

Victor L. Lechtenberg



Victor (Vic) L. Lechtenberg is Professor and Dean Emeritus of Agriculture at Purdue University. Dr. Lechtenberg served as Purdue's Dean of Agriculture from 1993-2004. Most recently he served as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and as Director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development. He was Purdue's Vice Provost for Engagement from 2004 to 2011, Interim Provost from 2007 to 2008, and Interim Vice President for Governmental Relations from 2008 to 2009. As Vice Provost for Engagement, Lechtenberg led Purdue's engagement and outreach efforts to governmental agencies, corporate leaders, schools and community leaders across Indiana and beyond. While officially retired, he continues to serve in a minor role as Special Assistant to the President of Purdue.

Lechtenberg joined the Purdue faculty as a Professor of Agronomy in 1971 where he taught crop science and conducted research on forage and biomass crops until 1982. He then served as Associate Director of Purdue University's Agricultural Research Programs, and as the Executive Associate Dean of Agriculture from 1982 to 1993.

Lechtenberg is a member of several academic, professional, and scholarly societies and has written nearly 200 technical papers, abstracts, and book chapters. He served on several national and international boards and review panels, including six years as chair of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America.

Lechtenberg is a native of Butte, Nebraska, where he grew up on a general livestock farm. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and a doctorate from Purdue University. He and his wife, Grayce, have four children and ten grandchildren.