



June 30, 2014, Urbandale, IA- Validus is proud to announce the hiring of Dr. David Meisinger of Ames, Iowa and Tom Riley of Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. David Meisinger has joined the Validus team as the Director of Sales as well as an Animal Welfare Specialist.

Dr. Meisinger has an extensive background in the swine industry and brings over 35 years of experience to Validus. His expertise in strategic planning and developing/ promoting innovations has revolutionized the swine industry. Most recently Dr. Meisinger has served as the Executive Director of the U.S. Pork Center of Excellence in Ames, IA. During his eight years there he established the Center as the only collaborative organization in the pork industry.

Dr. Meisinger began his education at Joliet Junior College where he received his Associate's Degree in Agriculture. He continued his education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in General Ag, Pre- Vet & Animal Industries and a Masters' Degree in Animal Industries. Dr. Meisinger then received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in Ames, IA in Animal Nutrition.

Dr. Meisinger takes an active role in the community, serving as a Boy Scout Troop Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, and National Jamboree Scoutmaster. He has also served as the City of Earlham Parks and Recreation Committee Chair.

Tom Riley joins Validus as an Animal Welfare Specialist.

Riley's most recent employment before Validus was with Early Farms- Early Ford Tractors in Cameron, Missouri. He has also previously worked at Continental Grains as an Older Meats Assurance Inspector in both Illinois and Iowa and has been employed by the Kansas City, Missouri public school district.

Riley received his Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Mechanization from the University of Missouri. He also received his Ag Education certification while attending school in Columbia, MO.

Mr. Riley currently lives in Kansas City with his wife Beth, and two sons. He stays involved in his community as a Boy Scout Leader and is active in the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Ararat Shrine Temple. Riley also manages a pure bred Hampshire sheep herd on a family farm in Hamilton, MO.

We are pleased to welcome both Mr. Riley and Dr. Meisinger to the Validus team and are excited for the talent they bring!