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Left: This aerial photo of a field at the West Tennessee Experiment Station was taken with special camera equipment using infrared film in a research technique called remote sensing. The photo shows different characteristics of the landscape in the varying colors and varying shades of the same colors. The blue at right is water; the red at left and lower right represents vegetation; the light gray areas represent drier soils and the dark gray areas, damper soils. The contrast in soil color results because drier areas were more reflective and warmer than damper areas.

Top right: The corn on the right is resistant to a virus disease first identified in the state in 1964. This corn is a hybrid developed through joint research between the University of Tennessee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In one series of experiments, it produced four times the yield of the susceptible variety on the left.
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Knoxville, Tennessee
January 2, 1970

To His Excellency, Buford Ellington
Governor of Tennessee

SIR: I have the honor of transmitting herewith, on behalf of the
Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee, a report of the
work and expenditures of the Agricultural Experiment Station for
the year 1969.

This report is submitted in accordance with the law requiring that
such a report be submitted annually by the administrators of the
Experiment Station to the Governor of the State.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew D. Holt, President
East Tennessee Farmer's Convention, 1916.
The administrative structure of the Agricultural Experiment Station has been quite varied in the Station's 88-year history. The actual administration of the research program has not always been vested in the person named as titular head.

A director was named upon establishment of the Station in 1882. John W. Glenn, of the Agriculture Department, was the first Director. He served in this capacity until June, 1887.

Dr. Charles W. Dabney, named president of the University in early July, 1887, was also named Director of the Station on July 24 of that year. He held the title of Director until April, 1890, along with the office of President. In July, 1890, F. Lamson-Scribner was listed in Station bulletins as Director. From April, 1893, until 1898, Station publications bore the name of Dr. Dabney, President; but no separate Director was listed.

Andrew M. Soule was designated as Agriculturist in 1898, and apparently he had direct charge of the research program. In 1902 Soule was listed as Vice Director and Agriculturist; and in 1903-1904 he was Director and Agriculturist. The position was unfilled from the summer of 1904 until 1905, when Dr. H. A. Morgan was appointed Director.

Dr. Morgan served as Director until 1923, although he was named President of the University in 1919.

C. A. Mooers, chemist and agronomist, served as Vice Director from 1919 until he was named Director in 1923. He continued in this top administrative post until his retirement in 1946.

F. S. Chance became Assistant Director in 1943. Upon the retirement of Director Mooers, the title of Director was conferred upon Dr. C. E. Brehm, who also was Director of the Extension Service and Dean of the College of Agriculture. Administration of the research work was under direction of F. S. Chance, who became Vice Director in 1946. Mr. Chance continued in this position until his retirement at the end of 1956. Meanwhile, Dr. J. H. McLeod was Dean and Director from 1948 until 1957.

Dr. John A. Ewing came into the administrative staff in 1949 as Assistant Director; he became Senior Vice Dean and Director in 1955. In February, 1957, Dr. Webster Pendergrass was named Dean of Agriculture, and Dr. Ewing became Director of the Experiment Station. He held this title until July, 1968, when he became Dean of the Agricultural Experiment Station in the newly created Institute of Agriculture.
Congress in 1862, provided funds to establish a College of Agriculture in each state. In 1869 East Tennessee University was designated to receive the funds available under the Morrill Act and thereby became the Land-Grant institution in Tennessee. Ten years later East Tennessee University became The University of Tennessee.

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Thus by 1882 enough interest had developed so that the University Board of Trustees established an Agricultural Experiment Station to be devoted to research. In 1883, the Tennessee General Assembly provided financial support for the Station through fertilizer testing fees. Even so, funds for research in agriculture were still small. However, the Hatch Act, passed by the U. S. Congress in 1887, provided $15,000 per year to each state for the establishment and operation of an Experiment Station. Money under this authorization first became available in 1888. The Tennessee Station, having been in operation for six years, was able to use the Hatch funds very effectively. Part of the money was used to construct an Experiment Station building, which was completed in time to host a national meeting of Experiment Station administrators in 1889.

As the Experiment Station program developed, field experiments were established throughout the state in cooperation with individual farmers. Research workers recognized that results of field experiments at Knoxville could not be applied to the entire state because of the great differences in climate, soils, and farming systems across Tennessee. The value of these outlying cooperative experiments was widely appreciated and efforts were made by groups of farmers to establish permanent research centers in several areas of the state. The first Branch Station was established at Jackson on land provided by Madison County in 1907. Another Branch Station was established at Columbia in 1918, on land provided by Maury County.

Foreword

What is the purpose of agricultural research? The objective of the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station is to conduct investigations and experiments that bear directly on and contribute to establishing and maintaining a permanent and effective agricultural industry in Tennessee and in the United States.

These investigations are intended to deal with problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects as well as problems concerning the development and improvement of the rural home and rural life so that agriculture may make the maximum contribution to the welfare of the consumer.

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Agricultural experiment stations throughout the United States have these same general objectives which are part of the Hatch Act (as amended in 1955). This Act authorizes the appropriation of Federal funds to the states for agricultural research.

Solving problems of local significance is the responsibility of the Agricultural Experiment Station in each state. Several state stations and the United States Department of Agriculture often cooperate to study problems of regional and national scope.

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The West Tennessee Experiment Station at Jackson was the first Branch Experiment Station of The University of Tennessee. Land for the Station was provided by Madison County, in 1907.

Subsequently other outlying research centers were established and at present six Branch Stations and seven Field Stations are in operation (see map).

At the same time facilities at Knoxville were being expanded. Land for the present Agricultural Campus was acquired in 1869 and was used as the College farm. Morgan Hall was constructed on this farm in 1921 and laboratories of the Experiment Station as well as agricultural teaching and extension activities were transferred there from the Main Campus at "The Hill." Subsequently, additional buildings have been added at the Agricultural Campus and additional land for field research has been acquired near Knoxville.

Development of the research program received a boost during the late 30's and 40's with the establishment of Tennessee Valley Authority and subsequent initiation by TVA of an agricultural development program in cooperation with the State Experiment Stations in the Tennessee Valley.

The University of Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station

Branch Stations:
4 Dairy Experiment Station
5 Highland Rim Experiment Station
6 Middle Tennessee Experiment Station
7 Plateau Experiment Station
8 Tobacco Experiment Station
9 West Tennessee Experiment Station

Field Stations:
10 Ames Plantation
11 Cumberland Forestry Field Station
12 Friendship Forestry Field Station
13 Highland Rim Forestry Field Station
14 Milan Field Station
15 Oak Ridge Forest and Arboretum
OVER the years the agricultural research program in Tennessee has been revised continuously in light of changing conditions. There have been a number of outstanding accomplishments in the history of the Station. These accomplishments reflect credit on the scientists and the University and have made noteworthy contributions to the agriculture and economy of the state. A number of these contributions in the several fields of science are described briefly in this report.

