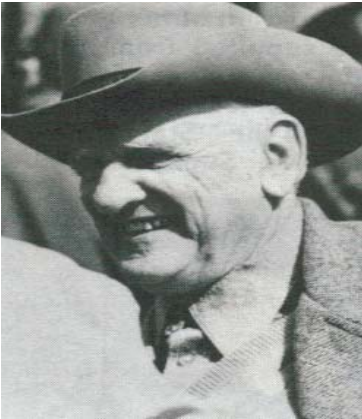


# George Benjamin Halterman



George B. “Biggy” Halterman, a native of Petersburg, West Virginia, and a partner with Charles Halterman in Meadows Farms, whose 5,600 acres with 1,000-plus cattle and nearly 100 ewes made it one of Appalachia’s largest farms, was a lifelong farmer and a leader in livestock, crop, and grassland production. He was a leader in moving towards extended grazing and grassland management and an innovator in testing new methods of production and crop varieties.

Mr. Halterman was voted West Virginia Conservation Farmer of the Year (1979), FFA Established Farmer (1979), and West Virginia Outstanding Purebred Beef Producer. He authored “Green Pastures,” a booklet on grassland management, printed and distributed by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service; he received dozens of local and regional awards; and he was featured in a number of magazine articles on grassland management and livestock. He was chairperson of the Grant County Extension Committee, a joint owner and vice-president of Halterman’s Hardware, a member of the West Virginia Bull Performance Testing Station Committee, a member of the West Virginia Angus Association, a member of the West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association, and many other agricultural and service organizations.

Mr. Halterman was a very successful farmer who was widely acknowledged as the “E.F. Hutton” of West Virginia agriculture. In other words, when he spoke, everyone listened—not only in West Virginia but in neighboring states as well. He was always in demand as a speaker due to his ability to evaluate, understand, and apply newly emerging technology to practical farm situations. This unique ability allowed him to make tremendous production accomplishments with his farming operation. This, in turn, engendered respect among various member of the agriculture community—from farmer to scientist to educator to banker.