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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Reese Agriculture Building, Louisiana Tech University

other names/site number Reese Hall

2. Location

street & number Tech Farm, U. S. Hwy 80, Louisiana Tech University N/A not for publication

city or town Ruston N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Lincoln code 061 zip code 71272

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jonathan Fricker 1/14/98
Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan Fricker Date
Deputy SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

2/20/98
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

"The 1930s Building Boom at Louisiana Tech"

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/college

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/college

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Reese Agriculture Building, Louisiana Tech University, Lincoln Parish, LA

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The Reese Agriculture Building (1939) is a large two-story brick building located at what is called "Tech Farm." This small satellite campus is about a mile to the southwest of Louisiana Tech's main campus. Because Reese Agriculture Building is functional rather than ornamental, with only very slight stylistic influences, the term "no style" is being used in the data retrieval portion of this form. Alterations have been confined to the interior.

Reese Hall, as it is known today, is the classroom/laboratory building at Tech Farm. It has a hipped roof main block with a flat roof wing attached at the middle of the rear elevation. It complements other 1930s buildings on the main campus in certain respects, but in a low-key fashion. Like other buildings from the 1930s construction boom, Reese's brown and red brickwork resembles the textured effect found on colonial buildings where burnt headers were used. Other similar features are multi-pane windows (in this case, nine over nine grouped in pairs), fairly thick window frames, and recessed entrances with paneling on the interior side walls. The classically derived cast-concrete front entrance features simple piers and a simple entablature.

Like other historic buildings at Louisiana Tech, the interior has been modernized, although it should be noted that it was always very functional, consisting of classrooms grouped off hallways. The interior retains its original simple staircases and its stuccoed walls. Alterations include new tile floors and dropped celotex ceilings.

Assessment of Integrity:

Because Reese Agriculture Building would be immediately recognizable to someone from the historic period, it meets the integrity test for significance under Criterion A.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

education

Period of Significance

1939-40

Significant Dates

1939-40

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Neild, Somdal & Neild, Architects

C. E. Andrews, Contractor

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Reese Agriculture Building
Name of Property

Lincoln Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than an acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1 5	5 3 2 4 0 0	3 5 9 7 6 8 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff (Assisted by Phi Alpha Theta chapter at Louisiana Tech)

organization Division of Historic Preservation date September 1997

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Louisiana Tech University, Office of the President

street & number P. O. Box 3168 telephone 318-257-3785

city or town Ruston state LA zip code 71272

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The Reese Agriculture Building is of local significance in the area of education because it is an important component of a critical chapter in Louisiana Tech's history, the great construction boom of the 1930s which increased the physical plant by one-third, including numerous major buildings. See the multiple property cover form "The 1930s Building Boom at Louisiana Tech" for a fuller statement of significance. Although most of the 1930s construction was on the main campus, the classroom/lab building added at Tech Farm represented a quantum leap forward for the newly established School of Agriculture, with Raymond L. Reese as its first dean. By at least 1945 the large agriculture building, with its classrooms and labs, bears Reese's name. At roughly the same time it was being built, additional acreage was being acquired for Tech Farm. With the new construction, the creation of the School of Agriculture, and the expansion of acreage, Tech Farm "came of age" so-to-speak in the 1930s.

Bibliography: See multiple property cover form's bibliography.

Boundary Description: See enclosed sketch map.

Justification: Boundaries were chosen to encompass the nominated building and its immediate setting along U.S. 80. Because there are various modern buildings on the Tech Farm campus, following property lines obviously was not an option.

Reese Agriculture Bldg.
Tech Farm
La. Tech University
Lincoln Parish, LA

1" = 50'

--- BOUNDARY