As the problems facing agriculture have become more difficult in our complex society, research procedures to solve them have become more sophisticated than those of the past. Scientists are now more highly trained and specialized. Because of great specialization, some of today’s problems, such as resource conservation or pollution control, require the bringing of the skills of several different specialists to bear in cooperative projects. Even more significant contributions than those of the past can be expected from the present capable staff. Some of the major current research activities of this staff are described under each field of science.

Research activities of the Station are carried out in the various departments of the Institute of Agriculture and the projects under way in each department are listed in the latter portions of this publication. For the purposes of this report, however, the work of the Station is described according to five general fields of agricultural science: Plant Science, Animal Science, Engineering Science, Social Science, and Food Science and Human Nutrition.

**Animal Sciences**

INVESTIGATION of problems in livestock production has been a part of the Station’s program since the beginning. The first bulletin of the Station in 1888 reported work on cattle dehorning. Since then, a wide range of research has been conducted including breeding, genetics, feeding, pest control and physiology.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

**ANIMAL BREEDING**

*Dairy Cattle.* A herd of high-producing Jerseys has been developed at the Dairy Experiment Station, Lewisburg, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. This...
herd has the highest production record of any Jersey herd in the United States in which the number of cows being milked exceeds 100.

A ten-year study in this herd indicates that, within the range of management conditions expected in Tennessee, sires whose progeny perform well in one environment would be expected to produce progeny which would perform well in other environments.

Swine. A rotational cross-breeding program was developed at Ames Plantation. With this program, litters were larger and pigs gained faster than with conventional breeding programs. The overall advantage ranged from 20 to 35 percent more pork per litter. Also, these crossbred pigs had less back fat, a desirable trait in today's market.

Mules. A major breeding and selection program for Jacks and Jennets to serve as breeding stock for mule production was carried out at the Middle Tennessee Experiment Station, Columbia, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. Good progress was made in the development of superior breeding stock until the project was closed because mules were being replaced by tractors. The closing of this project is an excellent illustration of the need for constant appraisal and revision of the research program to meet the needs of a rapidly changing agriculture.

PHYSIOLOGY

Photoperiodism in animals. S. Marcovitch found that the rosy apple aphid produced a generation with wings when exposed to a short daylight period (long nights). This was in contrast to the wingless generations produced under a long daylight period (short nights). His report on these experiments in 1925 was one of the first, if not the first, published evidences of a "photoperiodic" response in animals.

Recently, poultry have been subjected to varying periods of light and darkness to determine the effect on growth and egg production. Either continual darkness or continual artificial light produced an eye enlargement somewhat similar anatomically to glaucoma in humans. Alternating periods of light and dark during the usual 24-hour cycle prevented the development of this abnormal condition.

Cattle fluorosis. Certain soils in the state have unusually large amounts of fluorine in them. Also, fluorine compounds are present in the fumes from certain industrial operations. Cattle in such areas may take in enough fluorine through grazing to produce fluorosis symptoms, which are particularly noticeable on the teeth of young animals. With partial financial support of industry, exhaustive studies were undertaken in the late 1940's. Large numbers of plant, soil and feed samples were analyzed. Both young and mature cattle were fed calibrated levels of fluorine in the barn, and were maintained in pastures where the fluorine levels were continuously monitored. Levels of maximum intake without producing fluorosis symptoms were determined for young and mature animals under conditions of confined feeding and of grazing. Several bulletins were published to record the definitive results, including colored photographs of cattle teeth. The findings have been used nationwide to set recommended tolerances for fluorine intake.

Radiation damage to the developing embryo (in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission). Pregnant animals of several species, including rats, sheep and cattle, have been subjected to ionizing radiation at various times...
during gestation. This work at the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory has led to a better understanding of the sensitivity of the developing embryo to radio-biological damage. The particular time in the gestation cycle when the radiation is applied determines the kind of damage that will result. These critical periods for radiation damage coincide with the critical periods for other types of stress, such as chemical treatment. For example, stress applied before the fertilized egg is implanted in the uterus may result in loss of the embryo. During the period of development of the organs, the result can be a deformity, the nature of which will depend on the stage of the gestation cycle.

Mineral metabolism of chicks (in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission). Using radioactive isotopes to trace movement, scientists have studied how the balance and levels of minerals in the diet affect the uptake of selenium, calcium, cobalt and strontium. A better understanding of the mineral uptake by poultry and other classes of livestock should lead to more efficient feeding practices.

ANIMAL FEEDING

Annual Experiment Station reports of the 1890's and later describe performance of cattle fed various rations. This work has been continued and expanded in order to evaluate new crops and new ways of harvesting and storing forages. Also the market demands for livestock have changed and require changes in feeding procedures.

Pastures for cattle. Much of the land in Tennessee is rolling and not well suited to cultivated crops, thus making long-term or semi-permanent pastures important sources of forage.

A large amount of work has been done to evaluate bluegrass, orchardgrass and tall fescue, alone and in combination with clover for beef cows, steers and dairy cattle. One important finding has been the close correlation of clover in the pasture mixture with cattle performance. Performance improved as the proportion of clover increased up to 40 and 50 percent of the pasture mixture.

Forages for dairy cattle. As the level of milk production of a cow rises, "quality" of pasture and forage in the ration becomes increasingly important. Extensive evaluation of forages has been done at several locations with high-producing cows. Milk production improved when low-moisture alfalfa or grass silage was used to supplement corn silage. The studies also showed that the stage of maturity at harvest had a great effect on the quality of hay, green chop and grass silage. When harvest is at a late stage of maturity, forage quality is reduced which results in a decrease in the amount the animal eats; consequently milk production drops.

Feed requirements for lactation. Research has shown that, even with high levels of milk production, energy requirements can be met more efficiently by feeding good forages free-choice, supplemented liberally with concentrates, than by restricting forage intake in order to increase concentrate consumption.

A minimum of 18 percent protein in the concentrate mix was needed when corn silage was the only forage fed to milking cows. Additional vitamin A above the minimum level required to support reproduction was not needed for milk production.

Feeding levels for raising dairy herd replacements. The rapid turnover of milking animals in the herd makes the raising of replacement heifers an important part of an efficient dairy program. The effect of feeding practices on developing the full lactation potential of the heifer was studied for several years. (Many animal studies require several years because of the long reproduction cycle). Identical twin calves were used for some of these studies so that the feeding practices could be evaluated more accurately. Very liberal feeding often resulted in poor development of the mammary glands because of the deposition of fatty tissue.
These two Jersey heifers are identical twins. The large, fat heifer, typical of others in the experiment, produced less milk in the first two lactations than her twin which was grown at a moderate rate.

