



108+ Years of Agricultural Economics at New Mexico State University — Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business

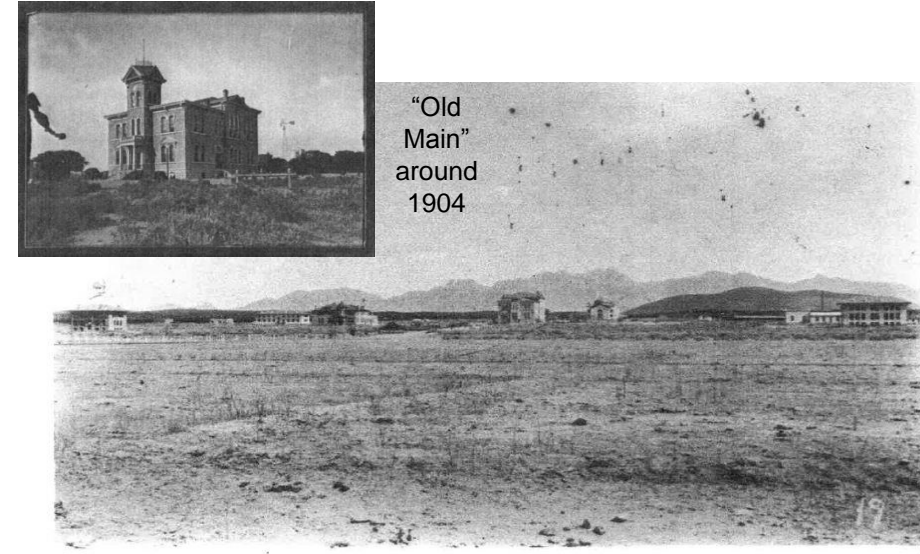


Beginnings:

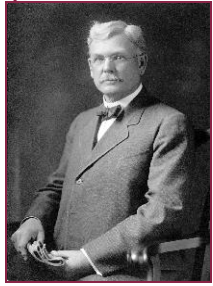
1904: Rural Economics. History of agriculture, farm management, and rural law. *Required for Agricultural Seniors – 2nd term, 3 hours practice.*

Political Economy. In this subject, the student is made acquainted with the laws of production, the principles of money, foreign trade, tariff and taxation, the influences which affect exchange, the various theories of distribution and consumption, and the history of economic development. *Required of all juniors – 2nd term, 4 hours practice.*

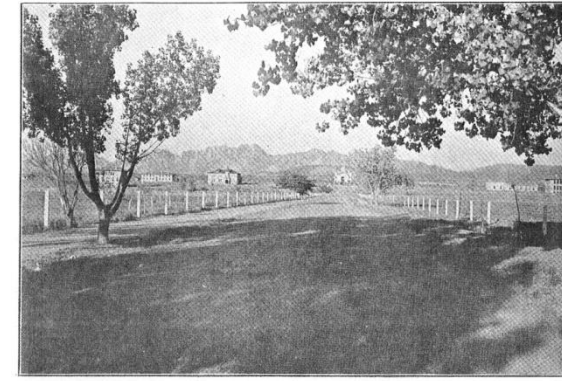
1907: Farm Accounts. The day has arrived when the farmer as well as other business men must know his assets and liabilities. He must know whether he is losing or gaining money as a result of his operations, not only as a whole, but each crop and herd or individual of that herd must be made to answer searching questions of profit or loss. In this day of specialization no one factor has so great an influence for success as business methods. Realizing the importance of this subject to every agriculturist this institution has installed a brief course in farm accounts which includes the books to be used, the definition of general terms, feed records, lands, crops, household, etc. *Required of Agricultural Sophomores, 2nd term, 2 hours credit.*



Campus then



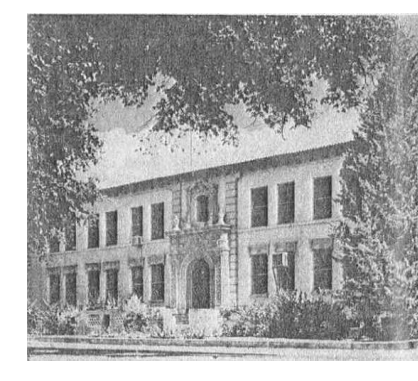
Taught by: Luther Foster, M. S. A. Professor and President of NMCA&M



