

# Madison Broadnax



Madison Broadnax has been an influential educator, a farm manager, an agricultural extension agent, 4-H leader, college administrator, and foreign embassy official, among other things, and he has done spectacularly well in all of them.

Mr. Broadnax received his B.S. degree in agriculture from West Virginia State College in 1940; he studied Rural Sociology at West Virginia University in 1957 and Extension Education at Cornell University in 1968 and 1969. He was named Alumnus of the Year at West Virginia State College in 1977.

Mr. Broadnax is a senior agriculturalist, with over 20 years of international experience in a number of advisory and supervisory positions, including tours of duty in Sudan, Kenya, and Korea. His duties were primarily related to planning, designing, implementing, and evaluating projects dealing with agriculture, horticulture, livestock, and engineering, economics, and extension activities. In these assignments, he variously served as Director of the Agency for International Development in the American Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan; was Deputy Director, Office of Agriculture Technical Assistance Bureau in Washington, D.C.; Deputy Director of the Food Agriculture Division and later Team Leader of Research, Extension, and Training of the U.S. Mission to Seoul, Korea; and Chief Agricultural Extension Branch of the Food and Agricultural Division of the U.S. AID in Sudan.

From 1941-1942, he was Farm Manager at the West Virginia Farm at Lakin, West Virginia and from 1943 to 1946; he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After military service he returned to West Virginia State as an agriculture extension agent, working on statewide 4-H and camping projects for black youth and advising black farmers on gardening, livestock, poultry, and landscaping. He then became Director of Agriculture and Associate Professor of Agriculture at West Virginia State and continued these duties until assuming his work in international agriculture in 1958.

Mr. Broadnax has indeed served his chosen profession, agriculture, well at the local, State, National, and International levels.