Availability to cattle of iodine from different compounds (in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission). The need to add iodine to the diet of farm animals in certain areas is well known. Usually, supplemental iodine compounds for cattle have been added to salt. Several years ago, 3,5-diiodosalicylic acid (DIS) was highly recommended and extensively used for livestock because of its stability under field conditions. Work at the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory, Oak Ridge, using simultaneous within-animal comparison of the $^{131}$I and $^{125}$I labeled compounds demonstrated that the nutritional availability of iodine from DIS was only 20 percent of that of iodine from sodium iodide. As a result of this work, the use of DIS in salt for cattle was discontinued. Subsequent work at Oak Ridge showed that another iodine compound, pentacalcium orthoperiodate, combines the physical stability of DIS with the nutritional availability of sodium iodide. Iodized salt containing pentacalcium orthoperiodate is now on the market.

CURRENT RESEARCH

The growing consumer preference for leaner meat is expected to continue. Rising production costs will make efficiency in animal production a matter of increasing importance. Both of these needs are already being reflected in the direction of animal research at Tennessee.

Animal breeding. Emphasis in selection of swine is on "meatiness"; in beef cattle, it is on rate of gain after correction for fat accumulation. In dairy cattle, the current emphasis is on determining the maximum progress possible by selecting for milk production only, and what problems may develop under such a program.

Animal feeding. The levels of protein and energy required for optimum performance are being re-evaluated for beef and swine. The "meatier" type of animal may require a higher protein-energy ratio than was recommended for the fatter types. More emphasis is being given to use of less expensive protein substitutes such as urea in both beef and dairy cattle rations. Study has begun to determine the optimum time to market slaughter beef animals in terms of total feed cost for both dam and offspring. Research is continuing on the evaluation of pasture and other forages for cattle. Factors limiting voluntary feed intake of lactating cows are being studied as possible causes of restriction of milk production.

Physiology. A better understanding of the physiological processes that affect animal metabolism, growth and reproduction is being sought. The following studies are providing information that should lead to better management practices and more efficient livestock production.

A major problem in economical beef and milk production is maintaining an efficient reproduction rate. Causes of reduced cow fertility and ways to increase conception and calving rates are being studied.

Imbalance of minerals in the ration may be an important factor affecting reproductive performance of animals. Basic studies of mineral nutrition of swine during gestation have been started. The minerals needed in trace quantities are receiving special emphasis, using radioisotope techniques.

The relation of iodine metabolism to thyroid activity and milk secretion is being explored.

Full development of the mammary gland has shown to be a requisite for maximum lactation. This does not always occur. A project to determine the relationship of pregnancy and the associated hormones to mammary gland development is being started, in an effort to establish the fundamental causes of some of the variations in initial stages of lactation.

Research is underway on the causes and effects of "cage layer fatigue" of hens. Density of the leg bones is being measured "in vivo" (in the live animal) with a special densitometer, in order to follow the skeletal changes under selected dietary regimes. Also research is continuing on the photoperiodic response of chickens, described earlier.

The physiologic effects at the cellular level
induced by a deficiency of vitamin E and by selected levels of phosphate insecticides are being studied with the use of rats.

The effect of restricting total feed intake during growth and after maturity is being studied, using rats. The restricted diets are adequate in regard to protein, minerals and vitamins. Longevity and kidney function will be the criteria used. Results may prove suggestive for regulation of human diets.

Food Science and Human Nutrition

As agriculture has grown from the more or less direct selling by farmers to consumers to an industry having specialized segments such as production, processing, distribution, etc., scientists have been giving attention to problems in areas other than agricultural production.

One such area of research at the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station is that of food science and human nutrition. Food scientists concern themselves with such problems as processing of plant and animal products for human consumption; consumer acceptance of foods produced or prepared in different ways; and nutritional requirements of people.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

The presence and significance of streptococci in foods during processing. The presence of the streptococci class of micro-organisms in food products has been regarded as evidence of human contamination. However, in a Tennessee study, streptococci were found in processing plants in cases where it seemed very unlikely they could have been from human sources. This finding prompted research to learn whether these organisms could be found on the growing crop and on wild plants. The study showed that in isolated areas, such as the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, where no human source of contamination was present, streptococci were found in a significant number of cases. The same was true in field crops being grown where human contamination seemed very unlikely. These findings question whether these organisms can be considered as indicators of contamination in food processing plants. In the course of the study, a number of new strains of streptococci were also identified and characterized.

The effect of cooking temperature on the tenderness and palatability of beef and pork roasts. Roasts were cooked at conventional oven temperatures and at temperatures as much as 100° lower than conventional. The roasts were brought to the same internal temperature which meant that those cooked at the lower temperatures required a considerably longer time in the oven.

However, a taste panel found these lower temperature roasts of both beef and pork to be more tender and more juicy. (Tastepanels made up of men and women are often used in evaluation phases of food studies). Total electric energy consumption for cooking was about the same at either temperature.

Factors affecting mineral requirements of children and adults. Studies were begun some years ago with college-age women to determine the mineral balance in their bodies at various levels of mineral intake and in relation to different levels of protein in what they ate. In cooperation with other state experiment stations in a regional nutrition project, the work was expanded to include pre-adolescent children. Findings showed that the level of any one mineral needed to maintain physiological balance varied not only by age group but also with the level of other minerals and protein in the diet.

Eating quality of meat from different breeds and crosses of cattle. A seven-year study supervised by J. W. Cole involved 171 steers representing eight breeds and breed crosses from British, zebu, and dairy types of cattle. Taste panels found little difference in the quality of
meat from Angus, Hereford, or Jersey steers, in spite of the much smaller amount of marbling in the meat from the Jerseys. Meat from steers of zebu parentage or from crosses including zebu animals was significantly less tender. Interest in the results of this study has been worldwide and the World Association of Animal Production asked to have this work reported at its conference.

Improved quality of dairy products. Tennessee consumers have better tasting and higher quality milk and cottage cheese as a result of the application of research discoveries on the milk lipase system, on the development of psychrophilic bacteria which can grow at refrigeration temperatures, and on the relationship of calcium to cooked flavors.

Methods were developed in Tennessee for removing radioactive materials from milk without decreasing its nutritive value, and when applied at other laboratories resulted in a system that would be commercially feasible if the need should ever arise.

Fatty acids in food. Deep frying procedures as used in the laboratory and as observed in food service systems resulted in minor changes in frying fats and in the lipids extracted from fried foods. Re-use of fat decreased polyunsaturated fatty acids with greatest changes in oils of highest degree of polyunsaturation.

