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Bruce Rastetter is an Iowa entrepreneur raised on a farm outside of Iowa Falls, Iowa. After graduating from the University of Iowa, Mr. Rastetter returned home to his family farm and founded feed management, construction, and swine production businesses.

In 1994, he merged these businesses into one company called Heartland Pork Enterprises. Mr. Rastetter served as Heartland's CEO until 2004, growing the company to the 13th largest pork producer in the U.S. before successfully guiding the company through an acquisition by Christensen Farms.

In 2003, he co-founded Hawkeye Energy Holdings which grew to become a producer of over 450 million gallons of ethanol per year, and at the time becoming the third-largest pure play ethanol producer in the U.S. He has served as CEO of Hawkeye since inception.

In addition to Hawkeye, Mr. Rastetter has grown his family farm into Summit Farms, LLC, and serves as its CEO today.

He is also an active philanthropist, giving to Iowa State University to endow a chair in Agricultural Entrepreneurship, and supporting a variety of efforts that encourage thoughtful public policy.

In 2011, Governor Branstad appointed Mr. Rastetter to the Iowa Board of Regents. He also currently serves on the following Boards of Directors: Hawkeye Energy Holdings, Advanced Bioenergy, American Ag & Energy Council, and Growth Energy.

