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Richard D. Coffey, Ph.D., Professor and Head, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Oklahoma State University

Interview: Arrive on Wednesday, May 31 and depart on Friday, June 2

Campus Forum: Thursday, June 1, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, 101 Ag Hall and via Zoom upon request to provost@okstate.edu

Reception: Immediately following in the lobby

Richard Coffey received his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Sciences in 1986 and a Master of Science degree in swine nutrition in 1990, both from Oklahoma State University. He completed his doctoral degree in swine nutrition (minor in biochemistry) at the University of Kentucky in 1994.

Dr. Coffey is currently the Department Head for Animal and Food Sciences at Oklahoma State University where he provides visionary leadership in planning, developing, integrating, and implementing departmental programs in the Land-Grant missions of teaching, research, and Extension. He also serves as a liaison with college and university administration and with industry, external stakeholders, and alumni. Previously, Dr. Coffey served as an Extension Swine Specialist at the University of Kentucky (1994-2015), as Director of the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center (2012-2015), and as Department Chair for Animal and Food Sciences at the University of Kentucky (2015-2022).

Dr. Coffey has received several professional recognitions over the course of his career, including an Outstanding Service Award and induction into the Hall of Fame by the Kentucky Pork Producers Association, Honorary State FFA Degree by Kentucky FFA, Honorary Kentucky County Ag Agent from the Kentucky Association of County Agricultural Agents, Extension Award from the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science, Fellow in the Administrative Category by the American Society of Animal Science, President of the Midwest Section American Society of Animal Science, Board of Directors for American Society of Animal Science, and Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction from the Oklahoma State University Department of Animal and Food Sciences.