CURRENT RESEARCH

How to process and use the abundant supply of food products to assure adequate nutrition with a tasty and appealing diet for our citizens is a continuing challenge.

Quality of frozen vegetables. New varieties which are superior in yield, disease resistance or adaptation to mechanical harvest, may not always give a frozen product of high quality. Samples from the regular variety trials are processed and the frozen product evaluated for consumer acceptance.

Blanching of vegetables by microwave, hot water, and combinations of both is being studied to develop procedures that will give higher quality frozen products.

Quality of dairy products. Desirable cheddar cheese flavor depends on the type of fermentation used in cheese curing. Current work is directed toward developing cultures and techniques which will enhance the production of this flavor. Studies are underway to improve flavor and keeping quality of cottage cheese so that people will want to eat more of this protein-rich food.

Fortification of milk. Whey, a by-product of cheddar cheese manufacture, is high in lactose. The effect on consumer acceptance of adding small amounts of lactose which is recovered from whey to regular and skim milk is being studied.

Anemia due to inadequate iron in the diet is fairly widespread, particularly among children under five. Scientists are seeking ways to add iron to milk without affecting flavor and palatability.

Mineral requirements. Work continues concerning calcium, magnesium, phosphorus and other mineral requirements of young adults, including pregnant women. The bone densitometer, a special instrument developed at Tennessee, is being used to relate mineral nutrition to changes in bone structure.

Palatability of meat. How does the amount of fat in roasts, steaks, and ground meat affect consumer acceptance? The cooked products are being analyzed for fat content and the results related to scores given by taste panels.

Radiation effects. Soybeans, rice and other unprocessed foods are being exposed to radiation in an electric discharge tube. The treated materials are being analyzed to determine what changes are produced in composition that might affect nutritive value.

Cooking properties of elaidinized fats. “Unsaturated” fats tend to be liquid at room temperature. Certain chemical treatment (elaidinization) will cause these fats to solidify without altering their “unsaturation.” How these treated fats affect quality of food products when they are used as shortening or as frying fat is being evaluated.

Engineering Science

ENGINEERING SCIENCE has been brought to bear on a great range of problems in research programs of the Agricultural Experiment Station. One of the most striking changes in agriculture since the founding of the Experiment Station has been the replacement of humans and animals with machinery. In agricultural research, studies have included design and construction of farm buildings; development, evaluation and opera-
tion of farm machinery; handling of feed, fertilizer and harvested crops on the farm; waste disposal; drainage, land grading and reservoir development; development and operation of instruments and equipment for evaluating both natural and processed farm products.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

**Measurement of cotton fiber properties.** Traditionally, the length and quality of cotton fibers have been estimated by the cotton classer as he examined the bales at the market. In the mid-1930's Kenneth Hertel and his colleagues began work on instruments to give a quantitative measure of cotton fiber length, as well as strength and fineness. The instrument for cotton fiber length, the "Fibrograph," was developed first, and has been modified several times to reach its present design. Now produced commercially, it is widely used throughout the world. This work also resulted in the development of two other instruments; the "arealometer" measures fiber fineness and maturity and the "stelometer" measures fiber strength. These three instruments are making a major contribution to the systematic marketing of cotton.

This computerized production fibrograph measures the length of a cotton specimen in less than 10 seconds. The measurement is presented visually and is also printed on tape. The instrument shown here is an advanced development from an initial instrument developed in 1933 by Dr. Kenneth Hertel at the Agricultural Experiment Station, which determined fiber length from seed cotton. This model now allows the industry to have length information on all samples in both marketing and processing as desired.

Strawberry capper. A machine was developed and patented which will remove the calyx from strawberries mechanically at the processing plant. The conventional procedure has been, and in many places still is, to have the picker remove the caps in the field. This slows picking and also gives more opportunity for the berry to spoil between picking and delivery to the processing plant. The strawberry capper works successfully only on varieties in which the calyx, or cap, is not recessed into the top of the berry. The capper was made commercially for a period, but it is not widely used now because many of the strawberry varieties now being grown have a recessed calyx and are not adapted to the capper.

This machine, developed by a University of Tennessee agricultural engineer, removed the caps from strawberries mechanically at processing plants. It was used successfully to remove caps from berries with extended calyces, the type of berry for which it was designed. Most varieties currently being grown have recessed calyces and are not adapted to the capper.
Many Tennessee farmers must rely on ponds for water supply, but leakage is a frequent problem. Agricultural engineers have improved methods for treating floors of these ponds with chemicals to prevent leakage (above). The effectiveness of the seal on this pond had not decreased 6 years after treatment (below).

Pond sealing. On many farms in Tennessee wells are expensive to drill and frequently do not provide enough water for farm needs. Thus, ponds are very common in the state. Many of these ponds leak and the water runs out in dry periods when it is most needed. By using certain sodium compounds during the preparation of the pond bottom, this leakage has been prevented. This method was used successfully in ten experimental ponds and should be useful to farmers who have a leaky pond.

The hose pump. One of the first hose pumps to be used in farming operations was developed by H. A. Arnold at Tennessee. This kind of pump is particularly well adapted to handling corrosive liquids, such as liquid fertilizer. Previously, pumps used in agriculture were entirely metal.

Application of low volumes of pesticides with ground equipment. Spraying crops with ground equipment requires large volumes of water, measured in tens of gallons per acre. Spray nozzles that apply as little as one pint per acre by airplane were adapted to ground equipment in work begun several years ago in Tennessee. This equipment has been used successfully to apply as little as a quart per acre of undiluted pesticide.

Bone Densitometer. In early animal and human studies, attempts were made to evaluate the calcium and phosphorus status of the body by "in vivo" (in the living organism) measurement of bone density using X-ray film. While this method showed promise, small variations in density could not be measured using available equipment. Investigators then designed an instrument using a radiation counter as a detector. By coupling the detector to a recorder, they were able to obtain an absorption curve directly, from which the calcium and phosphorus status could be inferred. The instrument eliminated the use of film which had inherent variations because one batch of film might be different from another. It also gave greater accuracy and reproducibility and reduced the amount of radiation to which the subject was exposed. This work was supported in part by grants from the National Institute of Health and the National Aeronautic and Space Administration.

Evaluation of textile performance. Durable press fabrics consisting of different proportions of cotton and polyester fibers were made into shirts and used by a test panel of men. The reaction of the test panel indicated that those fabrics with relatively high proportions of cotton were more comfortable than those with high levels of polyester fibers and maintained equally good appearance while they were being worn.

CURRENT RESEARCH

The increasing cost and scarcity of farm labor will encourage the mechanization and streamlining of as many farming and processing operations as possible. Any research results that will increase efficiency and reduce costs will be welcomed by farm operators and agricultural processing plants.

