

Ranching and Livestock Production

Livestock production is a large part of North Dakota's economy. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the importance of livestock production in North Dakota.

Archival Collections

10036 Antoine Amedee Marie Vincent Manca de Vallombrosa, Marquis de Mores Collection

Family and business papers and miscellany. Family and business papers consist of correspondence, financial records, a scrapbook, language exercise notebooks, Marquis de Mores and Company records, and murder trial records. Correspondence Reports from the Pinkerton Detective Agency concerning investigation of suspected cattle and horse rustlers, safe passage letter through Indian reservations, telegrams, last wishes of the Marquis, and a letter to Gov. Gilbert A. Pierce concerning Standing Rock Sioux documents. Correspondents include Daniel Collins, Henry H. Gorringer, and Frank O'Donald. Financial records include household receipts, receipt book for Vallombrosa estate, expense books, account books, and a check book. Scrapbook contains clippings on the Marquis' activities while in Dakota kept by his wife, Medora. The Marquis de Mores and Company records, 1886-1887, consist of share certificates, certificate of organization, production tables, and a report on beef feeding presented to the Montana Stockgrowers' Association. The Reilly Luffsey murder trial records date from 1885 and consist of a court petition, trial transcript, and court docket entries. Miscellany includes manuscripts, French language periodicals, ephemera, and newspapers. Manuscripts consist of two translations of Charles Droulers' The Marquis de Mores, 1858-1896, by George F. Will and M.N. Hagen. The periodicals contain articles regarding the life of the Marquis and ephemera of household goods leaflets, catalogs, a brand book, and travel brochures. Newspapers include German issues and two French newspapers from the Chateau de Mores in Medora.

10157 North Dakota Oral History Project Records

Oral history interview transcripts, indexes to recorded oral history interviews, interview referral files, interview files, photographs, lists of donations to the Project, oral history interview transcripts relating to the Governor's Mansion, family histories, biographies, reminiscences, and manuscripts. Most of the records document administration of the Project. Genealogical information and oral history interview (Continued on next page)

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- Beef
- Dairy
- Bison
- Poultry
- Eggs
- Sheep
- Goats
- Pigs
- World's Largest Hamburger
- World's Largest Holstein Cow

People

- Dave Oswald
- Marquis de Mores

Locations

- Rutland, North Dakota
- New Salem, North Dakota
- Medora, North Dakota

Journal Articles

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transcripts make up the remainder of the collection. Sponsored by the North Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Farmers Union, the Project conducted oral history interviews with older North Dakotans and others who were participants in significant events in the history of the state.

10257 Barnes County Cooperative Creamery Records

Audits, annual reports, insurance policies, statements of operations, and printed materials.

10274 North Dakota Farmers Union Records

News releases, speeches, committee reports, printed material, biographies of union officers, records relating to the educational and cooperative Union of America - North Dakota division subject files, scrapbooks, local minutes and financial records, newspaper clippings, educational material, film, videocassettes, photographs, publications, and audio recordings.

10311 North Dakota Stockmen's Association Records

Minutes, articles of incorporation, by-laws, subject files, material from the ND "Beefendum" (a national program to encourage state governments to promote the beef industry), financial material, certificates, programs, printed material, photographs, negatives, slides, cassette tapes, film reel, VHS and blueprints.

10477 Jamestown (N.D.) Chamber of Commerce Records

Minutes, subject files, committee files, memos, budgets, reports, audits, financial statements, photographs and negatives, scrapbooks, promotional material, by-laws, memorabilia, publications, records from the ND Goes Wild project (wildflower project), issues of the Credit Bulletin, 35 mm slides, posters, and programs. Records relate primarily to administration of the Chamber, promotional activities, tourism, community celebrations, area businesses, economic and industrial development, Garrison Dam, and the North Dakota Dairy Show.

10740 Dairy Women of North Dakota Records

Organizational records and scrapbooks. Records consist of bylaws and minutes, correspondence, annual promotion reports, "REAL" Dairy News and other newsletters, letterhead and an envelope, a membership brochure, and information about publicity chair duties. Scrapbooks contain organization reports, newspaper clippings, photographs, and material promoting the dairy industry.

10804 Harvey (N.D.) Creamery Cooperative Records

Minutes of the organization.

10993 Don Levingston Short Papers

Files relating to the legislative activities of the 86th, 87th, and 88th Congress. Includes correspondence with constituents and other legislators, newspaper clippings, copies of bills, and the Congressional Record. Some folders address bills written by Short or other members of the North Dakota delegation and others deal with congressional committees and federal offices.

11091 Gessner Dairy Records

Collection consists of family photographs, photographs of cattle, genealogical information, a telephone directory and railroad material from Penn (ND), a yield chart, and publication.

