

Professor Alan Bell: Chief, CSIRO Livestock Industries

Professor Alan Bell grew up on a dairy farm in South Gippsland, Victoria. He was educated at the University of New England (B Rur Sc, Hons, 1969) and the University of Glasgow (PhD, 1976). He has held research and teaching positions at the CSIRO Division of Animal Physiology, Prospect, NSW; the Hannah Research Institute, Ayr, Scotland; La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria; and Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA.

At Cornell he was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Animal Science from 1997 to 2007, with major responsibilities for teaching, research and extension in livestock biology and management. Since 2007 he has been Chief of CSIRO Livestock Industries with responsibility for research operations in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, and Western Australia. In 2009 he was seconded for a year to help create and lead the new CSIRO Division of Food & Nutritional Sciences, returning to Livestock Industries in early 2010.

Alan is internationally known for his research on the nutritional physiology of pregnancy, lactation, and growth in sheep and dairy cattle.