Application of pesticides. Work on improving equipment for applying very small volumes of chemicals is continuing. For instance, imparting an electric charge to spray particles as they leave the nozzle should cause better adherence of the pesticide to crop and insect. If this is successful, perhaps lower rates of the active ingredient could be used for effective control. Lower rates would reduce chances of soil contamination.

Evaluation of cotton production systems. Scientists are studying how reducing total oper-
ations in seed bed preparation and planting affects cotton growth and yield under different soil conditions. Mounting several implements on the same tractor to reduce travel over the field and eliminating "bedding" (plowing in narrow lands) are examples of treatments being used.

Two different types of harvesting machinery, the "stripper" and the spindle picker, are being compared to learn how each affects yield and quality of lint. The major varieties grown in the state are being used in the tests.

Waste disposal systems. As dairy herds have grown larger, the sanitation problem around the milking parlor has become more complex. The design and operation of manure holding pits are under investigation at several branch Experiment Stations as well as at the Main Station. Results from this work should also help solve waste disposal problems at cattle feeding lots.

Watershed studies. Small experimental watersheds equipped with measurement devices have been established at twelve locations in the state. Data are being collected to determine how soil properties, plant cover, cultural practices and rainfall patterns affect water yields and erosion.

Fiber and textile evaluation. In cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Tennessee research workers are studying properties of fibers (cotton and other kinds) thought to be significant in fiber processing and textile performance. In order to carry on these studies, it is first necessary to design instruments for measuring these properties rapidly and accurately. In many research projects, the design of necessary measurement devices is the first problem the researcher must solve. Other fiber research is evaluating certain flame-retardant finishes on cotton blends of certain apparel fabrics.

Remote sensing. The acquisition of an airplane equipped with devices which measure radiation from the land surface at different wave lengths has made possible the start of research on a new way to determine land use and productivity. This method is called remote sensing. Work is under way to learn whether the radiation data obtained from this remote sensing procedure can help determine soil differences, crop differences, incidence of crop disease and other factors of the landscape which relate to land use and productivity.

The Plant Sciences

Among the earliest agricultural experiments carried out at The University of Tennessee was a series of field experiments with wheat from 1879-1882. The success of these experiments and of some experiments in livestock feeding led to the establishment of the Agricultural Experiment Station as a separate department of the University in 1882. In 1883, the Tennessee General Assembly required the Station Chemist to make analyses of fertilizers for the State Department of Agriculture.

Research in the plant sciences has continued to be a major part of the Agricultural Experiment Station program since that early start. Presently, the field of plant sciences is concerned with problems relating to fruit, vegetable and field crop production. Cultural practices, varieties, soils, fertilization and plant pest control are examples of these problems.

Research Contributions

Crop Improvement

Variety evaluation was one of the first activities of the Experiment Station. Today the annual publication giving the results of the crop variety trials has by far the greatest circulation of any Experiment Station Bulletin. Over the years, the work has been expanded to include more varieties of more crops and the procedures changed to give more precise results. This program has given producers of all kinds of crops in Tennessee a steady flow of information about relative adaptation of both new and standard varieties to changes in diseases, fertilization, market demand and harvesting.

Corn - In 1919, the Station Report stated that Neal's Paymaster was the outstanding variety being grown in Tennessee. In 1927, L. S. Mayer initiated an intensive breeding program in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1939, Tennessee 10, the first high-yielding white hybrid adapted to the South was released. F. D. Richey was Mayer's successor and the work still continues. A number of superior hybrids have been developed, some with high resistance to corn virus diseases.

Tobacco - Several outstanding Burley varieties have been released as a result of cooperative research between Tennessee and the United States Department of Agriculture. Burley 21, the
first variety resistant to both wildfire and mosaic, has been widely grown throughout the Burley belt in the United States and Canada. Burley 11A and 11B were the first varieties having resistance to black shank. Other superior releases include Burley 1, 2, 37, and 49. Currently, breeders are selecting lines for multiple disease resistance, high leaf quality, and desirable chemical composition. Work to improve varieties of dark tobacco is also underway. Two varieties have been released, DF-300, which has resistance to black shank, and DF-516, which has resistance to mosaic and wildfire.

Small Grains - The mild winter temperatures of Tennessee are favorable to winter grain crops and Tennessee plant breeders have developed a number of varieties for Tennessee farmers to grow. Balbo rye, released by C. A. Mooers for growing in 1933, is still the most widely grown variety in the Mid-South area. Forkedear oats, developed by N. I. Hancock, was released in 1939. It, too, is still grown because of its winter hardiness. Other varieties developed by Hancock include Tennex, Fulwin, LeConte, and Blount oats, and Holston and Watauga barley.

Soybeans - The Ogden soybean was released in 1939. H. P. Ogden selected it from a cross between Tokyo, a current variety then, and a plant introduction from the United States Department of Agriculture. This variety proved to be adapted for production throughout the Mid-South and was widely grown for several years because of its superior productivity.

Strawberries - Brooks Drain and his associates developed the Tennessee Beauty, a variety well adapted to Mid-South conditions. It has been a popular variety in Tennessee and nearby states.

White pine - This species is valuable both for timber and as a Christmas tree. However, its growth and its color are adversely affected by atmospheric pollutants occurring in various areas of Tennessee and other states. Some trees show resistance to air pollution, however. Scientists are grafting cuttings from these trees onto rootstocks and growing them in an area with significant air pollution. These grafted trees are now producing small amounts of seed for further testing and for ultimate use by the State Division of Forestry to produce resistant white pines for the land owners of Tennessee.

Mutations induced by irradiation - Mutations in plants can increase the variations available to the breeder for later selection and back-crossing. In cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission, investigators are seeking the best procedure for inducing mutations in seeds. Radiation is also being used to produce bud sports which can be propagated vegetatively. Vegetative mutations are particularly useful with ornamental plants where variations in color and size of flower and leaves may produce plants more desirable for the market.

Predicting seed damage from irradiation. In cooperation with AEC, a study was made of the amount of cell damage suffered by different species of seeds subjected to gamma and neutron irradiation. Microscopic examination revealed that the degree of damage was proportional to the volume of the cell nucleus. This information increases the reliability of predicting the level of radiation to use in irradiating seeds in order to produce the optimum number of mutations.

