

WEST VIRGINIA

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# AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY HALL OF FAME

## WILLIAM P. "BILL" INGRAM

William P. "Bill" Ingram is a third-generation dairy farmer and owner of Ingram Farms in Sistersville. Known for his strong dedication to the community and youth education programs, he lives in the farmhouse in which he was born.

He was a founding member of the Tyler County 4-H Foundation, received the WV Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 2012 and was honored as the 1975 Outstanding Soil Conservation Farmer. He received the Friend of 4-H Award in 1991 and an Honorary Chapter Farm Degree from FFA.

Born in Sistersville in 1932, he attended Tyler County High School, and has been a fixture in the area throughout his life. He was a member of the Tyler County Fair Association from 1973-1998 and served in many offices. He worked to build a community building at the fairgrounds and was manager of the Tyler County Speedway in 1979-80.

He took a seat on the board of Union Bank of Tyler County in 1985 and became a founding member of Hometown Bancshares Inc. when Union Bank was reorganized in 1998, restoring it to local ownership and control. He has personally purchased many properties to preserve as farmland for future generations and is a well-known face at FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Shows.

He was active in the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals from 1991-2006 and held many offices in that organization.

He has been a member of the West Virginia Farm Bureau Board of Directors and was instrumental in the development of the organization's Mobile Agriculture Science Education Lab.

He was a member of the WV/Ohio Dairy Herd Improvement Association Board of Directors, and his farm has been designated as a Century Farm by the Upper Ohio Conservation District. He is a trustee of the Pursley Church of Christ.

