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Honorary Life Member Award

A. ROBERT KOCH

Professor of Agricultural Economics and Marketing

Rutgers University

A. Robert Koch served on the faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing at Rutgers University for 29 years. He was department head for 12 years.

After completing a B.S. at Rutgers University in 1953, Dr. Koch went to Purdue University where he earned his M.S. degree in 1955 and his Ph.D. in 1959. Returning to his native New Jersey, Bob joined the faculty at Rutgers where he has been since. Among his many interests are land and water economics, conservation, agricultural policy, and especially the teaching of agricultural economics.

As an active member of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association and its predeces-

sors, Bob has contributed in many ways. These include president in 1980–81, president-elect in 1979–80, executive committee member from 1975 to 1986, and membership on many committees. He has participated in numerous teaching symposia, been a participant in eight regional research projects, and in many regional extension conferences.

In the course of his career, Dr. Koch has served his university, state, profession, and region. This service includes as a teacher, researcher, advisor, administrator, grantsman, consultant, and innovator. His career has been marked by an unselfish devotion of time and energy to students, colleagues, the profession, and society.

Honorary Life Member Award

MARVIN W. KOTTKE

Professor of Agricultural Economics

University of Connecticut

Marvin Kottke was a member of the faculty at the University of Connecticut for almost 33 years, including 3 years as department head. A native of Minnesota, Dr. Kottke received his B.S. in 1951, his M.S. in 1952, and his Ph.D. in 1955 from the University of Minnesota.

His career at Connecticut has produced research publications in the areas of resource economics, capital growth analysis, outdoor recreation and environmental economics, and agricultural supply analysis. His teaching has concentrated in these same areas, as well as in production economics and research methods.

Dr. Kottke has been very active in the Northeastern

Agricultural and Resource Economics Association and its predecessors. In addition, he has participated in many regional research projects. His awards include the American Agricultural Economics Association award for his Ph.D. thesis, and the Western Agricultural Economics Association Published Research Award for a bulletin he co-authored entitled "Economic Growth of the Agricultural Firm." His leadership and effort were instrumental in establishing Connecticut's participation in the Farm Credit Fellows Program. Retirement has not ended Professor Kottke's career. He is continuing active research in the economics of outdoor recreation.

Honorary Life Member Award

ROBERT O. SINCLAIR

Professor of Agricultural Economics and Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

University of Vermont

Robert O. Sinclair was born and raised on a dairy farm in Johnson, VT. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1944 with a B.S. in animal husbandry. After 9 years as a county extension agent, he joined the faculty of the Agricultural Economics Department, earning a M.S. degree in 1955. After receiving a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1958, he returned to the University of Vermont as a professor, teaching courses in agricultural management, finance, and policy. He served as department chairman from 1973–79 and dean from 1980–87.

Dean Sinclair has conducted research and published extensively in the areas of agricultural policy, property

taxation, and land use. He served as chairman of Gov. Salmon's panel on Local Property Tax Administration in 1974–75 and as a member of the governor's Council of Economic Advisors.

At the University level, Bob chaired the University Senate Financial Policy Committee, 1971–75. His most recent national assignment was as chairperson of Task Force III, Project Toward 2005.

On July 1, 1987, Bob Sinclair retired from the University of Vermont. His work over the years as an agricultural economist will long serve as a standard and a guideline for agricultural economists joining the profession.

Honorary Life Member Award

FRED C. WEBSTER

Professor of Agricultural Economics

University of Vermont

Fred Webster has been on the faculty at the University of Vermont for 37 years, including 5 years as chair of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. A Vermont native, Dr. Webster earned his B.S. at the University of Vermont in 1948 and his M.S. in 1953. He then got his Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1956.

Fred Webster has served the northeastern agricultural community in many ways. He has served on the Northeast Regional Milk Marketing Committee, the Northeast Extension Marketing Committee, the Northeast Dairy Outlook Committee (Chairman 1985), the New England Milk Price Forecast Committee (Chairman), and the Interstate Milk Marketing Program Committee (Chairman).

Dr. Webster has served on numerous Northeast Re-

gional Research Committees dealing with marketing issues. Most recently, he has been the Vermont representative on NE-126 (Spatial Organization of the Northeast Dairy Industry) and NE-153 (Milk Production and Consumption in the Northeast).

Additionally, Fred has participated in numerous seminars and conferences throughout the Northeast, especially those dealing with dairy issues. In 1984 he presented a major paper at the Conference on *Agricultural Policy and the Northeast—Economic, Fiscal, and Policy Implications*. Since his retirement on July 1, 1988 Fred has remained an active professional and has continued to serve the northeastern agricultural community as a respected economist.

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