

## **Robert Taylor (1935 - )**

In his fifty years with the Agricultural Economics Department, Bob Taylor became a Purdue and Indiana icon. He left his mark on thousands of families across Indiana. Professor Taylor taught over 40,000 students from 1962 to 2011. His passion and concern for students was legendary. He was not just recognized and admired by his students for his caring approach to challenging their thinking and stimulating them to learn, but also for his sincere interest in them as individuals with personal as well as professional aspirations. Through his dynamic classes and caring connections with students, he built relationships that lasted a lifetime. When students returned home to their farms or other agri-businesses, they continued to reach out to Bob Taylor for assistance.



Professor Taylor taught undergraduate macroeconomics and farm management, as well as a graduate seminar on teaching agricultural economics. As a part of his work with Purdue Professor Taylor lived in Brazil and has taught farm management in Portuguese in both Brazil and Portugal. He was the faculty advisor for a great many undergraduate students, working with them from the time they were prospective students through job placement and as a mentor on the job. His extension efforts emphasized family farm business arrangements.

Professor Taylor was recognized with multiple teaching awards by Purdue University and the Agricultural and Applied Economics profession. He received outstanding teacher awards from Purdue's School of Agriculture (1970, 1976), the Purdue Student Body (1970), Purdue University (1980), and the American Agricultural Economics Association (1970, 1980). He received the Purdue Outstanding Counselor Award in 1985, the Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana in 1991, and was named to Purdue's Book of Great Teachers in 1999. He was named a Special Boilermaker by the Purdue Alumni Association in 2001 and a Fellow of Purdue Teaching Academy (2004). He was awarded the Purdue Cooperative Extension Specialists Career Award (2004), the Panhellenic Association Outstanding Professor (2006), and the Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction (2006).