

Edward Coales

Edward obtained the National diploma in Agriculture at Harper Adams Agricultural College and became the tenant of a small farm in Leicestershire. He built up a herd of 90 dairy cows then worked for two agricultural co-operatives in Gloucestershire before moving to Suffolk in 1981 to work for the National Farmers Union as group secretary for North Suffolk. His work entailed recruiting members, lobbying MPs and promoting agriculture locally as well as dealing with problems such as Notifiable Diseases, Rights of Way claims, planning applications, IACS payments, Nitrogen Sensitive Zones and disputes with suppliers. In 1980 he achieved a Diploma in Cost Accountancy and Systems Analysis.