

Sir Allan Wright

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Sir Allan Frederick Wright KBE

Sir Allan Wright was a highly respected farming leader and businessman. Among his many roles, he was President of the Federated Farmers from 1977–1981 and served as the first Chancellor of Lincoln University.

After leaving school, Sir Allan returned to work on the family farm at Hillview in Sheffield and began carving out his career in farming administration. His tenure as president of Federated Farmers came at a time when farming was in the spotlight, with New Zealand's traditional market of Britain drying up following its entry into the European Economic Community (EEC).

A keen sportsman, Sir Allan was a highly capable cricket all-rounder and, ultimately, served as President of the New Zealand Cricket Council (1968–1990). He also managed the Black Caps for several series. He was a director of several companies, devoted a decade to working with the Cancer Society, led the Cathedral Square Visitors' Centre development in 1995, and helped oversee the strengthening of Canterbury Museum following the earthquakes in 2010–2011.

Sir Allan died in November 2022.

