**History of Poultry Science at The Ohio State University**

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**Significant Dates**

1893: Two poultry buildings were built on main OSU campus.

1907: Poultry included in winter short course.

1908: Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station (OAES) started poultry research at Wooster.

1910: Poultry first listed in OSU catalog.

1911: State funds appropriated for poultry farm in Columbus.

1915: W. Lapp first graduate specializing in poultry.

1916: Annual meeting of PSA predecessor met at OSU.

1920: Poultry became a separate department.

1921: D. C. Kennard appointed head of poultry research at OAES; first two poultry majors (A.L. Everett and C.R. Crum) graduated.

1924: First poultry courses for graduate credit listed in catalog. R.M. Bethke first Ph.D. associated with poultry work at OAES.

1926: A. R. Winter first Ph.D. in OSU Poultry Science and had the longest tenure (47 years).

1928: First M.S. degree (Norma Franks) granted.

1940: Poultry Science moved into new building (later named Dakan Hall) built with WPA funds.

1945: Poultry separated from Department of Animal Industry at OAES.

1948: Poultry research combined at OSU and OAES. OSU and OAES were still separate institutions.


1954: Name of OAES changed to Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC).

1956: Two new turkey replacement buildings constructed at OARDC and Gerlaugh Hall was dedicated.

1977: PSA annual meeting on OSU campus.

1982: OSU and OARDC officially merged.

1994: Poultry Science Department merged and became part of Department of Animal Sciences. New turkey building was built on OARDC campus. During the tenure of the Poultry Science Department 79 faculty members had appointments to the department. Graduates from the department include 324 B.S., 116 M.S., and 76 Ph.D. students.

1998: Three poultry buildings, replacing obsolete facilities at Columbus, were built on OARDC campus.

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**Recognitions of Achievement:**

2. U.S. Poultry Hall of Fame awardees - A. R. Winter and R. M. Bethke
3. Merck Award for Achievement in Poultry Science - K. E. Nestor
4. Purina Mills Teaching Award - R. G. Jaap and J. F. Stephens
5. PSA Research Award - S. G. Veileman
6. American Feed Industry Association Award - R. M. Bethke and M. S. Libburn
8. College Distinguished Alumni Award - F. V. Muir and K. E. Nestor

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**Research by K. E. Nestor and co-workers helped solve leg problems in turkeys.**

**This paper first reported the discovery of F-cell immunity. It is the most frequently cited paper published in Poultry Science.**

**Breast muscle morphology at 16 weeks of age in turkeys was found to be inherited maternally.**

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**F.V. Muir was instrumental in establishing the Jaap and Hocker endowments and in obtaining state funding of over $3 million to finish building a turkey tomb building at OARDC and to build chicken buildings to replace Columbus facilities built in 1926.**

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**New poultry buildings built from funds obtained in 1992. These Wooster campus buildings replaced Columbus facilities built in 1928.**