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***AMSA Signal Service Award recipient Dr. Dennis Burson***, who is admired and respected by his colleagues for his innovation, service to the industry and personal qualities of leadership and integrity, was raised on a farm in Nebraska where a strong interest in Animal Agriculture began. He later developed an interest in meat and meat processing through collegiate meat judging activities and has spent most of his career focusing on meat technology and the meat industry. Burson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from the University of Nebraska in 1977. He then went on to earn his Masters of Science and Ph.D. in meat science at Kansas State University in 1979 and 1985.



His areas of expertise are Meat Science and Food Safety and he has worked with HACCP and Food Safety systems for meat and food Processors since 1992. Dr. Burson serves as the Extension Meat Specialist for the University of Nebraska. His educational programs address food safety, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point systems, and improving the quality, consistency, and value of market animals.