

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

PAUL R. ROBBINS (1918-2006)

Professor Robbins was an innovator and master extension teacher and researcher throughout his thirty year career at Purdue University. He was the leader in farm management extension starting in 1971, a period of rapid advancement in the application of computer technology. His areas of expertise included farm business organization and accounting, crop economics, outlook, farm labor relations, tenure and finance. Following four years in the U.S. Air Force as a meteorologist in World War II, Dr. Robbins began his professional career as a farm management teacher at Murray State College, Kentucky in 1946, joining Purdue in 1949. In 1963 he spent his sabbatic leave at Michigan State. (A little known fact is that he was herdsman for "Elsie, the Cow" at the New York World's Fair in 1940.) Upon his election to retire in 1982 he was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus.



He pioneered efforts to provide foreign students an opportunity to visit Indiana Farms. Paul received the Purdue Extension Specialists Career Award in 1975 and the A.A.E.A. Award for Outstanding Extension Specialist in 1980. He led three People-to-People Goodwill Teams to Europe and Russia, and one to China.

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