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**Date and place of birth** October 9, 1933; Appanoose County, Iowa

**Education** Bachelor of Science, Iowa State University, 1955  
Juris Doctor, University of Iowa, 1961  
Doctor of Philosophy, Iowa State University, 1965

## Employment experience

Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture, 1976-  
Emeritus Professor of Economics, 2005-  
Director, Center for International Agricultural Finance, 1990-2004  
Professor, Iowa State University, 1967-2004  
Associate Professor, Iowa State University, 1964-67  
Lecturer, Drake University School of Law, 1982, 2003  
Agricultural Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1958-64  
Research Associate, Agricultural Center, University of Iowa, 1958-61  
Field Editor, *Wallaces Farmer*, 1957-58  
Youth Assistant, Extension Service, Washington County, Iowa, 1955  
U.S. Army, 1955-57 (artillery officer)

## Academic or related honors

Order of the Knoll Award, Iowa State University Foundation, 2013  
Dedication of Harl Commons, Iowa State University 2013  
Service to American and World Agriculture Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, 2006  
Honorary Member, Golden Key International Honor Society at Iowa State University, 2003  
Lifetime Achievement Award, Iowa Farmers Union, 2003  
Presidential Service Award, Iowa State University, 2002  
National Association of Accountant's Speaker of the Year, 2000  
Member of Managing Risks and Profits, received the American Agricultural Economics Association's Outstanding Extension Group Award, 2000  
Iowa Master Farmer Exceptional Service Award, 2000  
Distinguished Service to Agriculture, Chicago Farmers Club, 1999  
Iowa State University's Excellence in International Agriculture Award, 1999  
Outstanding Achievement in Public Issues Education—For the program, "Iowa's Pork Industry-Dollars and Scents," National, 1998, Public Policy Education Committee, Farm Foundation  
Received the Charles A. Black Award, presented by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, for "ability to disseminate research findings to the public ...," 1997  
Named one of the "150 Iowa Staters who made indelible imprints on the state's first century and a half, in *Visions*, Iowa State University, in honor of Iowa's Sesquicentennial, Summer, 1996  
Named one of the 150 Iowans "who have made particularly significant contributions to agriculture ...," in Muhm and Wadsley, *Iowans Who Made a Difference*, Ch. 3 (1996), in honor of Iowa's sesquicentennial  
Distinguished Service to Iowa Agriculture, Iowa Chapter—American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, 1996  
Regents Award for Faculty Excellence, 1993  
Fellow, Iowa State Bar Foundation, 1991  
President's Award, Iowa State Bar Association, 1991

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Outstanding Educator, Mortar Board, 1989  
Academic Fellow, American College of Probate Counsel, 1989-96  
Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 1987  
Superior Service Award, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1987  
Henry A. Wallace Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture, Iowa State University, 1987  
Discussion Leader of the Year Award for 1986, Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants  
Fellow, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1986  
Distinguished Service Award, State of Iowa, 1986  
Distinguished Service to State Government Award, National Governors' Association, 1986  
Farm Leader of the Year, *Des Moines Register*, 1986 (first award given)  
Distinguished Achievement Citation, Iowa State University Alumni Association, 1985  
Distinguished Service Award, Iowa State University Extension, 1984  
Distinguished Service Award, American Agricultural Law Association, 1984  
Agricultural Law Excellence Award, Drake University Student Agricultural Law Association, 1984  
Distinguished Service Award, American Agricultural Editors' Association, 1984  
University Fellow, Drake University School of Law 1982-85  
Outstanding Discussion Leader Award, Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants, 1982 (top score for seminar leaders that year)  
Outstanding Discussion Leader Award, Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants, 1982 (top score for seminar leaders that year)  
Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit, Gamma Sigma Delta, Iowa State University, 1981  
Faculty Service Award, National University Extension Association, 1980  
Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, 1977  
Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture, Iowa State University, 1976  
Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1976  
Award for Excellence in Communicating Research Results, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1975  
Outstanding Teacher Award, Iowa State University, 1973  
Honorary Member of Alpha Kappa Psi (business education honorary), 1971  
Honorary Member of Lampos (science honorary), 1971  
Outstanding Extension Program Award, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1970  
Cardinal Key, men's leadership honorary at Iowa State University, 1969

### **Organizational activities (Iowa State University)**

Director, Center for International Agricultural Finance, Iowa State University, 1990-2004  
Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Library Services, 1988-89  
Chair, Committee appointed by President Gordon F. Eaton to reorganize legal services at Iowa State University, 1988  
Member, Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee, Iowa State University, 1987-89  
Chair, Allocations Review Board, appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs; the board reviewed all proposed budgetary expenditures by student government at Iowa State University, 1975-87  
Chair, Honorary Recognition Committee, College of Agriculture, 1977-82  
Member, Committee to Draft Documents for an Assembly for College of Sciences and Humanities, 1975-76  
Member of Graduate College Cabinet, 1975-76  
Chair, Graduate Student Program Review Committee for Social Sciences and Humanities, appointed by the Dean of the Graduate College, 1976-75; member, 1972-75  
Elected by faculty in the College of Sciences and Humanities to membership on Consultative Committee to Dean of Sciences and Humanities, 1976-75 (18% of time budgeted in College of Sciences and Humanities)  
President, ISU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, 1974-75  
Chair, University Committee on Tenure, appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs to study University tenure policies and make recommendations for change, 1973-74  
Faculty Advisor, Veterinary Medicine Honor Board, College of Veterinary Medicine, 1973-80  
Originator and first chair, Advisory Committee for *Seminar 70*, 1970-72 (All-University Seminar Program)

