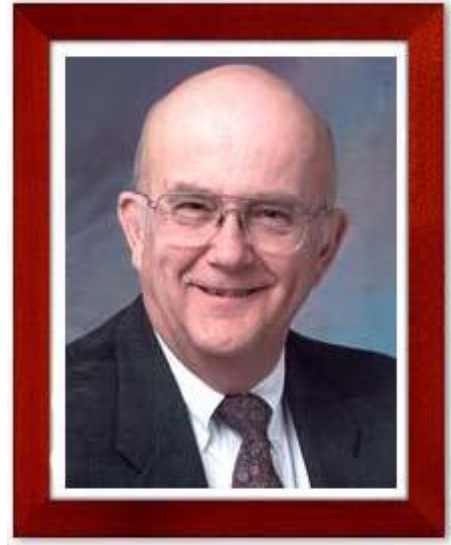


## Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

### HENRY A. WADSWORTH (1934-)

Henry A. (Hank) Wadsworth joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1962. His initial responsibilities were primarily extension, first in farm management and later in community development and public policy. By the time he left for Cornell in 1973, he was full professor and assistant department head. From 1973-76, he was associate director of Cooperative Extension at Cornell University. In 1977, he was appointed director of the Oregon State University Extension Service. In 1983, he returned to Purdue as associate dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, positions he held until his retirement in June 1999.



He credits much of his extension career to the training and mentoring received as a young faculty member. He believes the extension faculty assembled by Department Heads Hardin and French were without peer among Departments of Agricultural Economics during the 1960's and early 1970's. He is most appreciative of the advice and counsel received from Professors Bottum, Hadley, Kohlmeyer, Dunbar and Wallace.

The Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) is the national policy making group for extension directors. Dr. Wadsworth was twice elected to ECOP and served as the Chair of ECOP in 1984, Chair of the Budget Committee in 1992 and Chair of the Legislative Committee 1996-98. He chaired the 75th Anniversary Task Force Book Committee which produced "Taking the University to the People" in 1989.

In December 1996, Dr. Wadsworth was recognized by National Epsilon Sigma Phi with their National Distinguished Service Ruby Award. He received the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialists Association Junior Award in 1968 and was part of Purdue teams awarded the Team Superior Service Award by the USDA 1971 and 1989. He served on the Presidential Task Force on Rural Development appointed by President Nixon in 1969. He was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Orr in 1988 and Governor O'Bannon in 1999.

Dr. Wadsworth received his B.S. in Agricultural Education and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University. He was raised on a dairy farm in Cortland County, New York. He and his wife, Emy, have three sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.