

# Charles B. Sperow, Jr.



Charles B. Sperow, Jr. was born in Martsinburg and raised on a dairy farm. He was active in 4-H as a youth. He was a national 4-H scholarship winner and 1949 International Farm Youth Exchange Representative to Sweden. He graduated from West Virginia University with B. S. and M.S. degrees in 1952 and 1958. Upon graduation, he was hired by the University as assistant agronomist and superintendent of the Ohio Valley Experiment Station.

In the 1960's, Mr Sperow was in Uganda on a WVU-USAID contract as a lecturer in soils and agricultural chemistry. Since 1971, he has been an Extension Specialist in Agronomy at West Virginia University, and was promoted to professor in 1974.

Professor Sperow was elected president of the Northeastern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy in 1983. He has received numerous professional honors, including the Extension Service's Outstanding Off-Campus Educator Award. He was recently inducted into the Crop Professionals Hall of Fame. He has frequently participated in short courses, conferences and workshops and has authored numerous extension bulletins, circulars and fact sheets.

Charlie Sperow is one of those rare individuals who can blend common sense and technical knowledge with skill to build outstanding educational programs for his clientele, whether it be farm families, 4-H children, high school youth or university students. He has a unique talent for his work and has demonstrated outstanding leadership in this state for over 39 years. He is called upon by our farmers and citizens for advice and counsel.