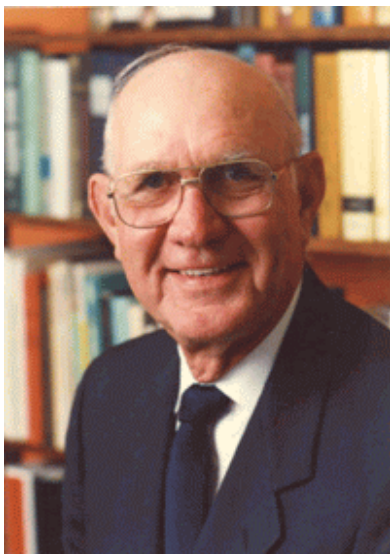


## Oklahoma 2003



### Eugene "Pete" Williams Oklahoma 4-H Program Leader & Deputy Administrator, ES-USDA

Williams started as an Oklahoma county extension agent, served as Oklahoma State 4-H Program Leader and as Deputy Administrator, ES-USDA.

#### Honors:

Outstanding County Agent, 1962; State Staff Superior Service Award, 1974; National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Distinguished Service Award, 1976; Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Achievement for Excellence Award, 1980.

Eugene "Pete" Williams provided leadership for 4-H for 32 years starting as an Oklahoma county extension agent, then as Oklahoma State 4-H Program Leader, and ending his career as Deputy Administrator, ES-USDA. He was instrumental in advancing the Oklahoma 4-H agent from an assistant agent to a professional position and initiating the Oklahoma 4-H Agents Association.

Home: Apopka, FL  
Year Inducted: 2003

Williams established the first adult volunteer training on the district and state level in Oklahoma. At USDA, he developed a strong working relationship between USDA, 4-H Council, and states, expanded 4-H into urban areas, and strengthened adult volunteer leader recognition.

"If I was to start my career again, I would follow the same path. I could not find a more rewarding career."

"The greatest impact 4-H has had on me as a 4-H member is assistance in decision making, ability to plan, organize and follow through plus the courage to stand on my feet and express myself in a meaningful manner," Pete Williams noted. "The impact as a professional is the satisfaction of working in a program that effects the lives of people in a positive manner."