The Agricultural and Natural Resources Archive (ANRA), created as the Colorado Agricultural Archive in 1980 (during a time of increasing public awareness of the rapidly vanishing agricultural way of life), seeks to preserve and promote the use of records that document the history of our agrarian and natural resources heritage. All holdings are accessible to the general public, excepting those restricted by federal and state law or university policy; preservation concerns or reasons of confidentiality; or as a condition of gift established by the donor.

Collecting areas of specific interest within the ANRA include:

- Collections of individuals with expertise in agriculture or resource management, who have been either affiliated with CSU or intimately connected with agricultural or natural resource issues or events in Colorado
- Collections of individuals who plan or create policies or legislation related to agriculture or natural resources in Colorado
- Collections of Colorado agricultural and natural resource-related associations, companies, and agencies that do not have in-house archives functions or are defunct
- Records and collections available from CSU departments or centers related to the study of agriculture or natural resources

These collections may include documents such as meeting minutes, correspondence, field notes, research data, reports, brochures, and diaries; photographs; films and videotapes; oral histories and other audio files; artifacts; and electronic files.

Generally, the following will not be accepted:

- Collections that contain no relationship to Colorado or CSU.
- Collections that have been made accessible via other organizations or agencies. Exceptions may be made for parts of a collection that are deemed of special historical significance.