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Collection Summary

Identifier

UA 5.12

Title

College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, Little International
Agricultural Exposition Records

Creator

Little International Agricultural Exposition, College of Agriculture and
Biological Sciences, South Dakota State University

Dates

1923-2012

Extent

0.21 linear feet -- 1 small document case

Language

English

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Abstract

Little International is a two-day agricultural exposition planned, organized, and implemented by students at South Dakota State University for the benefit of high school and college students. This collection is composed of publications produced by the Little I, including news releases, posters and programs.

Historical Note

Little International is a two-day agricultural exposition planned, organized, and implemented by students at South Dakota State University for the benefit of high school and college students. Little International is considered the largest two-day agricultural exposition in the country. The exposition provides students with an opportunity to compete in judging contests, showmanship competitions, and fitting challenges.

Little International has been presented every year since 1921 with only three exceptions. In 1926, it was canceled due to the Scarlet Fever epidemic, and 1944–1945 it was canceled because of World War II. The first Little I was patterned after the Chicago International Livestock Exposition and was held on campus in what is now the Agricultural Heritage Museum. In 1952, Little International was moved to what is now called the Intramural Building. In 1977 it was moved to where it is held today, the Animal Science Arena in. During the week prior to Little International, the student staff prepares the Arena for the exposition. This includes erecting the famous red barn and white fence, adding bleachers, and dyeing the wood chips green for the show ring. Also, each member of the staff is responsible for ensuring that the specific task of the committee they sit on is accomplished, whether that task is livestock judging or the event schedule.

Little International serves both high school and college students alike. The exposition provides a fun and competitive opportunity for students to develop and refine skills essential for lifelong success in agriculture. Through Little International, students can utilize the two day event, not just as an opportunity to improve their showmanship, fitting, or judging skills, but also to develop time management skills, responsibility, hard work and personal pride—not to mention

the networking possibilities and the fun had by all involved with Little International.

Contents Note

This collection is composed of a material published for the Little International Agricultural Exposition for advertising purposes. Folders contain news releases, posters, and programs.

Related Resources

Annual Little International livestock show - South Dakota State College
Agricultural Society
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Key Words

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Container List

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1	1	News releases	1988, 1990
1	2	Posters	2000-2004
1	3	Programs	1923
1	4	Program	1935
1	5	Program	1987
1	6	Program	1990
1	7	Program	2005
1	8	Program	2008
1	9	Program	2009
1	10	Program	2012