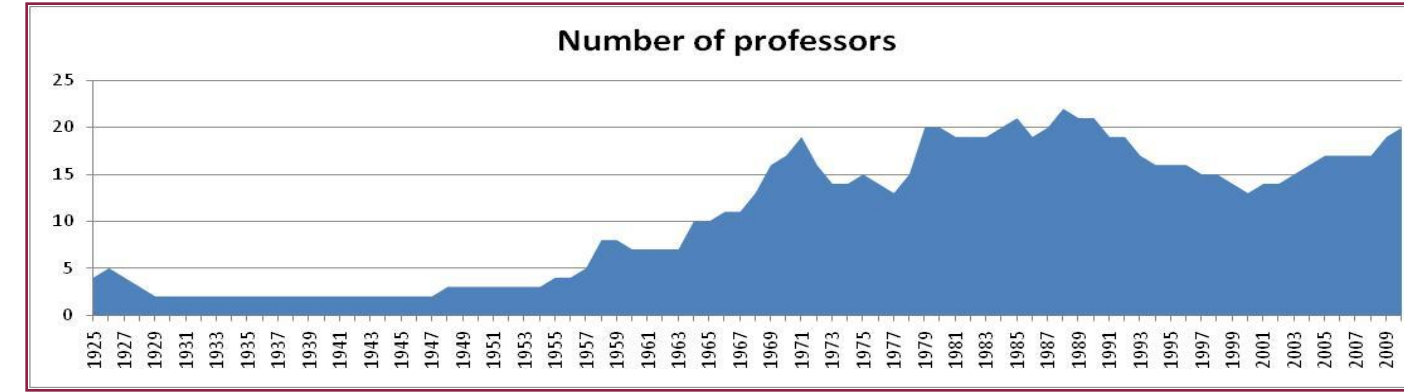
Wilson Hall, first occupied in February 1909 housed Ag Econ until it was destroyed by fire on September 5, 1937.



Campus now



"Agricultural Building" (later named Foster Hall) was built in 1930.



NMSU/NAMA 2010 National Student Marketing Competition Champions



The "2 million dollar" Agricultural Building completed in 1963

A few of our graduates:

Thomas F. Pogue, Emeritus Professor, Economics, University of Iowa - BS 1957. Bob Lansford, Professor (retired) AEAB NMSU - MS 1962. Tim Arend, President, Bank of the Rio Grande - BS 1963. Garrey E. Carruthers, Governor of New Mexico 1987-1991, Current Dean of the NMSU College of Business - MS 1965. Terry Crawford, USDA/ERS bureau Chief (retired), Professor and Department Head NMSU AEAB - BS 1966. Joe Williams, Professor, Dept of Agricultural Economics Oklahoma State University - BS 1965 MS 1967. Joe E. "Eddy" Ratliff, CEO and president of Farm Credit of New Mexico - BS 1968. Charles F. Dickerson, Charles F. Dickerson Inc., International Auctioneers - BS 1968. Gerry Campbell Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Applied Economics at University of Wisconsin Madison/Extension - MS 1969. Nasser al-Aulaqi Professor University of Sana'a - BS 1969 MS 1971. David W. King, New Mexico District 2 Commissioner Public Regulation Commission - MS 1971. James W. Richardson, Co-Director Agricultural & Food Policy Center, Regents Professor & Senior Faculty Fellow, Dept of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University - BS 1971. Wesley Grau, New Mexico House of Representatives 42nd and 43rd Sessions - BS 1972. Phelps Anderson, President Sun Valley Energy, 2 terms in NM Legislature - BS 1974. Lowell B. Catlett, Futurist and Dean of NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences - MS 1974. John M. Fowler, Professor NMSU AEAB - MS 1974. Arley Larson Associate Professor/Chairman Dept of Ag Northwest State University - MS 1975. Burton English Professor & Research Coordinator, Dept of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Tennessee - MS 1976. Randall L. Eubank Professor, Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, Arizona State University - BS 1974, MS 1976/ Patrick H. Lyons, NM Commissioner of Public Lands - BS 1976. Larry Makus, Professor Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Idaho - MS 1976. Larry Sanders, Professor and Extension Economist, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University - MS 1979. Mesghena Yasin Professor of Economics, Morehead State University - MS 1979. John Lee Professor Agricultural Economics, Purdue University - BS 1981. R. Max Best, Attorney & Counselor at Law, General Counsel to the Governor 1989-90 - BS 1977 MS 1982. Paul Gutierrez, Vice Provost for Outreach, NMSU - MS 1982. Randall D. Little, Professor Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University - BS 1982. Tamara G. Hurt, CPA CFP, Deming, NM - BS 1983. Vernon Lansford, Professor Agricultural Economics, Texas Tech - BS 1983 MS 1985. Jeff Witte, Assoc. Director Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center, NMSU - BS 1984 MS 1985. Rod McSherry, Senior USDA foreign service officer for Afghanistan - MAG 1986. William Riggs, Associate Professor, Oregon State University Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center - BS 1987 MS 1989. Paul Gutierrez, NM State Director of USDA Rural Development, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights - BS 1992. Tom Bagwell, Assistant Director NMDA and NM Deputy Secretary of Agriculture - BS 1990 MS 1992. Jerry Hawkes, Professor NMSU AEAB - BS 1992 MS 1993. Mark R. Manfredo, Professor Morrison School of Agribusiness and Resource Management, Arizona State University - MS 1994. Chaddy Robinson, Executive Member Southern NM State Fair Board, Promotions Director Carzalia Valley Produce - BS 1996 MS 1998. Jennifer Smith, Bureau of Indian Affairs Mescalero Agency - MAG 2010

