

# Byron Moore



Byron W. "Whitey" Moore was born at Fairview, West Virginia, in Marion County. He graduated from Daybrook High School and attended West Virginia University where he received a B.S. Degree in Agriculture in 1935 and an M.S. degree in Poultry Management in 1964.

After graduation, Mr. Moore taught vocational agriculture for four years in Marshall County. In 1939, he became county supervisor with the Farm Security Administration in Wood and Wirt Counties. From 1941 through 1945, he served as an officer in the U.S. Infantry. Upon discharge, he became county FmHA supervisor in Wood County. In 1974, he accepted a combined position with the Cooperative Extension Service and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

During the next ten years, he supervised the Selection and Blood Testing Program for all flocks participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the inspection of all participating baby chick and turkey poult hatcheries. Under Mr. Moore's expert supervision, West Virginia became one of the very first states to achieve the "U.S. Approved-Pullorum-Typhoid Clean" rating. At the end of the ten years, the number of hatcheries had increased to 27, with 267,000 qualified birds.

In 1957, Mr. Moore accepted a full-time position as Associate Extension Poultryman; and in 1968, he became the Extension Poultry Specialist and Associate Professor.

During Mr. Moore's long and distinguished career, he was also influential in directing the growth and activities of the West Virginia Poultry Association, assisted in initiating the West Virginia Poultryman of the Year Program, and developed a poultry youth program consisting of a boiler growing program and poultry and egg judging.