

Roger E. Roberts



Roger E. Roberts has been a farmer and livestock breeder for 59 years. Since receiving his first Hereford cow and calf in 1917, Mr. Roberts has been dedicated to that breed of cattle and to farming as a way of life. He has maintained the largest registered Hereford breeding herd in the state and at times the largest east of the Mississippi River.

To say that Mr. Roberts has been active in the agricultural affairs of Wirt County and West Virginia is a significant understatement. His dedication to Wirt County and to West Virginia is indicated by his service. He has worked with practically every agricultural activity at Jackson's Mill since the beginning of that facility. He helped organize the Wirt County Farm Bureau and served as President for many years. He has served on the County Extension Service Committee. For 25 years he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Farming for Better Living Program. He served as President of the West Virginia Hereford Association for 11 years and has been a lifetime member of the Board of Directors. He was a long-time Farmers Home Administration committeeman.

Mr. Roberts has always been a supporter of youth activities and organizations. For his service to youth organizations he was made an FFA Honorary State Farmer in 1954, and is an honorary member of the Wirt County and Masontown Valley FFA Chapters. In 1968, he received the first award of merit given by the West Virginia Junior Hereford Association for service to that organization. The West Virginia Block and Bridle Club made him an honorary member in 1961 and dedicated to the Eleventh Annual Eastern National Livestock show to him.

In addition to his agricultural interests, Mr. Roberts is also widely known for his community service. He has promoted industry in Wirt County, serving as President of Wirt County Industries, a citizen group established for that purpose. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Wirt County Development Authority and served as a member of the Elizabeth town council for many years.

Mr. Roberts has been a promoter of the feeder calf shows and sales and helped organize and judge the shows for many years. He has continued to judge FFA and 4-H shows in many counties.

His unselfish dedication, his optimism, and his ability to make people laugh are personal qualities that have meant much to many people. His ability to involve people in group problem solving without bitter argument and resentment is one of his greatest assets. He lives by the rule, "If I can't say something good about someone, I won't say anything." He lives by this rule, "If I can't say something good about someone, I won't say anything." He has devoted his life to bettering livestock, the land, his community, and his state.