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Guide to the Lawrence A. Burt Papers, 1974-2009

Title

Lawrence A. Burt Papers (MSS Burt)

Dates

1974-2009 (inclusive)

1984-2007 (bulk)

Creator

Burt, Lawrence A.

Summary

The Lawrence A. Burt Papers document the teaching, extension, and publishing activities of Burt during his 30 years as a faculty member in Agricultural and Resource Economics and Extension Economist at Oregon State University from 1979 to 2009. Burt's work focused on agribusiness management, marketing of agricultural products, farm management and agricultural finance as well as the management and dissemination of economic data pertaining to agricultural crops and products.

Quantity

17 cubic feet, including 83 audiocassettes and 4 videotapes (17 boxes)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Lawrence A. Burt was a professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Extension Economist at Oregon State University from 1979 until his retirement in 2009. During this time, he was Associate Educational Director (1984-1994) and Educational Director (1994-2002) for the Western Agricultural Banking School. Burt taught undergraduate and graduate courses in agribusiness management, agricultural marketing, farm management, and agricultural finance and administered the department's internship program. As Extension Economist he provided oversight for the management and dissemination of economic information pertaining to commercial agricultural commodities through the Oregon Agricultural Information Network (OAIN). Other extension activities included marketing management education for clientele in agricultural and related businesses. Burt participated in the development and programming of the Pacific Northwest Farm Direct Marketing Association. He also worked with colleagues at Oregon State, the University of Idaho, and Washington State University to conduct an annual week-long educational session for agricultural lenders. This was known initially as the Northwest Agricultural Credit School (NACS), then the Western Agricultural Credit School, and most recently as the Western Agricultural Banking School. Burt also participated in preparing educational information and programming related to forming or revitalizing agricultural cooperatives.

Burt earned his BS in Agricultural Business Management from California Polytechnic State University in Pomona in 1973 and his MA (1976) and PhD (1979) degrees from Washington State University, specializing in farm management, agricultural finance, and marketing.

Content Description

The Lawrence A. Burt Papers document the teaching, extension, and publishing activities of Burt during his 30 years as a faculty member in Agricultural and Resource Economics and Extension Economist at Oregon State University. The Papers include course materials for Agricultural and Resource Economics Department (AREC) classes in agribusiness management, agricultural marketing, farm management, and agricultural finance and personnel management. The course materials consist of syllabi, outlines, handouts, problems, and examinations. Extensive documentation of the Western Agricultural Banking School and its predecessors the Western (and Northwest) Agricultural Credit School as well as the Pacific Northwest Farm Direct Marketing Association Conferences are included. The papers include correspondence, course materials, manuals, meeting minutes, newsletters, newspaper clippings, overhead transparencies, reports and publications, survey materials, and Burt's MA thesis and PhD dissertation. Papers and presentations on a variety of topics including farmers' markets, grass burning research, marketing management and direct marketing, impact of income taxes on agricultural businesses, and farm supply cooperatives are included. Extension Service publications authored by Burt or to which he contributed are part of the collection.

The collection includes sound recordings of sessions at the Pacific Northwest Farm Direct Marketing Association Conferences and two videotape productions, *The Entrepreneur's Guide to Planning a Business* and *Sewing for Profit*.

Preferred Citation

Lawrence A. Burt Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The papers were donated by Burt to the Archives in 2009.

Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Additional Reference Guides

[Preliminary container list](#) available online.

Related Material

Additional materials pertaining to agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension activities are part of the [Agricultural and Resource Economics Department \(RG 128\)](#), [College of Agricultural Sciences \(RG 158\)](#), [Extension Service \(RG 111\)](#), and [Experiment Station \(RG 025\)](#) Records. The Archives' holdings also include the [Western Agricultural Economics Research Council Records](#) and the papers of several other agricultural economics faculty: [Emery N. Castle](#), D. Curtis Mumford, Fred W. Obermiller, and G. Burton Wood.

Subjects

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Organizations

Topics

Agricultural education--Oregon.
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Agriculture--Finance.
Agriculture--Oregon--Statistics.
Cooperative marketing of farm produce--Oregon.
Direct marketing--Northwest, Pacific.
Farm management--Oregon.
Farm produce--Oregon--Statistics.
Farmers' markets--Oregon.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Audiocassettes.
Videotapes.

Other Creators

Oregon State University. Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics.
Oregon State University. Extension Service.