

## Message from Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong, Dean College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

I am pleased to welcome Joseph H. Hotchkiss as the next director of the MSU School of Packaging and the inaugural director of the planned Center for Packaging Innovation and Sustainability. Dr. Hotchkiss was recommended by a search committee and the school after an extensive national search. His appointment was approved by the MSU Board of Trustees at its Sept. 10 meeting and becomes effective Oct. 1.

Joe Hotchkiss is the former chair of the Cornell University Department of Food Science where he had served on the faculty since 1980. He received both his PhD (in food chemistry and toxicology, 1979) and master's degree (in food chemistry and organic chemistry, 1977) from Oregon State University and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Northern Colorado (1971).



Joe has been on the Cornell faculty in the Department of Food Science since 1980 where he has taught a broad range of courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and was faculty thesis advisor to more than 45 graduate students. He has participated in a variety of Extension outreach activities and has an extensive research portfolio focused on the safety, nutrition and packaging of food, for which he holds five patents. He also served as chair of the department, director of the Cornell Institute of Food Science (2002–07) and was previously a science advisor for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (1999–2003).

He has been a consultant to a wide variety of food products, packaging and consumer goods corporations as well as the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He has also served on committees within many local, state, and federal governmental agencies and industry organizations including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Food Technologists and the American Council on Science and Health.

During his nearly 30-year career at Cornell, Joe has been published in more than 150 peer-reviewed journals. He served on the editorial boards of six scientific periodicals and was an editor of two editions of "Food and Packaging Interactions" for which he received both the "700 Club" and Platinum book awards from the American Chemical Society. He also coauthored the textbook "Food Science" (fifth edition). He has been an invited speaker at numerous seminars and symposia in the U.S. and abroad.

Let me also voice my appreciation for the outstanding effort by the search committee chaired by Dr. John Baker, and the work of the faculty, staff and students of the School of Packaging. Please also join me in extending sincere appreciation to both Susan Selke for her service as acting director and Mark Uebersax for his work as transition director of the School of Packaging.

Joe's wife, Michele Bailey, will also join the MSU faculty as a professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation and as an adjunct to the Department of Animal Science.

Please join me in welcoming them both to Team MSU!