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## Guide to the John R. Hardison Papers, 1969-1981

### Title

John R. Hardison Papers (MSS Hardison)

### Dates

1969-1981 (inclusive)

### Creator

Hardison, John Robert, 1918-

### Summary

The John R. Hardison Papers consist of materials created and assembled by Hardison pertaining to field burning in Oregon. Hardison was a research pathologist with U.S. Department of Agriculture and a research faculty member at Oregon State University.

### Quantity

3 cubic feet (3 boxes)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical Note

John R. Hardison was a Research Pathologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Corvallis from 1944 until 1980. In 1950-1955, he had a joint appointment with the USDA and the Agricultural Experiment Station. In 1981, he was appointed to a part-time research faculty position in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. Hardison earned his BS in 1939 from Washington State College and his MS (1940) and Ph.D. (1942) from the University of Michigan.

Hardison's research on field burning as a means to control diseases in grass seed production began in the 1940s and continued until the early 1980s.

## Content Description

The John R. Hardison Papers consist of reports and publications, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and reference files. The reference files include reprints and photocopies of journal articles, reports and publications, and correspondence on a variety of topics pertaining to field burning, including burn and soil effects, insects, regulation programs, fire effects on range grass, plant disease control, straw utilization, fire ecology, and fire policy. The Papers include reports published by the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station and correspondence and reports to and from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, the Oregon Seed Council, and the Oregon Seed Growers League. Information pertaining to forest slash burning; summaries of burning in California, other states, Canada, and other countries; and Hardison's testimony on field burning to the Oregon legislature and in lawsuits are part of the collection.

## Preferred Citation

John R. Hardison Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

The Hardison Papers were acquired by the Archives in 1990.

## Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary and does not include a folder or box list.

## Related Material

Other materials pertaining to field burning are available in the [Agricultural Experiment Station \(RG 025\)](#), [Extension Service \(RG 111\)](#), and [Environmental Remote Sensing Applications Laboratory \(RG 218\)](#) Records.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

## Organizations

Oregon Seed Growers League.

## Topics

Air pollution--Oregon--Willamette River Valley.

Burning of land--Oregon.

Prescribed burning--Oregon.

## Other Creators

Oregon State University. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Oregon. Environmental Quality Commission.

Oregon. State Dept. of Agriculture.

United States. Environmental Protection Agency.