

2007 Recipient of the Dairy Science Hall of Service Award

MR. THOMAS E. NOYES



Pictured: Dr. Bobby Moser (Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences), Mr. Tom Noyes, Mrs. Rosalie Noyes (wife), and Dr. Jim Kinder (Chair, Animal Sciences).

Tom Noyes grew up on a small farm in Johnston, Rhode Island and was a 10-year member of 4-H and Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Life Scout. He spent his high school and college years working on family dairy farms and spent some time working at a wholesale produce market.

He graduated in 1967 with a B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Rhode Island, with a major in Animal Science and a minor in crops and agronomy. In 1974, he completed a M.S. in Agriculture from the University of Massachusetts with a major in Animal Science (dairy nutrition) and a minor in Agronomy.

His first position was with the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service in Berkshire County, Massachusetts as an Extension 4-H Youth Agent (1967 to 1974). He had the responsibility of 4-H youth programs in Berkshire County and in conducting regional dairy programs for the 4-H youth. He coached the state dairy judging team, winning the national contest in 1972, and he assisted with the writing of the 4-H Dairy Project Material that was in use in Massachusetts.

From July, 1974 to October, 2005, he was the Extension Dairy Agent for Ohio State University Extension in Wayne County. As an Extension agent, he was responsible for planning, conducting, and teaching dairy Extension programs in Wayne County and northeast Ohio. He was a member of the OSU State Extension Dairy Team, Northeast Ohio Dairy Excel Team, OSU Extension Forage team, and the OSU Extension Sustainable Agriculture Team. He has conducted field research in dairy nutrition, forage production, and farm financial management. He wrote bi-weekly news columns for the Wooster Daily Record Newspaper, monthly columns for the Dairy

Excel program, grazing articles for Farm and Dairy, and various articles for the OSU dairy newsletter known as the Buckeye Dairy News.

He has been involved in many professional organizations, including Ohio Extension Agents Association and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, having received the Distinguished Service Award from both organizations; American Dairy Science Association; National Mastitis Council (served on Education Committee); Ohio Forage and Grassland Council (received Distinguished Service Award); American Forage and Grassland Council; American Jersey Cattle Association; Ohio Jersey Breeders Association (received Pioneer Service Award); and National Ayrshire and Ohio Ayrshire Breeders Associations. He served on the Planning Committee for the Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference for 3 years.

Tom is currently retired from The Ohio State University Extension, and he owns and operates, along with his wife (Rosalie), daughter (Cheryl King), and son-in-law (Russell King), a 100-cow dairy farm that utilizes management intensive grazing. The dairy has been operating at 9959 Canaan Center Road, Creston, OH since 1983. He enjoys vegetable and flower gardening and playing golf, including assisting the local Boy Scout troop as advisor to gardening and golf merit badges. He is a member of the Wooster- Madisonburg Evening Lions (Past President), and he does some consulting on dairy management and teaching Extension dairy programs upon request, including teaching milking management schools and milking system trouble shooting for Amish dairy producers.

Throughout his life, Tom has exemplified a passion for the dairy industry. From his professional role as an educator to managing a family dairy operation, he has taken hold of the advancements in agriculture. He has shared his knowledge, skills, and leadership with many organizations connected with the dairy industry. The recognition provided as a recipient of the Dairy Hall of Service Award is most fitting for his life of service to the Ohio dairy industry.