

Donald G. Wood

Don Wood, of Beverly, W.Va., has maintained a life-long dedication to the advancement of agriculture and youth development.

He grew up on farms in Hardy and Randolph Counties and has been a long-time farmer and community leader in Randolph County.

In the early 1940s, Mr. Wood enrolled at West Virginia University (WVU) studying agriculture but left to join the Army during World War II. After the war, he returned to Beverly and established himself as a dairy farmer and agricultural pioneer. He helped form the Producers Co-op Farm Fresh Dairy of Elkins to help develop markets for the products of dairy farmers in the area. Mr. Wood's career included 22 years as District



Director with the USDA-ASCS (now Farm Service Agency). Here his service was noted for his timely and “down to earth” counsel in every agency endeavor.

On his farm, he produced strawberries, sweet corn, and was one of the first to introduce Murray Grey cattle to West Virginia. Mr. Wood was honored as West Virginia Strawberry King twice by the West Virginia Strawberry Festival.

Mr. Wood served as a leader in many farm and community organizations including serving as President of the Randolph County Farm Bureau, a Director of the West Virginia Farm Bureau and serving on the Randolph County Commission.

Mr. Wood has received many accolades throughout his career including the ASCS Outstanding Performance Award, Randolph County Conservation Farmer and Leonard Jarrett Award.