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## Descriptive Summary

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<b>Abstract</b>	Announcements, booklets, correspondence, magazines, newsletters, pamphlets, and reports published or acquired by the School of Agriculture.
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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Organizations**

Purdue University. College of Agriculture. Publications

Purdue University. College of Agriculture. Administration

### **Form and Genre Types**

Announcements

Correspondence

Booklets

Magazines

Newsletters

Pamphlets

Reports

## History of the College (School) of Agriculture

In accordance with the Morrill Act of 1862, Purdue was founded with a focus on agricultural and industrial education. The inaugural course catalogue, for the 1874-75 year, listed various agricultural classes and offered a bachelor's degree in Agriculture. But agricultural studies at Purdue struggled during the university's early years. It was 1879 before the first professor in Agriculture was hired. Student enrollment in Agriculture waned over the next twenty years. In fact, the first Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree was not conferred until 1895. The new century, however, brought steady growth to Purdue's agricultural program. Purdue awarded its first Master of Science in Agriculture in 1908, and PhD of Science in Agriculture in 1928. The School of Agriculture, as well as the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, enjoyed increased state and federal funding beginning in the 1910s, which solidified Purdue's place as the center of Indiana agriculture. Enduring a significant decrease in student enrollment during World War II, Purdue Agriculture rebounded in the postwar years and began to offer fresh areas of study in such fields as agricultural meteorology, environmental science, farm and business management, feed, fertilizer, and machinery development, food engineering, landscape agriculture, pest control, and resource conservation.

Sources:

Purdue University, School of Agriculture websites:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/Pages/aboutus.aspx>

<https://ag.purdue.edu/agalumni/pages/history.aspx>

<https://ag.purdue.edu/agalumni/Pages/MaturityChange.aspx>

Robert W. Topping, *A Century and Beyond: The History of Purdue University*, West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 1988.

Roger James Wood, "Science, Education, and the Political Economy in Indiana: A History of the School of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station, and Department of Agricultural Extension at Purdue University to 1945, PhD. dissertation, Purdue University, 1993.

## Collection Description

### Scope

The College of Agriculture, Administration of the College of Agriculture, publications (1889-2011; 3.6 cubic feet) is a collection of materials published by Purdue University and the Purdue University School of Agriculture. These materials include booklets, correspondence, magazines, pamphlets, announcements, and other published items.

Materials in this collection are organized into a single series largely arranged chronologically by document type.

### Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

### Processing Information

All materials are housed in acid-free folders and manuscript boxes.

### Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 14.01.01 to UA 20 as of November 3, 2015.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### **Box 1    *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1934-1961**

*Mainly correspondence and magazine issues.*

#### Folder

1. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1959-1961
2. Correspondence, Financial Statements, Memorandums, 1960-1961
3. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1960; Correspondence, c.1959
4. Various Documents pertaining to *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1957-1959
5. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1958-1959
6. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1939-1940
7. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1934-1935
8. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1936-1937
9. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1935-1936
10. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1937-1938
11. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1938-1939
12. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1940-1941
13. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1943-1944
14. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1942-1943
15. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1942-1943 (Cont.)
16. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1941-1942
17. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1945
18. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1957-1958
19. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1955-1956
20. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1953-1954
21. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1951-1952
22. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1953-1954
23. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1946
24. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1946-1947
25. Magazines, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1954-1955
26. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1955-1956
27. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1956-1957
28. Documents, *Purdue Agriculturalist*, 1957-1958

### **Box 2    Annual Reports, 1980-1996**

#### Folder

1. Report, Purdue University Agriculture, for 1985-86
2. Report, Purdue University Agriculture, for 1986-87
3. Report, Purdue University Agriculture, for 1987-88
4. Report, Purdue University Agriculture, for 1992
5. Report, Purdue University Agriculture, for 1995-96 ("Electric Agriculture")
6. Report, Purdue University Agriculture, for 1995-96 ("High Tech Meets High

- Touch")  
7. Reports for 1980-81, 1981-82, 1983-84, 1989-90

### **Box 3 Quarterly Reports, 1950s-1970s**

#### Folder

1. 1958-1961
2. 1971-1972
3. 1973
4. 1974
5. 1975, 1978-1979

### **Box 4 Books, Manuals, and Bulletins, 1910s-1920s, 1950s**

*Manual of Plant and Animal Chemistry*, 1914; *Outline of Plant and Animal Chemistry*, 1916; *Laboratory Manual of Plant and Animal Chemistry*, 1916; *Laboratory Exercises in Poultry Husbandry*, 1915; *Poultry Manual for Winter School in Agriculture*, 1915; *Laboratory Exercises in Farm Crops*, 1915; *Soil Physics Laboratory Manual*, 1914-1915; *Practical Soil Physics for Winter Course Students*, n.d.; *Laboratory Exercises in General Farm Mechanics*, 1914; *Laboratory Exercises in Soil Physics*, n.d.; *Practical Soil Physics*, n.d.; *Laboratory Manual, Soil Chemistry*, 1916

