

Department of Poultry Science fonds

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Fonds Description

Department of Poultry Science fonds. – 1974-1980.

26 cm of textual records.

Administrative History

Established after World War I, the Department of Poultry Science was initially called the Poultry Husbandry Department, and was primarily a place where war veterans could gain practical knowledge of poultry farming. Professor A.G. Lunn, as the first department head, was to oversee the progression of poultry farming from a supplementary form of income for the farmer to the great industry it was to become.

The original farm comprised twenty-two acres, with thirty-two breeding pens. The initial chicks were brooded under briquette fired stoves, but this soon changed to the more modern electric or gas brooders. Breeding of chickens, at the time, operated under the R.O.P. (Records of Performance) program, directed from Ottawa. British Columbia became known as a source of good breeding stock, and largely due to the work being done at The University of British Columbia, this was considered the golden era for B.C. poultry prominence.

Two early instructors, professors E.A. Lloyd and V.S. Asmundson developed unique breeds, and Lloyd was instrumental in introducing chick sexing from Japan. The depression of the 1930s essentially brought such promising research to an end, and funding was so reduced that Professor Lloyd was, for a time, the sole member of the department.

World War II brought a boom to the industry and the department as well. A graduate of the department, Jacob Biely, became first a professor and then, when Professor Lloyd retired in 1953, the head of the Department. It was at this time that the department changed its name to the Poultry Science Department. Professor Biely retired in 1968, and was replaced as head of the department by Professor Warren Kitts. Professor Kitts would become Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in 1975, yet it was under his auspices that the Poultry Science Department would grow to be the second largest of its kind in Canada. By the late 1970s Dr. Darrell Bragg was department head, and in 1986 the department was discontinued and their programs transferred to the new Department of Animal Science.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of six series: Correspondence; Purchase Orders; Poultry Farm Sales Records; Research/ Research Funding; Seminars; and Miscellaneous Records. The

Correspondence Series consists of three sub-series: a) General Correspondence; b) Correspondence with Business / Government; c) Interdepartmental Correspondence.

Notes

For more information, see also the [Department of Animal Science](#).

File list available.

Series Descriptions

Correspondence Series. -- 1977-1980.

13 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, primarily between Professor D.B. Bragg and a variety of individuals and groups, both within and outside the University. Series is arranged into three sub-series.

Box 1

General Correspondence Sub-series. -- 1979.

8 cm of textual records.

Sub-Series consists of correspondence, primarily between Professor D.B. Bragg and a variety of groups and individuals.

Box 1 (1-3)

Correspondence with Business/Government Sub-series. -- 1977-1979.

2 cm of textual records.

Sub-Series consists of correspondence, primarily between Professor D.B. Bragg and various boards, companies, and Government bodies, including the Ralston Purina Company, the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, and Agriculture Canada.

Box 1 (4-8)

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sub-series. -- 1977-1979.

3 cm of textual records.

Sub-Series consists of correspondence between various members of the Department of Poultry Science and other Departments on campus, including the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Office of the President, and the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

Box 1 (9-13)

Purchase Order Series. -- 1977-1979.

4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of lists and copies of purchase orders made by the Department of Poultry Science.

Box 2 (1)

Poultry Farm Sales Series. -- 1977-1979.

2 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records of sales by the Poultry Farm under the auspices of the Department of Poultry Science.

Box 2 (2)

Research / Research Funding Series. -- 1977-1980.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of a variety of applications and correspondence concerning various sources of funding, including Agriculture Canada operating grants, Emergency Research Grants, and Natural, Applied, and health Sciences grants.

Box 2 (3-6)

Seminars Series. -- 1974-1979.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of announcements for various seminars and includes the 5th and 7th annual Animal and Poultry Sciences Seminars.

Box 2 (7)

Miscellaneous Records. -- 1977-1979.

1 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence and announcements concerning various committees, as well as some information regarding curriculum changes.

Box 2 (8-11)

File List

Box 1

Correspondence

- 1-1 Correspondence (general) (1979)
- Correspondence between Dr. D.B Bragg, chairman of the Poultry Science Department and assorted individuals.
- 1-2/3 Correspondence (general) (1979)
- Correspondence between various faculty members, including Professors Bragg, March, and Biely, and other assorted individuals.
- 1-4 Correspondence (with Business/ Government) (1979)
- Letter and bulletin from B.C. Ministry of Agriculture.
- 1-5 Correspondence (with Business/ Government) (1979)
- Correspondence between Dr. D.B. Bragg and Agriculture Canada.
- 1-6 Correspondence (with Business/ Government) (1979)
- Correspondence between Dr. D.B. Bragg and the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency.
- 1-7 Correspondence (with Business/ Government) (1977-1979)
- Correspondence between Dr. D.B. Bragg, as well as W.D. Kitts (dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences) and the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association.
- 1-8 Correspondence (with Business/ Government) (1977-1979)
- Correspondence between Dr. D.B Bragg and the Ralston Purina Company.
- 1-9 Correspondence (Interdepartmental) (1977-1979)

Correspondence, primarily between Dr. D.B. Bragg and various groups on campus, including Traffic and Security, Department of Physical Plant, and others.

1-10 Correspondence (Interdepartmental) (1977-1979)

Correspondence, primarily between Dr. D.B. Bragg and the Office of the President.

1-11 Correspondence (Interdepartmental) (1978)

Correspondence between various members of both the Department of Poultry Science and the Department of Animal Science.

1-12 Correspondence (Interdepartmental) (1977-1979)

Correspondence between various members of the Department of Poultry Science and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

1-13 Correspondence (Interdepartmental) (1979-1980)

Correspondence, primarily between Dr. D.B. Bragg and Dr. W.D. Kitts, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

Box 2

2-1 Purchase Orders (1978-1980)

Lists and individual copies of purchase orders by the Department of Poultry Science.

2-2 Poultry Farm sales (1977-1979)

Records of sales made by the Department of Poultry Science through the poultry farm, to various customers.

2-3 Research/ Research Funding (Agriculture Canada Operating Grants) (1977-1979)

- Applications and correspondence concerning operating grants from Agriculture Canada.
- 2-4 Research / Research Funding (Emergency Research Grants)
- Various applications and correspondence concerning Emergency Research Grants.
- 2-5 Research / Research Funding (Natural, Applied, and Health Sciences) (1977-1979)
- Various applications and correspondence concerning Natural, Applied, and Health Sciences grants.
- 2-6 Research / Research Funding (Assorted Grants, Fellowships) (1978-1980)
- Assorted applications and correspondence concerning various funding options.
- 2-7 Seminars (1974-1979)
- Assorted seminars, presented by the Poultry Science Department and others.
- 2-8 Assorted (Curriculum Changes) (1978)
- Correspondence concerning curriculum changes, as well as the minutes of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences Curriculum Committee.
- 2-9 Assorted (Dean's Employment Committee) (1978, 1979)
- Correspondence and announcements concerning the Dean's Employment Committee.
- 2-10 Miscellaneous (B.C. Federation of Agriculture minutes) (1979)
- Minutes of the B.C.F.A. Poultry Research Committee meeting.
- 2-11 Miscellaneous (Biohazards Committee) (1977, 1979)

Letters from the Office of the President and the Department of Biochemistry,
concerning funding to reduce biohazard risk.