

Editorial

This year the Royal Netherlands Society for Agricultural Science is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Society originated at a time when interest for experiments and research in agriculture was growing. One of the main tasks of the Society has been to further agricultural research and stimulate the dissemination of knowledge obtained.

The Netherlands Journal of Agricultural Science is a journal issued by the Society aiming to present research results relevant to an international audience. Although many such results are published in specialized journals, there is still need for a journal of broad scope for the general presentation of the agricultural sciences in the Netherlands.

Both the Board of the Society and the Editors felt that the Journal should draw attention to the centenary in some way. Some leading scientists were approached to write an essay on particular trends or topics in Dutch agricultural research. An attempt was thus made to offer the reader a wider impression than usual of what is going on in our country.

Although time was short and space was limited, we have succeeded in composing this issue. We hope it contributes to this anniversary by describing diverse results of agricultural research in the Netherlands. We present this issue as a sequel to the symposium 'One hundred years of experiment: the driving force of agricultural science', which was held on 29 May 1986 to celebrate the occasion.

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