

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

Soil Sciences Department

Soil Sciences Department records, 1952-2002

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

“In 1950 and earlier, soil scientists were members of the Agronomy Department in the College of Agricultural and Agricultural Experiment Station. For easier identification soil scientists were classified under Agronomy (Soils) and crop scientists under Agronomy (Crops). In 1959 soil scientists were separated from crop scientists and were members of the Soils Department. The department name of Soils

Department was used from 1959 to 1981. In December 1981 the name of the department was changed to Department of Soil Science which is the present name.”

ARRANGEMENT

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records are arranged into five series. **Departmental Background** consists of a departmental history from 1950 to 1980. **Reports and Documents** includes annual reports (1981, 1988) and an academic program evaluation (1987). **Subjects** consist of a brochure about the NDAC Soils Special Train in 1952 and an article titled “Valley Soil Loses Nitrogen,” from the *Fargo Forum*, July 16, 1975. **Publications** consist of departmental newsletters: the *Solum* (1991, 1992, 1993, 2002) and *The Horizon Herald* (1988 – 1992). **Recruitment** includes soil science fact sheets (1998, 1993) and a brochure: *A Career for You - Soil Science* (1989).

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10.4.8.1 Departmental Background

Paper “History of the Soil Science Department” by Professor of Soil Science, J. C. Zubriski - c. early 1980s

10.4.8.6 Reports and Documents

Department of Soil Science – Annual Report - 1981
 Department of Social Science - Academic Program Evaluation - 1987
 Department of Soil Science - Annual Report: 1988

10.4.8.7 Subjects

Know Your Soil - NDAC Soils Special Train carries its message to 40 N.D Communities in 1952
 “Valley Soil Loses Nitrogen,” *Forum*, July 16, 1975

10.4.8.8 Publications

Solum [newsletter] - 1991, 1992, 1993, 2002

The Horizon Herald - 1988 - 1990

The Horizon Herald - 1990 - 1992

10.4.8.9 Recruitment

Fact sheets: Soil science 8/1986, 5/1993

A Career for You - Soil Science - 1989