Division S-9 was created as a result of obtaining over 50 names of persons supporting such action at the annual SSSA meetings in 1967. This unanimous action was taken after it had been considered several times by the Board over the previous 10 yr. The first officers of the division were appointed by SSSA President N. T. Coleman and sessions were first held in 1969, in which 19 papers were presented with an additional 39 papers given in joint sessions and the 2-yr mandatory provisional status came a full division in 1970. Without the efforts of C. I. Rich and M. L. Jackson, both of whom served as SSSA President, the creation of Div. S-9 would not have taken place. The Chairs and Division Board Representatives for Div. S-9 are given. Many of these individuals also have research interests that cut across divisional boundaries.

Over the past 18 yr, Div. S-9 has averaged 18 papers in their own sessions and 50 papers presented in joint sessions with Div. S-5, S-2, S-1, and