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The major portion of time was spent dealing with various phases of the animal waste management program. This specialist served on the Legislative Research Commission Subcommittee on Animal Waste Control. Several meetings of the Animal Waste Management Committee were held to discuss the proposed legislation and animal waste management bulletins. Several talks explaining the federal and proposed state legislation were presented to state and county livestock organizations and a wide variety of other organizations. As a result of these and other activities in the waste management area, the rapport with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Office of Water and Air Resources, State Board of Health and Soil Conservation Service is excellent, and good communications exist at all times on the topic.

Four bulletins on animal waste management (by commodity) were coordinated by this specialist. Printing is expected in Fall 1973. The bulletins were reviewed and approved by the Animal Waste Management Committee, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the Office of Water and Air Resources, the State Board of Health, and the Soil Conservation Service. Advance copies of these bulletins were sent to appropriate people in the Environmental Protection Agency.

Considerable time was devoted to meetings, writing, attending reviews, and reading the reviews generated by the Agricultural Experiment Station Task Force Reviews. Information gleaned from this activity is being incorporated into the BAE Extension program where appropriate.

Four in-service training sessions on crop drying and storage were conducted in the areas of the state where this information was needed.

In-service training sessions on 4-H projects in BAE were conducted by district. The information gained from these sessions was used to alter the BAE 4-H program to better fit the needs of youth in the state.

This specialist served in an advisory capacity to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University in assisting with developing Hatch monies' proposals that were suitable to the needs of this University and complemented similar projects at North Carolina State University.

Cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service was continued on the land forming program. A half-day session was spent with the engineers to explain recent developments in research.

Fifteen county staffs were visited to explain the BAE Extension program and to determine the needs of the counties in areas relating to engineering problems. This brings the total number of counties visited for this purpose to 79.