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Member, Economics Council, Department of Economics, 1968-72, Chairman, 1969-71  
Member, Iowa State University Faculty Council, 1971-74  
Chair, Committee on Faculty Development and Welfare, 1971-72  
Chair, Committee on Priority of Athletics, 1972  
Chair, Faculty Council, 1972-73  
Chair, Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility, 1973-74  
President, Iowa State University Chapter, Gamma Sigma Delta, 1970-71  
Member, University Committee on Fraternities and Sororities, 1969-70  
Board of Trustees and Member, Iowa State University Agricultural Foundation, 1969-85  
One of organizers and first chairman, University Committee on Pre-legal Education, 1968-70  
Advisor to Veishea, 1968-71  
Advisor to Alpha Zeta, 1968-70  
Member, Graduate College Committee appointed to review foreign language requirements and to make recommendations for change, 1966-67  
Advisory to Interfraternity Council Court, 1965-70

### **Organizational activities (community)**

Member, Board of Directors, Youth and Shelter Services Foundation, 1984-87  
Member, Board of Directors, Story County Legal Aid Society, 1975-76  
One of organizers, member, and member of Executive Committee, Ames Community Council on Drugs, 1970-72  
One of three incorporators, treasurer and member of Board of Directors, Black Cultural Center, Inc., 1969-71  
Board of Directors, Ames Kiwanis Club, 1969-72  
Active in church, First United Methodist Church, Ames (lay leader, 1976-78); Chair of annual fundraising, 1966; Co-chair, major three-year fundraising campaign for capital improvements, 1978  
President, Story County Bar Association, 1976-77

### **Organizational membership**

American Bar Association  
Iowa State Bar Association  
American Agricultural Economics Association  
American Agricultural Law Association  
American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel

### **State, regional and national committees and offices held**

Member, Commission on the Application of Payment Limits for Agriculture, 2002-3  
Member, Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2000-2  
Co-chair, Governor's (Iowa) Task Force on the Agricultural Situation, 1999-2000  
President, American Agricultural Economics Association Foundation, 1993-94  
Chair, Technology Assessment Advisory Council, Office of Technology Assessment, United States Congress, 1993-94  
Vice chair, Technical Assessment Advisory Council, Office of Technology Assessment, United States Congress, 1992-93  
Member, Technology Assessment Advisory Council, Office of Technology Assessment, United States Congress, 1987-95  
Member, Board of Directors, Henry A. Wallace Centennial Project, Washington, DC, 1988-89  
Member, National Agribusiness Education Commission, 1988-89  
Executive Board (Iowa), US West Communications, 1988  
Editorial Advisory Board, *Northwestern Financial Review* (finance journal) 1988-91  
Co-chair, Agricultural Law Committee, Iowa State Bar Association, 1987--88  
Member, Fellows Selection Committee, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1986-91; chair, 1990-91  
Member, World Food Conference Committee 1986-88 (appointed by Governor Terry Branstad)

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President, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1983-84  
Member, Board of Advisors and Contributors, *Journal of Agricultural Taxation and Law*, 1983-88  
Member, Board of Editors, *Journal of Agricultural Taxation and Law*, 1983-88  
Member, Economy and Efficiency Committee, Iowa State Board of Regents, 1983-84  
Member, Committee on Biotechnology, Division of Agriculture, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, 1982-85  
Member, Agricultural Law Committee, Iowa State Bar Association, 1982-90  
Member, Advisory Committee, Institute on Estate Planning, University of Miami, Miami, Florida, 1982-96  
Member, Forum Committee on Rural Lawyers and Agribusiness, Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, American Bar Association, 1981-85  
Member, USDA Farm Structure Task Force, 1980  
President, American Agricultural Law Association, 1980-81  
Chair, Steering Committee to Form the Agricultural Law Association, 1979-80  
Member, Iowa Continuing Legal Education Coordinating Council, Iowa State Bar Association, 1979-83  
Member, Committee on Continuing Legal Education, Iowa State Bar Association, 1979-85  
Member, Advisory Group, US Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1979-80  
Member, Executive Board, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1979-85  
Member, Special Committee on Policies of *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1976-78  
Member, Committee on Management, Structure, Methods and Procedures, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1977-79  
Member, Special Committee on Probate, Property and Trust Law, Iowa State Bar Association, 1977-85  
Member, Committee on Environmental Control, Iowa State Bar Association, 1975-83  
Chairman, Committee to Review the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Agricultural Economics Association, 1976  
Member, North Central Region Land Tenure Research Committee (NCR-6), 1964-70; Chairman, 1965-66  
Member, North Central Region Research Strategy Committee on Natural Resources (NCRS-2), 1970-75; Chairman, 1971-72  
Member, Committee on Reorganization of the American Farm Economics Association, 1967-68  
Consultant, Farm Income Tax, US Treasury, 1967  
Member, Committee on Agricultural Education, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, 1967-68

