

Myron D. Lacy

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Myron D. Lacy, professor emeritus of animal science, died January 26, 1982, at his winter home in Lake Park, Florida. A native of Marble, Texas, he graduated from Texas A & M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1930 and from Iowa State University with a Master of Science degree in 1931. He had a highly successful career as director of Cooperative Extension in Clinton County, Iowa, before joining the Cornell faculty in 1946 as professor of animal husbandry in charge of the Livestock and Meats Extension program. He retired from Cornell in 1971.

During his twenty-five years of service at Cornell, Professor Lacy developed one of the most outstanding programs in beef cattle extension in the country. He possessed unusual abilities as a teacher of youth and adults and as an organizer of educational programs to benefit New York's agriculture and consumers. Through his work he gained the respect and support of livestock producers, agricultural leaders, and extension workers throughout the state. Professor Lacy initiated the bull-testing program, the 500 Beef Club, and worked effectively with the New York Beef Cattleman's Association. He developed many improvements in the highly successful Beef Cattleman's Short Course, which provided high-quality instruction and practical experience in all phases of beef cattle production and management. Professor Lacy's annual short course attracted beef cattlemen from throughout the northeastern states. The short-course students so respected his leadership that they often returned to attend successive courses.

Professor Lacy was recognized by the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) in 1966, when he was awarded the National Animal Science Extension Award. In 1955 he received the Swift and Company Founder Centennial Award of the ASAS, and he was honored by the New York Beef Cattleman's Association in 1967.

In 1974 friends and associates of Professor Lacy and his coworker, John I. Miller, established the Lacy-Miller Scholarship Fund in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to provide scholarships to outstanding students in the Department of Animal Science at Cornell.

Myron Lacy was a man of outstanding personal characteristics, admired by his colleagues and coworkers and especially by agricultural producers throughout the state. He was a man of integrity, dignity, and warmth, whose enthusiasm and ability to get along well with people of all ages greatly enhanced his leadership role in agricultural extension at Cornell University. His smile and genuine interest in people and their activities were a regular part of his work.

Professor Lacy is survived by his wife, Ivyl Lacy, of Lake Park, Florida; a daughter, Myrna Rooney, of Houston, Texas; a son, Richard Lacy, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and seven grandchildren.

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