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### Descriptive Summary

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**Title**  
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**Collection Identifier**  
UA 20

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**Abstract**  
Announcements, booklets, correspondence, magazines, newsletters, pamphlets, and reports published or acquired by the School of Agriculture.

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Subjects and Genres

Organizations
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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

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

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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
22. Documents, Purdue Agriculturalist, 1953-1954
23. Documents, Purdue Agriculturalist, 1946
24. Documents, Purdue Agriculturalist, 1946-1947
27. Documents, Purdue Agriculturalist, 1956-1957

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

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


Folder
2. Bulletin of Purdue University, Vol. 23, No. 3, Jan. 1923, “James Whitcomb Riley: The Convocation Address Delivered by Mr. George Ade”

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
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”
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

**Folder**
3. Newsletter, “Purdue Ag Notes,” Fall 1981, Spring 1983

**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
3. Pamphlet, School of Agriculture, 1987
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
12. Announcement, “Training For The New Day At The Sixth Annual Rural Leadership School,” 1934
16. Leaflets, “For the Use of Teachers,” circa 1898

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


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

Booklets for various conferences