

# Cattle Production Veterinarian Hall of Fame Inductees Recognized

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Phoenix, Arizona

## Leland C. Allenstein, DVM Whitewater, Wisconsin

Leland C. Allenstein, DVM, was born in Lamont, Iowa, in 1925. In 1945, Leland was drafted into the US Navy where he completed radio technician school. He went on to pass the officer candidate test but due to a heart disorder was discharged the same year. He received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1950 and began practicing in Whitewater, Wis.

For more than 40 years, dairy clients and their families benefited from his expertise, wisdom, and thoughtful care. Leland was a natural instructor and genuinely enjoyed explaining his diagnoses and treatments. In 1987, he became a Clinical Professor and later a Faculty Associate at the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. Over the course of 30 years, he was a regular contributor to *Hoard's Dairyman* magazine and authored more than 350 columns. He also served as Chief Veterinarian at World Dairy Expo for more than 25 years.

Veterinarians and dairy farmers from around the world were honored to consult with Doc Allenstein. He was awarded the highest honors from each of the major veterinary associations, World Dairy Expo and National Dairy Shrine. In addition to his extensive professional activities, he was extremely dedicated to his community and loved fishing. He was on the board of directors of First Citizens State Bank for more than 40 years, served on the First English Lutheran Church council and was a past president of the UW-Whitewater Quarterback Club. Dr. Allenstein passed away in 2011.

## Delbert G. Miles, DVM Greeley, Colorado

Del Miles, DVM, received his Bachelor of Science (1964) and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (1966) degrees from the University of Missouri. He went on to earn a Master of Science degree from Kansas State University in 1970.

Upon graduation, he joined a mixed practice before going on to join an exclusive small animal practice. He was then employed by what is now Bayer Laboratories, followed by employment at present-day Animal Health International. In 1984, after being involved in feedlot management for some time, he established Veterinary Research & Consulting Services, LLC. VRCS currently develops, implements and monitors animal health programs for cattle in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. His mission has been to provide integrated evidence-based medicine, technology, animal husbandry and management practices to clients in order to optimize health, production and animal welfare, and to promote the production of safe, wholesome beef in a responsible manner.

Del's past accolades include being named the Veterinary Consultant of the Year by the Academy of Veterinary Consultants in 1987, given the Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners in 1988 and being named The Bovine Practitioner of the Year by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners in 1997. Del also served as a Director of the Colorado Cattle Feeders from 1982 to 1983 and 1990 to 1992, and was a Director of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners from 1992 until 1998.



Dr. Lowell Midla (left) receiving the dairy award on behalf of the late Dr. Lee Allenstein from Dr. Justin Welsh, Merck Animal Health.



Dr. Del Miles (center) accepting the beef award from Dr. Bob Smith (left) and Dr. Justin Welsh, Merck Animal Health.

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