

Dr. David (Dave) Sjeklocha grew up on diversified farming and ranching operations in Iowa and Missouri. After graduating high school, he spent several years working in a small cattle feedyard in Missouri, checking cattle, treating sick cattle, managing feed, etc. In 1987, at age 25, he decided to go to college to pursue his Bachelor's degree and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. He graduated from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994.

Since then, his practice focus has been on beef cattle production management and medicine. He has practiced in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. His practice evolved into a cattle feedyard consulting practice. Dr. Sjeklocha has extended considerable effort to promote animal welfare and antibiotic stewardship in his practice efforts. In 2011, one of his feedyard consulting clients, Cattle Empire of Satanta, KS, offered him the opportunity to join their staff as Operations Manager of Animal Health and Welfare and Dr. Sjeklocha accepted that position. Cattle Empire has been very progressive in its animal welfare and antibiotic stewardship efforts.

Dr. Sjeklocha has been very active in leadership roles within the veterinary profession. He has served the American Veterinary Medical Association as part of the "Can You Hear Me now? The Conversation" Working Group and currently serves on the Bovine Working Group Panel on Depopulation. He is also a member of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants (AVC) where he has served on the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee. He also chaired the Beef Cattle Health and Well Being committee and served as President of the AVC. For the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, he has served as Program Moderator, Program Coordinator, and currently chairs the Animal Welfare Committee. He has been a speaker for many producer and professional organizations on the topics of animal welfare and antibiotic use.

Dr. Sjeklocha has been honored to receive the Beef Cattle Institute's "Beef Cattle Veterinarian of the Year" from Kansas State University in 2011 and the 2013 Academy of Veterinary Consultants' "Consultant of the Year" awards.

He has been married to Sheri for over 30 years and they have three children.