

# 'RESEARCH' IS FERTILE FIELD FOR ECONOMY

Duplications and Countless Probes in Agriculture Department Aired.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Critics of what is sometimes called the "research racket" center much of fire on the duplications and countless investigations in the department of agriculture, which run into millions of dollars a year.

More listing of all items would be impossible in limited space. But 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 expenses last year within just one government department, revealing the number of investigations and the duplication of work that goes on among several bureaus, all operating under the secretary of agriculture and supposedly consolidated into one unified working unit of the executive branch.

## Overlapping Work Shown

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 department 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	\$195,000
Cereal and forage insects	\$483,000
Cotton insects	\$208,000
Insects affecting man and animals	\$140,000
Household and stored products insects	\$116,000
Taxonomy and interrelations of insects	\$206,000

Meantime the bureau of plant industry also is busy, spending money as follows:

Barberry eradication	\$302,000
Blister rust control	\$471,000
Cereal crops and diseases	\$448,000
Cotton production and diseases	\$208,000
Dry land agriculture	\$339,000
Forest crops and diseases	\$209,000
Foreign plant introductions	\$209,000
Forest pathology	\$209,000
Fruit and vegetable crops diseases	\$1,307,000
Rubber, fiber and other tropical plants	\$126,000
Sugar plant investigations	\$372,000
Western irrigation culture	\$175,000

## More, and More, and More

Expenditures of less than \$100,000 each were made for the items: Botany, citrus canker eradication, drug and related plants, gardens and grounds, genetics and biophysics, mycology and disease survey, nematology, phony peach eradication, plant nutrition investigations, tobacco investigations and root rot investigations.

And the quarantine bureau also is on the job with the following expenditures:

Foreign plant quarantines	\$669,000
Pink boll worm control	\$47,000
Cypress and brown tail moth control	\$609,000
European corn borer control	\$84,000
Japanese beetle control	\$112,000
Mexican fruit worm control	\$112,000

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



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