



# **Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Ankara, Turkey, RG 6, SG 19**

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## Summary Information

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<b>General Physical Description note:</b>	16 document cases 202 files
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical/Historical note

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The Mideast Wheat Research and Training program was a project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation to help with crop research and agricultural production in Turkey. The program included breeding of adapted varieties of both spring and winter wheat for various ecological conditions, training for wheat scientists from cooperating countries, and advice and assistance in the development of the local research and production programs. In September 1967 the Rockefeller and Turkey began negotiations for the Rockefeller Foundation to participate in the development of the national wheat program. By July 1, 1970, the Turkish Wheat Research and Training Center had been established. The Rockefeller Foundation agreed to a start-up grant of \$100,000, which was to expire at the end of 1968. Rockefeller Foundation funding was extended and renewed through the 1970s. In 1977 the Rockefeller Foundation signed a final three-year extension.

Quality was not considered important at the start of the project. Rather, the point was to produce a large amount of wheat. The project pioneered an approach to the problem of a specific crop.

There were several issues with the Wheat Research Project that quickly became apparent. Initially, only fluent English speakers were eligible for overseas training. As the program developed, staff received English language instruction before going for training, but once abroad they required additional training in order to function effectively and produce. Relations with the Turkish government were also

complicated, and issues arose with organization and method. There were also struggles with various governmental departments. These issues were not helped by Turkey's bureaucracy and climate of administrative instability, attributable to constantly changing governments.

Over thirteen years Turkish wheat production increased from around 10 million metric tons to 17 million with general agreement that this increase was largely owing to the wheat improvement project.

Various names were used to refer to the Wheat Research and Training Program, including: Middle East Wheat Improvement Project, Wheat Improvement Project, Wheat Research Program, Mid-East Wheat Research and Training Center, and Ankara Field Office.

Significant staff members include: Ahmet Demirlicakmak, Charles K. Mann, E. E. Saari, Jon Michael Prescott, and Bill C. Wright.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Mideast Wheat Research and Training Project records contain general correspondence and administrative documents pertaining to the Turkish wheat stations and the various foundations and institutions connected to wheat research in Turkey during the 1970s. Correspondence, reports, and printed material detail the Center's wheat research work and plant breeding and its interactions with Turkish authorities and with other agricultural institutes and university agronomists. This collection documents the day-to-day work of the Center; for materials regarding the establishment and administration of the Wheat Research Center one should consult the files on Turkish Wheat Research in the Rockefeller Foundation project files, RG 1, Accession 83, Series 105 (804).

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## Arrangement

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Files are arranged in two series:

1. Wheat Research Center
2. General Files.

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## File Plan note

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RG 6.19.

Organization of the Foundation's archives:

RG 1 Projects;

RG 2 General Correspondence;

RG 3 Administration, Program and Policy;

RG 4 China Medical Board;

RG 5 International Health Board/Division;

RG 6 Field Offices;

RG 7 Treasurer's Office;

RG 8 Comptroller;

RG 9 Personnel;

RG 10 Fellowships;

RG 11 Information Services;

RG 12 Diaries;

RG 13 Oral Histories;

RG 14 Counsel;

RG 15 Secretary;

RG 16 Minutes and Officers Actions;

RG 17 Dockets;

RG 18 Declinations (100F);

RG 19 Non-textual Materials;

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### Processing Information

Deryn Cro processed the Ankara Field Office series in July 2011. Processing Level 3: Standard Processing. All material is available in acid-free manuscript boxes and folders.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

Administrative and other files relating to the Ankara Field Office, Mid-East Wheat Research and Training Center, are found in the Rockefeller Foundation project files, RG 1, Accession 83, Series 105 (804), under Turkish Wheat Research.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Green Revolution
- India
- Latin America
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- Life sciences
- Medical education
- Medical research
- Social sciences -- India
- Public health
- Medical sciences
- Agricultural innovations
- Medical research -- India
- Agriculture
- Agricultural innovations -- Mexico
- Philanthropy -- United States
- Charitable uses, trusts, and foundations
- Agriculture -- India
- Colombia
- Charities

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## Collection Inventory

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<b>Wheat Research Center</b>
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**Series arrangement**

This series is arranged alphabetically, following the report file on Wheat Research in Turkey.

