

Horace Atwood



Horace Atwood became Assistant Agriculturist at the West Virginia University Agriculture Experiment Station in 1897, following several years of operating a dairy farm in New York. The productive phase of his research career was spent at West Virginia University and his activities covered a wide field. His early bulletins dealt with problems in hog, sheep, and dairy production, in addition to publications on experiments dealing with the effects of fertilizers.

Professor Atwood began his work on poultry problems at the outset of his career at West Virginia. He attended the first meeting at Cornell in 1908 and was a charter member of the organization then termed the International, later the American, Association of Instructors and Investigators in Poultry Husbandry, now known as the Poultry Science Association. He was president in 1913 and was made a Fellow in 1934. A paper he presented at the first conference became the first paper published in *POULTRY SCIENCE*.

After 1911 all of his bulletins and research papers dealt with poultry. After an absence of four years as a county agricultural agent, Professor Atwood returned in 1918 as head of the Poultry Research Department. He served in this position until 1931 when he retired.

An interesting sidelight occurred in Professor Atwood's career while serving as county agricultural agent. Because of his original interest in dairying, he was instrumental in having the Reymann family convey a large farm and an Ayrshire herd to the University. This farm became known as Reymann Memorial Farms. In this course of events, this now famous herd was moved to Morgantown. However the sub-station has turned out to be in the heart of West Virginia's broiler area and a large experimental unit has been established there.