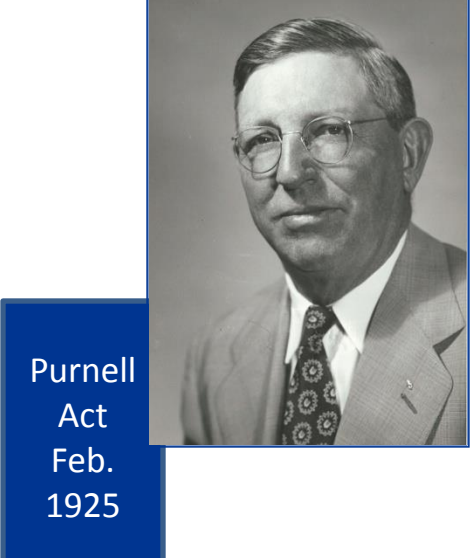
If you graduated from New Mexico State University and were not included in this list, please accept our apologies and let us know!

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1925: The Department of Agricultural Economics is founded: "The successful farmer needs a knowledge not only of physical and biological forces but also of economic and social forces. Not only the matters which influence crop and animal production, but also those which affect markets, prices, transportation, and general economic conditions have become of vast significance to the individual farm manager and to the solidarity and prosperity of our agricultural industry, our greatest natural economic asset.

The recognition of this fact has led to the increasing development of teaching and research work in Agricultural Economics both in Colleges and Experiment Stations and on the part of the Federal Government. It has brought with it an increased demand for men trained in agricultural economics. More and more research workers, agricultural teachers, county agents, and other leaders of agricultural thought are realizing the need for training in the field.

The recently passed Purnell bill carrying additional appropriation for experiment stations stipulates that part of the funds be used for research work in agricultural economics. This will mean a further need for trained men. This college has accordingly arranged to offer a major course in Agricultural Economics which may be pursued by agricultural students who have completed their freshman and sophomore years.



Purnell Act Feb. 1925

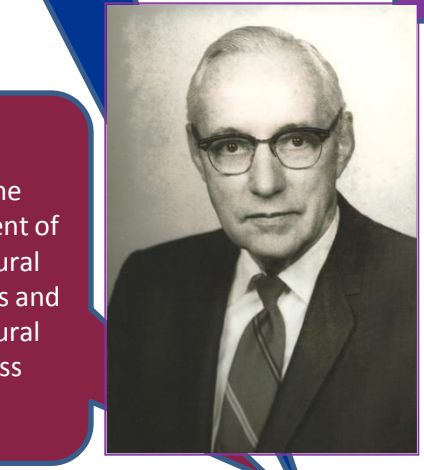
Courses listed 1931 Bulletin:
101. Farm Records and Accounts
105. Farm Organization and Management
108. Marketing Agricultural Products
110. Cooperation in Agriculture
111. Agricultural Statistics and Research Methods
112. Agricultural Prices
115. Farm Finance



NMCA&M Campus 1930
1937 course addition: Land Economics

Course descriptions change to reflect the new post war economy:
Agricultural Prices - A study of price trends and an analysis of factors affecting price; special attention given to price problems in connection with New Mexico products; government price stabilizing measures and post-war price problems.
Land Economics - A study of the physical, economic and institutional factors affecting the use of agricultural land and the conditions preventing desirable adjustments; economics of conservation; government policy in relation to agriculture, and post-war agricultural problems.

