

## Tennessee

Ben T. Powell  
State 4-H Leader



Hometown: Wilson Co., Tennessee  
Nominated by: Tennessee 4-H  
Year Inducted: 2002

4-H Efforts: Became Assistant county agent in Rutherford County in 1959, appointed to a 4-H specialist position in 1969 and State 4-H Leader in 1981. Volunteers as a 4-H sheep project leader and in the state 4-H office.

4-H Honors: Distinguished Service Award and an American Spirit Award from NAE4-HA; Distinguished Service award from the NACAA. Member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi and Phi Delta Kappa honorary fraternities. President of the American Hampshire Sheep Association and Secretary of the Tennessee Purebred Sheep Breeders Association and the Southern States Sheep Council.

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