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Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

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Group Name: Orie L. Quesenberry, Jr.

Job Title: Ag Specialist III

Employee's Home Department: Dairy Science

Employee's College or VP Area: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Nominated For: President's Award for Excellence and Governor's Star Award

Nominated By: Trina Pauley, Fiscal Technician, Food Science and Technology

Virginia Tech Hire Date: January 1, 1978



Summary

Orie L. Quesenberry, Jr., came to work at Virginia Tech Dairy Science in 1978, and has been an important part of the dairies' daily operations. He exemplifies a quality employee. Orie has never complained about the long hours and hard work asked of him throughout the years.

He is a "jack of all trades," and the Dairy Science department turns to him for tasks because they know he will get the job done. Over the years he has fed and nursed the cattle, repaired milking equipment and other machinery used in the Dairy Complex, and even maintained the vehicle used specific to running a dairy farm. He has designed and built several handling facilities and stalls that not only house the cattle, but make it easier for the professors to do their research. Orie truly cares about the animals he works with and has made suggestions actually used during research to maintain safety and implement smoother processes. He often takes a leadership role with fellow employees and students. One colleague stated, "when he is finished with his work, he helps the other employees with their tasks, and he often trains students and co-workers when assigned tasks they do not know how to do."

In addition to supporting the research efforts, he also oversees the machine shop and maintains all of the milking equipment, machines, and trucks that the dairy uses. His supervisor stated, "Very rarely can Mr. Quesenberry not complete the task at hand. In the past 30 years, he has lent a helping hand, wherever it was needed, and it is with that spirit and willingness to help."

He has worked overtime when needed and filled in for employees when they could not make it to work for various reasons. One co-worker commented, "Orie represents Virginia Tech as a wonderful place to study and work through his caring nature. He loves what he does and it shows!"

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