

CT Agricultural Experimental Station
and Lockwood Farm
Seed Cleaning Workshop

Hamden, CT
October 7, 2004

General Information about the CT Agricultural Experimental Station and Lockwood Farm:

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is chartered by the General Assembly to investigate plants and their pests, insects, soil and water; to analyze food, pesticides, fertilizers, and other products for state departments; to identify ticks to species, and to test spirochetes that cause Lyme Disease. The Station's motto is "Putting Science to Work for Society." Lockwood Farm is named after William Raymond Lockwood, a Norwalk resident who willed his estate to The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station "to use and apply all the balance or net income in the promotion of agriculture by scientific investigation and experiment, and by diffusing a knowledge of the practical results thereof..." The bequest included 56 acres of land with buildings in South Norwalk near the Darien town line. The property was sold in 1900, and the Lockwood Trust was created to carry out the terms of his will.

PSI Equipment Workshop:

The workshop began at 9:00 am and ended at 1:00 pm. There were approximately 19 people in attendance. Both wet and dry seed processing were demonstrated. Many participants brought their own seed to clean, including several people bringing ornamentals including various flower varieties and sunflowers. The equipment was available to local seed producers until October 13, 2004

Workshop Attendees

George Purtill
Kim Stoner
Walter Greist
Tracy Zarnillo
Abbie Maynard
Smiley Hiller
Mike Short
David Eltil
Elizabeth Fleming
Sam Hammer

Joe Lesiak
Rich Cecerelli
Debra Bourt
Michael Bourt
Steven Bourt
Marilyn Barlow
Martin Gout
Melina Gay
Bill Garman