

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

PAUL L. FARRIS (1919-2013)

Paul L. Farris was a faculty member in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University from 1952 to 1990, serving as Department Head from 1973 to 1982. He was a principal graduate teacher, researcher and supervisor of graduate students in agricultural marketing, prices and policy. His publications reported on his research and addressed a variety of other topics in agricultural economics. He participated in several school and university assignments, including the University Senate and the development of a strategic plan for Indiana agriculture.

Professor Farris also served with the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1962, the National Commission on Food Marketing in 1965-66, and part-time with the Cooperative State Research Service, USDA, beginning in 1984. For several years he was a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Editorial Board of the Review of Futures Markets. He was an early member of the AAEA Foundation Governing Board and Governing Board President in 1987-88. He was elected a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1988.

He was raised on an Indiana farm near Vincennes. Following military service during World War II, he earned the B.S.A. from Purdue in 1949, M.S. from the University of Illinois in 1950, and Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1954. He and his wife Rachel are the parents of Nancy, Paul, John and Carl.

