Russell "Pete" Clark

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Mr. Clark co-operates Clark and Clark, a family farming business in southeast-ern Clinton County that consists of 1,200 acres of corn and soybeans. The farm also contains a 200-sow farrow-to-finish operation, which clearly has been Mr. Clark’s passion during the entirety of his career.

Upon graduation from Purdue, Mr. Clark embarked on a two-year service with the United States Navy. Returning to Clinton County in 1960, he joined forces with his father and brother to create Clark and Clark. As an exemplary model of farm management, the Clark and Clark farm was highlighted in the State Management Tour in the early 1970s. Prairie Farmer Magazine named Mr. Clark a Master Farmer in 1984.

Mr. Clark has served on numerous advisory committees, including the National Pork Producer Pseudorabies Eradication Coordinating Committee. As a member of the Swine Advisory Committee to the Indiana Board of Animal Health, Mr. Clark is working to elevate the standards of swine health regulations in Indiana. Mr. Clark helped establish the Clinton County Pork Producers Organization, and served as its first president in 1965. He also was named president of the Indiana Pork Producers Association in 1984.

Never forgetting his alma mater, Mr. Clark often returns to Purdue to speak to future pork producers and industry leaders, and is a member of the Purdue Legislative Awareness Network (PLAN). As a mentor and advisor to other pork producers, Mr. Clark is ensuring the future success and quality of the pork industry in Indiana.

Community development also has been a top concern for Mr. Clark. He was instrumental in establishing zoning in Clinton County, and served for 12 years on the Clinton County Area Plan Commission. He is a member of Clinton County's economic development board, Partners in Progress, and is an advisor to NBD Community Bank of Frankfort.

For contributions to his profession and community, and for bringing distinction to his alma mater, Purdue University School of Agriculture is proud to present the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Mr. Russell "Pete" Clark.