Dr. Frank Craig

Dr. Frank Craig, of Salisbury, Maryland, passed away on October 23, 1992. Dr. Craig was Senior Vice President of Technical Services at Perdue Farms in Salisbury until his retirement in 1987.

After receiving his B.S. degree from North Carolina State University in 1942, Dr. Craig entered the Army Air Force and flew 33 combat missions as a gunner in a B-17; he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. After returning from the service, he earned an M.S. degree from North Carolina State University in Agricultural Education and Poultry Science.

Dr. Craig went on to the University of Georgia and graduated with a D.V.M. magna cum laude in 1956. He then worked at North Carolina State, becoming a full professor before joining Perdue Farms in 1969 as their Director of Health Services. Although he retired as Senior Vice President in 1987, he continued to serve the company in a consultant capacity.

Dr. Craig was one of the first broiler company veterinarians to recognize the importance of participating in the U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA). He served as Vice Chairman of the Transmissible Diseases of Poultry Committee of USAHA from 1985 to 1991. His significant participation in the activities of this Committee continued after he stepped down as Vice Chairman.

Dr. Craig served as a member of the National Broiler Council's Scientific Committee. He was a member of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's National Advisory Committee on meat and poultry inspection and was Chairman of the Delmarva Poultry Industry Emergency Disease Task Force Committee. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) and was its President during 1969–1970. Dr. Craig made extremely important con-
tributions as a member of the USDA-APHIS-VVND Task Force in the early 1970s and as a member of the USDA-APHIS Avian Influenza Task Force in the early 1980s.

Dr. Craig received many honors, including the USDA Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and the AAAP Service Award in 1987. He received the "Distinguished Citizen Award" from the Delmarva Poultry Industry and the "Special Service Award" from the Northeastern Conference on Avian Diseases posthumously in 1993.

Dr. Craig had a special talent for bringing together people from different companies and interests to reach consensus and achieve a common goal. His reputation for "getting things done" made him receive numerous calls for help and advice. His reliable and prompt responses will be sorely missed, as will his enthusiasm and words of encouragement.

We pay tribute to Dr. Frank Craig, an outstanding colleague and dearly missed friend.