11178 North Dakota Dairy Coalition Records

Records of the ND Dairy Coalition, which include bylaws, annual meeting minutes and convention programs, board meeting minutes, minutes of the Fundraising Committee, correspondence, map of ND dairy producers, progress report, list of contributors, a study about the economic impact of the dairy industry on North Dakota, results from a survey of dairies in North Dakota, a presentation from the 2005 convention and organizational history (on CDs), convention awards, Dairy Princess photo, publications, promotional material and agreements. The collection also includes records of the Livestock Alliance (NDSU) and Milk Producers Association of North Dakota, results from a Dairy Task Force Survey for the North Dakota Dairy Coalition, programs and printed material, and meeting minutes of the ND Dairy Coalition fundraising committee. The North Dakota Dairy Coalition was incorporated in 2004 and represents dairy producers, industry representatives and government entities that are working to increase the number of dairy cows in North Dakota.

11255 State and Local Agriculture Literature Preservation Project Records

[microfilm]

Consists of microfilmed material relating to North Dakota's agriculture and rural life prior to 1946.

20197 Galesburg Cooperative Creamery Company (Galesburg, North Dakota)

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, contracts, financial records, and correspondence relating to sale of equipment and the difficulty of obtaining a butter maker.

30003 Agriculture. Brands Division, Brand Registration Book.

30004 Agriculture. Brands Division, Fee Collection Register.

30006 Agriculture. Brands Division, Estray Notice Scrapbooks.

30433 Secretary of State. Administration. Incoming Letters, 1890-1900.

Secretary of State. Administration, Incoming Letters, 1890-1900. 4.5 ft. Series includes bonds, articles of incorporation, brand registrations, and extraditions. Series relates to distribution of state documents, corporation registration, notarial applications, elections, and brand registration. Inventory available.

30434 Secretary of State. Administration. Outgoing Letters, 1889-1897.

Secretary of State. Administration, Outgoing Letters, 1889-1897. 4.5 ft. Series consists of letter press copy books relating to distribution of state documents, notarial applications, corporation registration, elections, and brand registration. Inventory available.

30346 Livestock Sanitary Board, State. State Veterinarian's Outgoing Letters

Series relates to livestock inspection and eradication of domestic animal diseases.

30452 Secretary of State. Corporations. Cattle Brand Registrations

Secretary of State Corporations Cattle Brand Registrations, 1890-1900. .75 ft.

30560 Historical Society. North Dakota Writers' Project. History of Grazing Files.

The History of Grazing Files, Series 560, were prepared as a cooperative effort between the Division of Grazing of the United States Department of Interior and the North Dakota Writers' Project for a proposed publication on the history of grazing in the western United States. The files occupy 2.5 cubic feet and consist of manuscript drafts of the North Dakota segment of the history of grazing, biographies and reminiscences of ranchers in North Dakota (providing information concerning ranches, locations, size of herds, extent of grazing lands, ranching activities and operations, grazing associations, summer grazing, beef and sheep ranchers, cattle driving, marketing, relations with homesteaders, rustlers, vigilantes, cattle barons, conflicts with Indians, and early ranching stories), notes, maps, newspaper clippings, correspondence, bibliographies, and indexes.

30602 Livestock Sanitary Board. Minutes

Series documents administration of the Board and relates to inspection of livestock and eradication of diseases affecting domestic animals

30603 Livestock Sanitary Board. Board Correspondence

Series relates to administration of the agency, adoption of rules and regulations concerning domestic animals, and board meetings.

30627 Public Service Commission. Administration. Minutes.

Series includes the Minutes of the Public Service Commission, dating from 1914 to 1995. This series consists of minutes that document administration of the agency; regulation of public utilities, motor carriers, grain elevators, livestock dealers, and warehouses; inspections; and licensing. The minutes provide data on rates and tariff charges, railroad and highway right-of-way issues, construction of utilities, lease agreements, bills approved, hearings before the Commission, complaints from the public, classification of carriers, permits issued, investigations, and salary approval.

30641 Agriculture. Livestock Division. Livestock Court Case Files.

Agriculture, Department of. Livestock Division, Livestock Court Case Files, 1939-1974. Series consists of legal documents and correspondence relating to investigations and claims against insolvent livestock dealers, unfair price discrimination, and other fraudulent livestock and dairy business practices.

30727 Treasurer, State. Assessment of Incomes of Individuals, Farmers, and Dairymen

Treasurer, State. Assessment of Incomes of Individuals, Farmers, and Dairymen, 1919-1923. 1 vol.

30764 Livestock Sanitary Board, State. State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Minutes

Livestock Sanitary Board, State. State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Minutes, 1895-1970. 1 vol. Series documents administration of the Board, examination and certification of veterinarians, establishment of rules and regulations governing veterinarians, and negotiation of reciprocal relations with other states.

30782 Agriculture. Administration. Agricultural Statistics.

Series consists of statistics on grains, livestock, and dairy products produced in North Dakota.

30849 Dairy Products Promotion Commission

Consists of records of the North Dakota Dairy Products Promotion Commission, the North Dakota American Dairy Association, the Milk Producers' Association, the North Dakota Butter Industry Committee and the North Dakota Dairy Products Association. Records include founding documents, minutes, correspondence, membership information, board and staff material, annual reports, audit reports, studies, agreements, legislation, public relations material, promotional and educational ephemera, programs and records from dairy conventions and dairy shows, dairy princess contest information and programs, history, printed material, publications, and dairy related negatives, photographs, slides, and film which document administration of the Association, promotion of dairy products, education, and preparation for the Dairy Princess contest. Also contains the annual filing with USDA of the "Application for Initial or Continued Qualification of State or Regional Dairy Product Promotion Research, or Nutrition Education Program" and related correspondence. documents administration of the Commission and the Commission's efforts to promote consumption of dairy products.

