

Overview of Purdue Agricultural Research Centers. (A07-fankhauser161637-Oral)

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Abstract:

Within the School of Agriculture at Purdue University are eight regional research centers that provide locations and expertise for campus-based researchers and local Extension for engagement activities. In addition, there are departmental centers in forestry and natural resources, agronomy, and animal sciences that provide locations for similar activities, but also provide teaching opportunities due to proximity to campus. The Office of Agricultural Research Programs (formerly the Agricultural Experiment Station) oversees activities at all centers. The centers are funded by state line-item appropriations, sales of commodities, endowments, and grants. Research and demonstration studies are conducted by faculty and staff in all departments in the School of Agriculture in addition to others in several schools at Purdue. The challenges of maintaining research and engagement programs in a time of reduced funding will be discussed. Recent technological and facility renovations and future plans will also be highlighted.

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