Roy Henry

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Roy Henry received his bachelor's degree in 1972 from Animal Sciences and Industry. He has spent his career raising swine and crops at his family farm — Henrys Limited, near Longford, Kansas.

In 2000, Roy was one of the first to privately-own a genetic seedstock boar multiplication site in North America. He partnered with Pig Improvement Company (PIC) to raise terminal boars that were merchandised for commercial producers throughout the U.S. and internationally. He remained in partnership with PIC producing seedstock until 2014. His family currently operates a commercial herd and recently completed a new 5,000-head sow facility.

Roy has been a selfless giver of his time and knowledge. Understanding the importance of exposure to modern swine production but not being able to offer farm tours, Roy developed on-farm YouTube videos to be used by classrooms and the public. He served on the Kansas Pork Producers Council executive board from 1991 to 1998 and was the 1995-96 president. He served on the National Pork Producers Council Board from 1997 to 2003 and the National Pork Board from 2007 to 2011.

He is currently on the K-State Livestock and Meat Industry Council, Inc. He has been a strong advocate for student training at the K-State Swine Teaching and Research Center. Roy and his wife, Linda, have three children and 10 grandchildren.