

Rodney Gilbert, retired Livestock Manager for Delaware Valley University, has dedicated his life to the livestock industry. Having received his undergraduate degree in Animal Industries and his master's in animal science, both from the University of Connecticut, Rodney has served as an instructor, assistant professor, manager, mentor, coach, judge, and advisor to many in his more than forty-three years in the industry.

He has taught many students in topics ranging from introduction to Animal Science, Beef Science, Swine Science, Livestock Evaluation, Genetic Improvement and Grain and Forage Laboratory to Integrated Livestock, Sheep Management and Selection, and Sheep Shearing Schools. Rodney has received numerous awards for his outstanding commitment to education including the DVC Student Government Faculty Service Award for outstanding service to the student body in 2012 and 2015 as well as the DVC Distinguished Faculty Award in 2010. During his time at Delaware Valley, herds and flocks were expanded and new modern facilities were constructed. Rodney successfully developed and implemented the successful freezer trade for Delaware Valley's beef, lamb, and pork programs.

When not busy with students, Rodney was active with the PA Livestock Association as a board member and several state breed associations. He has been a consistent supporter of the 4-H and FFA programs, as a presenter, workshop organizer, and contest coordinator. Rodney has judged numerous livestock shows in PA, NJ, MD, DE, NY, and New England. In his free time, he can be found volunteering at his church and serving as a Master Mason. Rodney currently resides in Wakefield, Rhode Island.