

George E. Toben



George Elit Toben was born in Melvin, Illinois, where he grew to manhood on a 240-acre farm devoted to grain production. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois and completed doctoral classwork at the University of Minnesota. In 1939, he became an instructor in Agricultural Economics at the University of Minnesota and in 1946 he moved to West Virginia University as an Associative Professor and later Professor of Agricultural Economics. In 1965, the students selected Professor Toben as one of five outstanding teachers in the college and in 1971, 1972, and 1973, he was again selected as Outstanding Teacher at West Virginia University. He taught farm Management classes and served as a specialist in farm records, business analysis, farm planning, and tax preparation.

Professor Toben has authored or coauthored numerous publications dealing with the use and management of farm resources and was one of the pioneers on electronic farm accounting. During 1981-1982, he was a visiting professor at Texas A & M University.

In recognition of his dedicated services to agriculture, Professor Toben was selected as Honorary State Farmer by the FFA, in 1966; was awarded the Distinguished Service Plaque by the National FFA in 1966; received the Honorary Award and Pin given by the Block and Bridle Club in 1976; and was made Fellow in the Soil Conservation Society of America in 1972. He received the Gamma Sigma Delta, national agriculture honorary, senior faculty member Certificate of Merit in 1975.

Professor Toben is a member of many professional associations and honoraries and civic organizations.