

David L. Miers

B.S., Agricultural Economics, 1970
President, Miers Farm Corporation

David L. Miers, an innovative Indiana farmer, has provided leadership to his community, Indiana agriculture, and Purdue University.

He received a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue in 1970. After completing military service, he returned to Decatur County to become the fifth generation to operate the 1,800 acre family farm near Greensburg. Besides corn and soybeans, the farm specializes in seed corn production and custom harvesting for Pioneer Seeds.

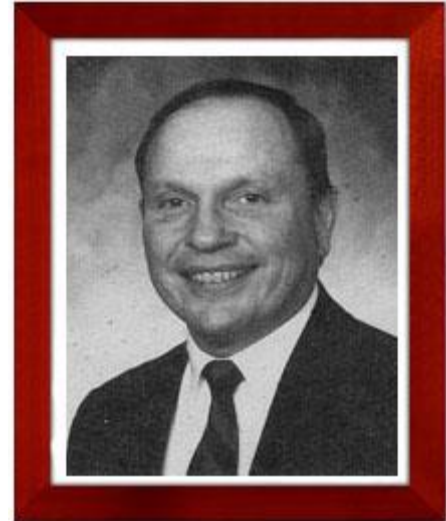
Along with keeping meticulous financial and production records, Mr. Miers keeps up with the latest in agricultural technology. He has spent the last 25 years improving the drainage on his farm, including the installation of plastic tile, surface drainage, dry dams, rock chutes, and land leveling. He utilizes a system of grid soil sampling by soil type to determine proper amounts of fertilizer and lime, and uses variable rate technology to apply them. Crop yield mapping and global positioning are used to identify weak yield areas. His dedication to conservation and wildlife habitat shows in his large plantation of walnut trees and the commitment of more than 120 acres of the farm to the Conservation Reserve Program. Many international agriculture groups have visited the farm to discuss his agricultural production practices.

When he's not farming, Mr. Miers works hard for the betterment of his community. He is currently President of the Decatur County Family YMCA Board of Directors, and recently helped lead a \$4 million building fund campaign for a new facility.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the Union Bank & Trust of Greensburg, and is on the Board of Directors of the Decatur County Community Foundation. He is also a founder of the annual Decatur County Purdue Ag Alumni Steak Fry and Golf Outing that raises scholarship funds that provide some financial support to Decatur County sophomores in the School of Agriculture at Purdue.

Mr. Miers has also provided agricultural leadership on a state level. He was Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture under Governor Evan Bayh, and served as Chairman of the Indiana State Fair Commission. In 1997, he hosted the Indiana Farm Management Tour, and he often assists with Extension programs.

Mr. Miers has given generously of his time and counsel to Purdue University. He served on the research committee when Dr. Robert Thompson was hired as Dean of Agriculture, has been active on the Agricultural Alumni Association Board, where he served as President, and was an



area director for the Southeast Indiana Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association. He also served as President on the Indiana Farm management Board of Directors.

For his farm management skills, and for his service and leadership to his community, Indiana agriculture and Purdue University, the School of Agriculture is proud to present the Distinguished Agricultural Alumnus Award to David L. Miers.

1970 B.S., Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

1972 Miers Farm Corporation, President

1970-72 United States Army, First Lieutenant

Honors and Associations

Union Bank and Trust Company, Board of Directors

Decatur County Family YMCA, Board of Directors

Greensburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors

Decatur County Agriculture Hall of Fame

Sagamore of the Wabash

Indiana Agricultural Leadership Development Program

Purdue University Alumni Association, Board of Directors

Purdue University Agricultural Alumni Association, Board of Directors

Indiana Farm Management Association, Board of Directors

Decatur County Cooperative Extension Board

Indiana Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture

Indiana State Fair Commission, Chairman

“ The most rewarding part of my career is making our own farm operation more productive and efficient. Using resources available to me through Purdue, the Extension Service, and the School of Agriculture has enabled me to reach these goals.”