



Rodger currently serves as Director of Production Systems for Murphy-Brown's Western Operations Hog Production Group headquartered in Ames, Iowa. Murphy-Brown's Western Operations (a subsidiary of Smithfield Inc.) consists of approximately 400,000 sows producing 8 million market hogs per year. These hog production operations are located throughout seven Midwestern states and Southwest Utah.

Rodger has worked in a variety of veterinary, production, and project-management roles for Murphy-Brown (formerly Murphy Farms) since graduating from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1996. During this time, he also completed a doctorate degree that focused on commercially applied swine production research with the Food Animal Health and Management Center and Department of Animal Science at Kansas State University. Primary responsibilities of his current role include coordinating herd health activities, leading production research and associated production system improvement initiatives and directing multiplication functions.

Rodger feels fortunate for the opportunity to pursue a career in the ever-evolving world of commercial pork production and work in an industry rich in quality people and professional mentors. His passion for pork production was instilled at an early age, while working on his family's farm in west-central Illinois. He feels blessed to work in an environment and industry that continually strives for improvement (i.e., never a dull moment). Rodger and Marcy, his wife of 11 years, reside in Ames, Iowa.