

Paul Nesselroad



Paul E. Nesselroad was born February 19, 1924 in Sedan, Kansas. In 1938, his family moved to Ravenswood, West Virginia where he became active in FFA and by extension agriculture. In 1941, Nesselroad enrolled at WVU to study Agricultural Education. After enlisting in the U.S. Army, he returned to WVU in the fall of 1945 and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture two years later. After his graduation in 1947, he married Joanna Strosnider and they moved to Romney, WV where he taught Vocational Agriculture. He is credited with the revival of the FFA and Vocational program. Nesselroad resigned from his teaching position in 1950 to begin graduate study in Ag Economics at WVU. After finishing his coursework, he was appointed a Research Assistant in Farm Management at WVU. He served in this capacity until 1960, and then pursued further graduate work in Agricultural Economics and Farm Management at Penn State University. Nesselroad returned to WVU in 1963 as an Assistant Professor in Farm Management. As a professor he was a pioneer in the introduction of the computer into agricultural economics classrooms at WVU. In 1971 he was promoted to Associate Professor, in '76 to Professor of Agricultural Economics, and from 1983 until in 1989 he served as the Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics.