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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

MA 29

### *Title*

South Dakota Crop Improvement Association records

### *Creator*

South Dakota Crop Improvement Association

### *Dates*

1923-1973, 2000

### *Extent*

3.46 linear feet -- 4 boxes, photographs

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

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### *Abstract*

The South Dakota Crop Improvement Association acts as a voice of action in all aspects of producing and marketing agricultural crops, including the promotion of agricultural research and education of members. The collection is composed of records of the South Dakota Crop Improvement Association. Records consist mainly of minutes, agendas, and programs from meetings, crop shows, and banquets.

## **Historical Note**

The South Dakota Crop Improvement Association began as the South Dakota Corn Growers and Corn Breeders Association in September of 1906. It was originally intended to be a temporary organization to improve corn cultivation in South Dakota. However, after the first crop show, the members decided to make the organization permanent, and A.E. Chamberlain of Howard was selected to be the first President.

In 1909, the name was changed to the South Dakota Corn Growers and Grain Growers Association due to the organization's new focus on improving all grain types grown in South Dakota. In 1924 they decided to merge with the South Dakota Experimental Association, an organization created to test and disseminate new crop varieties, and in 1925, the entire group was renamed the South Dakota Crop Improvement Association.

Since 1925, the SDCIA has continued to work towards the improvement of South Dakota's seed crops. They have created various groups and committees to work on the testing and certification of seed, such as the Seed Council of South Dakota in 1928 and the Foundation Seed Stocks Corporation in 1944. A state crop show and membership meeting is held annually by the organization to help farmers learn about new seed varieties and farming practices. They have also helped create many county-level associations of the SDCIA to help with agricultural education and the maintenance of pure, certified seed.

## **Contents Note**

This collection consists mainly of minutes and agendas from meetings of the SDCIA, along with the programs, letters, reports and pamphlets that were dealt with in each meeting. The minutes include minutes from the annual meetings, board of directors meetings, committee meetings and district meetings. There

are programs for the annual meetings, crop shows and banquets. The letters include correspondence with members of the Crop Improvement Associations of other states and with the national Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies, as well as between SDCIA members. The reports include financial reports and statements, and also reports on the activities of the organization. The pamphlets include the SDCIA newsletter (The Crop Improvement Reporter), CIA newsletters from the surrounding states, booklets of weed laws, and seed certification manuals. In addition there is a history article that was prepared for the agency's 75th anniversary in the year 2000.

The collection also contains photographs. These are primarily photos of the various crop shows and field days held by the SDCIA.

## **Key Words**

Agriculture -- South Dakota

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Seeds -- Certification -- South Dakota

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South Dakota Crop Improvement Association

## **Administrative Information**

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*Arranged and Described by*

Kristen Anderson, 2000 May 24. Additions made by Crystal Gamradt, 2009 April 29.

## Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	75th Anniversary article	2000
1	2	American Thermoplastic Company	1963
1	3	Annual meeting	1923
1	5	Annual meeting	1936
1	6	Annual meeting	1937
1	7	Annual meeting	1938
1	8	Annual meeting	1939
1	9	Annual meeting	1941
1	10	Annual meeting	1941
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1	42	Annual meeting	1971
1	46	Annual meeting	1972
1	4	Annual meeting	1927-1928
1	12	Annual meeting	1943-1944
1	43	Annual meeting - Banquet	1971
1	36	Annual meeting - Banquet and evening program	1970
1	39	Annual meeting - Board of Directors meeting	1970
1	44	Annual meeting - Board of Directors meeting	1971
1	37	Annual meeting - Business meeting	1970
1	27	Annual meeting - Crop Show	1962
1	33	Annual meeting - Crop Show	1967
1	34	Annual meeting - Crop Show	1967
1	35	Annual meeting - Crop Show	1969
1	38	Annual meeting - Crop Show	1970
1	45	Annual meeting - Crop Show	1971
1	40	Annual meeting - Fair booth	1970
1	41	Annual meeting - Program	1970
1	32	Annual meeting - Resolutions	1966
1	48	Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies	1971
1	49	Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies	1972
1	50	Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies	1973
1	47	Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies	1969-1970
1	51	Board of Directors meeting	1928
1	53	Board of Directors meeting	1933
1	54	Board of Directors meeting	1934
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2	29	Board of Directors meeting	1972
2	30	Board of Directors meeting	2000

