**Book Reviews**

**STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY REVIEWS, 1941-1950**
_R. J. Caree._

Edited by Oscar Krisen Buros. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 457 pages. 1951. $7.00.

This volume lists 342 statistical methodology books written in English and published or reviewed in the 10-year period. Few of the books are of direct interest to agronomists. The review excerpts included number 842 and were selected by the editor from 112 journals. The following indexes are appended: publisher's directory, titles, names (authors and reviewers), and book classification. The book may be a useful reference for the statistically minded agronomist, but it is of especial interest to the student seeking to familiarize himself with current statistical methods used in various fields.—R. J. Garber.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF SOIL SCIENCE**
_Th. R. Millar and L. M. Turk._

New York: John Wiley & Sons., Inc. 510 pages (illus.). 1951. $5.50.

In these busy days, clear and simple writing is more important than ever before to the student. He must cover much territory before he can finish his schooling and start the work for which he is preparing. He does not have days to spend in plowing through pages of cloudy writing to see one simple relationship, when the relationship might have been given to him in one clear sentence. We clutter up too many of our classrooms and libraries with students trying to pry reluctant information out of obtuse and fuzzy books.

For that reason, the authors of _Fundamentals of Soil Science_ deserve much credit for their simply and well written college text. They have done a service to their field of interest in making it easy for the college student to get the fundamentals which he will need if he goes on for further study. And it is equally sure that the same student will be better prepared and more quickly prepared for advanced study because of his early access to a good text. At the same time, Dr. Turk and Dr. Millar have written a layman's book which will be welcome on the book shelf of a county agent or high school teacher, or the well-informed farmer whose interest extends in this direction.

The second edition has undergone extensive revision, with a chapter on soil conservation and color illustrations showing plant nutrient deficiency symptoms among the new items. There are 20 chapters covering all phases of soil science. In addition, the book contains a glossary of the terms which will be of value to one unfamiliar with soil terminology.

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