

**Finding Aid to the Cereal and Food Sciences Department  
College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources**

**Cereal and Food Science Department**

Cereal and Food Science Department records, 1964-2001

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**

The department is one of the oldest within the College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station at North Dakota State University. Although there is some uncertainty as to the exact year the department started, it is generally believed to be 1905. It was known as the Department of

Milling and Baking. During this early period, work was primarily directed towards the quality evaluation of hard red spring wheat cultivars grown in North Dakota

In 1936, the quality testing of hard red spring wheat was initiated. This program continues today and can be considered the cornerstone of the departments' activities and growth. The name of the department was changed to Cereal Technology. Quality testing and research on durum wheat and malting barley was initiated in 1938 and 1947, respectively. A graduate level teaching program became part of the department during this time and an M.S. degree in Cereal Chemistry was offered. In the mid 1950's, a new facility was constructed and named for Dr. Harris. To the original and current structure, there have been four major additions.

During the period 1961-1970, the emphasis was on applied and basic research and the name of the department was changed to Cereal Chemistry and Technology in 1965. The graduate program was expanded and the first Ph.D. degree was conferred on Dr. Vernon Youngs, 1965. A significant addition to Harris Hall was completed in 1967.

The department was renamed Cereal Science and Food Technology in 1984. This name change reflected the inclusion of an undergraduate food science degree program with Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) recognition in the department.

In the 1990's the name of department was changed to Cereal Science and then Cereal and Food Sciences. The undergraduate student teaching mission was transferred to an interdisciplinary program. The mission of the department remains committed to providing graduate training, research and service. The state of North Dakota and everyone associated with its cereals, food processing and other alternative northern crops industries benefit from the department's mission.

## ARRANGEMENT

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records are arranged into three series. **Departmental Background** consists of a web history from 1999, an article on sixty years of cereal technology at NDSU, and an article on cereal technology's economic impact. **Reports and Documents** include annual reports and reviews from 1980 – 1988 [gaps]. **Recruitment** contains recruiting and public relation brochures from the 1960s to 2001.

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### 10.4.4.1 Departmental Background

Web site home page print-out with Dept. History - 1/13/99

“Sixty Years of Cereal Technology at North Dakota State University,” *Association of Operative Millers Bulletin*, August, 1965, pp. 2874-2877.

"Cereal Technology Plays a Major Role in State's Economy" *Summer Spectrum* - August 9, 1965

### 10.4.4.6 Reports and Documents

Department of Cereal Chemistry & Technology - Annual Report - 1980

Department of Cereal Chemistry & Technology - Annual Report - 1982

Department of Cereal Chemistry & Technology - Annual Report - 1983

Department of Cereal Chemistry & Technology - Graduate Program Review – March 1984

Department of Cereal Science & Food Technology - Annual Report - 1984

Department of Cereal Science & Food Technology - Annual Report 1985

Department of Cereal Science & Food Technology - Program Review 1986

Department of Cereal Science & Food Technology - Academic Program Questionnaire - 1986

Department of Cereal Science & Food Technology - Annual Report - 1987

Department of Cereal Science & Food Technology - Annual Report - 1988

### 10.4.4.9 Recruitment

Opportunities in Cereal Chemistry and Technology – brochure - c.1960s

Opportunities in Cereal Chemistry and Technology – brochure – 1964

Food Science Program – brochure – c. 1980

Fact Sheets: Food Science (Technology) 1986, 1988; Food Science - 1993

Department of Cereal Science and Food Technology – brochure - 1989

Department profile for *Peterson's Guide* – Department Profile - 1990

Food Science – brochure - 2001