

C.P. Veerman

Minister of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries

Cornelis Peter (Cees) Veerman was born in Nieuw-Beijerland on 8 March 1949.

After completing his secondary education, he studied economics at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, where he graduated in 1973. He was admitted to the degree of doctor of economic science at Wageningen Agricultural University in 1983 with a thesis on land and land prices.

From 1971 to 1976 he taught economics and business economics at a secondary school. Until 1989 he was successively lecturer in economics at the Joint Faculty of Business Administration in Delft, senior lecturer in the philosophy of knowledge and science at the Joint Faculty of Business Administration in Rotterdam, and senior lecturer in research methodology at the Faculty of Business Administration at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

From 1989 he was Professor of Agricultural Business Economics and Sociology at Tilburg University. From 1990 to 1997 he was Professor of Agribusiness at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. From 1997 he was chairman of the board of management of Wageningen University and Research Centre.

Dr Veerman has held several supervisory directorships, and has been chairman of the National Cooperative Council for Agriculture and Horticulture, board chairman of the Horticultural Auction Association, chairman of the DLO Agricultural Economics Research Institute, a member of the Moret, Ernst & Young advisory board, and a member of the Socioeconomic Council. He has also been a member of the executive committee of the Holland Islands Water Purification Board and acting dike reeve of De Grote Waard Water Board.

He was a member of Nieuw-Beijerland municipal council for the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) from 1973 to 1980, and a member of Korendijk municipal council from 1986 to 1991.

From 22 July 2002 to the beginning of 2007 Dr Veerman was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries in the Balkenende government on the nomination of the CDA. Since then he is active in different areas:

Tilburg University activities centre around AGRIBUSINESS

- prices of food and feed
- climate change; energy
- income distribution

Wageningen University activities centre around RURAL ACTIVITY

- consequences of (rural) policy
- nature preservation

Social consequences on the level of EU (old and new member states)

The challenge is to bring together the different purposes of agriculture in the EU and in the large countries elsewhere in the world

Cees Veerman has taken up the following responsibilities

- 1) Chairman of Natuurmonumenten
- 2) CEO of a Midsize Agribusiness Firm
- 3) Supervisor of Rabobank
- 4) Personal Councillor of ir. Daan van Doorn (CEO of Vionfoods)
- 5) Chair of the Board that supervises the Climate Change Research of Amsterdam, Utrecht and Wageningen University.