

Richard V. Snuffer II



Richard V. Snuffer, II, was born June 10, 1955 in Surveyor, WV. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from WVU in 1973. He also attended WVU's Graduate School for Vocational Agriculture from 1977 to 1978 and Beckley's College of Graduate Studies with a focus in Secondary Education from 1979 to 1980.

In 1979, he developed the first vocational agriculture program in Fayette County. From 1980 to 1985, he served as the County Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency. He continued working for the USDA-FSA as the County Executive Director until 2010

when he became the State USDA-FSA Information Technology Specialist until 2010. He then became the WV FSA Outreach and Public Affairs Coordinator. During his time as the Outreach and Public Affairs Coordinator, he was in many different leadership positions and was leader of the state FAC Accessibility Review team for WV offices. He served as coordinator until 2014. In 2014, he became the WV USDA-FSA State Executive Director. As State Executive Director, he served as the State Lead for promoting the USDA Strike Force Program to improve living standards in WV's poorest counties through better coordination of USDA and other federal agencies programs.

He is a member and past president of the New River Hereford Association, a current member of the WV Angus Association and the WV Cattlemen's Association. He is also a member of WVU-Davis College Visiting Committee and a part of the college alumni association.

He was on the Raleigh County Board of Education for 14 years and served as president for 10 of those years. He played an integral role in the first countywide iPad deployment in WV. 12,000 iPads were distributed to K-12 students. He is a past member of the Trap Hills Lion Club, fair association, and Fairdale PTO. In 1985, he received a special award of Merit for Disaster Recovery Effort after the 1985 flood. His FSA office was recognized as the Best Office in WV in 1986. He has also received a Secretary of Agriculture's Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award.

He is also a managing partner of Snuffer and Sons farms, it has been recognized as a State Conservation Farm and WV Heritage Farm. They became a purebred Angus farm in the late '90s. They are a competitive participant at the Wardensville Sire Evaluation Test and Sale.

