

*The Iowa State University Animal Industry Report 2007 is dedicated to
Professor Emeritus Allen Trenkle*

For more than 40 years, Allen Trenkle has been the man with the answers to ruminant nutrition questions at Iowa State University. Since joining the ISU animal science faculty in 1962, his “scientific curiosity” has helped him become an internationally recognized expert in the research areas of factors regulating growth in ruminants, improving the composition of beef and efficiency of ruminant production. His quiet-spoken demeanor and quest for sustainable and environmentally appropriate agricultural production and processing have earned this Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor of Agriculture the admiration and respect of students, colleagues, livestock producers, lawmakers, and industry folks worldwide.



Allen earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Nebraska in 1956, and a master’s degree (1958) and doctorate degree (1960) from Iowa State University. Following 18 months in a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, he joined ISU in 1962. In the years since, he’s published more than 200 refereed papers and research reports, taught advanced classes in ruminant nutrition, and served as the animal science department’s ruminant nutrition section coordinator. He also has been a member of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture advisory board since 1989, and served as the Center’s interim director in 2000.

As of January 15, 2007, Allen officially retired. But that doesn’t mean he’s done working.

Already known as a leading expert on the feeding of corn milling industry co-products and by-products to livestock, he plans to continue this research. Ethanol plant developers and operators will continue to seek his advice and producers will continue to rely on his expertise in incorporating distillers grains into their livestock rations.



The livestock production community at Iowa State University thanks Allen for his many years of dedicated service to ISU and the Iowa beef industry, and wish him the very best in his retirement.