

**'RESEARCH' IS
FERTILE FIELD
FOR ECONOMY**

Duplications and Countless
Probes in Agriculture
Department Aired.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Critics
say that what is sometimes called the
"research racket" center much of
fire on the duplications and count-
less investigations in the depart-
ment of agriculture, which run into
millions of dollars a year.

More listing of all items would
be impossible in limited space. Even
items on which more than \$100,000
was spent last year can not all be
listed.

In an organization spending four
billion dollars a year a \$100,000
item is small change though it
would take a man working at \$50 a
week almost forty years to earn that
much. It is more than the average
man earns in a whole lifetime.

Here is a skeleton outline of ex-
penses last year within just one
government department, revealing the
number of investigations and the
duplication of work that goes on among several bureaus, all op-
erating under the secretary of agri-
culture and supposedly consolidated
into one unified working unit
of the executive branch.

Overlapping Work Shows

These particular figures show to
what an extent federal funds are
expended on investigating insects.
The insects are investigated by first
one branch of the agriculture de-
partment and then another.

First, important expenditures in
the entomology bureau:

Fruit and shade tree insects	\$400,000
Truck and garden crop insects	375,000
Forest insects	141,000
Domestic and foreign insects	208,000
Cotton insects	483,000
Insects affecting man and animals	140,000
Household and stored products	208,000
Insects	116,000
Total plant and invertebrates	1,266,000

Meantime the bureau of plant in-
dustry is also busy, spending money
as follows:

Bilberry eradication	\$302,000
Blister rust control	471,000
Cotton boll weevil control	141,000
Cotton production and diseases	208,000
Dry land agriculture	329,000
Fruit and vegetable diseases	237,000
Forest plant introduction	209,000
Forest pathology	203,000
Fruit and vegetable diseases	120,000
Rubber, fiber and other tropical plants	126,000
Sugar cane investigations	323,000
Western irrigation culture	173,000

More and More, and More

Expenditures of less than \$100,000
each were made for those items:
Botany, citrus canker eradication,
drug and related plants, gardens
and grounds, genetics and bio-
physics, mycology and disease sur-
vey, nematology, phony peach eradication,
plant nutrition investigations
and root rot investigations.

And the quarantine bureau is
on the job with the following ex-
penditures:

Foreign plant quarantines	\$660,000
Pink boll worm control	347,000
Gypsy and brown tail moth control	101,000
Drug and related plant control	864,000
Japanese beetle control	414,000
Mexican fruit worm control	112,000

Expenditures of less than \$100,000
each were made for: Tsetse inspection,
parasitaria data scale, thurberia
weevil control, white pin blister
rust control, phony peach disease
control, certification of exports and
Mediterranean fruit fly.

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