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Alfredo DiCostanzo hails from Mexico, where he earned his B.S. degree in Animal Science. After completing his masters and doctorate degree at the University of Minnesota and serving in a postdoctoral position for a year in Missouri, he spent 2.5 years in Mexico in a teaching college. He then spent 28.5 years as a faculty member at the University of Minnesota conducting research and education programs in beef cattle production and management. His main areas of focus are nutrition and management of cattle feedlots and cow-calf operations.

Throughout his career, Alfredo focused on strategies and interventions that enhance financial return in cattle enterprises. His work contributed to the knowledge base on utilization of distillers grains and solubles. Because of the emerging interest in value of manure as a fertilizer and use of forages in the feedlot, he investigated the role of cattle feeding in integrated livestock-manure-cropping systems. This led to research work in understanding the value of corn harvested at various endpoints (dry or high-moisture corn, earlage or corn silage) and alternatives to corn silage as a forage (alfalfa haylage).

Alfredo is looking forward to implementing beef systems extension programming in his home-base county and his entire geographic accountability region which includes Dixon, Dakota, Wayne, Thurston, Stanton, Burt, Dodge, Washington, and Colfax Counties.

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