

TITLE: Yuma Experimental Farm Collection

DATE RANGE: 1907 – 1950

CALL NUMBER: Y-MS 51

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (1 box)

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Yuma Reclamation Project Experiment Farm was begun in 1910 by the Bureau of Reclamation as part of their efforts to improve agricultural production in the Yuma area. The purpose of the farm was to develop the best farming practices and the best crops to grow in the desert. Findings at the farm were released in reports and announced through the local newspapers. In the first decade of operation, the farm tested thousands of plant varieties as well as different live-stock industries.

Another experimental farm located in Yuma was the Yuma Branch Experiment Station started in 1906 by the University of Arizona, College of Agriculture. At this farm the College tested various plants and farming methods.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection consists primarily of material from the Reclamation Service's experiment farm. Some documents from the University of Arizona's experimental farm are also included. The bulk of the collection consists of large notecards with records and photographs of various farm activities – remarkable for the clarity of images and data recorded on the reverse side.

The notecards also document other Reclamation projects including Laguna Dam, levee construction, images of the Colorado River, and flood control measures. There are also several progress reports of various farm projects and accomplishments. Of interest is a copy of *The Great Southwest* from January 1907 which has an article about growing dates. Another two folders contain handwritten journals recording weather data covering the 1930s.

There are no series.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Annual Reports	1912
	2	Annual Reports	Ca. 1940s
	3	Annual Reports	n.d.
	4	Publication, <i>The Great Southwest</i> , January 1907	1907
	5	Weather Data	1930 – 1937
	6	Weather Data	1937 – 1940
1a	1	Animals	1907 – 1917
	2	Alfalfa	1906 – 1918
	3	Almonds	1913 – 1914
	4	Amygdalus	1912 – 1917
	5	Apple	1913 – 1917
	6	Apricot	1913 – 1917
	7	Aralia Cordata	1912
	8	Artichokes	1916
	9	Asparagus	1918
	10	Bamboo	1908 – 1912
	11	Barley	1907 – 1917
	12	Beans	1912 – 1916
	13	Beefwood	1914
	14	Beets	1915
	15	Bermuda Grass	1907
	16	Berries	1917 – 1919
	17	Bougainvillea	1914
	18	Cabbage	1914
	19	Cactus	1912 – 1915
	20	Cane	1912 – 1914
	21	Canna	1916
	22	Castor Oil Beans	1915 – 1918
	23	Catalpa Speciosa	1907
	24	Cedar	1908
	25	Cerasus Lauro	1917
	26	Swiss Chard	1915
	27	Cherries	1913 – 1917
	28	Chrysanthemum	1914 – 1915
	29	Citron	1906
	30	Colorado River	1906 – 1915
	31	Corn	1908 – 1914
	32	Cotton	1907 – 1914

	33	Cowpeas	1912 – 1916
	34	Crotalaria Sp	1917
	35	Cydonia Oblonga	1917
	36	Construction Equipment	1907 – 1911
	37	Dates	1907 – 1918
	38	Dendrocalamus Strictus	1913
	39	Eleagnus Angustifolia	1915
	40	Elephantorrhica Elephantina	1915 – 1917
	41	Eucalyptus	1907 – 1914
	42	Figs	1911 – 1915
	43	Hay	1910 – 1916
	44	Grapes	1913 – 1919
	45	Jujube	1912 – 1917
	46	Kumquats	1914 – 1917
	47	Laguna Dam	1909 – 1911
	48	Legumes	1908
	49	Levees	1907
	50	Lemons	1906 – 1917
	51	Malus Sylvestria	1917
	52	Mesquites	1914 – 1915
	53	Millet	1914 – 1917
	54	Mirabilis Multiflora	1917
	55	Miscellaneous Crops	1917 – 1922
	56	Mistletoe	1909
	57	Moisture Requirements	1917
	58	Native Vegetation	1909 – 1910
	59	Oats	1915 – 1917
	60	Oleander Plants	1914
	61	Olives	1907 – 1917
	62	Onions	1907 – 1917
	63	Oranges	1906 – 1917
	64	Ornamentals	1921
	65	Para Grass	1908
	66	Parkinsonia Aculeata	1917
	67	Palm Trees	1908 – 1914
	68	Palo Verdes	1916
1b	1	Pampas Grass	1914
	2	Peanuts	1907 – 1911
	3	Peaches	1913 – 1917
	4	Pears	1913 – 1917
	5	Peas	1908 – 1917
	6	Pecans	1911 – 1917
	7	Pepper Trees	1917
	8	Persimmons	1912 – 1917
	9	Pistachios	1912 – 1917

	10	Plums	1913 – 1917
	11	Pomegranates	1908 – 1917
	12	Potatoes	1915 – 1916
	13	Power Lines	1913
	14	Prunes	1913 – 1917
	15	Quince	1913 – 1917
	16	Radishes	1914
	17	Railroads	1917
	18	Rice	1913
	19	Roads	1913
	20	Roselles	1907
	21	Rushes	1908
	22	Rye	1915 – 1917
	23	Roses	1915 – 1918
	24	Samar	1907 – 1908
	25	Shaftal	1907 – 1908
	26	Squash	1914
	27	Sweet Potatoes	1915
	28	Sorghum	1907 – 1917
	29	Sudan Grass	1912 – 1916
	30	Soybeans	1916 – 1918
	31	T's	1914 – 1917
	32	Tomatoes	1923
	33	Trees	1913 – 1921
	34	Ulmus	1917 – 1918
	35	V's	1908 – 1913
	36	Walnuts	1913 – 1917
	37	W's	1913 – 1918
	38	Yuma	1906 – 1917
	39	Yuma Experimental Farm	1907 – 1918
	40	California	1908 – 1917