Crawfish Research Funds Being Sought

Funds to continue crawfish research will be sought by St. Martin Parish State Representative Burton Angelle to "build the four to five-million dollar crawfish industry to a 20 to 25-million dollar one."

Angelle made the statement when he was at the University of Southwestern Louisiana to confer with USL professors engaged in crawfish research. Funds for the research were provided by the Louisiana Crawfish Industry Development Association of which Angelle is president.

Funds Promised

"As a member of the Legislature I will see that funds are provided for continued research," the St. Martin parish legislator said. "We feel that with proper research this industry, which today is a four-to-five-million dollar industry, can be built to a 20 to 25-million dollar one."

“Our primary objective in forming the Louisiana Crawfish Industry Development Association,” he added was to promote the industry via research rather than through chance observations. We think that it is important that research continue both at USL and at LSU. There still remains a lot of questions, especially in the processing and packaging phase, which is the one that USL is engaged in.”

Meets Officials

Angelle conferred with Dr. Lewis T. Graham, dean, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. E. B. Stuben, professor and acting head, department of biology, coordinator of the crawfish research program at USL; Dr. Joseph Sobek, USL associate professor of microbiology, leader of the research on the microbiological investigations of the commercial crawfish; graduate student Everett E. Kergosien, Bay St. Louis, Miss., investigator; and Miss Marie Louise Comeaux, director, USL School of Home Economics, where recipes are being developed for fresh and frozen crawfish.

"We are much encouraged by our preliminary findings.”

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