APPRAISAL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH ON ARABLE CROPS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA 2001-2010

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ABSTRACT
The study appraised graduate research on arable crops in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka from 2001 to 2010. Data were collected through content analysis from 32 graduate research works, while percentages were used for presenting the data. The results show that 59.58% of those who enrolled for post graduate programme from 2001 to 2010 were master of science (M.Sc), while 40.62% were doctors of philosophy (Ph.Ds). A greater percentage of the graduates who offered agronomy (63.63%), plant breeding and genetics (66.66%), and plant pathology (60%), were M.Sc. Fifty percent each of those that offered weed science and forage were M.Sc and Ph.D. However, the only graduate student that offered nematology was a Ph.D graduate. On area of specialization, 34.37% offered agronomy, 28.12% plant breeding and 15.62%, plant pathology. The least enrollment came from nematology (3.12%), weed science, entomology and forage crops (6.25%) each. There is the need to encourage graduates to pursue their careers in areas of nematology, entomology and forage crop production.

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