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Upon my retirement from UNL and relocation to Mankato, MN my major consulting activity was the creation of SVC Research. This private research group has 4 2400-hd wean-finish research sites and is contracted to do the production research (genetics, nutrition, management, etc.) for 4 production systems who are clients of the Swine Vet Center in St Peter, MN. We routinely receive and put on test 30,000+ weaned pigs per year between the 4 sites. I have served as science director (sort of like being a professor) for the past 8 years. In June we hired a new PhD non-ruminant nutrition graduate from the University of Minnesota to assume this role and as she grows in the position I am easing out of the daily involvement in research.

I remain heavily involved in extension and university activities. I have an adjunct appointment in the U of Minnesota Animal Science Dept and am also involved in research and extension activities with the ag engineers and swine veterinarians on campus. I maintain an active involvement on several committees of the Minnesota Pork Board and Minnesota Pork Producers and continue to interact with the Nebraska Pork Producers Association. I have written a weekly blog for the Minnesota Pork Board web site since 2008 ([www.mnpork.com](http://www.mnpork.com)).

In addition to a large number of production site visits each year for clients I do 20-30 producer group presentations annually in the US and foreign countries. Foreign travel has included Canada, China, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile and Germany.

The reason for the relocation to Minnesota was to access life-time care and services for our daughter Elizabeth. She turned 25 last week and the care and services in the Mankato region have exceeded our expectations. She lives in a group home with 2 other high-need young ladies that is 5 minutes from our home and works in a sheltered workshop 4-6 hr/day. In her own way she has made it clear to us that she prefers her group home (and all of the fun things her college age care-givers do with her) versus living with 2 'old' parents.

My wife is now in remission from cancer (again) so the plan is to slowly cut back on the consulting activities beginning next year so we can enjoy our grandchildren more, spend time in our camper and do other traveling in both the US and overseas.