

John Hudson CBE, MBE, GM, VMH



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John Hudson, a distinguished administrator, teacher and researcher who contributed to horticulture around the world, died aged 97 on 6 December 2007.

Born on 24 July 1910, John Hudson served as a Horticultural Advisory Officer in East Sussex from 1935–1939. During the Second World War he was a bomb disposal officer (Major) with the Royal Engineers and received the George Medal and Bar, and the MBE. After the war he went to New Zealand as a Horticultural Advisor with the Department of Agriculture, Wellington.

From 1948 until 1967 he worked at the University of Nottingham, rising from lecturer to Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture. Between 1961 and 1963 he was seconded part time to the University of Khartoum, Sudan, to found the Department of Horticulture.

From 1967–1975, he was Professor of Horticultural Science at the University of Bristol, then Emeritus Professor, and Director of Long Ashton Research Station. He sat on the RHS Examinations Board, chaired the Joint Advisory Committee on Agricultural Education, was President of the Horticultural Education Association and became a CBE in 1975. He was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour in 1976.