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As Chief Executive Officer of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Dr W. Ron DeHaven serves the more than 81,000 members of the AVMA as they work to meet the challenges of improving both human and animal health in the 21st century.

Dr DeHaven has more than two decades of experience with the US Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and gained national prominence in 2003 and 2004 when bovine spongiform encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease) and H5N1 avian influenza were making headlines. As APHIS Administrator, Dr DeHaven was ultimately responsible for the protection of U.S. agriculture from exotic pests and diseases.

Dr DeHaven obtained his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Purdue University in 1975 and a master's degree in business administration from Millsaps College in 1989. He received an honorary Doctorate of Science degree from Purdue in 2005.