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2008 AAMP OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The 2008 AAMP Outstanding Service Award acknowledges an individual that has contributed to the meat industry in a variety of ways for many years. Wesley (Wes) Beane is very deserving and demonstrates the definition of this award.

Wes currently serves as the Executive Director/Treasurer of the Oklahoma-Texas Meat Processors Association (OTMPA) and operates Ralph's Quality Meats in Perkins, Oklahoma, but his career in the meat industry began many years ago. As his father was selling a load of hogs in 1971 to Ralph, the local butcher, he mentioned his son was looking for a different career path instead of continuing his current occupation of milking 125 cows. Ralph took his father up on the inquiry and Wes began his career in the meat industry.

Wes has been an active member of OTMPA since 1983 and accepted the position of Executive Director for the association in 1994. This June marked Wes's 14th year as the Executive Director for the OTMPA and he has always shown great commitment and devotion to the association. Wes has been an instrumental person within OTMPA...helping get the membership up-to-date on HACCP, encouraging others within the membership, and recruiting new members in both OTMPA and AAMP. Through the years, he has always been ready and willing to share his knowledge of association management and meat processing with others.

Although Wes performs the tasks of being the Executive Director/Treasurer for OTMPA, he also operates Ralph's Quality Meats in Perkins, OK. He has worked to develop a successful retail operation offering fresh meats, specialty cuts, and deli items. They also sell a variety of pre-packed frozen meat items, institutional items, and a wide selection of seasonings, marinades, and barbeque sauces to customers in the surrounding area.

Through the years, Wes has been a steady, guiding hand to the Oklahoma-Texas Meat Processors Association, devoting his time and helping to make the Association successful.

For his dedication and contributions over the past 35 years to the meat industry, OTMPA, and AAMP, we are privileged today to present the 2008 AAMP Outstanding Service Award to Wes Beane of Perkins, Oklahoma.