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## LETTERS

### Plant Nutrients It Is

DEAR SIR:

May I add my word of appreciation of the efforts that you and your staff have put forward in making the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY* the success that it is?

May I also join K. C. Beeson in his objection to the use of the term "plant food" when "plant nutrient" is the term preferred by plant physiologists and most soil chemists? I hope and expect that the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY* will become the authoritative journal of agricultural chemistry. It is, therefore, important that the Journal not encourage the use of ill-advised terms such as "plant food" but, instead, adopt a terminology consistent with established scientific usage.

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Editor's Note: Several suggestions that Ag & Food use the term plant nutrient instead of plant food have been received. After consideration, it was decided to accept the readers' suggestion and the mastheads have been changed with this issue.

### Wants Reprints

DEAR SIR:

The first issue of the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY*, dated April 1, 1953, has just come to our attention and has been reviewed by members of our technical staff. We certainly wish to congratulate you and your staff on this excellent publication. The contents, as well as the general set-up of the periodical, are certainly outstanding.

We wish it were possible for this Station to subscribe to *AG & FOOD*, but unfortunately our library funds are so meager it is impossible to do so at the present time. However, we are wondering whether it might be possible to obtain reprints of several articles in your first issue for use by members of the station staff. The articles are:

"Herbicides—Chemical Weed Control" by Minarik and Norman, pp. 42-4

"Herbicide Application—Some Considerations in Choosing Methods" by Barrons, pp. 45-7

"Herbicide Mechanism" by Freed, pp. 47-51

"Herbicides—Their Absorption and Translocation" by Crafts, pp. 51-5

"Magnesic Minerals and Soils" by MacIntire, Shaw, and Young, pp. 56-61

It will certainly be appreciated if you

could supply us with these reprints; or if it is necessary for us to write the various authors in this regard, please advise.

Again, congratulations and many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,  
W. G. MCGINNIES,  
Director Rocky Mountain  
Forest and Range Experiment  
Station, USDA

### More Orchids

DEAR SIR:

Thank you for the first issue of the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY*, published by the *AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY*.

This issue contains a wealth of valuable information, and I appreciate receiving it.

GEORGE D. AIKEN (R.-Vt.)  
Chairman, Committee on  
Agriculture and Forestry  
U. S. Senate

Dear Sir:

While as yet I have not had time to study the articles contained in this first issue of the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY* as thoroughly as I should like, I do think that the selection is extremely good. The format should meet with general approval. I was particularly interested in the questions and answers resulting from the interviews with various chemists and agronomists.

Certainly, the editors deserve congratulations from everyone concerned with the problems of food and agriculture.

BETTY SULLIVAN  
Vice President and Director of Research  
Russell-Miller Milling Co.

DEAR SIR:

We have seen the Volume I, No. 1 of the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY*, and it meets with all of our high expectations. There should be many volumes and many numbers in the future and when you get to Heaven you will undoubtedly want to put out supplements to it.

There is no doubt but what *AG & FOOD* will fill that big gap in scientific publications and it should have a long, successful life.

My one complaint is about the size of the magazine. I do think that for us old men a size similar to *C&EN* would have been more convenient to handle.

C. J. KRISTER,  
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