



## Mark V Boggess

Dr. Boggess obtained a B.Sc. degree in Animal Science and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Animal Breeding from Iowa State University, and a M.S. degree in Animal Breeding from Cornell University. Dr. Boggess has worked in the animal production industries for the last 20 years holding several positions with diverse responsibilities in the food animal industries, academia and the USDA. Dr. Boggess joined Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA, in 2009 and currently holds the position of National Program Leader for Food Animal Production. In this role Dr. Boggess provides program direction and national coordination for the Department's intramural animal production research program, with focus on research laboratories located in East Lansing, Michigan, Clay Center, Nebraska, Beltsville, Maryland, DuBois, Idaho, El Reno, OK, Miles City, MT, Madison, WI, Brooksville, FL, Beaver, WV, Starkville, MS, Lubbock, TX, Fort Collins, CO and West Lafayette, IN. As Director of Animal Science for the National Pork Board Chief, Dr. Boggess directed the activities and research funding for the NPB Animal Science Committee. Achievements included initial funding for the international consortium to sequence the swine genome, the National Pork National Taste and Preference Study, initiated the change in optimum cooked pork temperature from 160 to 145 degrees, initiated the NPB Nutritional Efficiency Consortium, and initiated the NPB Sow Lifetime Productivity Task Force. As President of Salmon Creek Farms, LLC, Dr. Boggess was responsible for the day to day management of a 500 sow farrow-to-finish research and demonstration farm featuring electronic sow feeding systems in partnership with Independent Meat Company in Twin Falls, ID. Dr. Boggess assisted with product development and marketing, developed and coordinated a 25 member production cooperative to provide *natural pork* to Independent Meat Company for the Salmon Creek Farms and Falls Brand labels. This program was the first to feature antibiotic free product that had 3rd party oversight and verification; featured prescribed socially acceptable production and management standards; and used strict feed ingredient and nutritional guidelines to ensure product consistency and quality. Dr Boggess also has production experience in the sheep and beef industries and has served extensively as an industry consultant.

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