



Dr. Bob Thompson is a veterinarian on the PIC North American Health Team. His focus in the last few years has been providing health service to PIC's customers. During his time at PIC he has been involved in providing practical science-based research in collaboration with many others at the university level. Early work was with PRRSV research to prevent transmission from boar studs and in the transportation area to assure the biosecurity of livestock trailers. Subsequent efforts have been in confirming the inactivation of PEDV in the transportation area with heat and disinfection. More recently efforts have focused on influenza elimination from sow herds. During his tenure at PIC, the Health Assurance team has developed biosecurity and diagnostic testing protocols to prevent disease entry into PIC's multiplication and boar stud system. These protocols have subsequently been distributed for implementation throughout their Global Network.

In 2016 Bob received the AASV Technical Service/Allied Industry Veterinarian of the Year Award at AASV's annual meeting. In addition, he has served on the National Pork Board Swine Health Committee and TQA Advisory committees for several years.

Bob's passion for Veterinary Medicine began in High School in Northwest Iowa working with a local veterinarian. He went on to earn his DVM at Iowa State and to practice in both group and solo practices in Nebraska. Later he took part in the University of Illinois' Integrated Food Animal Management Systems (IFAMS) program, earning a Master's Degree and serving as adjunct professor for several years upon completion of his degree and field work there. PIC has been his work home from then on.

Without the companionship and coaching of his wife Deb, this journey would have been a lot more difficult. Bob has had numerous mentors along the way, including Dr. Al Lemman. Al was encouraging and challenging at a major career decision point - leaving practice and seeking additional training for greater focus on the swine industry.