

Wade Brant

1919 – 2011

Food Science 1959 – 1984

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Albert “Wade” Brant, Ph.D., was an internationally known for his expertise in poultry and meat processing.

Wade was born on March 28, 1919, near Isabel, Kansas. He graduated from Sawyer High School in 1932 and entered Kansas State, Manhattan, where he earned a bachelor of science degree with poultry husbandry as his specialty. There in the halls of science chemistry class, he met his future wife, Verna May Ward, who fainted from ether used in an experiment. Wade, the true gentleman, in an act of chivalry, offered her a taxi ride home costing him ten cents.

Wade continued to further his education, receiving a master of science degree in poultry nutrition from Michigan State University, East Lansing, and a doctorate in Food Science and Technology from Iowa State, Ames. During this time frame, Wade served two years in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps during World War II. He was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Station in Beltsville, Maryland, where he remained for 10 years rising to Chief of the Poultry Research Branch.

September 1, 1959, he accepted a position as a food technologist with the Extension Service at UC Davis, providing technical assistance, training, research, and supervision of graduate students. He retired in 1980, still continuing to work in his field as a consultant. Wade was the author or co-author of over 250 research articles, bulletins, technical articles, book chapters, and two Public Service patents. He was the recipient of many awards and citations including election into the International Poultry Hall of Fame.