

Georgia – 2007



Tommy Irvin

Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture

Efforts: Thirty-third Degree Mason, Shriner, Alpha Gamma Rho member, Alpha Zeta honorary member, University Chapter of Aghon member, and Trustee of Truett-McConnell College.

Honors: Progressive Farmer Magazine Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture; National Award for Agricultural Excellence; Friend of 4-H Award; Friend of the County Agent Award; National FFA Honorary American Farmer Degree and Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association "Workhorse of the Year" Award. Inducted into Georgia Agrirama Hall of Fame and the Vidalia Onion Hall of Fame. Received the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Service Award. Named "Democrat of the Year" and recipient of the Richard B. Russell Public Service Award.

The Honorable Tommy Irvin has been Ag Commissioner since 1969 - America's longest longest serving statewide official. He has served actively on the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees for over 20 years, as well as 4-H and college advisory committees. He is a 4-H donor who has endowed a scholarship for 4-H members and leveraged and authorized hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit 4-H. He is dean of Georgia's Constitutional Officers; Chairman of the GA Development

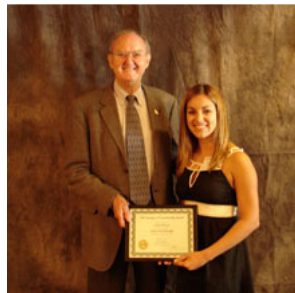
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Authority and the GA Seed Development Commission; a member of the GA State Financing and Investment Commission, the GA Agrirama Development Authority, the GA State Employee Benefits Plan Council and ex-officio member of eleven GA Agricultural Commodity Commissions.

Irvin is the only Georgian to serve as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He is past President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture and the Southern U.S. Trade Association, an organization to promote the export of Southern food and agricultural products. He served many years as a member of the NASDA/EPA Task Force, and as Chairman of the NASDA Food Safety Committee and Chairman of the NASDA Pesticide Regulation Committee. Magazines refer to him as one of the most influential people in our nation. Tommy Irvin is friend of Governors and Presidents and always finds time to visit with 4-H'ers.



Commissioner Irvin and State 4-H Officers and leaders at dedication of 4-H Clover Statue at Georgia National Fair 2006.



Commissioner Irvin presents the Irvin 4-H Scholarship at Georgia 4-H Congress 2007.



Commissioner Irvin poses with honorees at 4-H Day at the Georgia Capitol