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The summer 2018 edition of the Corporate Partners Update Series is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Fred A. Gardner who served as Professor (1953-1990) in the Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University. Fred enjoyed an incredible career in the leadership role for the Department's Processing and Product Technology Program. He recognized the importance of microbial control systems in commercial poultry operations where his research published the first control charts prior to the implementation of the HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) system now used in commercial poultry processing. His research was among the first to identify waste water management in poultry processing as a critical issue, establishing bench mark data for improving waste water handling systems.



Dr. Fred Gardner, Professor Emeritus Department of Poultry Science, Texas A&M University served the poultry industry and the academic community with distinction through his guidance in the development of eight graduate students who have become leaders nationally and internationally.

He was major advisor/mentor for eight graduate students who have become leaders in academia and the poultry industry. Dr. Hershell Ball (M.S.) served at North Carolina State University and Michael Foods in the egg industry. Dr. Louis Young served as protein chemist in the USDA Richard B. Russell Research Center at Athens, Georgia. Dr. James Denton served as Department Head in Poultry Science at Texas A&M University and Center Director/Department Head in the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Bill Merka served at the University of Maryland and University of Georgia, recognized as recipient of the Dr. Charles Beard Research Award by the U. S. Poultry and Egg Association. Dr. Thomas Wang served as Laboratory Director for B. C. Rogers Poultry Company and Fieldale Farms Poultry Company. Dr. Patricia Curtis served at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, North Carolina State University, Auburn University and currently serves as Head of the Poultry Science Department at North Carolina State University. Dr. Amy Gilbert served at University of Arkansas and Safe Foods Corporation. Dr. Fernando Gomez-Gonzalez had a distinguished career at McDonald's Corporation as Director of U.S. Menu Innovation, Director of Worldwide Innovation, and Director of Operations and Supply Chain Quality Assurance at McDonald's Corporation.

Shown are Gardner Family members and former students for the Tribute announced at the Poultry Science Awards Celebration in College Station, Texas, April 14, 2018.



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