



AAMP Honors Roger Mandigo with their Achievement Award

The American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP) presented Dr. Roger Mandigo, Professor Emeritus of Animal Science, with their Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service to the organization and the meat industry. The presentation was made at the 72nd American Convention of Meat Processors and Suppliers Exhibition held in Reno, Nevada, June 16-18. For the award citation, go to the following link.



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2011 AAMP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

If there is one recognition that symbolizes the highest appreciation members of the American Association of Meat Processors feel for an individual who has done truly special things, it is the AAMP Annual Achievement Award. It gives me extreme pleasure to present this award tonight.

While I have had the privilege of studying under tonight's recipient, many of you know him as a research pioneer, an invaluable resource to small processors, and a longtime supporter of AAMP. He has been widely recognized and received many honors from the meat industry for achievements and is being recognized tonight for his continuing service to the meat industry. The recipient of the 2011 AAMP Achievement Award is Dr. Roger Mandigo of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Mandigo began his career as a student at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona and New Mexico State University before earning his Ph.D. degree at Oklahoma State University in 1967. Roger joined the faculty in the Animal Science Department at the University of Nebraska in 1966. In addition to his departmental assignments, Mandigo has served as Head Marshal for the University's Honors Convocations, Doctoral Hooding Ceremonies and Commencement since 1981.

For the past 45 years, Roger provided the meat industry science and technology counsel and solutions for processed meats issues for very small entrepreneurial meat processors up through the largest national and international commercial meat processors. He has taught numerous training short courses for the meat industry regarding such topics as product development, the science of processed meats, and various meat issues across the U.S., as well as in many international countries.

Dr. Roger Mandigo's lengthy and productive career has helped develop practical ways to add real value to meat products, opened new avenues for meat utilization, and created an array of new food products. His research with restructured meats has received national and international recognition. His research has resulted in approximately 100 refereed journal articles, 12 book chapters, 33 symposium proceedings, and 153 abstracts.

Most notably, Roger Mandigo was part of a research initiative launched by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC). NPPC's members were looking for another reliable source of demand for pork shoulder. He was part of a team of researchers who developed a process to bind meat together into different shapes. This technology is often associated with the famous McRib sandwich, introduced by McDonald's in 1981.

The leadership, knowledge, and active participation in the meat industry all his life demonstrates that Dr. Roger Mandigo is quite an eligible recipient of the highest recognition of the American Association of Meat Processors...the 2011 AAMP Annual Achievement Award.