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History

The Great Plains Symposium on World Agriculture was organized by the President Laurel D. Loftsgard, North Dakota State University, and the Northern Crops Institute. The purpose behind the symposiums was to bring together many of the top minds from around the world in agriculture and have them give presentations, speeches and engage in discussions about the current affairs and future affairs of the agricultural markets both domestically and internationally.

The first symposium was held on June 12th and 13th in 1984 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo North Dakota. Some notable guests in attendance were Earl Butz (a former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture), Hisao Azuma
(Counselor for Agriculture and Fisheries for the Embassy of Japan), and Governors of North Dakota and South Dakota, Allen Olson and William Janklow, respectively.

The second symposium was held two years later on June 11th and 12th in 1986 and was again held at the Holiday Inn of Fargo, North Dakota. Notable guests were Kenneth Bader (CEO of the American Soybean Association), Donald Butler (President of the National Cattlemen’s Association), and Eugene Moos (Staff Director for the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybean and Feedgrains).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records include letters between President Loftsgard and scheduled guests, co-organizer David Hume, Senators and Representatives, regrets invited guests that cannot make it. They also contain speaker biographies and travel arrangements, expense reports, programs created for the events, sample invitations, and some sample proposed guest lists.

The records are organized into two series: the First Great Plains Symposium and all materials related to it; and the Second Great Plains Symposium and all materials related to it.

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Finding Aid

First Great Plains Symposium – 1984

Correspondence - President Loftsgard and David Hume – 1983-1984
Correspondence/memos/minutes - Northern Crops Institute – 1983-1984
Listings of proposed guests to the First Symposium
Correspondence - President Loftsgard thanking quests for accepting invitations - 1984
Acceptances to attend - 1984
Letters/Notes of regret – 1984
Speakers Biographies & travel itineraries – 1983-1984
Programs, names tags, menus and speeches from the symposium
Expenses
Congratulations to President Loftsgard
Sample folder that was given to special guests

Second Great Plains Symposium – 1986

Correspondence - President Loftsgard, David Hume and others – 1985
Proposed guests and sample letters for the Second Symposium - 1986
Letters/Notes of regret – 1986
Guest list & attendees - 1986
Speakers Biographies & travel itineraries – 1983-1984
Programs, names tags, menus and speeches from the symposium
Expenses
Newspaper clippings
Sample folder that was given out to special guests