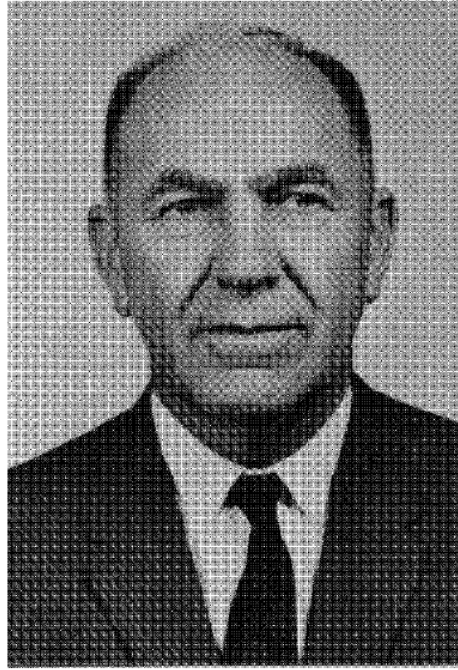


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Dr. John Milton Poehlman
Award for Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement



Dr. John Milton Poehlman, Professor of Agronomy at the University of Missouri, has been committed to the improvement of world agriculture throughout his career. He was in charge of the University of Missouri oat breeding project from 1939 until 1970, and has also worked with wheat, barley, rice, and mungbeans. His oat varieties include Mo 0-200, Mo 0-205, Macon, Nodaway, Pettis, Nodaway 70, and Bates, as well as Dade and Hickory germplasms.

Teaching has been a major activity of Dr. Poehlman. He taught the introductory plant breeding course from 1936 until his retirement. He also taught graduate level courses in plant breeding and field experimentation, and directed the studies of many graduate students. He authored the book *Breeding Field Crops* in 1959, which is widely used in U.S. universities and has been translated into Spanish and Arabic. In 1969, he rewrote the book with special emphasis on Asian crops. That book, *Breeding Asian Field Crops*, was published in India.

Dr. Poehlman was the recipient of the University of Missouri 1978 Thomas Jefferson Award. This prestigious award is the highest given by the University of Missouri system. Awardees are chosen for their exemplification of the principles and ideals of Jefferson.

Dr. Poehlman was born May 9, 1910 at Macon, Missouri. After being reared on a general farm near Macon, he attended the University of Missouri receiving a B.S.

degree in Agriculture in 1931, and the Ph.D. degree in Botany in 1936. He joined the faculty in the Field Crops Department in 1936, and was promoted to Professor in 1950. He has received many academic honors including Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy in 1955, and the Gamma Sigma Delta Senior Faculty Award in 1970.