

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

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Michael “Mike” Boehlje was a distinguished professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Center for Food and Agricultural Business at Purdue University. He previously held faculty and administrative positions at Iowa State University, University of Minnesota and Oklahoma State University. Mike has devoted his career to helping farm and agribusiness managers and policymakers understand the pragmatic economic and financial consequences of their decisions.

The fundamental focus of his work has been to integrate concepts of economics, finance and strategy to solve problems of farm and agribusiness managers. A major theme of Mike’s research, writing and lecturing for the past 10 years has been the importance of strategic planning and thinking, and positioning the firm for long-term viability and success. His work has attempted to extend and apply modern management concepts of systems analysis, process control, transactions cost, strategic positioning, real options and supply/value chain management to the food production, processing and distribution system.

Mike is the author or co-author of four books, nearly 300 articles, bulletins and book chapters, and more than 400 other publications. He is also a senior associate of Centrec Consulting. He is a fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association and the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association. Mike was awarded both the Hovde Award and the Morrill Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Land Grant Mission at Purdue University.

Mike first came to the agricultural economics department at Purdue as a visiting professor on sabbatical in 1991. He would join the department as a faculty member and full professor in November of 1992. Dr. Boehlje earned his B.S. in agricultural economics from Iowa State University in 1965, and both his M.S. and Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1968 and 1971.