

Preface

In the mid 1970's, The Kerr Foundation published an annual series of reports entitled Oklahoma State Expenditures in Brief. Put together by Oklahoma State University Professor Larkin Warner, Ph.D., the report was of immense interest and value to decision makers across the state. In addition, it was often used in classrooms across Oklahoma. The purpose of the reports was to make funding of state government understandable and to create an awareness of how funds were expended.

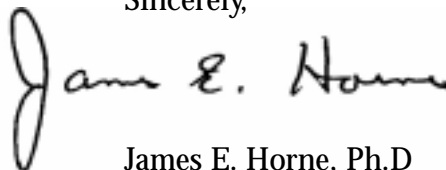
With this report, the Kerr Center renews the tradition of Professor Warner's reports. The focus, however, is on agriculture and how agriculture research funds are being expended. Agricultural research plays a significant role in shaping the kind of food and fiber system that we have in this country. Our hope is that by looking at the types of agricultural research being done at Oklahoma State University, as well as current farm statistics, Oklahomans will gain a better understanding of Oklahoma's agriculture and who the research players are.

A Decade of Agricultural Research Funding at OSU and Oklahoma Farm Statistics is an attempt to identify the most important agricultural commodities in Oklahoma, the kinds of research that are underway in the College of Agriculture at OSU, and who is funding that research. We hope this report will be a springboard for discussion, much as Professor Warner's reports once were.

We believe this report accurately represents the agricultural research being done at OSU with respect to the major commodities. Clearly, there are many other departments in the biological and social sciences that undergird agricultural research; their expenditures and funding sources have not been identified in this report. However, it is our eventual goal, with your input, to make the report more comprehensive.

We hope that Oklahomans will find this report both interesting and useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Horne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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