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## 1978 NAEC DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

## ROBERT L. CHRISTENSEN



*For energetic and effective education and problem solving in Northeast agriculture and leadership in its supporting institutions.*

Dr. Robert Christensen has worked effectively and with enthusiasm in all areas of his professional life — classroom teaching, extension teaching, research, support of professional organizations, and campus and community service.

He received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education from Michigan State University in 1958, his M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Delaware in 1960, and his Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University in 1967.

He has taught two to three classroom courses per year. His students consistently evaluate him as an effective and demanding teacher. He expects, and receives, more effort from students than do most professors.

His extension and research efforts are mutually supportive and effectively integrated. His written and oral analyses and recommendations evoke numerous enthusiastic letters of genuine appreciation. Much of his work has resulted in practical applications by farmers and governmental officials.

He has provided strong leadership to the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council in two important capacities. He served as president in its first year of expansion from a new England to a Northeastern Council, 1971-72, and he was the founding editor of the Journal of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council from 1972 to 1974. In both these positions, he established firm foundations which have enabled the Council and the Journal to prosper. He has also been active on a number of Regional Committees.

On the national level, he is Chairman of the Extension Affairs Committee and was a member of the Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award Selection Committee of AAEA. He was Senior Research Fellow in the Canadian Department of Agriculture and a Visiting Professor at the University of Nevada.

Campus and community service includes Acting Department Head in New Hampshire, Chairman of Massachusetts Task Force on Agricultural Land Applications of Sewage Sludge, and Chairman of the College Educational Policies Committee, and membership in numerous campus governance groups including the Faculty Senate, the bargaining committee of the faculty union, and the College Grievance Committee. He has been a member of his town planning Board and Permanent Building Committee.

Bob has been productive and effective in his work. Northeast agriculture and its supporting institutions have benefited from his presence.

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