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WELCOME\*

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The Workshop which was held two years ago was a success. According to registration records this year, people from all of the Great Plains states are in attendance and 92 persons are registered. We are especially pleased to welcome C. F. Barrett, Supervisor of Animal Pest Control of the Alberta Department of Agriculture who travelled the longest distance to attend.

The first Workshop was held at the height of the coyote controversy and most of the program was devoted to the coyote. This year, the program is being broadened to include most of the species of animals and birds which come into conflict with man's agricultural endeavors, with only a small portion of the program being devoted to the coyote.

Managing wildlife to prevent damage is one of the most pressing issues facing wildlife managers and agriculture today. This is especially true in the Great Plains region where there are large wildlife populations and a large part of the nation's food and fiber is produced. It is encouraging that animal damage control specialists, representing many different areas of interest, have assembled to attend this conference.

It is the hope of the Planning Committee of the Great Plains Agricultural Council that, aside from a good exchange of information on these various subjects, this group can work together to develop a handbook containing the best techniques to control damage caused by various kinds of wildlife. The handbook should be aimed at providing the best methods possible in wildlife damage control for persons not trained in this field. It should be prepared to help them handle situations they are confronted with when wild animals do come into conflict with man's interests.

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