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	52	Board of Directors meeting	1930-1932
2	31	Brief information on production of certified seed	undated
2	32	Budget	1949-1951
2	33	Business meeting	1963
2	34	Business meeting	1969
2	40	Certification Committee and Foundation Seed Stocks Committee meeting	1947
2	35	Certification Committee meeting	1939
2	36	Certification Committee meeting	1940
2	37	Certification Committee meeting	1942
2	38	Certification Committee meeting	1944
2	39	Certification Committee meeting	1946
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2	45	Certification Committee meeting	1959
2	46	Certification Committee meeting	1960
2	47	Certification Committee meeting	1962
2	48	Certification Committee meeting	1963
2	49	Certified Growers - South East District	1972
2	50	Conference on State Seed Law and Certification Seed Regulations	1941
2	51	Correspondence	1970-1971
2	52	County Association correspondence and reports	1966
2	53	Crop and soils work report	1927
2	54	Crop Improvement Association Membership meeting	1934
2	55	Crop Improvement Association Membership meeting	1935
2	56	Crop improvement information	1966
2	57	Crop Show	1929
2	58	Crop Show	1963
2	59	Crop Show	1972
2	60	Crop Show Committee	1969
2	61	District Meetings	1964
2	62	District Meetings	1964
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2	70	District Meetings	1972
2	71	Education and Promotion Committee report	1964
2	72	Executive Committee meeting	1965
2	73	Field registered crop varieties	1965
2	74	Financial papers	1939-1941
2	75	Foreign imports	1964
2	76	Foundation Seed Stock Division	1946-1957
2	77	Fund Raising Committee meeting	undated
2	83	L.O. Fine article	1964
2	78	Legislative Committee meeting	1942
2	80	Legislative Committee meeting	1962
2	81	Legislative Committee meeting	1969
2	79	Legislative Committee meeting	1965-1966
2	82	Legislative Committee report	1964
2	84	Marketing Committee meeting	1965-1966
2	85	Minneapolis Extension Conference	1953
2	87	Miscellaneous	1945-1962
2	88	Miscellaneous	1963-1964
2	89	Miscellaneous	1964-1970
2	86	Miscellaneous	undated
2	90	New varieties	1968
2	91	North Central Outdoor Advertising Sales, Inc.	1965-1966
2	92	Notes	undated
3	1	Orders for lapel pins	1965
3	2	Photographs - Crop show, Field days, Seed samples, agricultural equipment, Future Farmers of America, annual meetings, awards	1926, 1949-1972, undated
3	3	Price Committee	1969-1972
3	4	Price Committee recommendations	1968
3	5	Report of acres approved for certification in 1970 by seed certifying agencies	1970
3	6	Report of acres approved for certification in 1971 by seed certifying agencies	1971
3	7	Seed Certification News (newsletter)	1965-1966
3	8	Seed Certification Project outline	1963
3	9	Seed Certification Standards, South Dakota	1961
3	10	Seed Certification: Trueness to variety tests (Agronomy farm)	1962

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
4	2	South Dakota Certified Seed sack "The Emblem of Good seeds"	undated
4	1	South Dakota Certified Seed sack "The Emblem of Good seeds"	undated
3	11	State Fair	1971-1972
3	12	State Fair booth and Certified Seed Show	1966
3	13	Study Committee	1971
3	14	Uniform Plan	undated
3	15	Uniform Release Plan	1964
3	16	Yield Explorer Club	1968