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A name or a title is a means for effective cooperation and communication in today's world. Commercial companies spend millions of dollars promoting their name and describing their products so that the company and its products and service can be easily identified by the public. The words "Agricultural Engineering" have been used for many decades to describe one of the most influential engineering disciplines in the 20th century. However, agricultural engineering remains the most misunderstood of all engineering professions and one that continues to wrestle with its identity.

The very wide scope of the agricultural industry has enabled the agricultural engineering profession to expand into many new areas. Many information initiatives have been utilized to inform the public of the role agricultural engineers play in the total agri-food system. However, since the word "agriculture" is closely associated with primary production of food, it is understandable that the profession has an identity problem. Some university and extension agricultural engineering programs have changed their name so as to reflect an increased emphasis on the environmental and biological sciences. This is a logical direction in which to move, since biological science includes agriculture. Specifically, agriculture is limited, applied biology.

The CSAE Council recognizes that the profession is continuing to evolve and needs to redefine itself. A working committee has been established to study the issue and develop a future strategy for engineering in the agri-food industry. This committee will be seeking input from the membership as well as from others in the agri-food industry. Your ideas and comments for a future direction of the profession are most welcome.

The profession still has a long distance to go towards a new engineering order and that distance needs to be covered now. If we don’t do it, others will do it for us and then agricultural engineering will be known only in the history books.
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