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Education:

- Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN: 2007
- Swine Medicine Certification, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN: 2007
- Juris Doctorate, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN: 1992
- Bachelor of Science, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD: 1986

Veterinary-Related Work History:

Minnesota Board of Animal Health, 2008 – present

2016 – present: Executive Director, State Veterinarian
2012 – 2016: Assistant Director
2008 – 2012: Senior Veterinarian

Duties:

- Plan, manage, coordinate and implement statewide programs for the detection, surveillance, control and eradication of animal diseases of significance.
 - Apply scientific principles of veterinary medicine and epidemiology
 - Includes foreign animal diseases and diseases of public health significance
- Development of long-term strategy for agency success.
 - Maintain solid knowledge of agency and programs
 - Identify opportunities and build systems for animal disease control
- Understand the agency's budget and operate within financial guidelines and systems.
 - Propose financially sound plans for agency programs
 - Prepare reports for program financial evaluation
- Recommend, establish and implement policies and procedures for new and existing programs.
 - Actively seek solutions for issues and identify long term strategy for programs

- Advise animal health professionals, producers and the public, including the Minnesota Governor's Office and Legislature, on aspects of animal disease.
 - Communicate effectively and accurately
 - Includes clear communication with media
- Be directly involved in developing animal health statutes, rules and regulations.
 - Evaluate and determine needs to clarify existing statutes and rules
 - Understand relevant federal animal health laws
- Develop and maintain relationships with state and federal agencies, the University of Minnesota, livestock producers, and all groups and individuals involved in animal agriculture.
- Determine needs and make recommendations for optimal utilization of agency staff.

Holden Farms, 2007 – 2008

Position: Company Veterinarian

Duties:

- Perform all duties of veterinarian for commercial swine operation
- Oversee general herd health issues, including disease control and vaccination protocols
- Function as part of management team, and direct action on health, nutrition and welfare issues
- Develop methods for health management, including implementation of research trials

Prior work history and references available upon request

Associations:

American Veterinary Medical Association
 AVMA Judicial Council
 AVMA Panel on Depopulation
 AVMA Agriculture Liaison Committee
 Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association
 MVMA Governmental Affairs Council
 United States Animal Health Association
 USAHA Tuberculosis Committee Vice-Chair/Chair
 USAHA Cattle Committee Vice-Chair
 North Central USAHA chair 2019
 American Association of Swine Veterinarians
 State Animal Agriculture Response Team
 Minnesota Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative

Professional Training and Qualifications:

Veterinary Licensure, State of MN; 2007 – present
National Veterinary Accreditation; 2007 – present
Tuberculosis Testing Certification; 2007
Comparative Cervical Test training, NVSL, Ames, Iowa; September 2009
ICS-100: Introduction to Incident Command; October 2009
ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents; October 2009
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents; May 2010
IS-700: National Incident Management System Introduction; May 2010
State of Minnesota Supervisory Core; April 2010
Foreign Animal Disease Refresher Course, NVSL, Ames, Iowa; April 2012

Additional Activities and Interests:

Senior Leadership Institute, Humphrey School of Public Affairs 2013
University of Minnesota College of Food and Agriculture, mentor to undergraduate students
State of Minnesota, Emerging Leaders Institute 2011
Minnesota Women's Agriculture Conference
Volunteer: State FFA judge, public speaking
Volunteer: MVMA, Minnesota State Fair Miracle of Birth Center

Publications:

Physiol Genomics, 28: 5-14, 2006. Genomic dissection of mucosal immunobiology in the porcine small intestine. Cheryl M. T. Dvorak, Geoffrey N. Hirsch, Kendra A. Hyland, Julie A. Hendrickson, Beth S. Thompson, Mark S. Rutherford, and Michael P. Murtaugh.

Preventive Veterinary Medicine, Vol. 118(4), 2015. From network analysis to risk analysis-An approach to risk-based surveillance for bovine tuberculosis in Minnesota, US. J. Ribeiro-Lima, E.A. Enns, B. Thompson, M.E. Craft, S. J. Wells.

Cogent Food & Agriculture, 4:1, DOI: 10.1080/23311932.2018.1550907. Building an all-hazards agricultural emergency response system to maintain business continuity and promote the sustainable supply of food and agricultural products. Marie Culhane, Carol Cardona, Timothy J. Goldsmith, Kaitlyn St. Charles, Greg Suskovic, Beth Thompson and Mike Starkey | Pedro González-Redondo (Reviewing editor) (2018).