New Superintendent Appointed

Dr. Larry Smith was appointed superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station July, 1983. Smith, who joined the staff in 1971, received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. His twelve years at the Station includes service as general agronomist and agronomist-sugarbeets, and active cooperative research with researchers from NDSU. He had been involved with training assistants in his departments and purchasing the special plot equipment needed.

Dr. Richard J. Sauer, director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, was named deputy vice president for the Institute of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul in October, 1983.

Plant Pathologist Hired at Station

May, 1984, Dr. Carol E. Windels became the first plant pathologist at a branch station of the University of Minnesota's Agricultural Experiment Station. Windels conducted research on diseases of crops grown in the Red River Valley. Windels is a native of Long Prairie, Minnesota and holds a B.A. Degree in biology from St. Cloud State University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota.

1986 Station Events

At the 1986 Crops and Soils Day, a research range was named for B.E. Youngquist, retired NWES Superintendent. Youngquist, was honored at a range naming ceremony July 16, 1986 at the agronomy farm of the Experiment Station. Speakers related to Youngquist's 27 years of service to the Station and the Red River Valley.

Dr. John Lamb reported on soils research. In 1986, NWES was in the third year of the nitrogen rate x inoculation study funded by the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

Dr. Harvey Windels with a Finn cross ewe and her five lambs.

In 1986, Dr. Harvey Windels, checked on the progress of lambs born in February to the Station's most productive ewe on record. The ewe of 1/2 Finn and 1/2 Targhee bloodlines has held up well for 11 years producing 44 lambs. She had 6 lambs as a four-year old, quads for a couple years, then a set of five, more quads and five again in 1986. Under Windels, the Station purchased a trained sheep dog who took the place of almost two men.