CROP PROTECTION

Control of nematodes — As early as 1889, the Tennessee Station reported studies of the potato nematode. Work has been continuing with other crops to obtain more information and develop control methods for these microscopic worms which are shaped like eels. Scientists have found a promising control method by adding relatively large quantities of oat straw, alfalfa hay, and other crop residues to surface soils. This procedure has reduced nematode populations significantly, but it may be useful only in specialized truck crop or garden areas on a practical basis. However, it may point the way to other non-chemical ways of controlling this very injurious group of pests.
Insect control—The use of cryolite (sodium aluminum fluoride) to control the Mexican bean beetle was proposed by S. Marcovitch in 1923. It proved very effective and went out of use only when the newer synthetic insecticides became available.

Cultural Practices

Cultivation of corn—As early as 1914, C. A. Mooers reported experiments which showed no benefit from the cultivation of corn except as it helped control weeds. This was a surprising conclusion because deep cultivation of crops to conserve moisture and increase crop growth was widely recommended at that time.

Corn population in relation to yield—During the period of 1909 to 1918, C. A. Mooers carried on some experiments in which he related the plant population to the expected corn yield. He concluded that there should be approximately 100 plants per acre for each bushel of expected yield. This is close to the current recommendations and was contrary to the generally accepted rate of planting in the earlier years when populations often were less than 5,000 plants per acre.

Soils

Soil inventory of Tennessee—In 1897 C. F. Vanderford wrote a bulletin on the soils of Tennessee which was a classic for that period. It contained detailed profile descriptions and chemical analyses of the several horizons for the major soils of the state. Later, much effort was given to an inventory of the soils of the state. This work was in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority, which wanted detailed soil maps of the Valley area to use with its development program. A large field survey staff worked for a number of years and mapped many of the Valley counties in detail. Since termination of the Tennessee Valley Authority support, an aggressive soil survey program has continued in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. There are probably as many, or perhaps more, up-to-date county soil maps available for Tennessee than for any other southern state.

Soil Fertility Studies

Lysimeter studies of mineral losses—In 1909, C. A. Mooers initiated a study with a research installation called a lysimeter. This is a device for measuring the percolation of water through soils and determining the soluble constituents removed in the drainage. When W. H. MacIntire joined the staff in 1912, he took over this research and expanded the installation consider-ably. Information gained from the careful measurement of the mineral outgo in the lysimeter leaching water was some of the earliest ever obtained on the addition of sulfur to the soil in the rainfall, the rate of potassium outgo from limed and unlimed soils, the rate of calcitic and dolomitic limestone reaction in acid soils, and the rate of nitrification of organic matter. These extensive studies continued for a long period of years and became widely known throughout the world.

Crop response to fertilization—In cooperation with Tennessee Valley Authority, many statewide field experiments were established to answer a wide range of questions relating to fertilizer usage such as the relative efficiency of the different phosphate fertilizers. Other experimental treatments used were aimed to produce information for obtaining optimum yields under various soil conditions. Soil samples collected from these plots were tested in the laboratory for the so-called "available nutrient content." Because these field experiments continued for several years and under a great range of seasonal weather conditions, they have produced basic information for making sound fertilizer recommendations. These data serve as the basis for interpreting tests of soil samples sent in by farmers. In addition, these extensive field experiments laid the groundwork for determining the need of corn for zinc in certain soil areas of the state and the need of alfalfa for borax.

Shade tree fertilization—Fertilization experiments with several species of shade trees have yielded some very significant results. Under most soil conditions, the trees seem to respond
Fertilization experiments with several species have shown that under most soil conditions the trees seem to respond more to nitrogen than any other nutrient. The 8-year-old pin oak tree in the foreground received the equivalent of 120 pounds of nitrogen per acre each year. Compare the size of this tree with those in the background which did not receive any nitrogen.

more to nitrogen than any other major nutrient. Tree growth has more than doubled in many cases and the form of the fertilized trees is just as good as that of the unfertilized trees.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Crop Improvement
The Tennessee Station is maintaining a broad program for developing improved varieties of forest trees, field and vegetable crops and ornamentals. Modern plant breeding techniques, including the use of radiation and chemicals to produce mutations, are used in this program. For most crops, improving yields ranks high in research priority, but researchers are now giving more attention to market preferences, adaptation to mechanization, resistance to pests, and capacity to respond favorably to high fertility levels. Using improved varieties is one of the most effective ways farmers can reduce unit production costs.

Crop Protection
It is not possible to produce many crops economically without using herbicides, fungicides and insecticides. As new pesticides become available, scientists are evaluating their effectiveness under Tennessee conditions. These workers study the effect of herbicides on the physiology of both the crop and the target weed in order to develop better methods of use. Also being measured are the amount and persistence of any pesticide residues in crops and soils.

Physiology
Mechanical harvesting of a crop is usually a once-over operation. Ideally, the crop should mature all at one time. In an attempt to control maturity, plant scientists are applying plant growth regulators to such crops as tomatoes and peppers. In other experiments, these regulating chemicals are being used for the control of form and size of ornamental plants.

Cultural Practices
Minimizing the number of tillage operations is one way to reduce the cost of producing a crop. Various minimum tillage programs, including seeding the crop directly in sod, are under investigation to learn whether they can be used in Tennessee.

Other research is relating yield and quality of crops to such practices as plant population, row spacing, and row direction.

Turf. Turf is an important part of the environment around homes, parks, public recreational areas, playgrounds, and golf courses, and comprehensive research is underway to determine how various turf species are adapted to Tennessee. Cutting height, fertilization, watering, and pest control are among the management problems being studied.

Ecology. Tennessee scientists are measuring the microclimate (climate immediately surrounding the plant) as part of a study to determine how various environmental factors influence plant growth. Soil temperature and moisture at the soil surface and at various depths under different types of plant cover influence germination, early growth, and root development. More precise information on critical periods in the growth cycle should result from this work.

Soils
Formation and classification of Tennessee soils. Both field and laboratory studies are in

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Work of the Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with industrial plants relating to the effects of air-borne fluorides on both plant and animal life has been very significant.

These pictures show some effects of such fluorides upon forages. Panel A shows results of experimentally applied hydrogen fluoride vapor; and B and C show the dying condition of corn leaves in the vicinity of industrial operations formerly emitting fluorides. Relating the injury to plant symptoms was instrumental in bringing pollution under control.
These two sets of tomatoes came from plants of the same age. Plants which produced the set on the right were treated with a chemical four weeks before the photo was taken. This chemical hastened maturity and ripening and could help commercial growers have tomatoes ready for earlier marketing.

The yellow streaks in this field of dark fire-cured tobacco show where black shank disease has damaged a commonly-grown but susceptible variety. Not affected by black shank and appearing here as dark green between the yellow streaks is a new resistant variety DF-300, developed by The University of Tennessee.