Now the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business



1862-1962 Land Grant Colleges and State Universities

The department is renamed. Now "The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business"

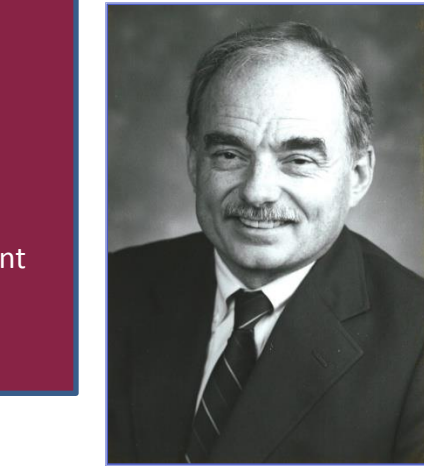
W.I. (Bill) Gorman joins the faculty

Future AEAB Dept. Head Terry Crawford receives BS degree

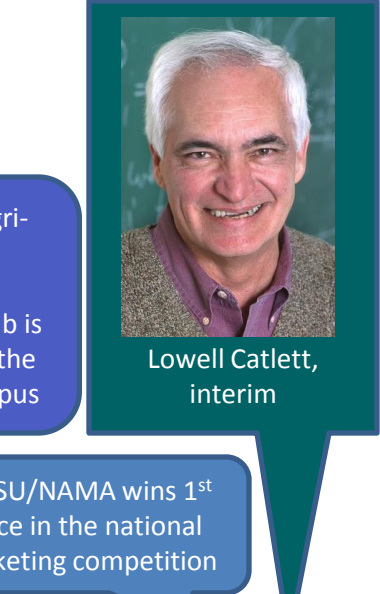
Future ACES Dean, Lowell B. Catlett receives MS degree

Master of Agriculture - Agribusiness degree introduced

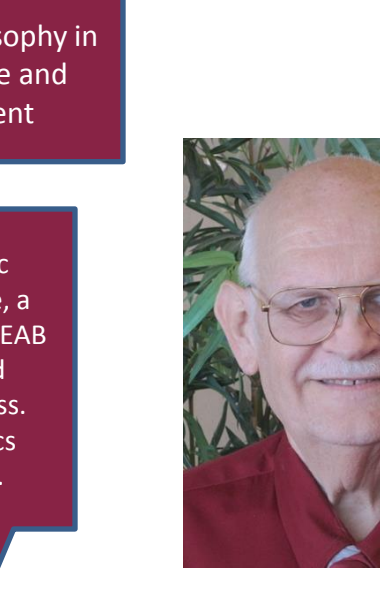
Increase in options for study:
Farm Business Management
Ranch Business Management
Agricultural Marketing and Sales
Agricultural Business Management
Agricultural Finance
Agricultural Economics
Computer Applications and Data Management
Agricultural Communications
Natural Resources Management



National Agri-Marketing Association Student Club is formed on the NMSU campus



NMSU/NAMA wins 1st place in the national marketing competition



Doctor of Economic Development degree, a joint effort between AEAB and Economics and International Business. Extension Economics merges with AEAB.

Doctor of Philosophy in Water Science and Management

A. W. Walker 1925-1934

Percy W. Cockerill 1934-1954

H. Ralph Stucky 1955-1965

George R. Dawson 1965-1985

Lynn W. Robbins 86-89

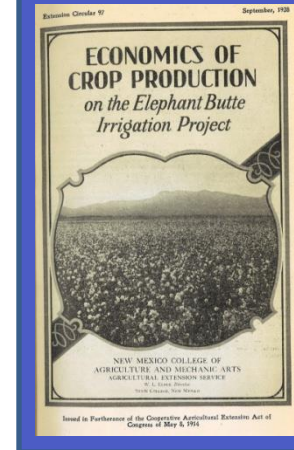
John J. Waelti 1990-2001

Octavio Ramirez

T. Crawford

W.I. (Bill) Gorman is still here...

