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Objectives
1. To organize both chronological and thematically departmental highlights.
2. To share publicly the findings of the historical information collection in the form of a booklet and other means.
3. To determine the prominent individuals who influenced the development of the department and what they accomplished.

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The Smith-Hughes Act of 1917

Dr. W.F. Stewart
1st Department Chair

Dr. Ralph E. Bender,
2nd department Chair

FFA Members

Smith-Hughes Act of 1917

Curriculum Edits and Changes (1940)

Number of Students enrolled in the department (1952)

1st Woman President of Agricultural Education Society (1978)

Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (1917)

Agricultural Extension Degree Program (1954)

International Involvement within the department (2014)

Department of Human and Community Resource Development (1998)

Dr. Tracy Kitchel
2016-Present Department Chair

1917

1942

1967

1992

2017