Title/Description	Instances	
Wheat Research in Turkey, 1968 August	box 1	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  "The Cooperative Wheat Research Program in Turkey: A Report to the Ministry of Agriculture and to the Rockefeller Foundation." Report prepared by Ralph W. Cummings, H.A. Rodenhiser, J.W. Gibler.		
Budget, 1970-1973	box 1	folder 2
<b>File Plan note</b>  40.13		
Demirlicakmak, Ahmet, 1971-1973, 1975	box 1	folder 3
<b>File Plan note</b>  15.1		
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>  Demirlicakmak was Director of the Wheat Research and Training Center.		
Memoranda (to file), 1972-1978	box 1	folder 4
<b>File Plan note</b>  15.7		
Ministry of Agriculture		
<b>File Plan note</b>  15.2		
1970-1974	box 1	folder 5
1976	box 1	folder 6
1977, 1977	box 1	folder 7
<b>File Plan note</b>  15.2		
1978, 1978	box 1	folder 8
Newsletter, 1972	box 1	folder 9



**File Plan note**

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Plant Breeding, 1970-1972

box 1

folder 10

**File Plan note**

40.7

**Scope and Contents note**

File includes reports by Arthur Klatt and Bill C. Wright on work underway in Turkey.

Staff: Finfrock, Dwight C., 1974

box 1

folder 11

**Biographical/Historical note**

Finfrock was an Experiment Station Development Officer.

Staff: Lindstrom, Michael J., 1974

box 2

folder 12

**Biographical/Historical note**

Lindstrom was a Research Associate.

Staff: Mann, Charles K., 1974

box 2

folder 13

**Biographical/Historical note**

In 1974, Mann was an Economist with the Rockefeller Foundation's Social Sciences Field Staff, assigned to the Middle East Wheat Project. From 1971-1974, he had been with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Ankara.

Wheat Stations in Turkey, 1977

box 2

folder 14

Wheat Stations: Adana, 1971-1974

box 2

folder 15

**File Plan note**

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Wheat Stations: Adapazari, 1971-1974

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folder 16

**File Plan note**

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Wheat Stations: Ankara, 1971-1972, 1976

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Wheat Stations: Eskisehir, 1971-1974	box 2	folder 22
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<b>File Plan note</b>		
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This series is arranged alphabetically, with general correspondence files placed at the start.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence (General )		
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1975, 1975	box 3	folder 34
1976, 1976	box 3	folder 35
1977-1978, 1977-1978	box 3	folder 36
Aktan, Resat, 1975-1977	box 3	folder 37

**Scope and Contents note**

Materials relate to a Rockefeller Foundation grant to the Development Foundation of Turkey (GA SS 7615), for "Description and Analysis of Wheat Farming in Turkey with Implications for Agricultural Policy." Resat Aktan was the principal investigator for the project.

**File Plan note**

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Algeria, 1971-1973

box 3

folder 38

**File Plan note**

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Algeria, 1974-1975

box 3

folder 39

**File Plan note**

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Egypt, 1971-1973

box 3

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**File Plan note**

30.12

Egypt, 1974-1978

box 3

folder 41

**File Plan note**

30.12

England, 1972-1978

box 3

folder 42

**File Plan note**

30.17

Europe (General), 1975-1978

box 3

folder 43

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),  
1971-1976

box 4

folder 44

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Forced Pace Campaigns, 1976

box 4

folder 45

**Scope and Contents note**

Preliminary draft chapter on "Recent Forced-Pace  
Campaigns." Includes review of wheat program in Turkey.

Ford Foundation: General, 1970-1971

box 4

folder 46

Ford Foundation: General, 1975

box 4

folder 47

**Scope and Contents note**

Most of the correspondence concerns the Arid Lands  
Agricultural Development Program.

