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#### Gene Hugoson



Gene Hugoson is on staff at the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety at the University of Minnesota, working with Food System Policy. The Center spans four different colleges as they work with government agencies and all members of the food chain to address animal and human health issues.

Prior to joining the university in 2011, Hugoson served as Minnesota's Commissioner of Agriculture for more than 15 years for three different governors. The agency has responsibility for promoting agriculture and its products in both the U.S. and around the world but it also has numerous regulatory responsibilities. He currently is a member on the Board of Agriculture & Natural Resources of the National Academies in Washington, DC.

Hugoson served in the state legislature for nine years before his appointment as commissioner. He also served in the U.S. military including a tour in Vietnam.

A graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Hugoson has a BA in history and political science and taught in the secondary education system while he did graduate work at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He also continues to operate a corn and soybean farm in southern Minnesota with his family.