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Cassie Jones is a PhD candidate in nutritional sciences at Iowa State University under the guidance of John Patience. She hails from Beulah, North Dakota, where her family raises Rambouillet sheep. Jones graduated with her BS in 2007 and MS in 2009 from the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry at Kansas State University (KSU). Her MS research generated 2 journal articles published or in press, with 2 more submitted or in preparation. While at KSU, Jones was a member of the meats judging team, Block & Bridle, College of Agriculture Ambassadors, and the MW-ASAS Quadrathlon Team and served as president of the department's Graduate Student Association. She has held internships with KSU's College of Agriculture and the National Pork Producers Council in Washington, DC. Jones began her PhD in 2009 and was awarded the Miller Fellowship from Iowa State University, where she is involved in the Department of Animal Science's graduate association. Her research is focused on determining the biological and physiological differences between fallback pigs and their heavier contemporaries. She and her husband, Spencer, enjoy building their purebred Angus cow herd.

Vision Statement

The Food and Agriculture Organization's recent report that the world needs to double its meat output by 2050 underscores the importance of both the animal agriculture industry and ASAS. We will need to maximize the use of current technologies and aggressively develop new ones to meet the rising need for animal products, even when faced with increasing budget constraints. It will be the continued duty of ASAS to facilitate the spreading of knowledge across the scientific community to meet these needs. In addition, ASAS must continue to evolve to meet its Vision for the Future as the diversity and needs of our industry and membership change. As a graduate director, I would serve as our generation's voice to ASAS during this evolution and would keep students abreast of the actions and opportunities available in the society. I would continue the excellent outreach efforts begun by previous graduate directors but would like to begin an ASAS-sponsored weekend retreat where students could make contacts and attend workshops focused on personal development. I would work to share the current opportunities for students offered by ASAS and ensure that the society continues to be heavily invested in the training of future animal scientists.