

## Modern Food Production



Jim Anderson spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 5 and led a discussion on modern food production. He is a member of the Underwood Optimist Club and a graduate of Hancock in 1957. He has a Master's degree in Soil Sciences. He has published a reviewed paper titled "Let Sound Science Prevail."

No detailed notes were taken, but some of the controversial topics of conversation included:

- Biotechnology and transgenic crops
- Food vs. fuel
- Animal rights: free range vs confinement and the Humane Society of the United States
- Organic vs conventional production using chemicals and biotech crops
- High fructose corn syrup
- Helping the world's farmers feed and fuel our planet
- Soil and water conservation and sustainable agriculture

Jim said that there are many emotional arguments on both sides of these issues, but science does not back up many of the arguments.