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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

SILAS B. WEEKS

Professor of Agricultural Economics
University of New Hampshire
Durham, New Hampshire

Silas B. Weeks has had a long and distinguished career of service to the University of New Hampshire, to Northeastern agriculture and to the agricultural economics profession. He received his B.S. at Cornell University in 1937.

Silas joined the Council in the late 1940's while he was a member of the RAE stationed at the University of Connecticut. In 1954, Silas moved to the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of New Hampshire.

Professionally, Silas enjoyed many productive years. He is renowned for his creativity which often put him into provocative positions,

being 5-10 years ahead of conventional knowledge. Si was an instigator of many economic/teaching publications in the area of farm management.

In keeping with his inquisitive and probing intellect, Si moved from farm management applying economics to community development and resource use. His innovative skills were remarkable; and he was the bane of the conformist administrator.

It is with great pleasure that the Council bestows upon Silas B. Weeks an Honorary Life Membership. He is a joy to know. His wit and wisdom are appreciated by all.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD
NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

STANLEY K. SEAVER

Professor of Agricultural Economics
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Stanley K. Seaver has had a long and distinguished career of service to the University of Connecticut, to U.S. and Northeastern agriculture, and to the agricultural economics profession. His service spans teaching, research, and extension activities.

One of the most popular teachers at Connecticut, Stan is best known for his personal interest in the welfare of graduate students and his unstinting devotion of time to their education both within and outside the classroom. His advice and counsel have included not only subject matter material, but have extended to career counseling and personal situations as well. In all his teaching efforts, he has been able to stimulate students to strive to meet the most rigorous standards, and has maintained an impartial but warm posture of fairness in dealing with students.

A prolific author, Stan's publication credits include contributions to five books and monographs, nine journal articles, ten articles in conference proceedings, sixteen station bulletins, five technical reports and numerous extension bulletins and miscellaneous popular publications. His research has consistently been distinguished by its combination of sophisticated analytical techniques and identification of significant real world problems.

Stan Seaver's research interests in recent years have centered on the transportation of grain and other agricultural inputs. This is a subject which is crucial to the future of animal

agriculture in the northeast, and Stan was among the first to recognize its importance. The region has been hampered by discriminatory freight rates which have weakened the competitive position of northeastern farmers vis-a-vis other regions, and the competitive disadvantage has been increasing during recent years. Stan recognized the problem during the early 1970's, and started a program of research designed to investigate alternative transportation and storage systems. The research program was exhaustive in scope, starting with an analysis of the feasibility of developing and utilizing unit trains and proceeding to investigations of alternative transport modes such as water, truck, and combination rail-water modes, and to provision of adequate storage facilities.

Stan's research bore major benefits in 1979 when the USDA, in response to appeals to Secretary Bergland, placed over one million bushels of emergency grain storage capacity in Franklin and Manchester, Connecticut.

For recent significant research contributions on the subject of transportation of agricultural commodities, which have already yielded significant benefits to northeastern agriculture and which promise further substantial benefits in the future, as well as for a long and distinguished career of service to the NAEC, the region, and the profession, Dr. Stanley K. Seaver is hereby awarded the Distinguished Member Award of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD
NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

IRVING F. FELLOWS

Professor of Agricultural Economics
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Irving F. Fellows was born in 1913 at Guildhall, Vermont, and educated at the University of Connecticut, where he received the B.S. and M.S. degrees, and Iowa State University, where he received the Ph.D. From 1937 to 1948, he served as agricultural economist for the northeast in the USDA's Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Division of Farm Management and Cost. He returned to the University of Connecticut as Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics in 1948 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1954, a position he continued to hold until his retirement on June 1, 1981.

Dr. Fellows' long and distinguished career has included many honors and distinctions, including being chairman of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council in 1965. His professional contributions have extended across resident teaching, research, and extension activities. For example, his introductory course, Man and His Environment I--Populations and Food, has been one of the most popular courses on the Connecticut Campus, attracting over 300 students per year, and resulting in substantial numbers of students opting to major in agricultural economics. Through the years, he has been in frequent demand as a speaker by organizations such as the Connecticut and Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federations, the Shade Tobacco Growers Agricultural Association, the Ayrshire and Holstein Breeders Associations of New Hampshire and Maine, the New England Fruit Growers Association, and other public and private groups and organizations. His research credits include over 100 publications, including contributions in four books and monographs, 22 journal articles, 33 experiment station bulle-

tins, 22 technical reports and numerous extension and miscellaneous popular publications, plus four films.

In recent years, Irv's research activities have centered on the continuing decline of acreage in farmland within Connecticut, and the identification of tools to preserve agricultural land. His work bore fruit in 1978 when the State legislature implemented a pilot program for the purchase of development rights as a tool to preserve land in agriculture, with the agreement to buy and sell the development rights being arrived at through voluntary negotiations between the state and individual farmers. The program has been widely hailed as a major breakthrough in public efforts to preserve the food production capabilities of the state, region, and nation.

Not content to rest on past laurels, Dr. Fellows currently is devoting efforts as professor emeritus to perfecting the land preservation program. Current emphasis is being placed on establishing methods for funding the program on a continuing basis, as opposed to the present system of relying on annual appropriations by the legislature. The quiet and unassuming, yet persistent and effective manner in which he approaches the problems of working with private groups and the state government augur well for the success of these efforts.

For recent significant achievements in the area of land use policy within the context of a long and distinguished career of service to the NAEC, the region, and the profession, Dr. Irving F. Fellows is hereby awarded the Distinguished Member Award of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council.