

NSIF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR 1979
PAUL C. McGOVERN
Indianapolis, Indiana

All of Paul McGovern's professional life has been associated with swine. He served as Hog Buyer for Ohio Producers' Marketing Association from 1953 to 1955. He served as Swine Certification Program coordinator for Hygrades Packing Company from 1955 to 1966 and Straub-Smith Packing Company from 1966-1975. From 1966 to date, Paul has operated McGovern Swine Testing Service.

While at Hygrades, Paul measured approximately 5000 certification hogs for Indiana purebred breeders in addition to other hog buying responsibilities at Hygrades. When Hygrades closed the Indianapolis plant, Paul worked out an arrangement with Straub-Smith Packing Company, Indianapolis so he could continue the certification program for Indiana purebred swine producers. During the period 1966 to 1975 he measured approximately 3000 hogs for Indiana breeders.

In 1966 Paul purchased a Sonoray unit. During 1966 and 1967 Paul made both sonoray and certification measurements on hogs evaluated at Straub-Smith Packing Company. Since 1967 Paul has operated the McGovern Swine Testing Service to evaluate age, backfat and loineye for replacement and sale boars and gilts. During this period, Paul has sonorayed approximately 100,000 head of hogs in 9 states. Individual data is compiled, plotted and measured within a four day period. Through his service he has maintained sire and herd averages and continues to run slaughter checks to maintain his sonoray accuracy. He has served as Sonoray Technician and Certification Supervisor for many Purebred Breed Conferences and has served as Sonoray Technician for Indiana Boar Test Station.

Because of his industry dedication to on-farm and central testing programs, his many years of leadership and service, and respect producers have gained over the years for his live animal evaluation, NSIF finds Paul McGovern an outstanding recipient of the 1979 Distinguished Service Award.