



## **Jay T. Akridge**

Dr. Jay Akridge was appointed Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University in 2009 and has administrative responsibility for the academic, research, Extension, and international programs of the College as well as the Office of the Indiana State Chemist. Previously,

Dr. Akridge was the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics and served as director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business and the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management program. He served as interim vice provost for engagement at Purdue in 2007–08. Jay currently serves as Chair of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Board on Agriculture Assembly Policy Board of Directors. His teaching and research focuses on strategic management of food and agribusiness firms and adoption of new technology by agribusiness. Jay has worked with agribusiness managers in the areas of strategy and marketing in more than 20 countries. He received his MS and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Purdue and his bachelor's degree in agriculture and business administration from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.