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EARL LAUER BUTZ  
Biographical Data

Earl Lauer Butz has been Dean of Continuing Education at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana and Vice President of the University's Research Foundation since 1968. He was Dean of the School of Agriculture at Purdue from 1957 - 1968. From 1954 - 1957, Butz served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for marketing and foreign agriculture at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C.

Butz joined Purdue University in 1937 as an instructor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He became head of the Department in 1946 and continued in that position until his appointment as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

During a leave of absence from Purdue from 1943 - 1945, Butz served as a research economist for the Brookings Institution and then as a member of the research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is the author of a book, "The Production Credit System for Farmers", published in 1944.

Born in Albion, Indiana on July 3, 1909, Butz earned a B.S.A. degree at Purdue University in 1932. He received his Ph. D. in 1937 from Purdue. From 1933 - 1934 he farmed in Noble County, Indiana, and upon the completion of his graduate work in 1937 served a year as a research economist with the Federal Land Bank in Louisville, Kentucky.

A past director of the Farm Foundation (1960-70), Butz has also served as Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Food and Agriculture Organization (U.N.) in Rome first in 1955 and again in 1957. He is a director of the Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C., a member of American Farm Economics Association, the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and the International Conference of Agricultural Economists.

Butz and his wife, the former Mary Emma Powell, have two sons. They reside in Lafayette, Indiana.

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