Ford Foundation: India

**File Plan note**

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1970	box 4	folder 48
1971	box 4	folder 49

Ford Foundation: Lebanon

**File Plan note**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Materials consist mainly of correspondence and reports relating to the Ford Foundation's Arid Lands Agricultural Development Program.

1970-1971 May	box 4	folder 51
1971 June-December	box 4	folder 52
1972 January-September	box 4	folder 53
1972 October-December	box 4	folder 54
1973 January-June	box 5	folder 55
1973 July-December	box 5	folder 56
1973	box 5	folder 57

**Scope and Contents note**

"Present Livestock Situation in the Near East and the Possibility of Developing Integrated Crop-Livestock Farming Systems." Arid Lands Agricultural Development Program, Ford Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon, 1973 March.

1973	box 5	folder 58
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**Scope and Contents note**

"Progress Report of the Near East Cooperative Sorghum and Millets Crop Improvement Program." Arid Lands Agricultural Development Program, Ford Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon, 1973 April (Progress Report 1972).

1974 January-April	box 5	folder 59
1974 May-July	box 5	folder 60
1974 August-December	box 5	folder 61
1974	box 5	folder 62

**Scope and Contents note**

"Summary Report on the Regional Sheep and Forage Production Workshop, February 11-14, 1974, Lebanon."  
Arid Lands Agricultural Development Program, Ford Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon, 1974 October.

1975-1976

box 5

folder 63

**Scope and Contents note**

The correspondence for 1975 is primarily outgoing.

Ford Foundation: Tunisia

**File Plan note**

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1970-1971

box 5

folder 64

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes copy of "Accelerated Cereals Production Project Seeding Report," 1970-1971, Tunisia, Ministry of Agriculture.

1971-1972

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1973

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**Scope and Contents note**

Progress Report: Tunisia, 1973-1974. Prepared by CIMMYT in cooperation with the Technical Division of the Office of Cereals.

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Fulbright Commission

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Gallun, Robert L., 1971-1972

box 6

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**Biographical/Historical note**

Gallun worked with the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service at Purdue University. He was an Investigations Leader in the Entomology Research Division.

Hungary, 1971-1975

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**India****File Plan note**

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**Scope and Contents note**

The India files contain correspondence with officers in the Rockefeller Foundation field office in New Delhi and more general correspondence with Indian researchers and academics.

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1970 January-September	box 6	folder 75
1970 September-December	box 6	folder 76
1971 January-February	box 6	folder 77
1971 March-May	box 6	folder 78
1971 June-December	box 6	folder 79
1971	box 6	folder 80
1971	box 6	folder 80A
<u>Conditions Governing Access note:</u>		
<b>Conditions Governing Access note</b>		
Restricted - Confidential material.		
1972	box 6	folder 81
1973	box 6	folder 82
1974-1977	box 7	folder 83

International Agricultural Development Service (IADS)

**File Plan note**

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1969-1976

box 7

folder 84

1973	box 7	folder 84A
<u>Conditions Governing Access note:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access note</b> Restricted - Confidential material.		
1977-1978	box 7	folder 85
1977-1978	box 7	folder 85A
<u>Conditions Governing Access note:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access note</b> Restricted - Confidential material.		
International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) <b>File Plan note</b> 20.9, 30.1		
1976	box 7	folder 86
1977 January-July	box 7	folder 87
1977 August-September	box 7	folder 88
1977 October-December	box 7	folder 89
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International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) <b>File Plan note</b> 30.1, 30.7, 30.19		
1975	box 9	folder 94
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International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) <b>File Plan note</b> 30.1		



**Arrangement note**

Files are often separated into incoming and outgoing correspondence.

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1971 January-April	box 8	folder 97
1971 May-June	box 8	folder 98
1971 July-August	box 8	folder 99
1971 September-December	box 8	folder 100
1972 January-February	box 8	folder 101
1972 March-May	box 8	folder 102
1972 June-September	box 8	folder 103
1972 October	box 8	folder 104
1972 November-December	box 8	folder 105
1972	box 8	folder 106

**Scope and Contents note**

"What is CIMMYT?" paper consisting of fourteen charts designed to introduce the organization to visitors.

