

Dr. Jon Schoonmaker

Biography

Jon Schoonmaker is an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences, Purdue University. Dr. Schoonmaker is originally from Wisconsin and received his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Schoonmaker received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University in the area of beef cattle nutrition and management, and spent 3 years at Iowa State University working on a post-doctorate focusing on genetics of fatty acid composition of beef and milk. Dr. Schoonmaker has been at Purdue since 2009 and his research centers on nutritional influences on growth and development, specifically how energy source, protein source, vitamins, minerals, and feed additives impact muscle and fat development in developing, growing, and finishing beef cattle.

Vision Statement

In 1993, I attended my first ASAS Midwestern Section meeting as a member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Academic Quadrathlon team. Since then, the Midwestern Section and yearly Midwest meetings have maintained professional and personal value to me.

The annual Midwest meetings are a great platform for undergraduate and graduate students to be immersed in science, meet colleagues, and launch their careers. As a faculty member at Purdue University, these goals still hold true and the Society remains an important avenue for me to learn and share new science, keep in touch with colleagues, and interact with students. It also is a vital way for my students to gain experience and grow in their professional careers.

I have seen first-hand how important these goals are for many in the Society during my three years of involvement in planning the scientific program for our annual Midwestern Section meetings. My vision as a member of the leadership team of the Midwestern Section Board of Directors is to continue to build upon this foundation of strengthening our students to meet local, national, and global challenges affecting animal science and animal agriculture. In addition, I will work to support National ASAS in delivering factual, science-based information to the public and policy makers.

I am honored to be considered for the position of President-Elect of the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science, and if selected, I will work toward enhancing its professional value to our membership and its reputation as a source of reliable scientific information for the general public.