

## **James S. “Jim” Edwards**

Jim grew up on a family dairy in Newton, Mississippi and graduated from Mississippi State University with a BS in Dairy Production in 1973. He continued his education in the Dairy Science Department at Kansas State University where he received his Ph.D in Ruminant Nutrition in 1979. Jim worked in the Dairy Extension Service in Ohio as an area dairy specialist and Georgia as state superintendent of the Georgia DHIA program until 1985. He then joined a national milk replacer firm as a calf specialist, national account manager and product manager. Jim joined the Gladwin A. Read Co. in 1997 as a sales and technical specialist representing numerous nutritional products to feed manufacturers and nutritionists. In addition, he serves as product manager of an animal health product. Jim and his wife, Nancy, reside in Wooster, OH.

I was introduced in the very early years of ARPAS while a graduate student at KSU. My major professor, Dr. Erle Bartley, recognized the value of nutritional professionalism beyond just degrees and encouraged all his students to support ARPAS. I joined in the late 70's and have never regretted participating in ARPAS.

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