

Part 4 - Final Report Plain English Summary

Old Insectary : temporary accommodation

An emerging problem of overcrowding in the Old Insectary was becoming apparent with the addition of new research programs that caused increases in the number of staff to be employed and equipment that had to be housed.

Having identified this problem and the inherent occupational health and safety issues associated with the day to day operation of the Insectary it was determined by ACRI staff that a solution to this problem was to build a third insectary to provide adequate space for current and future research projects. An application was submitted to CRDC for consideration and this was subsequently approved. However additional funding from agencies still had to be sourced and it was realised that time frames would not permit such a facility to be completed for the coming cotton season.

Again research staff sought a short term solution to this problem by seeking some temporary accommodation to provide some relief for the overcrowding problem to enable successful completion of the tasks set under programs. The solution sought was to purchase a demountable building of 36 square meters to be located adjacent to the existing insectary. A funding application was made to CRDC for this project to **proceed which soon obtained approval.**

A demountable building was purchased, installed on site, services connected and some internal fitout carried out. The result was that this provided sufficient space and facilities to enable successful completion of entomology projects for the previous cotton season. This strategy enabled the goals of the Corporation to be achieved and provided valuable time for the planning and construction of insectary number three.