The difference in growth of these two varieties of soybeans illustrates what scientists can do in developing crop varieties that are resistant to plant pests. These plants were growing on soil infested by the soybean cyst nematode, a microscopic eel-like pest. The vigorous, thriving plants on the left are resistant to nematode attack. Those on the right are not, but are of a variety that does well where nematodes are not present. This resistant, late-maturing variety was developed cooperatively by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station. Another resistant variety that is early-maturing was also developed in this joint research effort.
By using chemicals as well as cultivation to control weeds, cotton growers have nearly eliminated the need for hand labor. In experiments like the one shown here, Agricultural Experiment Station scientists evaluate these chemicals to determine which ones are suitable for use and what rates of application are most effective.

Pollutants in the atmosphere affect the color and growth of white pine as the bottom photo shows. Note that the tips of the needles have turned brown. Some trees, like the one in the center photo, show resistance to this pollution. Scientists have identified these trees, grafted cuttings from them onto rootstocks and are growing these grafted trees in a breeding orchard. Seed from these trees will be used to grow seedlings which will then be planted in areas where air pollution is a problem.
An effective attack upon one serious problem of atmospheric pollution was begun by the Agricultural Experiment Station some 20-odd years ago; and through cooperative action with industry, the problem has been greatly reduced.

This was the problem of atmosphere-borne fluorine, which escaped from certain manufacturing and processing operations. The studies centered upon fluorosis (fluorine poisoning) of livestock in areas surrounding certain industrial operations. As a result of the studies, means have been devised to reduce the pollution to a minimum.

These pictures show the effects of different levels of fluorine upon the teeth of livestock.

The top picture shows teeth of Cow No. 42, which was fed daily a normal ration containing 7 parts per million of fluorine. The pictures were made in 1952, when the cow was five years of age (left); and in 1957, (right) when the cow was 10 years of age.

Teeth pictures of Cow No. 48 were taken at the same ages; but this animal received the normal ration plus 30 parts per million of fluorine (total of 37 ppm fluorine.)

The two lower pictures show the teeth of Cow No. 2, at the same intervals and ages as the other animals. This cow, however, received the normal ration plus 70 ppm of fluorine, or a total of 77 ppm.
The Social Sciences

Farmers and their families are not concerned only with the physical aspects of producing food and fiber. They must live in and produce for a complex society in which a great number of individuals and human institutions have important interrelationships with agriculture.

The field of social science is concerned with problems of these interrelationships, and research dealing with such problems has been a part of Experiment Station work for more than 50 years.

Examples of Agricultural Economics problems under study are farm management, farm credit, agricultural marketing and agricultural policy. In Rural Sociology, research covers such problems as population changes, farm labor, rural social institutions and rural families. Much of the early social science work at Tennessee was to accumulate and organize background data describing the physical, human and institutional resources of the state. This background of data served as a basis for later work in developing alternative methods of organizing and utilizing the resources, and for explaining and understanding the direction of agricultural change and development.

Research Contributions

Human and physical resources of Tennessee. Soon after the Department of Agricultural Economics was formed in 1920, C. E. Allred initiated a series of studies bringing together for the first time information on the soils, climate, topography, population and other resources of the state related to agricultural development. This information has become a part of the working vocabulary of the social scientists in Tennessee.

Types of farming areas in Tennessee. In cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, S. W. Atkins led work which delineated the types of farming areas in the state on the basis of similarities such as soils, climate, crops produced, and major marketing centers. The original study has been updated and is very useful in current studies in agricultural production and marketing.

Optimizing income on individual farms. For a number of years, the Tennessee Experiment Station has been cooperating with the Tennessee Valley Authority to study alternative methods of farm organization and management. These studies make use of data collected in other studies concerning plant and animal production obtained through the use of varying kinds and amounts of resources. Alternative ways of organizing the resources on the individual farm were developed through the use of budgeting and linear programming techniques.

Different patterns of organization have been established on eight farms at the Ames Plantation Field Station in West Tennessee and the net income followed over a period of years. Similar programs have been developed with cooperating farmers in other areas of the state, with TVA furnishing incentives in the way of fertilizer, and with the Experiment Station staff providing planning services. The programs on private farms and on the Ames Plantation have served as patterns of organization for other farmers with similar resource bases.

Factors affecting the market demand for cotton. About 1930, a study was begun on cotton marketing, including the relationship of...
At Ames Plantation Field Station in West Tennessee, different patterns of resource organization have been established on eight farm units. Over a period of years, the net income resulting from each organization pattern will provide information that will be helpful to other farmers who have similar resources.

price trends to total cotton production and to such quality factors as length, strength, fineness and grade. Also, the quantities of cotton of different qualities preferred by mills have been related to total production and the usage trends in recent years. The results have been reported to the entire cotton industry in several publications.

Vocational goals of rural youth. Tennessee has participated with several other Southern states in a regional project to learn in what ways parents influence the vocational goals of their sons and daughters. The results of these studies help in organizing Extension programs to motivate rural youth to obtain the education and training they need in order to adjust satisfactorily to current job conditions.

Migration patterns of rural people. Several studies have been made of the movement of people in and out of selected counties. Factors related to both in- and out-migration such as age, training, and education have been evaluated in relation to the movement patterns.

CURRENT RESEARCH

The increasing cost of all production inputs and the relatively low prices for products sold makes it mandatory to increase efficiency in farm organization and operation. Another major problem is to help rural areas with their social and economic development so that they will be more attractive to present and future citizens.

Optimum enterprise combinations. Cooperative work with Tennessee Valley Authority on the development of alternative combinations of production enterprises to fit a given set of land, labor and capital resources continues. Input-output data used in this work are continually revised so that results will apply to current conditions. Cooperating farmers select one alternative for adoption, and Tennessee Valley Authority provides certain incentives to help the farmers establish the system. The degree of success of each cooperator is being evaluated for his own use and for adding to knowledge about various enterprise combinations and resource uses.

Marketing research. Study is underway of present, prospective, and theoretically optimum marketing systems for the major agricultural products, such as cotton, grain, ornamentals, livestock, poultry and dairy products. Because marketing activities in adjacent as well as in more distant states affect market performance in Tennessee, most of this research is in cooperation with other states under regional research programs.

Rural development. Tennessee and six other southern states are cooperating to study the factors influencing the occupational goals of rural youth.

Migration in and out of selected counties is being studied to learn what migrants are like and why they decide to move.

Investments in natural resources may affect economic activity, employment and income distribution. Effects of such investments are being evaluated in research involving selected TVA dams, reservoirs and steam plants.

Economics of air pollution. Pollution of the air may have a number of effects. A study is estimating the value of residences in various neighborhoods relative to the accompanying level of air pollution. Also included will be estimates of the cost of reducing pollution levels by changing fuels or heating methods.
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Projects, Publications, and Staff

Included in this report are listings by departments of the following information:

Research projects active as of December 31, 1969; research projects terminated during the calendar year 1969; bulletins, articles, and reports prepared by Experiment Station staff members and published during the calendar year 1969.

