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Education:

- Graduated from Perham High School - 1966
- Graduated from University of Minnesota Crookston - 1968
- Graduated from North Dakota State University with Bachelors degree in Soil Science - 1970
- Graduated and commissioned in Minnesota Military Academy - 1972

Work experience

- University of Minnesota Northwest Experiment Station as assistant soil scientist 1970-1972
- Co-owner, president and general manager, Perco Farm Service, Perham, MN 1973-1982
- Co-owner, president and general manager, Prairie Bean Co., Perham, MN 1983-1987
- Co-owner, president and general manager, Perco Bean Co., Perham, MN 1993-1994
- Managing partner and majority owner of Little Pine Dairy, LLP Perham, MN 1995-present.
- Co-owner Dairy Management Services.
- Actively involved in 3000 acre irrigation family farming operation from 1972 to present
- Work in Claims Mgmt., Sales & Technical Support Representative for BASF.
- One of the founding members of "Ottertail Ag. Enterprises LLC" Ethanol product Facility.

Community involvement

- Chamber of Commerce officer
- Sacred Heart Church Council(Chairman)
- School Board District 549(Chairman)
- Perham Lions and American Legion
- Mentor in Perham Kinship Program
- **Current serving on foundation board-Perham Health**

Other Area Involvement

- Former Chairman MN-North Dakota Bean Growers Association
- Former Chairman American Dry Bean Board
- Former Officer Central MN Irrigators Association
- Former Director U of M Alumni Association, St. Paul, MN
- Director First Integrity Bank
- Member Advisory Committee Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, MN
- Member Steering Committee Ag Utilization and Research Institute
- Member Advisory Board Center for Alternative Crops, U of M

- Served on University of Minn. College of Agriculture Alumni Society Board of Directors.
- Member Advisory Committee, Staples Irrigation Center
- Advisor to the CEO and President of the Kyiv –Atlantic Group of Companies, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Governing Board of Directors Ottertail Ag Ethanol
 - Chairman of site committee
 - Chairman of new technology committee

 - Chairman of the Board of Governors

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Honors

- Honorary Chapter Farmer – Perham FFA Chapter
- King Agassiz East Otter Tail County
- Outstanding Alumni Recipient U of M
- Featured on front cover of “Top Producer” magazine
- Featured in “Midwest Dairy Development” magazine