

Dr. Dale R. Hicks Receives 1991 Robert E. Wagner Award for Efficient Agriculture

DR. DALE R. HICKS, Professor and Extension Agronomist at the University of Minnesota, was named recipient of the Robert E. Wagner Award for Efficient Agriculture, presented at the 1991 American Society of Agronomy (ASA) annual meetings in Denver.

The award, supported by the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI) and administered by ASA, recognizes the importance of an efficient and competitive agriculture. It is named for the retired president of PPI, Dr. Robert E. Wagner.

Dr. Hicks is responsible for research and Extension educational programs on corn and soybeans in Minnesota. His programs relate to current crop production issues, emphasize the economic optimum for production inputs, and focus on the interdisciplinary approach to problem solving. His work has substantially increased profitability and production efficiency for corn and soybean producers.

Dr. Hicks earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1968. ■

In Memory of Dr. Niven D. Morgan, Sr.

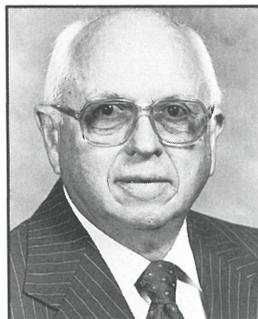
DR. NIVEN D. MORGAN, SR., passed away July 15, 1991, in Shreveport, LA, following a brief illness at the age of 83. Dr. Morgan is survived by his wife, Jeanette Pearce Morgan, and three sons: Niven Morgan, Jr., Shreveport; Edgar Morgan, Shreveport; and Douglas P. Morgan, Pineville, LA. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dr. Morgan was an agronomist with the American Potash Institute (forerunner of the Potash & Phosphate Institute) for over 30 years. Born in Shongaloo, LA, he graduated from the University of Arkansas and received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University.

Nationally recognized for his work in agronomy, Dr. Morgan was a past president of the Louisiana Plant Food Education Society and the Texas Plant Food Society. He served as chairman, president, and director of numerous other boards and committees. He authored many articles and papers during his career.

Dr. Morgan was honored with several awards during his lifetime of work in agriculture, including the Distinguished Grasslander Award of the American Forage and Grassland Council, Certificate of Appreciation from Louisiana State University, and Outstanding Service to Arkansas Agriculture Award.

After retiring from the Institute in 1972, Dr. Morgan continued to operate a large forage-beef cattle farm in Louisiana and was untiring in his efforts to encourage improved management of forages and other crops. ■



Dr. N.D. Morgan, Sr.

IN 1973, I assumed the responsibilities of Southwest Director for the Institute. Niven Morgan had worked the territory since 1940, the year of my birth. During my 13-plus years in the Southwest, I never did "fill" Niven's shoes, but learned to follow his tracks because they usually led to where the action was in agriculture. Niven was an innovator in crop fertilization and management . . . ahead of his time in most cases. His legacy will long endure. Jeanette, Niven Doyle, Eddie, Doug . . . the entire Morgan family . . . will miss him. So will I.

—B.C. Darst
Vice President, PPI