



Harold E. Ford - 2012

Executive vice president of the Southeastern Poultry & Egg Association for 33 years; served on many government and industry advisory boards and committees.

Poultry Hall of Fame, 1995.



JAMES T. HUDSON - 2006

James T. “Red” Hudson followed a path to success that lead from a Checkerboard Feed Store in Florida to being the founder of a \$750 million food company. A son of the South, “Red” Hudson was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and raised in Tyner, Tennessee. He spent 26 years with Ralston-Purina before buying part of that company’s broiler business and in 1972, starting Hudson Foods in Rogers, Arkansas. Hudson Foods grew to include 14 main processing facilities in 10 states and employ about 8,300 people. Hudson stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange Dec. 12, 1989, a significant milestone in the company’s impressive growth. Hudson Foods became the nation’s seventh-largest producer of chicken products. And in spite of its great growth, the company retained its “family” spirit. Mr. Hudson’s industry honors include chairman of the board of the National Broiler Council in 1982-1984 and past president of Arkansas Poultry Federation.

Poultry Hall of Fame, 1995.



A. W. NORDSKOG 1913 - 2000

Outstanding teacher and researcher of poultry genetics at Iowa State University; used population genetics and index selection to improve production; related blood type to histocompatibility

Poultry Hall of Fame, 1995.



FRANKLIN PARSONS PERDUE 1920 - 2005

Franklin Perdue was born on the Delmarva Peninsula. Frank attended college for two years and then joined the family poultry business in 1939. Beginning with just three employees, including Frank and his father, the business grew and evolved from selling table eggs to hatching and growing broilers. 1950, Frank took over the leadership of the company. 1968, Frank began marketing his own brand of chicken and developed an radio advertising campaign on New York City followed by television and other advertising gaining the Perdue name broad recognition. Frank later became Perdue's on-camera spokesperson. Perdue Farms grew into the country's third largest poultry producer with nearly 18,000 associates in Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Frank served on the board of directors of the National Broiler Council, the Delmarva Poultry Industry (DPI), established an endowment for the Perdue schools of business, and the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland. Poultry Hall of Fame, 1995.