30853 Dairy Products Promotion Commission. General Ledger.

General Ledger, 1959-1980. 2 vol.

30891 Fair Association, State. Minutes.

Fair Association, State. Minutes, 1920-1965. Series consists of minutes of the North Dakota State Fair Board and the Northwest Agricultural, Livestock, and Fair Association; and committee reports, news releases, financial statements, and legal opinions. Series documents administration of the Association and planning and preparations for the State Fair.

30892 Fair Association, State. Subject Files.

Fair Association, State Subject Files, 1922-1979. Series consists of correspondence, reports, photographs, programs, promotional materials, memoranda, posters, concessions and exhibition contracts, deeds and abstracts, court documents, resolutions, news releases, and directories. Series documents administration of the Association, planning and preparation of the State Fair, and publicity.

30954 Penitentiary, State. Administration. Crop, Livestock, and Coal Inventory Record

Penitentiary, State. Administration, Crop, Livestock, and Coal Inventory Record, 1917. 1 vol.

30999 Fair Association, State. Photographs.

Series consists of photographs, negatives, lantern slides, and 35mm slides depicting fair activities, exhibits, concessions, 4-H, rodeos, cattle judging, automobile racing, carnival rides, and visitors. Also includes images of storefronts and businesses which were taken for the 1935 Minot Golden Jubilee.

31195 Agricultural Experiment Station. Regional Cooperative Project Files.

Agricultural Experiment Station. Regional Cooperative Project Files. Consists of correspondence, committee minutes, memoranda, and reports generated by cooperative research projects sponsored by the Agricultural Research Service, and agricultural experiment stations in IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, and WI. Provides information on agricultural economics, marketing, farm management, research, entomology, cattle breeding, soils, dairying, water and natural resources, crop improvement, viruses, and plant breeding. Series includes reports and other materials produced by the Northern Great Plains Advisory Council.

31201 Agricultural Experiment Station. Closed Federal Grant Files.

Agricultural Experiment Station Closed Federal Grant Files. Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, project descriptions, project progress reports, and final reports of federally funded investigations or studies in agricultural economics, farm management, dairy production, soils, plant and animal pathology, irrigation, agricultural regulation, entomology, insecticides, and fertilizers.

31429 Public Service Commission. Livestock Division. Livestock Dealers Record

Public Service Commission. Livestock Division. Livestock Dealers Record, 1933-1935.1 vol.

31591 Milk Stabilization Board. Minutes and Actions

Consists of Milk Stabilization Board minutes, organizational chart, the announcement of the Average Uniform blend price for all Grade "A" Dairy producers residing within the State of North Dakota, minimum monthly Grade A Class I dairy farmer price announcements, base stabilization plans, and annual reports.

31558 University of North Dakota. Lake Region Community College Photographic Slides

Consists of slides of agricultural crops, livestock, equipment, irrigation, and damage.

Books

North Dakota, Rutland, the Way it Was: Centennial, 1889-1989

1988 – Rutland Centennial Cookbook Committee

Primarily cooking recipes, with some home remedies, from families and ethnic groups in Rutland, N.D.

Call Number: 641.5978 N814

The Changing Profitability of Beef Production in North Dakota

1985 - Randall D. Little and David L. Watt

Call Number: 338.1 N814 203

Northern Great Plains Beef Production: Production and Marketing Practices of Cow-Calf Producers

2007 – Nancy M. Hodur, et. al.

Call Number: 338.1 N814 609

North Dakota's Dairy Marketing Problems in Historical Perspective

1954 – L.A. Fourt and G.A. Kristjanson

Call Number: 338.47 N814 393

Structural Changes in the North Dakota Dairy Industry

1965 – Jerome W. Hammond, Rex W. Cox

Call Number: 338.47 N814 454

REAL Dairy News

April 1984 and Summer 1993 – North Dakota Dairy Promotion Commission and North Dakota Dairy Council

Call Number: 637 D134n

Bison From Farm to Table

2011—United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service

Call Number: A 110.29:B 54/2011-2

Goose Production in North Dakota

1982—prepared by Bradley Lewis

Call Number: 338.162 N814 32 1982

Poultry Production in North Dakota

1933—Frank E. Moore and O.A. Barton

Call Number: 636.5 M822p 1933

The North Dakota Sheep Industry Newsletter

1998; 2008—North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association and the NDSU Extension Service

Call Number: 636.3 N864s

Online Resources

[Symbols of North Dakota's Dairy Crusades](#)

Tom Isern—Pierce County Tribune article from August 7, 1995

[SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

[Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

[WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[World's Largest Hamburger](#)

Rutland, North Dakota website

[North Dakota Livestock](#)

North Dakota Department of Agriculture website

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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