



ALLEN LASH BIO

For over 50 years, the businesses that Allen founded and still helps to lead, has ownership, and participates in, have provided financial management solutions to the nation's largest growers. Allen has facilitated several major innovations in the accounting and financial management systems used by larger farmers. As a result, there were businesses like John Deere, and the Farm Credit System that partnered in with Allen in 7 and 8-figure engagements. It is also notable that the majority of all agricultural trade organizations have worked alongside Allen's entities in major partnerships.

Long before it became fashionable in popular culture to aim for environmental sustainability, Allen led the initiative to develop the first agricultural environmental and farm safety audits for farmers in the United States. To this day most all of the farms in The FamilyFarms Group system are audited on an annual basis. Because of Allen's efforts in safety and environmental responsibility, many Fortune 500 companies are using similar sustainability and safety audit procedures as a result of what he created. In 1984 Allen's company purchased the Farm Bureau accounting services in the states of Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. Even to this day, Allen's company continues to provide these same services to many of the largest growers in these states.

In the 1990's the USDA entered into a 7-figure contract with Allen's company to train over four thousand loan officers and management on credit and financial analysis through the Farmers' Home Administration. Allen's technology and innovations were also rolled out through a US government contract that was delivered through the USAID to multiple European countries.

In 2000 Allen led the start of The FamilyFarms Group (FFG) which is now comprised of over 70 of the largest and best run farms in America. Total FFG member acres are well over 600,000.

In 2010 Allen started FamilyFarms Charities, the registered 501(c)3 philanthropic arm of FFG, which has raised over \$500,000 for charities. Urban farming projects, third world agricultural development programs, training and education of youth for agriculture are just a few of the many types of non-profit efforts that are benefiting from this organization.

Presently Allen serves on The FamilyFarms Group's Board of Directors as its largest shareholder, is active in his real estate entities and interests and works with his grandchildren on real estate funding he made available to them. Allen also currently provides organizational strategic consulting services. He is active in his church and other philanthropic endeavors.

Allen has been very active in the professional and organizational aspects of a new Hemp industry-related effort. He has been bringing together both interested large growers as well as the capital and plans to roll out major innovations in the production, marketing, positioning, and selling of industrial and consumer hemp products and businesses.

Allen and his wife of 59 years, Yvonne, reside in Lubbock, Texas near their grandchildren.