

Dr. Jay Lehr Biography

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Economist and Futurist Dr. Jay Lehr makes people feel good about American Agriculture. He combines 5 decades of expertise and experience in Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, environmental Science and Business Administration with the most contagious enthusiasm for the future of the American Farm and Ranch. He never fails to lift the spirits of the men and women working in every facet of agri-business today. His precise knowledge of U.S. Farm Legislation as well as every international farm support program and the direction they are moving allows him to confidently predict a bright future for American Farm Exports. His vast experience and support for the successful, economically beneficial use of corn in many products including ethanol; and use of soy in many products including bio-fuels and long term safety of advances in biotechnology serve to answer many of the questions on the minds of the average grain farmer. Lehr explains how Precision Agriculture using Geographic Information Systems, Global Positioning Satellites, Remote Sensing and Variable Rate Technology for farm inputs will revolutionize farming this decade. He promotes reduced tillage agriculture which is destined to improve yields and profits while strategically undermining the unfair and inaccurate claims made by environmental advocacy groups against American Farmers. He makes a strong case for why today's farmer is the very best environmental steward as well as land conservationist who insures the highest quality of our water and air resources. His experiences with well managed large Confined animal Feeding Operations for hogs, chickens, cattle and dairy cows proves conclusively that these techniques include the most humane animal management while posing no threat to a communities air and water quality. Lehr recognizes that the future of our two million farms and ranches is questioned by many, but his multiple business models for different levels of agriculture operations prove that all can succeed at a desirable level and continue to produce its single most important crop for America, namely its next generation of outstanding children.

Dr. Jay Lehr received the nation's first Ph.D. in Ground Water Hydrology from the University of Arizona in 1962. This followed a degree in Geological Engineering from Princeton University, a brief stint with the US Geological Survey and 2 years with the US navy's Civil Engineering Corps. After graduate school, he taught at the University of Arizona and The Ohio State University before becoming the Executive Director of the National Ground Water Association and the Association for Ground Water Scientists and Engineers for 25 years. In 1991 he started Environmental Education Enterprises, Inc., a company specializing in training through high level technical short courses for environmental scientists and engineers across the United States and Canada. In 2008 Dr. Jay Lehr was named Chief Hydro-geologist for Earth Water Global (EWG) corporation, one of the largest providers of water supply projects throughout the world. EWG makes available for delivery previously overlooked, large scale sustainable ground water

resources at EWG's financial risk under a long term services contract with government clients globally.

Dr. Lehr has testified before Congress on more than three dozen occasions and consulted with nearly every agency of the federal government as well as many foreign countries on every continent. Lehr has 29 books in print. Amazingly, McGraw- Hill and John Wiley and Sons, America's largest science publishers have together published 10 of his books in the past 10 years among them; "The Handbook of Environmental Science Health and Technology," "Environmental Remediation Handbook", "Modern Ground Water Exploration" and the June 2005 publication of a 5 volume "Water Encyclopedia". In 2009 Wiley published his "The Fluoride Wars and Potassium Chloride : A Better Choice for Domestic Water Treatment.

Lehr is also well known for his athletic prowess having completed the Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon World Championship nine times. By winning the Florida Ironman Triathlon Championship in the over 70-age division on November 3, 2007, he again qualified for the World Championship in Hawaii. He also holds the world's longest streak of monthly skydives now in his 32nd year. His book on fitness, entitled "Fit, Firm and 50" was very well received. Dr. Lehr also holds a U.S. patent for a device that cures tennis elbow.

Jay Lehr is Science Director of the Heartland Institute a libertarian think tank supported by contributions by individuals, foundations, and corporations. No corporation contributes more than 5% of its annual income. He is also Senior Scientist with Environmental Education Enterprises, Inc. in Ostrander Ohio.