

Cooperative Extension Centennial Celebration

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As Cooperative Extension marks 100 years of working for Wisconsin, we'll look at one long-time UW-Extension agent who contributed to Grant County in the late 20th century. The following was contributed by Bette Steinbrenner, Lancaster. Her husband, Allen, became Grant County's Dairy and Livestock Agent in 1967.

"Allen D. Steinbrenner, University of Wisconsin - Extension Dairy and Livestock Agent in Grant County received a 1983 Distinguished Service Award at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents' Annual Meeting, October 9-13, Wichita, Kansas. Al's citation read as follows:

Al Steinbrenner is honored for leadership and program excellence in dairy and livestock marketing, management, performance testing and youth. The Award recognizes the successful partnership between research scholars, Extension Specialists and a county based agent who brought U.S.D.A. and University resources to Grant County residents. Grant, the nation's 84th ranking county by value of agricultural products sold, is now in the country's prestigious top 100 counties and ranks 35 positions higher than last census."

A graduate of UW-Platteville (B.S.) and UW-Madison (M.S.), Associate Professor Steinbrenner has served on the UW-Extension faculty in Grant County since 1966. A veteran of 28 years Federal Service he previously served as 4-H Agent in Walworth and Richland Counties.

Active in numerous professional and community organizations he has served as director and Vice President of the UW-Platteville Agricultural Alumni Association and on committees of the Wisconsin and National Association of County Agricultural Agents. He has served as Administrative Board Chairman of his church and is past President of the Grant County Chapter of

University Wisconsin –Madison Alumni Club. He is recipient of swine and dairy leadership awards from the Grant County Pork Producers Association and the Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

Al and his wife, the former Bette O'Connor, Viroqua, are the parents of two daughters Mrs. Suzanne Hurd, Redmond, WA and Anne Steinbrenner a sophomore at Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

Al was one of three from Wisconsin to be honored at Wichita - the other two were Gerald Bretl, St. Croix, Agricultural Agent and Hubert Hafs, Outagamie, Farm Management Agent.”

Al retired October 3, 1987 with 21 years of service to Grant County.