

Bio: Jackson M. Dzakuma

Jackson M. Dzakuma is currently serving as livestock production manager at InVictus Solutions Company in Dallas, TX. From November 1, 2003 to October 15, 2008 he served as the Research Leader for Caprine programs at the International Goat Research Center at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). Dr. Dzakuma obtained his BSc.(Honors) degree in Agriculture from the University of Ghana, Legon; MS in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and, Ph.D. in Animal Breeding and Genetics from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. From May 1981 through May 1983, he did a two-year Postdoctoral training at Purdue University in *Computer Simulations of Alternative Breeding and Management Systems*, under the mentoring of Dr. Dewey L. Harris. From July 1983 to December 1984, he worked in Zaria, Nigeria, as a self-employed swine breeder and producer. From June 1985 through July 1987, he was employed as a Research Fellow with 75% research and 25% teaching responsibilities, at the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of Ghana, Legon. From August 1987 to September 1988, he served as Visiting Scientist at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, working on Expert Systems applications in the animal sciences. From October 1988 through December 1990, Dr. Dzakuma was employed as Statistical Coordinator at the Roman L. Hruska US Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, NE. From March 1991 through October 15, 2008, he was employed as a Research Scientist/Leader at the International Dairy Goat Research Center in PVAMU. As Research Scientist, he had assigned responsibilities for establishing and maintaining a meat goat program, statistician, grants solicitor and administrator; as Research Leader he provided vision and direction and defined the mission for the overall goat program. In summer 1983 Dr. Dzakuma served as W. K. Kellogg Foundation and Royal Dublin Society Fellow at the 3rd International Summer School in Agriculture in Dublin, Ireland. In summer 1997, he served as USDA/CSREES Fellow with the National Research Initiative in the Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management Unit. From June 2002, he participated in the Class 12 ESCOP/ACOP-sponsored Leadership Development Program for emerging leaders in agricultural experiment stations and related organizations, graduating in March 2003. Dr. Dzakuma has been a certified Professional Animal Scientist (PAS) since January 1990. His research interests include conservation and management of indigenous livestock genetic resources and using them in production situations for food and poverty alleviation.