1972 (Prescott, Jon M.)	box 8	folder 107
1972 (Prescott, Jon M.)	box 8	folder 107A

Conditions Governing Access note:

**Conditions Governing Access note**

Restricted - Confidential material.

1973 January-March	box 9	folder 108
1973 April-May	box 9	folder 109
1973 June-July	box 9	folder 110
1973 August-October	box 9	folder 111
1973 November	box 9	folder 112
1973 December	box 9	folder 113
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1973 (Prescott, Jon M.)	box 9	folder 114A

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**Conditions Governing Access note**

Restricted - Confidential material.

1974 January-March	box 9	folder 115
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1974 August-December	box 9	folder 117
1975 January-June	box 9	folder 118
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1977 April-December	box 10	folder 123
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1978 July-September	box 10	folder 125
1978 October-December	box 10	folder 126
International Potato Center (CIP), 1973-1976	box 10	folder 127

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International Potato Center (CIP), 1977-1978	box 10	folder 128
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Iran, 1970-1972	box 11	folder 130

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Libya, 1974	box 11	folder 136
Loeering, William Q., 1971	box 11	folder 137
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
Loeering was Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Missouri.		
Meetings, 1970-1971	box 11	folder 138
<b>File Plan note</b>		
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Netherlands, 1971-1977	box 11	folder 139
<b>File Plan note</b>		
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Pakistan, 1971-1975	box 11	folder 140
<b>File Plan note</b>		
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Rodenhiser, H.A., 1970-1971	box 11	folder 141
<b>File Plan note</b>		
20.8		
Rupert, Joseph A., 1970-1972	box 11	folder 142
<b>File Plan note</b>		
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<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
Rupert was a research associate with the Agronomy Department of the University of California, Davis, and with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center. He had previously served as an associate director with the Rockefeller Foundation's agriculture program in Chile.		
Saari, Eugene E., 1971-1972		
<b>Biographical/Historical note</b>		
Saari was a Plant Pathology expert with the Ford Foundation in India and then in Lebanon (from mid-1973).		
1971-1973	box 11	folder 143
1974-1975	box 11	folder 144

Saudi Arabia, 1973	box 11	folder 145
Stubbs, R. W., 1971-1972	box 11	folder 146

**Biographical/Historical note**

Ron Stubbs was affiliated with the Institute of  
Phytopathological Research in the Netherlands.

Stubbs, R. W., 1973-1976	box 11	folder 147
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Turkey: General

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**Arrangement note**

Incoming and outgoing correspondence may be separated  
within the files.

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1976 January-May	box 12	folder 153
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United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 1973	box 12	folder 159

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**General note**

One item.

## Scope and Contents note

"Country and Inter-Country Programming: Turkey." UNDP assistance requested by the Government of Turkey for the period 1973-1977. Official Draft, January 1973.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 1973-1975	box 13	folder 160
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United States: General
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United States: Universities (General)
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United States: Oklahoma State University, 1977-1978	box 14	folder 178

United States: Oregon State University
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**Arrangement note**

Incoming and outgoing correspondence is generally separated within the files.

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1972	box 14	folder 181
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1973 July-October	box 15	folder 183
1973 November-December	box 15	folder 184
1974 January-May	box 15	folder 185
1974 June-December	box 15	folder 186
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United States: Washington State University, 1971-1972	box 15	folder 191

United States Agency for International Development: General

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1973-1974	box 15	folder 193

**Scope and Contents note**

Only one item from 1973.

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United States Agency for International Development: Afghanistan, 1970-1974	box 16	folder 195

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United States Agency for International Development: Afghanistan, 1972	box 16	folder 196
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Report of Survey and Recommendations on Agricultural Research in Afghanistan, by Agricultural Research Review Team, 1972 October 25.

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United States Agency for International Development: Morocco, 1970, 1972-1973	box 16	folder 197
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United States Department of Agriculture (Beltsville, MD), 1970-1975	box 16	folder 198
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Winkelmann, Donald

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## Biographical/Historical note

Winkelmann was an economist for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center.

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1972-1973 July	box 16	folder 199
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