

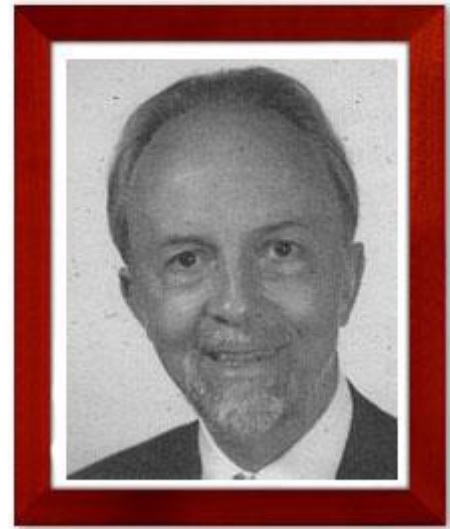
Walter J. Armbruster

B.S., Agricultural Economics, 1962, Purdue University

M.S., Agricultural Economics, 1964, Purdue University

Walter J. Armbruster's early career path included two degrees from Purdue and work with the United States Department of Agriculture. These experiences gave him an understanding of both government and university systems and the way they relate to the economics and policies of agriculture and agribusiness.

His experience with the U.S. government included service with the USDA as Staff Economist advising the administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service. Earlier, he served as an Agricultural Economist in the National Economic Analysis Division of the Economic Research Service, where he evaluated federal marketing order programs, farm bargaining, contract pricing for processing commodities, and related market regulation and monitoring activities.



Today in his work at the Farm Foundation, Dr. Armbruster uses his understanding of systems to bring people together to explore issues affecting the well-being of agriculture and rural people. His responsibilities include allocating funds to increase the impact of research and education programs, developing new areas of endeavor, and identifying emerging policy issues. He actively participates as a catalyst and stimulator of ideas in working sessions and seminars sponsored by the Farm Foundation.

He is also a prolific author, having written or served as editor on a number of marketing research, education, and policy publications. One of his major talents in this area is his ability to pull together and organize materials from diverse sources into easily understandable report form.

For his outstanding performance in the field of Agricultural Economics, the Purdue School of Agriculture is proud to present the Distinguished Agricultural Alumnus Award to Walter J. Armbruster.

1962	B.S., Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
1964	M.S., Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
1970	Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, Oregon State University
1978- present	Farm Foundation Managing Director Associate Managing Director

- 1976-78 United States Department of Agriculture Staff Economist, Agricultural Marketing Service
- 1968-76 United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Economist, Economic Research Service

Honors and Associations

American Agricultural Economics Association, Past President

American Agricultural Law Association, Past President

International Association of Agricultural Economists, Secretary/Treasurer

Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

International Food and Agribusiness Management Association

North Central Rural Development Center, Board of Directors

“ The most rewarding thing about my work is the opportunity to interact with national and international agricultural leaders in both public and private sectors. The Farm Foundation serves as a catalyst, bringing a lot of people together to talk about various topics. I meet a lot of interesting people that way.”