

Clark H. Taylor



Clark H. Taylor was born at Horner, West Virginia, Lewis County, on November 7, 1917. He graduated from Weston High School, was a member of the 1935-1936 State High School Wrestling Championship Team in the 145-pound class, and he began his life work in the West Virginia University Dairy Farm in December 1938. One year later he became assistant herdsman, and two years later he was appointed farm superintendent. In just four years, he became general superintendent of the dairy farms.

During his 25 years at the farm, milk production increased each year, and for 20 years, the University herd received the Progressive Breeders Award from dairy breed organizations. Taylor assisted with the “Genetics and Research Project” with the Ayrshire herd, reorganized as one of the three top genetic research herds in the United States.

With Taylor’s management, the WVU herd received recognition in production and research. During his career at WVU, he helped many students toward their careers, helped conduct dozens of dairy schools across West Virginia, worked unceasingly with FFA members, and the dairy farm became a model for West Virginia dairy farmers to observe.

Taylor was manager of the West Virginia Artificial Breeders Cooperative after leaving WVU in 1964. In this position, he worked closely with individual dairymen, using his influence to help them become more expert dairymen. The respect that he had from local farmers enabled him to implement a successful artificial insemination program until he left the cooperative in 1969.

In 1970, Taylor joined the Southern States stores in Clarksburg and Buckhannon and was also Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia Holstein Association. During this time, he assisted the association in development of a strong youth program for 4-H members and FFA members.

Taylor is a member of the West Virginia Farm Bureau Beef Board and the West Virginia Bull Test Committee. His registered Angus herd at West Stonecoal Farm near Horner, West Virginia, is currently recognized as one of the top herds in the State.