In addition, this report contains the financial statement for the Agricultural Experiment Station covering the period July 1, 1968, to June 30, 1969. Also included is a list of the Experiment Station personnel for the calendar year 1969.

ACTIVE PROJECTS

As of December 31, 1969, there were 139 Hatch projects, 2 special grant projects, and 25 state projects. Active Hatch and special grant projects are supported in part with Federal grant funds made available by Congress to the Agricultural Experiment Stations of the country under the Hatch Act Amended. State projects are supported entirely by University funds.

In addition, there were 10 McIntire-Stennis and 28 University of Tennessee-Atomic Energy Commission projects active. Federal grant funds made available by Congress under the McIntire-Stennis Act are designated for research in forestry. The UT/AEC projects are operated under contract with the Atomic Energy Commission.

The headquarters of the Tennessee Agri-

tural Experiment Station is located on the agricultural campus of The University of Tennessee at Knoxville. The UT/AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory is located some 20 miles distant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In addition, there are other research centers which represent soil and climatic conditions in the major regions of Tennessee. These other research centers are listed at the end of this report, and the locations are shown on the map on page 8.

PROJECTS TERMINATED

During 1969, twenty projects were terminated. Reports on these projects have either been published or are being prepared for publication.

PUBLICATIONS

Published reports on research of the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station appear in Station Bulletins, in Tennessee Farm and Home Science, as well as in professional and technical periodicals and in various popular publications. There were 17 Station Bulletins published during the year. The number of technical, semi-technical, and popular articles prepared by staff members and published during 1968 was 169. In addition, staff members published 6 Extension-type publications, and 2 regional bulletins. Also, two patents were granted by the U.S. Patent Office.
## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1968-June 30, 1969
The University of Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station

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Hatch 125 Mineral Nutrition of Fruit Crops.

Hatch 126 Vegetable Variety Investigations; cooperative with the School of Agriculture, The University of Tennessee at Martin.

Hatch 127 Fruit Variety Investigations.

Hatch 128 Propagation of Fruit and Ornamental Plants.

Hatch 154 Kind and Variety Investigations of Ornamental Plants.

Hatch 157 Management and Evaluation of Plants for Hedges, Screens, and Windbreaks.

Hatch 174 Breeding Strawberries for Tennessee Markets with Emphasis on Climatic Adaptability and Disease Resistance.

Hatch 187 Storage and Handling of Evergreen Nursery Stock.

Hatch 273 Cell Specialization in Shoot Apical Meristems as Related to Radiosensitivity and Histogenesis; cooperative with the U-T/AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory.

State 12 Fertilization of Shade Trees on Lawns; cooperative with the Forestry Department.

State 27 Studies in Crop Ecology; cooperative with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, and the West Tennessee Experiment Station.

State 57 Evaluation of New Plants (contribution to Regional Proj. S-9).

PROJECTS CONCLUDED IN 1969

Project No. Research Project Title

State 16 Development of Lima Beans Having Specific Seed Coat Colors.

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Sewell, John L., Barzillai S. Pickett, and J. Newt Odom

Swingle, Homer D. and James F. Brown

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Project No. Research Project Titles

Hatch 108 Measurement and Interpretation of Bone Density.

Hatch 234 Effect of Organo-Phosphorus Insecticides on the Fixation of Sulfate by Mucopolysaccharides.

Hatch 267 Nutritional Interrelationships of Minerals and Other Nutrients (contributing to Regional Proj. S-64).

State 18 Mucopolysaccharides and Cellular Lipoprotein in Vitamin E Deficiency.

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Hunt, Sara McClanahan and Frances A. Schofield

Tigert, Jayne, S. F. Fulton, B. P. Todd, and John T. Smith
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Project No. Research Project Titles
Hatch 144 Influence of Environment on Performance of Hens.
Hatch 155 Photoperiodism and Physiological Functions of Chickens.
Hatch 160 Improving Diets for Broilers and Roasters.
Hatch 214 Behavioral Responses of Chickens to Environmental Factors; cooperative with the Agricultural Engineering Department.
Hatch 216 Xanthophyll in Poultry Pigmentation.
Hatch 233 The Nutrition of Egg-Production-Type Chickens.
Hatch 258 The Pathogenicity of Selected Salmonellas for Chickens.
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Hatch 300 Role of the Ultimobranchial Gland in Avian Osteoporosis.
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Hatch 288 An Evaluation of Certain Flame Retardant Finishes on Selected Apparel Textiles (contributing to Regional Proj. SM-38).

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Treece, Anna Jean (SM-18 Technical Committee)

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McFee, A. F. and H. M. Banner

Sullivan, D. J., T. P. McDonald and M. C. Bell
Acute Radiotoxicity of 144 Ce-144 Pr After Intravenous Administration to Sheep. The Cornell Veterinarian LIX(2):226-249.

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Wykoff, M. H.
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Hatch 33 Evaluation of the Performance of Varieties of Field Crops; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 38 The Comparative Value and Relative Efficiency of Various Phosphate Fertilizers Under Different Soil and Cropping Conditions; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 47 Establishment and Maintenance of Turf; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 71 Factors Affecting Feed Utilization by Ruminants; cooperative with the Animal Husbandry-Veterinary Science Department.
Hatch 72 Evaluation of Roughages for Beef Cattle; cooperative with the Animal Husbandry-Veterinary Science Department.
Hatch 92 Effects of Maximum Selection Pressure for Milk Production on Rate of Improvement in Production and Its Effect on Other Dairy Cattle Traits; cooperative with the Dairying Department.
Hatch 126 Vegetable Variety Investigations; cooperative with the Horticulture Department.
Hatch 161 Efficient and Economical Use of Forages in Dairy Cattle Rations; cooperative with the Dairying Department.
Hatch 183 Crop Response to Liming; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 184 Effects of Environmental Factors on Ladino Clover and Orchardgrass Persistence; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 186 Forage Crops Management: Establishment, Persistence, and Productivity; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 211 Breeding and Genetics of Forage Crops; cooperative with the Agronomy Department.
Hatch 213 Biology, Distribution, and Control of Corn Insects; cooperative with the Agricultural Biology Department.

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Climatic conditions in the immediate vicinity of the cotton plant have a great influence upon cotton yields. In the experiment pictured here reflectors are increasing the amount of light within the cotton row and the weather station at right center is measuring and recording soil and air temperatures. Yields per plant are increased when cotton is planted in wider rows because there is more light available to the plant, the temperature is higher within the plant environment and there is more carbon dioxide available to the plant because of greater air circulation.