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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Robert L. Myers

Dr. Rob Myers is the executive director of the Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute, a nonprofit agriculture education and research center Myers founded in 1997. In his role as executive director, he oversees all of the institute's programs and has served as the lead designer for the new Jefferson Farm & Gardens facility.

Prior to his current activities, Myers served as a national program director with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. During his time at USDA headquarters in the mid-1990s, he oversaw a number of agriculture education projects. One key project he provided leadership on was the development of a Smithsonian exhibit on agriculture that premiered at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. The exhibit has served as a traveling display at educational facilities across the country. Myers also cooperated with national farm organizations such as The National FFA Organization on educational programs.

From 1989 to 1994, Myers was a faculty member in agronomy at University of Missouri-Columbia, where he was the first plant science faculty member to be selected by peers for the Excellence in Teaching award.

Myers has served as a national science advisor for PBS television programs and has provided leadership in a number of national scientific organizations.

Early in his career, Myers was a Congressional Science Fellow for the American Society of Agronomy, working on legislation with the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee.

Myers has authored over 50 scientific papers, book chapters and technical publications.

Myers graduated from the University of Minnesota with a master's degree and doctorate in agronomy. He grew up on a family grain farm in central Illinois.

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