

Dr. Larry Berger
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A native of Waterville, Kansas, Larry Berger was on the Livestock Judging Team and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at K-State. He earned his PhD at the University of Nebraska in 1978. He then accepted a teaching/research appointment at the University of Illinois in ruminant nutrition. His research integrated fundamental and applied research on improving marbling in cattle, evaluation of corn milling products, treatment of crop residues, and pre-natal androgenization to improve beef production. He served on the NRC subcommittee to produce the 1996 Nutrient Requirements of Beef Cattle. Berger received numerous university, regional and national research awards, and was an outstanding teacher. He is author or co-author of more than 330 research publications. He made five trips to consult feedlots in China, and gave invited presentations in seven countries. In 2009, he was named the University of Nebraska Animal Science Department Head and then retired in 2016. He and his wife, Sue, have three children — Eric, Nadia and Austin.