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Remembering two who gave much to Iowa livestock production

I want to devote this month's article to two colleagues that passed away last month. Both of these individuals have been a great asset to Iowa agriculture throughout their careers.

Dr. Scott Hurd was a very respected veterinarian and researcher with both the USDA and Iowa State University. His accomplishments took him all the way to Washington, D.C. where he was the deputy acting under secretary for food safety. However, he will be most remembered by others for being an outspoken advocate for animal agriculture.

After returning to ISU from Washington, D.C., he began writing and speaking about food safety and antibiotic use in livestock. His opinion in support of animal agriculture found its way into places such as *National Public Radio*, *USA Today* and *Huffington Post*, in addition to numerous agriculture publications and shows. Dr. Hurd always presented the facts in a calm, clear way that had a tremendous impact for animal agriculture.

Dr. Jim McKean was a well-known Swine Extension Veterinarian for ISU for the past 39 years. He had been honored many times by industry organizations for the outstanding service he provided to the pork industry over the years.

Dr. McKean was very involved with Pork Quality Assurance and had been a great advocate for the pork industry. He was a very valuable resource on animal health and food safety for pork producers, researchers and policy makers. His reach went way beyond Iowa as he was a known international expert on swine health and production.

It has been a privilege for me to have been able to know and work with both Dr. Hurd and Dr. McKean. They were both dedicated to animal agriculture and have impacted the industry in ways beyond what they would have believed. They will be missed both personally by those who knew them and professionally by those that they served.



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