

Learn About Careers In Agriculture

Future Farmers Enjoy UA Visit

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March 29, 1957, was a highlight of the school year for nearly 600 Arizona Future Farmers who took part in the annual FFA Field Day conducted by the College of Agriculture at the University of Arizona.

These farm and ranch boys were selected by their teachers to represent their schools, from a total of 1,850 students in 33 Arizona high schools with departments of vocational agriculture.

They Get a Look at College

The main objective of the full day's program conducted by 10 college departments was to encourage high standards of school work among students enrolled in vocational agriculture. The meeting on the campus also serves to acquaint the visitors with the facilities and personnel of their Land Grant college and the many opportunities to prepare for a ca-

ed. Diuron may be such a herbicide for early season weed control. Diuron is very similar to monuron, but it appears safer for use on short-staple cotton varieties. Diuron also appears more effective for controlling annual grasses.

Good farming practices are an important part of any weed control program. The proper use of herbicides can improve weed control. However, these herbicides must supplement rather than replace good crop rotations and proper crop management. Additional information on herbicides for weed control in cotton will soon be available from the Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station in a bulletin entitled "Chemical Control of Annual Weeds in Cotton."

reer through college work at the university.

The educational activities included judging, demonstrations and tests in the major areas of agriculture taught in high school. These are agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal production (including meats), dairy production and dairy products, entomology, horticulture, poultry, and soils.

Meats Contest Popular

The meats contest, which includes identification and judging of cuts, was added last year. It is very popular with students. It was conducted this year in the new college meats laboratory at the Campbell Avenue farm. Another new event this year was the judging of soils as to productivity by use of samples, profiles, and analysis data.

Recognition of performance in the various events was given at the awards banquet when certificates of achievement were given individuals and FFA plaques to teams representing their schools. Three levels of excellence—gold, silver and bronze—were used in making the awards.



Meat judging was one of the 10 events at the FFA Field Day this year. The meats judging and soil judging are recent additions to the program.

Large plaques were given to the two schools with the highest total scores in all contests in the program.

The teams with highest scores on dairy and dairy products, livestock, meats and poultry will represent Arizona in the National FFA Judging Contests at Kansas City, Mo., and Waterloo, Iowa, next fall.

They Learn Leadership, Too

While developing abilities in production agriculture, Future Farmers also prepare for leadership through study and practice of public speaking, conducting business meetings and other group processes.

As a part of the program for the day, five teams representing various regions of the state competed in parliamentary procedure.



Cochise County

Wed., 6:55 a.m.—KAWT, Douglas

Coconino County

Tues. and Thurs., 8:10 a.m.—
KCLS, Flagstaff

Graham County

Sat., 10:00 a.m.—KGLU, Safford

Greenlee County

Sat., 10:30 a.m.—KCLF, Clifton

Maricopa County

Mon. thru Sat., 5:55 a.m.—
KRUX, Phoenix
Sun., 8:45 a.m.—KOY, Phoenix

Pinal County

Mon. thru Fri., 12 Noon—
KCKY, Coolidge - Casa Grande

Yuma County

Mon. thru Fri., 7:20 a.m.—
KYUM, Yuma

University of Arizona

Thursday, 9:30 p.m. (Arizona Farm
and Ranch Hour)—
KOY, Phoenix
KTUC, Tucson
KSUN, Bisbee
KYMA, Yuma
KVNA, Flagstaff
KVNC, Winslow
KAWT, Douglas

Television

University of Arizona
Sat., 1:00 p.m. (Across the Fence)
KTVK, Phoenix, Channel 3