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Before joining ASA, CSSA, and SSSA in 2003, Dr. Bergfeld served as Director of the American Society of Animal Science. She received a BA from Ohio State University and, after graduating with MS and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, worked in the office of Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) after receiving the Federation of Animal Science Societies Congressional Science Fellowship.

As a national leader in plant and crop science advocacy, Dr. Bergfeld has spoken to the Global Plant Council about the challenges facing global food production and agriculture and submitted comments on the importance of developing sustainable bioenergy and bioproducts sectors to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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