



John Allen Beatty was born October 13, 1938 to Charles and Adella Beatty. After graduating from Auburn High School he attended Iowa State College. He started farming with his father, trading labor for machinery.

John was married on March 27, 1960 to Donna McCormick. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Livestock was an integral part of the farming operation in the early years. John took an active role in working with livestock, having been a member of both 4-H and FFA, showing cattle in several Central Illinois county fairs, Illinois State Fair, and Chicago International.

John became involved in Farm Bureau activities in the early 60's after attending a state wide Young Farmers Conference in Decatur. He served as chairman of the Sangamon County Young Farmer Committee, and then chairman of the State Young Farmer Committee. He was elected President of Sangamon County Farm Bureau and held that post from 1974 to 1978. Afterward, he was elected to the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors for four terms. He also served on the state Marketing Committee to represent District 10, as well as, served on the Illinois Corn Marketing Board for three terms.

John served agriculture in many other organizations too. He was appointed to the US Grain Council and served as a representative to the Meat Export Federation and also the US Poultry and Egg Council, all in an effort to use more corn.

Locally, he has served as a 4-H leader, a member of the Jaycee's, and a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge #354. He sat on the Farmers Elevator Board of Directors in Lowder during the time they were constructing a load out loop to improve the corn market. He presently is serving on the Board of Directors of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Auburn. He is an active member of the United Methodist Church.

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