



University of California
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Intermountain Research and Extension Center

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Dear Mr. Burton Hoyle,

Happy 100th Birthday! On this special day, I'd also like to commend you on your accomplishments as the first Director of Tulelake Field Station now known as the Intermountain Research and Extension Center (IREC). Your leadership as the first Director from 1947-1965 played an instrumental role in development of the research center and Tulelake agriculture. In 2014, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of UC Cooperative Extension and the organization's role in shaping agriculture research and education in CA. As part of the celebration, my staff compiled historical information about IREC including many of your experiments, events, and facility improvements. Everyone was extremely impressed with your accomplishments and it was very clear your work shaped many of the crops grown in the Tulelake Basin today including potatoes, barley, horseradish, peppermint, and strawberries.

I'm happy to report the Intermountain Research and Extension Center has continued to grow and prosper thanks to your efforts. In 2019, eight full time staff conducted 28 research projects on Center. The Center increased in size to 140 acres and we just completed construction of a new conference and laboratory building in 2018. Tulelake agriculture is also alive and well despite numerous challenges related to water availability. We continue to produce some of the highest irrigated wheat and barley yields in the nation. Tulelake is also known around the Western US for producing top quality forages, vegetables, and specialty crops.

In closing, the entire IREC staff would like to thank you for your service to the University of California and Tulelake agriculture. Your work played a huge role in shaping the crops, irrigation, and farm management practices we use today. Happy 100th Birthday!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Wilson'.

Rob Wilson
IREC Director/Farm Advisor