



**Kenneth Rutledge
President and CEO
Dakota Turkey Growers LLC**



Kenneth Rutledge, a 37-year poultry industry veteran, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Dakota Turkey Growers, an LLC composed of 43 independent Hutterite turkey growers. He is responsible for implementing the policies set forth by the DTG board of directors. He directs the processing, marketing and production functions of DTG, dba Dakota Provisions.

From 1996 to 2004, before joining DTG, Rutledge was President and CEO of Iowa Turkey Growers Cooperative in West Liberty, Iowa. Prior to that Ken served as Vice President and General Manager of Zacky Farms, located in Fresno, California.

From 1989 to 1990, Rutledge served as Vice President of Operations for Swift-Eckrich, Inc., located in Downers Grove, Illinois.

He served in various positions for Norbest, Inc., in Midvale, Utah, from 1983 to 1989 as Director of Operations, Assistant General Manager, Executive Vice President, and President and General Manager.

In 1973, Rutledge began his poultry industry career as Procurement Manager for Swift & Co. in Jasper, Indiana, eventually serving as Vice President of Procurement and Processing for Swift in Chicago, Illinois.

Prior to working in the poultry industry, Rutledge was a teacher for four years. He holds a B.S. degree in social sciences from Indiana State University.





Rutledge is a member of the SD Poultry Industries Association, past officer in the Indiana State Poultry Association, past member of the Illinois Turkey Growers Association, and past member of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association. He was also past president of the California Poultry Industry Federation, past chairman of the National Turkey Federation and was a member of President Ronald Reagan's National Meat and Poultry Advisory Committee.

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