#### Folder

1. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 13, No. 1, Sept. 1912, "Helps for Teachers in Agricultural and Domestic Science"
2. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 23, No. 3, Jan. 1923, "James Whitcomb Riley: The Convocation Address Delivered by Mr. George Ade"
3. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 23, No. 7, May 1923, "Home Economics"
4. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 54, No. 8, Jan. 1954, "School of Home Economics Announcements 1954-55"
5. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 55, No. 1, July 1954, "AWS Handbook"
6. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 56, No. 3, Sept. 1955, "This Is Your Life! At Purdue 1955-56"
7. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 55, No. 22, 1956, "The Purdue Special"
8. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 57, No. 22, June 1957, "Eloise Goes to Purdue"
9. *Bulletin of Purdue University*, Vol. 58, No. 14, Feb. 1958, "School of Home Economics, Announcements 1958-59,"
10. *Book, Leaflets on Nature Study, 1898*

### **Box 5 Booklets, 1890s-1990s**

#### Folder

1. "Concerning Agriculture in Purdue University," 1891

2. "Announcement of Courses, in the School of Agriculture," 1897
3. "A Biography of the More Important Publications by the Faculty of Purdue University for the Past Ten Years," 1898
4. "Announcement of Courses, in the School of Agriculture," 1898
5. "Indiana Agriculture," circa 1915
6. "Agricultural Views and Activities," 1922
7. "Agricultural Views and Activities," 1924
8. "Opportunities *in* Agriculture, Why go to College, Why study Agriculture, Men successfully using Agricultural Training," 1928
9. "Centag II – Century of Agricultural Progress," circa 1969
10. "Scholarships and Awards, 1988-89, School of Agriculture, Purdue University"
11. "Dean's Advisory Council, 1998"
12. "Purdue University School of Agriculture, Lafayette, Indiana, 1903"
13. "A Century of Agriculture in Charts and Tables," 1966
14. "The Story of Wheat," 1930
15. "One Hundred and Fifty Years of Indiana Agriculture," 1966
16. "Operation Future for Agriculture at Purdue University," 1973
17. "Historical Album of Agriculture," 1962

#### **Box 6 Magazines and Newsletters, 1960s-2000s**

##### Item

1. *Ag Student Intercom*, bound issues, April 1970-April 1983
2. *Ag Student Intercom*, bound issues, October 1974, November 1976, May 1978

##### Folder

1. Magazine, *Purdue Agricultures*, Fall 2007, Fall 2008
2. Magazine, *Pest Control*, circa 2000
3. Newsletter, "Purdue Ag Notes," Fall 1981, Spring 1983
4. Newsletter, "Purdue Agriculture Connections," Winter 2011
5. Newsletters, Miscellaneous, 1967-1969, 1992

#### **Box 7 Pamphlets, Announcements, and Miscellaneous Publications, 1880s-2000s**

##### Item

1. Pamphlets (bound), School of Agriculture, 1979-1993

##### Folder

1. Pamphlet, School of Agriculture, 1979
2. Pamphlets, School of Agriculture, 1980-1981, 1983-1985
3. Pamphlet, School of Agriculture, 1987

4. Pamphlets, School of Agriculture, 1990, 1992-1994
5. Pamphlet, School of Agriculture, 2000, 2008
6. Announcements, 1889-1901, 1905, 1909, undated
7. Announcement, Peter G. Winchell Memorial Lecture, 1992
8. Program, District Stockman's Institute, 1902
9. Articles, "Indiana's Agricultural Giants," *Purdue Agriculturalist*, Jan. 1961 (photocopy); "Notes from the editor's desk" and "What to Expect From USDA Chief," *Purdue Agriculturalist*, c.1961 (photocopy); "New age of discovery lies ahead in agriculture, says Dean Lechtenberg," *Purdue University Perspective*, 1994
10. Bulletin, *Economic Issues*, Spring 1990
11. Typed List, "Available Publications," 1930
12. Announcement, "Training For The New Day At The Sixth Annual Rural Leadership School," 1934
13. Event Booklets, 1970-1971, 1990
14. Manual, "Fertilizer Retail Efficiency Data," undated
15. Brochure, "What Kind of Seed Do Farmers Plant?" undated
16. Leaflets, "For the Use of Teachers," circa 1898
17. Bulletin, *Purdue News*, "Agricultural Vocations and Opportunities," 1932
18. Bulletin, *Purdue News*, "Opportunities in Agriculture," 1930

**Box 8 Indiana Plant and Agricultural Chemicals Conference, Booklets, 1960s-1990s**

*Booklets for conferences held in 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986*

**Box 9 Indiana Plant and Agricultural Chemicals Conference, Booklets, 1960s-1990s, cont.**

*Booklets for various conferences*