

David P. Casper, Ph.D., P.A.S.



Dr. David P. Casper is currently Assistant Professor of Dairy Science at South Dakota State University. He grew up on a Dairy and Livestock farm in Cuba City, Wisconsin. He obtained the B.S. degree in 1983 from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the M.S. degree in 1985 from South Dakota State University (SDSU) and the Ph.D. in 1989 from SDSU.

He continued conducting Dairy Cattle Research at SDSU in a Post-Doctoral position prior to accepting a position as Research Dairy Scientist with USDA-ARS, where his research focus was on the energy metabolism of dairy cows. He conducted energy metabolism studies on whole, extruded and roasted soybeans, corn, barley, and dried whey, alfalfa and orchard-grass, and trans-fatty acids. In 1994 he joined Cargill, Inc. as a Dairy Innovation Development Manager conducting research on the development of new products and feeding programs. In 1997, he joined Agri-King, Inc. as a Consulting Dairy Nutritionist and was promoted to Director of Nutrition in 2003 and Vice President of Nutrition in 2006, prior to joining SDSU in November 2011. He continues to consult with Dairy Producers around the world. He has published more than 35 referred journal articles, 60 abstracts, and numerous popular press articles.

Dr. Casper has been very active in several societies, such as American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), and American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), and American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) by serving on numerous committees, journal reviewer, and serving on the ADSA editorial board for 9 years. During 2010 and 2011, he was a member of the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) Overall Program Committee. During 2011, David was the first Industry Professional to serve as Chair of the Overall Program Committee for JAM in New Orleans. He has served as Secretary, Vice President, President and Past President of the ADSA Midwest Branch. Dr. Casper currently serves as the ASAS Foundation Chair, a member of the ASAS Board of Directors and the ASAS Executive Board of Directors.

Dr. Casper has won several awards during his research and professional career, including ADSA's Richard M. Hoyt Award for the practical application of research to the Dairy Industry, 2012 Pioneer Hi-Bred Forage Award for significant research in the areas of forage production, processing, storage and utilization, and 3 Founder's awards from Agri-King, Inc.

Memberships include the ASAS, ADSA, ARPAS, Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC), European Association for Animal Production (EAAP), Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) Sigma Xi, and Gamma Sigma Delta. David and his wife Janet reside in Brookings, South Dakota, and have 2 grown children in professional careers, Carrie in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Richard in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.