

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

Gerald Harrison



Dr. Gerald "Gerry" Harrison joined the department in 1971. Gerry held both a Ph.D. and a Juris Doctorate degree making him one of the few who was highly trained in both farm management and legal issues.

Gerry conducted Extension programs and authored or co-authored numerous articles, papers, and publications for over 44 years while at Purdue. His career and Extension programming focused on estate planning, farm management and transfer, agricultural law and taxation.

His programs were of daily assistance to farmers, landowners, lawyers and accountants in Indiana and beyond for: farm management, estate planning, business organization and many other legal and tax topics such as farmland leasing, conservation easements, like-kind exchanges

and mineral leasing.

For many years, he presented a seminar in Indiana "Ag Law and Taxes ... with Estate and Business Transfer Planning". This seminar served not only farmers and landowners but also with continuing education credits for Indiana lawyers, accountants, insurance producers and certified financial planners.

He co-initiated the Purdue Farm Management Report, now the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report (PAER), for which he served as editor, contributed articles and helped make it among the most widely distributed publications from the department.

Gerry received many awards and honors including the Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Farm Management Association, and Best Publication from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Gerry developed the AGEC 455 "Ag Law Besides the Ag Law" and a "Federal Income Tax Law" course both of which he taught for more than 13 years. He also taught the "Estate Planning" course to undergraduates at Purdue.