

## Charlie Stoltenow, Dean and Director of Nebraska Extension Brief Bio

Dr. Charlie Stoltenow is the Dean and Director of Nebraska Extension. He assumed leadership of Nebraska Extension on January 1, 2022. He is a veterinarian. Early in his career his veterinary clients often stumbled in the pronunciation of his last name 'Stoltenow' (stall-te-know), so they simply started calling him Dr. Charlie. The moniker has stuck for his entire career. When visiting with Dr. Stoltenow, it is entirely appropriate to call him Dr. Charlie.

He grew up on a diversified farm in southeastern North Dakota near the village of Great Bend, population 76. He understands and appreciates rural life. He received his BS in Animal Science, Research and Science Option from North Dakota State University and received his DVM from Iowa State University. Upon graduation during the agriculture depression of the 1980's, he started his own solo equine practice in Des Moines, IA. He freely admits this may not have been the best course of action right out of school, but he did learn a great deal about business and customer service. He was in private equine practice for 4 years including Ak-Sar-Ben racecourse at Omaha, NE and the Detroit Race Course at Livonia, MI. Living in the 11<sup>th</sup> largest metro area in the US helps him understand and appreciate urban life. After private practice he joined the USDA as a federal veterinarian. During his time with USDA he was 'loaned' out to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was a member of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service or EIS where he investigated and studied human epidemiology at the Nebraska Department of Health in Lincoln. He finished his federal career as an analytical epidemiologist for the USDA's Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health in Fort Collins, CO.

He left USDA to become the Extension Veterinarian for NDSU. In addition to being the Extension veterinarian, he served as the Interim Director of NDSU's 4-year veterinary technology program. Other positions he has held while at NDSU include ND Horse Racing Commissioner, Consulting Veterinarian for the ND Board of Animal Health, Board of Pharmacy, Department of Emergency Services and the ND Department of Health. He has held leadership positions within the ND Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. At the international level he holds the rank of adjunct professor at the Mongolia State University School of Veterinary medicine. He has visited 15 countries and has served as a consultant to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in Bern, and the US State Department. He is considered one of the world's leading authorities in anthrax, a zoonotic disease which is present in six out of seven continents.

As the Dean and Director of Nebraska Extension, he leads an organization of approximately 450 people scattered across 93 counties with an annual budget of approximately \$55M. Dr. Charlie has expressed that he is passionate about people and empowering them to improve their lives through science and evidence-based education.