

The work of the Ohio Pork Council is made possible by the many generous supporters who devote time to enhance the organization's efforts on behalf of all farmers. Without strong advocates, OPC would not have the ability to operate in the way it does today. In effort to acknowledge, and express gratitude, OPC established the Friends of the Ohio Pork Industry award. This Award recognizes an individual, organization or company that has made a substantial impact on the organization through monetary support and volunteer activities throughout the year. This year, the Ohio Pork Council is pleased to honor Dr. Tony Forshey with the 2019 Friends of the Ohio Pork Industry Award.

Dr. Forshey has been a longtime supporter of the Ohio Pork Council. Through his time as State Veterinarian with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Dr. Forshey has supported the pork industry in many ways that have advanced the industry. In this role, Dr. Forshey has provided guidance for members or regulated industry and federal officials regarding livestock health issues, extensively researched and examined programmatic and technical disease control reports, correspondence and publications and lead numerous educational trainings for division staff, or veterinarians.

While Dr. Forshey was in private practice, he specialized in swine and was instrumental in working with producers to eradicate pseudorabies (PRV) in Ohio. Additionally, as adjunct associate professor at The Ohio State University Veterinary School, Dr. Forshey was instrumental in working with - and giving some - of the current Ohio swine vets hands-on experiences at the farm level. Lastly, Dr. Forshey's time spent monitoring the health of feral swine in Ohio became vital to developing biosecurity measures on hog farms and protecting the health of domestic swine as well as foreign animal disease detection.

Through these efforts, and more, Dr. Forshey has been truly influential in the swine industry over the last several years. His work has led the industry through difficult times and paved the path for years to come.

*Congratulations, Dr. Tony Forshey- and thank you for your contributions!*