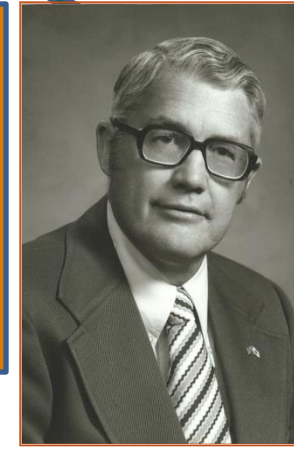
The Department of Agricultural Economics is formed on the campus of New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts



Agricultural Cooperatives - Principles of cooperation and methods of organization, operation and management of cooperative sales, purchasing and service associations. Ranch Economics - Economic principles related to the efficient and conservative operation of NM stock ranches. Effect of size, type, diversity and productivity upon ranch income. Relationships between production practices and the marketing of range livestock. Current practices, problems and suggested improvements in marketing range cattle and sheep.

Agricultural Policy - A study of the objectives of farm programs and the economic, legislative and historical background of public policies; analysis of farm policy problems, of farm organizations and pressure groups, and of agricultural legislation in the United States and New Mexico.

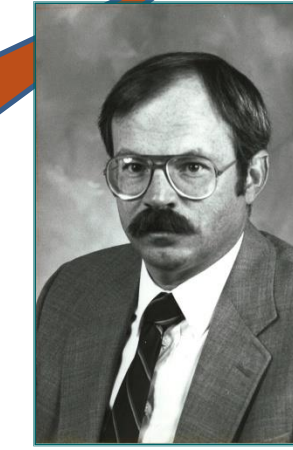
Master of Science degree offered for the first time and the university is renamed New Mexico State University



The new Ag. Building is completed. NMSU gets a new logo.

Option change from Water Resources to Environmental and Resource Economics

Constance Falk, first woman faculty member joins the department.



