

Walter W. Armentrout



Walter Wardlaw Armentrout was a teacher, researcher, and administrator in the College of Agriculture and Forestry, West Virginia University, for 40 years. For 24 years (1936-1960), he was chairman of the Department of Farm Economics (later Department of Agriculture Economics and Rural Sociology).

Dr. Armentrout was the author of many research studies at the West Virginia University Agricultural Experiment Station, including adjusting production to meet home market demands, the efficiency of livestock shipping associations, property tax assessment, rural development problems, the effects of price and income programs, and marketing tobacco.

During World War II, Dr. Armentrout served the Office of Price Administration in West Virginia and as director of the Monongalia County Area Rent Control Office. He later served in England as a member of the United Nations Relief Administration to make plans for the relief of Europe following the German occupation.

He was awarded the Gamma Sigma Delta Senior Faculty Member Certificate of Merit in 1961 and was named the West Virginia University Chapter Nominee for the National Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture. Following his death, his former students, his colleagues, and his family established a memorial library in the Department of Agriculture Economics and Sociology at West Virginia University known as the Armentrout Study.