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James G. Butler

Education

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Animal Physiology, 1979

M.S. New Mexico State University, Animal Science, 1975

B.S. Texas A&M University, Animal Science, 1973

International Experience

December 1, 2005 – present – Deputy Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA).

Mission is promoting agriculture and reducing rural poverty in the Western Hemisphere. Chief Operation Officer for the institute; Chair, Strategic Partnership Committee; and Interim Director of Agriculture, Health and Food Safety Department, 2006.

United States Department of Agriculture

November 2002 to December 2005 – Deputy Undersecretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service (FFAS).

Emphasis areas within Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service include emerging international trade agreements, biotechnology issues, new and developing risk management issues, domestic agriculture support programs, implementing disaster payments, trade dispute resolution with particular emphasis to sanitary and phytosanitary areas. Animal identification and avian influenza working groups.

October 1, 2001 to November 2002 – Deputy Undersecretary, Marketing and Regulatory Program (MRP).

Coordinated annual budget preparation, rule making and federal register submission for the mission area. Served on 2002 Farm Bill Implementation Team, represented USDA as policy liaison for invasive species and karnal bunt program.

Academia

1990 – 2001 – Assistant Vice Chancellor (1990-98), Associate Vice Chancellor (1998-2000), Deputy Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences (2000 – Sept. 2001), Texas A&M University System.

Provided leadership, management, vision and led partnership building efforts for academic, research and service programs within the Texas A&M University System Agriculture Program related to agriculture, the environment, foods and the life sciences. Provided leadership for legislative and congressional efforts through the appropriations process. Worked with a variety of statewide agricultural commodity organizations and environmental interest groups regarding regulatory programs and initiatives with the ultimate goal of implementing sound agricultural policy.

1987 – 1989 – Extension Sheep Specialist, Colorado State University.

Developed and implemented adult and youth educational programs for the state's sheep and wool programs; held a joint research appointment with the Colorado Experiment Station.

1976 – 1979 – Research and Teaching Associate, University of Arizona.

Supervised research project for beef cattle reproductive physiology; taught several Animal Science courses and labs. Assisted with livestock judging team.

1974 – 1976 – Teaching Assistant, New Mexico State University.

Taught meat science and introductory Animal Science courses, coached meats judging team.

Either Authored or Co-authored over 30 technical research publications, bulletins and articles in the popular press.

Production Agriculture

1965 – 2001 – Butler & Son Charolais Ranch – Partner/Owner Purebred Cattle operation in Brazos County, Texas.

In September, 2000, the ranch was recognized by Livestock Market Digest as one of 25 individuals, businesses or organizations making a difference in the American Livestock industry. The ranch was honored with the American International Charolais Association Environmental Stewardship Award in 2000.

1979 – 1985 – Rancher, Warehouse Manager, Roswell, NM

Managed Roswell Wool and Mohair as well as dry-lot and pasture lamb feeding, negotiated lamb, wool buying and trading activities. Coordinated extensive ranching operations involving sheep and cattle on 65 sections of private, state and federal land.

Agricultural Trade Association Management and Involvement

1987 – 1989 – Executive Vice President, National Wool Growers Association.

Supervised and managed offices in Denver and Washington, DC. Developed and implemented national policy, advised committees, assisted with publication of monthly magazine, served as liaison to 30 state wool growers' organizations.

Trade Association Involvement

Served in leadership roles with numerous agriculture organizations and associations including Board of Director roles with New Mexico Wool Growers, Eastern New Mexico Fair Board, Brazos County Farm Bureau, Charolais Association of Texas, Brazos County Hay Producers. Served in various leadership roles on committees with Texas Farm Bureau, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and American International Charolais Association.