

Donald P. Eckrich

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Donald Eckrich served in the U.S. Army Infantry for two years, then attended the University of Michigan and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. He began working at Peter Eckrich & Sons, Inc., in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and later became Plant Manager.

By 1972, Donald Eckrich had become Chairman of the Board and C.E.O. of the Fort Wayne plant of Peter Eckrich & Sons. In 1979 he became President and C.E.O. of Beatrice Foods which had purchased Eckrich. Donald Eckrich resigned as Beatrice's President in 1982, but became active on several local boards including Central Soya. In 1985, he became Chairman and C.E.O. of Central Soya