

ENROLLED ACT NO. 85, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2003 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to University of Wyoming experimental farms; allowing for the location of a new farm; providing for a research and extension center; authorizing the sale of experimental farms in certain locations; providing for appraisal and a report as specified; repealing unnecessary provisions; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-302(a) by creating a new paragraph (v) and (c) and 36-1-118(a)(intro) are amended to read:

**21-17-302. Location and acreage of farms; supervision and control.**

(a) The state may conduct experimental farms:

(v) At or near Sheridan, Sheridan county, Wyoming.

(c) The board of trustees of the University of Wyoming shall provide for the operation of a research station at Powell, Wyoming to conduct programs related to soils, vegetation diseases, fertilizers, insects, irrigation phases and other related factors, in order to effectuate reduction or elimination of causes detrimental to agriculture. The board of trustees of the university may also provide for the operation of a sustainable agricultural research and extension center in Goshen county, Wyoming.

**36-1-118. Sale of experimental farms and stations.**

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(a) The board of trustees of the University of Wyoming is authorized and empowered on behalf of the state to sell and to execute any document of title necessary to convey title to any agricultural experimental farm or station in Uinta county, in Laramie county and if in existence before January 1, 2003, in Goshen county, title to which is held in the name of the state of Wyoming, provided:

**Section 2.**

(a) To enable orderly development of the sustainable agricultural research and extension center in Goshen county, Wyoming, as authorized by section 1 of this act, and to avoid disruption of ongoing research and service activities, the experimental farm in Goshen county authorized under the current W.S. 21-17-302(a)(ii) may continue in operation as long as necessary.

(b) The legislature finds that property at Archer, in Laramie County, is no longer suitable for use as an experiment station in view of the requirements of a modern agricultural experiment station.

(c) The price for any property purchased to be used for the sustainable agricultural research and extension center shall be negotiated based upon its fair market value. No negotiations for the purchase of any property shall be made prior to the completion of an independent analysis of the fair market value of the property by not less than two (2) independent appraisers excluding any appraisal provided by the seller. The appraisers shall be selected by the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming. The board shall negotiate any price for the facility based upon the independent appraisals. The board shall report to the joint appropriations interim committee

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not later than ninety (90) days following the purchase of any property pursuant to this section which report shall include the fair market value as indicated by the independent appraisals and the final negotiated price paid for the property.

**Section 3.** Subject to section 2 of this act, W.S. 21-17-302(a)(i) through (iv) is repealed.

**Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk