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Gerald Higginbotham grew up on a dairy farm in central California. He received BS and MS degrees in animal science from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. He obtained a PhD in nutritional sciences with emphasis in ruminant nutrition from the University of Arizona. He joined the University of California Cooperative Extension Service as dairy advisor for Fresno and Madera Counties. While a member of Cooperative Extension, he conducted various field trials, most notably examining the use of direct-fed microbials in lactating and calf feeding programs. He also coordinated the development of a yearly Dairy Herdsman Shortcourse which involved more than

400 attendees from various states and countries. He has served as a committee member for various graduate students at Fresno State University. In 2012 he joined Micronutrients, which manufactures Intellibond trace minerals, as the sales/technical services manager for the Western United States. He has given 74 invited presentations and published more than 31 refereed journal articles, along with over 44 abstracts and more than 140 popular press articles. Memberships include the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) and American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS). He has been a member of ARPAS since 1987 and is board certified by the American College of Animal Nutrition. He has served the California Chapter of ARPAS as president and secretary as well as on various chapter committees. He currently serves as the ADSA representative to ARPAS.