitment/Public Relations

School of Agriculture - Recruitment flyers/letterhead - c.1920s
Agriculture and Opportunity - 1925
The Agricultural College Serves North Dakota - 1946 (1/16)
Your Career Series – Agriculture – c.1952
Recruitment Brochure - c.1957
Recruitment Brochure - c.1969
Recruitment Brochures - c.1973, c. 1978
Recruitment Brochure – 1987
Recruitment Brochures – 1998, 1999
Recruitment Brochures - 2000, 2003, 2004
Scholarships - 1990, 1991, 2003

10.1.10 Alumni Activities

Listing of Agriculture Alumni & Occupations – 1954

10.1.28 Student Organizations

Student Organizations 1991, 1999, 2002, 2003

10.3 Committees, Task Forces, Commissions

10.3.5 Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee. Binder: correspondence, new course forms, reports, clippings, forms
1962-1976.

10.3.27 Industrial Formula

Industrial Formula Committee - 1975-77 Biennial Budget

10.7 Publications, College-wide

Scope & content

The records include newsletters (1971-1972, 1990-present); a complete set of *Bison Fu* (quarterly publication – 1938-1950); and catalogs (1900-1975).

10.7.1 Newsletters

Agriculture - 1990-2004 - tabloid publication for new students & alumni [REMOVED TO
OVERSIZED PUBLICATIONS - NDSU COLLEGES]

Update - Newsletter for faculty & staff from the Office of the Vice President for Agriculture and
University Outreach - September 1994 - December 1995

North Dakota Agricultural Research - online journal - Winter 1997, Spring 1998

etc..... - Extension teaching and Communication - Department of Agricultural information –
1971-1972

10.7.3 Periodicals

Bison Furrows - quarterly publication by Division of Agriculture, NDAC - Vol. 1., No. 1
- Spring Quarter, 1938

Bison Furrows - published quarterly by the Students of Agriculture - Fall Quarter, 1938

Bison Furrows - Winter Quarter, 1939

Bison Furrows - Fall Quarter, 1939
Bison Furrows - Winter Quarter, 1940
Bison Furrows - Fall Quarter, 1940
Bison Furrows - Winter Quarter, 1941
Bison Furrows - Spring Quarter, 1941
Bison Furrows - Fall Quarter, 1941
Bison Furrows - Winter Quarter, 1942
Bison Furrows - Spring Quarter, 1942
Bison Furrows - November 1942
Bison Furrows - January 1943
Bison Furrows - March, 1947
Bison Furrows - May 1947
Bison Furrows - November 1947
Bison Furrows - Winter, 1948 - published quarterly by the School of Agriculture and Home Economics
Bison Furrows - Spring, 1948
Bison Furrows - Summer, 1948
Bison Furrows - January 1949
Bison Furrows - March, 1949
Bison Furrows - Summer, 1949
Bison Furrows - Fall, 1949
Bison Furrows - Spring, 1950
Bison Furrows - Summer, 1950
Bison Furrows - Winter, 1950

10.7.4 Catalogs

Course in Farm Husbandry - NDAC - catalog – 1906-1907 (2)

Looking Ahead in Agriculture - A Catalog of the College Course in Agriculture - 1929

Farm Folk School – bulletin - July, August, September 1938

Farm Folk School – bulletin - October, November, December 1939 (3)

Farm Folk School – bulletin – July, August, September 1940 (4)

Winter Short Course in Agriculture – For the Winter Season of 1900 (2)

Short Course in Agriculture - Catalog - 1952 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1953 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1954 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1955 (3)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1956 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1957 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1958 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1959 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1960 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1961 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1962 (3)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1963 (4)

Short Course in Agriculture - 1964 (4)
Short Course in Agriculture - 1965 (4)
Short Course in Agriculture - 1966 (4)
Short Course in Agriculture - 1967 (4)
Short Course in Agriculture - 1968 (4)
Short Course in Agriculture - 1969 (4)
Annual Agricultural Conference and Short Course – Featuring “The 1976 Crop Production
Guide” – November 1975