Roger W. Hadley II

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Roger Hadley has distinguished himself as an unselfish leader in agricultural endeavors throughout his career. In high school and college he was involved in student activities supportive of his agricultural interests and began his farming activities while still a student. His FFA activities were outstanding and recognized by the American Farmer Degree in 1973. He continues his interest in the organization and supports FFA by service on local and state boards and assistance in national contests.

Roger worked for Maumee Valley Seeds, Inc. for 12 years and shifted to farming full time in 1987. Currently, he operates 800 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat in Allen County, Indiana. He was designated "Indiana Prairie Farmer Master Farmer" in 2005.



Roger is outstanding in his contribution to state and national organizations that promote agriculture. With a smiling countenance and an easy going, friendly personality he has been and continues to be an effective leader in these organizations. His contributions to Purdue University are numerous and varied. He has been a devoted and energetic contributor to Ag Alumni activities and a valuable member of the Dean's Advisory Council. He has served the Indiana Soybean Growers Association and American Soybean Association (ASA) in a host of capacities. He has been especially effective in his role as recruiter and membership chairperson, for which he was recognized by the ASA with its Lifetime Achievement Award in March 2007. He has also been on the National Board of Directors, and a Vice President of ASA.

Former President of Indiana Soybean Growers Association and now Vice President of the Indiana Soybean Alliance, Lynn Teel made these comments "Roger was one of the pioneers in the adoption of soy biodiesel - mixing his own biodiesel fuel more than 10 years ago - long before most other farmers were aware of this concept. He has also been a tireless champion for initiatives - such as soybean research and free trade - that are critical to building and maintaining a robust American soybean industry."

Roger is clearly recognized as a community, state and national leader by his election and appointment to positions and boards that are important to agriculture. For example, in addition to those already mentioned, he was appointed to the Indiana Grain Indemnity Board, the Farm Credit Services Advisory Board, the County 4-H Board and the Allen County Cooperative Credit Union Board and elected to several other—advisory or supervisory boards. Through his American Soybean Association activities and advisory roles to two U.S Representatives he has been an influence for sound agricultural policy. He is clearly outstanding in his leadership in agriculture in Indiana and beyond.

While a successful farmer and leader in agriculture, he and his wife Vicki have provided a nurturing and caring environment for their children, Darin and Tanya, who are both outstanding graduates of the Purdue College of Agriculture.