

LETTERS

Extracts from a letter received from **ROY E. SIGAFUS**, Department of Agronomy, N-122 Agricultural Science Building, University of Kentucky, North Lexington, Kentucky 40546-0091, dated January 11, 1984.

Your interest in and work with Lotus is greatly appreciated. It is disappointing that this genus does not capture the imagination of more people. In the near future, I hope, Dr. **T. H. TAYLOR** will be sending you a brochure on the naming and release of 'Fergus' birdsfoot trefoil. This variety, widely tested as Kentucky Ecotype has shown considerable promise with good seed production ability, and high forage yield, and good persistence. I'm not sure who your future contacts will be on trefoil in Kentucky. Dr. **T. H. TAYLOR** retired as of December 31, 1983. He has been involved with birdsfoot trefoil for many years in management phases. My work is mainly with alfalfa, red and white clovers. I've had little to do directly with trefoil but have been interested in it since my days at Ithaca, New York. I'm expecting to retire in less than two years. At present there is no one else who has even a passing interest in trefoil. I've shared the LOTUS NEWSLETTER with others. Fact is my whole file is out on loan now, and I'm not sure where. There is a lot of surface mining in Kentucky. As a pioneer crop, birdsfoot trefoil is one of the better species tested. If someone could only insure a reliable source of seed, this crop should become much more widely used.