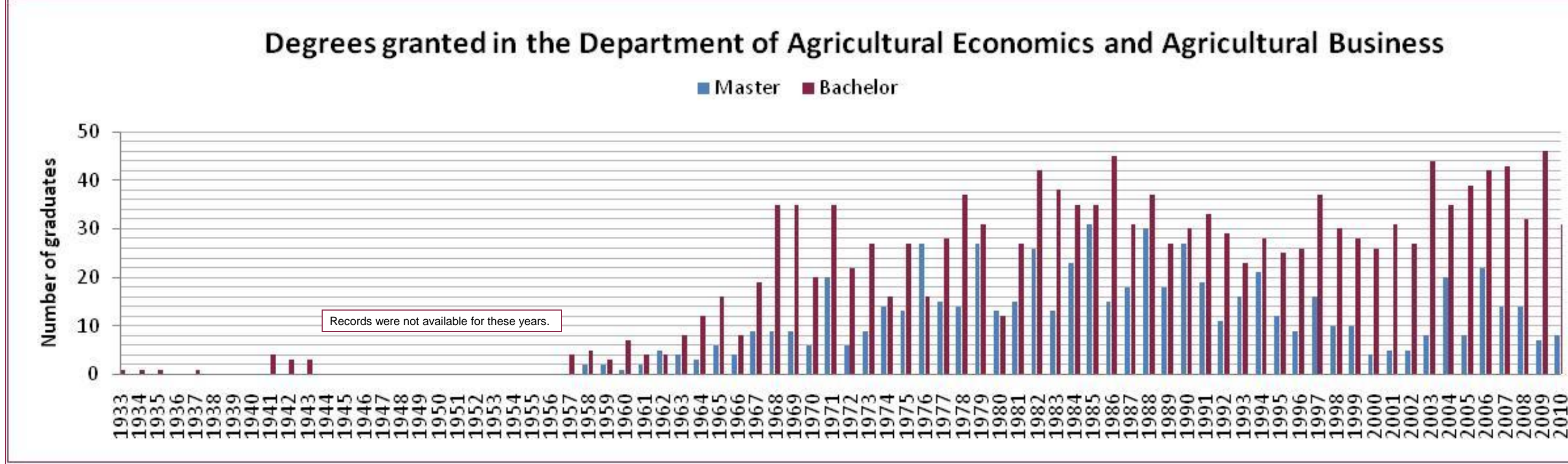
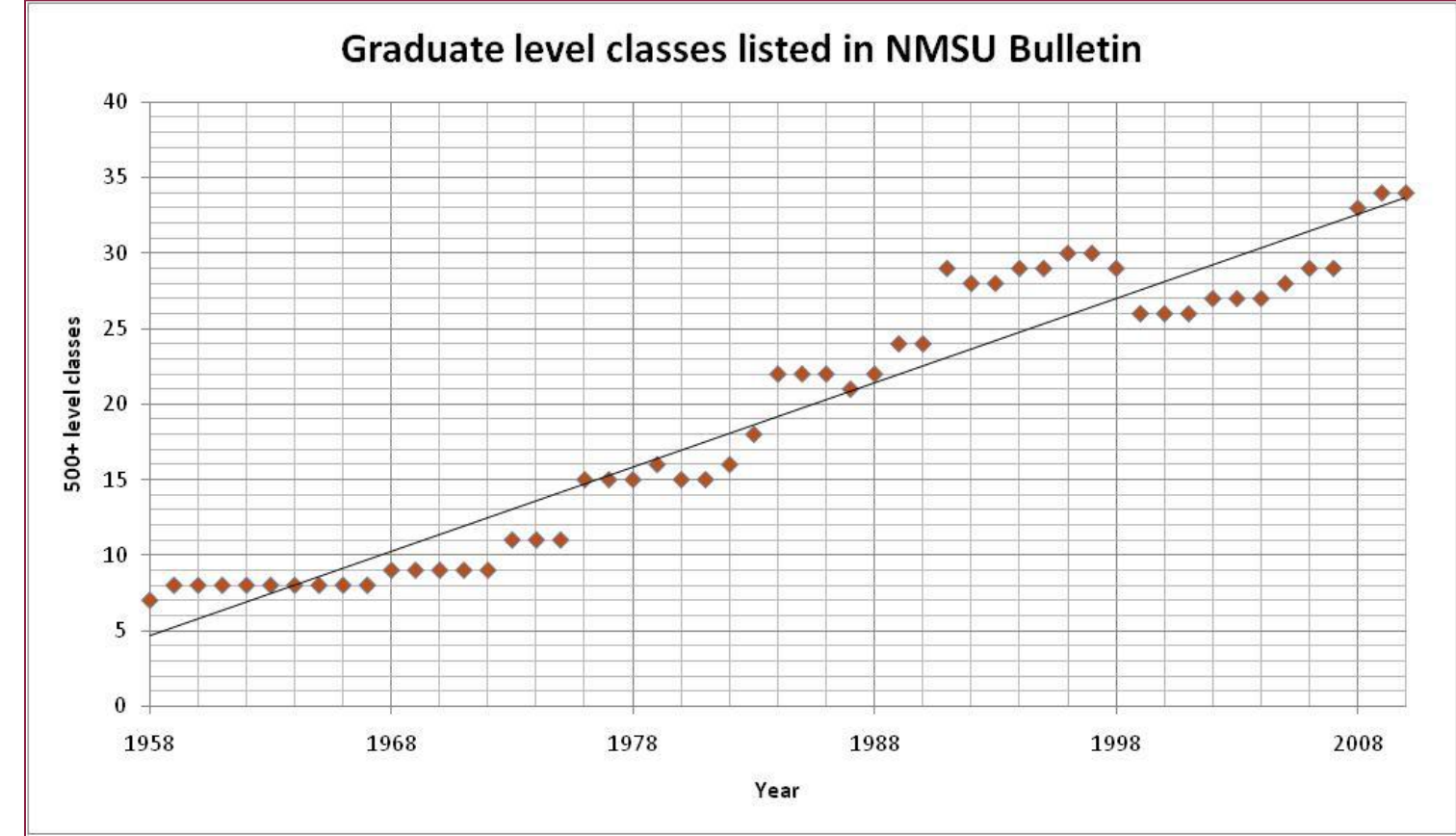
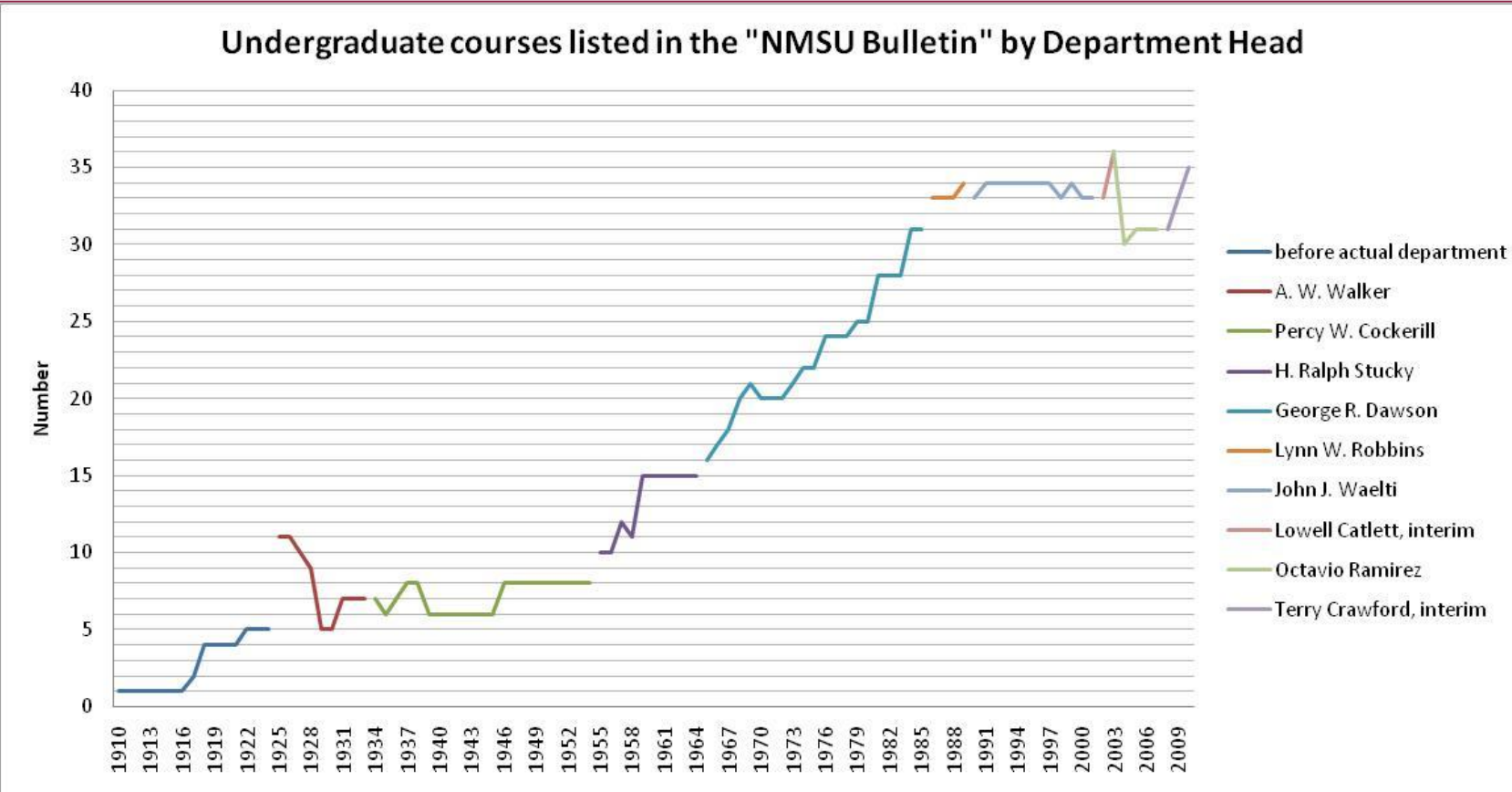
More options for study:
Agricultural Chemical Sales
Agricultural Equipment Sales
Agricultural Records and Financial Controls

NAMA Outstanding Chapter Award! Drop from options: Agricultural Equipment Sales Add to options: International Agricultural Economics International Development Environmental Economics



Master of Business Administration - Agribusiness

NMSU/NAMA wins the 2010 National Agri-Marketing Student Marketing Competition



Our former faculty in administrative positions:
Tom Bagwell - Former Assistant Director NMDA and NM Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
Lowell Catlett - Dean of College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
Garrey Carruthers - President of NMSU
Cynda Clary - Associate Dean at OSU
Rex Kirksey - Former Superintendent of the Agricultural Science Centers at Tucumcari and Clovis
Jim Libbin - Associate Dean, and Director of Academic Programs - ACES
Jeff Witte - Director/Secretary of NMDA

Source: New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts Bulletin (1904-1957), later New Mexico State University Bulletin/Catalog (1958-2010).

