

Albert Lincoln Wilfong

Albert Wilfong is a lifelong farmer. The farm which is now called Wilfong Farms includes 4,000 acres, of which 2,500 acres are owned and 1,500 acres are rented. The farm currently has 350 brood cows, 600 yearling cattle and a 300-ewe sheep flock. In addition to livestock, the farm also maintains a large cash crop hay business. The farm was started in 1919 by Albert's father, Charles Wilfong. Albert and his father operated the farm together until his father's death in 1970. In 1976, Albert's son Charles joined the farm full time and they have operated it together since. From its beginning, with the initial purchase of 202 acres, the farm has been operated on a cash basis. No land, cattle or machinery have been purchased unless they could be paid for at the time of purchase.



Albert Wilfong has constantly looked for innovative ways to improve productivity and profitability. He has always been one of the first to take advantage of new machinery and technology. Over the years he used the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service and other agricultural agencies to implement pasture improvement projects, spring developments, ponds, tile drainage, aerial fertilization, crop management, crossbreeding programs, etc.

He has been involved with many agricultural organizations over the years, but his top priority has always been taking care of business on the farm. His farm experience has ranged from farming with horses as a young man, to the computer equipment of today.

His activities and memberships include: Pocahontas County Commission President, 1984-1990; a 52-year West Virginia Farm Bureau member, serving on the county board several times; charter member of the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association and the West Virginia Shepherds' Association; State Vice-president of the Future Farmers of America; and, is currently on the Board of Directors for the Seneca State Forest Foundation.

FFA 1947 Star Farmer of West Virginia and American Farmer Degree

1959 Pocahontas County Farming for Better Living Champion

FFA 1960 West Virginia Established Farmer Award

1961 Region III Farming For Better Living Award

FFBLA 1965 West Virginia Grand Sweepstakes Champion

1974 National Winner Ford Farm Efficiency Award for Sheep Production

1977 Greenbrier Valley Soil Conservation District Outstanding Co-operator

1978 West Virginia Outstanding Farm Family Livestock Production Winner

Pennsylvania Farmer Magazine 1979 Master Farmer Award

1984 West Virginia Outstanding Farm Family Animal Feed Production Winner