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Dr. W.R. Thompson, Jr. Retires as PPI Midsouth Director

DR. W.R. (BOB) THOMPSON, JR. of Starkville, MS, is retiring effective November 1 from his position as Midsouth Director for PPI. The announce-

ment came from Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI.

"Bob Thompson has devoted his professional life to service—service to the field of agronomy, to the fertilizer industry, to the farmers of the South, and to all of agriculture," Dr. Dibb stated.

As Midsouth Director, Dr. Thompson coordinated research and education programs for PPI in several states in the Southern U.S. Since joining the PPI staff in 1967, he has conducted numerous fertilizer dealer schools, workshops and training sessions throughout the South. Dr. Thompson has maintained a close professional relationship with researchers, Extension and agribusiness and has been a leader in

several programs. He has served as Vice President of the Foundation for Agronomic Research (FAR) since 1990.

A native of Indianola, MS, Dr. Thompson earned his B.S. degree in agronomy, then later completed the M.S. and received his Ph.D. in 1966 from Mississippi State University. He served a two-year tour as a Lieutenant of Artillery with the U.S. Army during 1955-57 in Germany. On his return, he worked as an assistant county agent in Mississippi. From 1960 to 1967, he was Assistant Professor at Mississippi State.

Dr. Thompson has emphasized greater understanding of potassium nutrition for cotton in recent years. He was instrumental in developing the annual Southern Extension-Industry Agronomists Workshop and has worked closely with forage crop groups in several states. He received the Merit Certificate from the American Forage and Grassland Council and he is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy ■

PPI Announces Dr. C.S. Snyder as Director for Midsouth U.S.

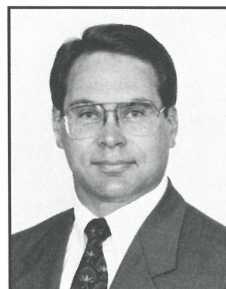
DR. CLIFFORD S. SNYDER is joining the staff of PPI as Midsouth U.S. Director, beginning October 1, 1995.

"Dr. Snyder has achieved an outstanding reputation for his involvement in soil fertility research and extension and PPI welcomes him to our organization," said Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI.

In 1978, Dr. Snyder received his B.S. in soil science from the University of Arkansas and completed his M.S. in 1980 in soil fertility. He studied and conducted research in soil microbiology/fertility at North Carolina State University and in 1983 completed the requirements for his Ph.D. Dr. Snyder has worked with

the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service as a soils specialist since the completion of his Ph.D. Over the past 11 years, Dr. Snyder has been extensively involved with applied crop production research and the preparation of fertilizer recommendations for Arkansas farmers.

In his new responsibility, Dr. Snyder will direct PPI programs in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee and eastern Texas. ■



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