### Major publications

*Bankruptcy Reform and the Effects of Chapter 12 Bankruptcy for Farmers (and Fishermen)*, Agricultural Finance Review, Vo. 66, No. 1, Spring, 2006, pp. 7-16  
*Law of the Land: Fundamentals of Agricultural Law*, with Roger A. McEowen, Doane Agricultural Services Co., 2002 (299 pp.)  
*Arrogance and Power: The Saga of WOI-TV*, Heuss Publishing, 2002  
*Agricultural Law*, 15 volumes, 2011, revised twice annually, Matthew Bender Co., New York, NY, 2013  
*Farm Income Tax Manual*, Matthew Bender Co., New York, NY, 2013  
*Reporting Farm Income*, TM-608-3<sup>rd</sup>, Tax Management Portfolios, Bureau of National Affairs, 2000, rev. 2012  
*The Family-Owned Business Deduction*, TM-829-2d, Tax Management Portfolios, Bureau of National Affairs, with Roger A. McEowen, 2000  
*Agricultural Law Manual*, 2013, revised twice annually, Agricultural Law Press, Kelso, WA  
*Farm Estate and Business Planning*, 17th ed., 2013, Agricultural Law Press, Kelso, WA  
*Farmland*, with David Lins and Thomas Frey, 1982, Century Communications, Inc., Niles, IL  
*The Farm Debt Crisis of the 1980s*, 1990, Iowa State University Press, Ames, IA  
*Agricultural Law Digest*, published 24 times annually, with Robert P. Achenbach, Jr.  
Technical seminar manuals —

1. *Farm Income Tax: Annotated Materials*, 508 pages, 2013
2. *Farm Estate and Business Planning: Annotated Materials*, 622 pages, 2013

### Other

1. More than 450 publications in legal and economic journals and bulletins.
2. Approximately 850 articles in farm and financial publications.
3. Five educational films published by Deere & Co.
4. Approximately 50 radio and television appearances annually.
5. Anderson Scholar, Ohio State University, April 7-12, 1985.
6. Lectured in The People's Republic of China, May 11-25, 1985, at the invitation of the Chinese Agricultural Science Societies.
7. Presented a paper and chaired a session at Euro-American Agricultural Law Symposium, Plymouth, England, September 8-12, 1986.
8. Presented six lectures in Australia, February 16-19, 1987.
9. Member of USDA/OICD 1st working group to visit Poland, February 4-15, 1990.
10. Delegate to Moscow Conference on Law and Bilateral Economic Cooperation, Moscow, USSR, September 19-21, 1990, sponsored by American Bar Association and the Union of Soviet Lawyers.
11. Presented a paper at VASKhNIL Symposium, October 6-7, 1990, Suzdal, USSR.
12. Founded Center for International Agricultural Finance (CIAF) that conducted educational programs for individuals from Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltics. The Center has conducted Schools of Agricultural Banking, Credit and Finance, Bankruptcy, International Banking, Central Banking and Insurance and Risk Management in the U.S. since 1990 for Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Two-week schools have been conducted abroad, in Latvia (two); Estonia (two), Czechoslovakia (one), Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine (three), Albania, Lithuania, Serbia, and Russia (two). Harl has also lectured in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Venezuela. He was director of the CIAF from 1990-2004.
13. Headed 10-member team of agricultural law experts to Moscow in 1991 and presented a paper at "Problem of Developing Agricultural Legislation in the Market-Oriented Economies of the USSR and East European Countries Conference, April 15-18, 1991, Moscow, USSR.
14. Hosted an international conference at Iowa State University, "The Role of Law In An Agricultural Market Economy," April 27-29, 1992, including 16 delegates from the former Soviet Union.
15. Headed six-member task force to Czech Republic on bankruptcy at request of the Czech Republic government in February 1993. Some of the recommendations were enacted into law in June 1993.
16. Headed a second six-member task force to Czech Republic at the invitation of the Czech Republic government in September 1993.
17. Headed a six-member task force to Slovakia on bankruptcy at request of the government in September 1993.
18. Was invited to lead a team to advise President Leonid Kuchma, Ukraine, and his cabinet on economic development in October 1994. Several strong suggestions were incorporated in his address to the government less than one week later.
19. Presented a paper, "The Legal and Institutional Bases for Land Ownership, Use and Transfer in the US," Kiev, Ukraine, June 8, 1995.
20. Presented a paper, "Revitalization of Agriculture and Solutions to the Problem of Agricultural Financing," at the International Economic Conference, "Program of Radical Economic Reforms in Yugoslavia," sponsored by the G-17 Group, October 8-9, 1997, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.
21. Lectured at week-long Summer School on Political Economy, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, July 18-22, 1998, sponsored by G-17 Group.
22. Keynoted Economic Development Conference, June 15-16, 2001, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.