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David Faber, DVM, was raised on a grain and livestock farm in north-central Illinois and received his BS and DVM degrees from the University of Illinois. Upon graduation, he joined a large food-animal practice in northwest Iowa. Faber founded Trans Ova Genetics in 1980.

Faber serves as the CEO of Trans Ova Genetics, a leading reproductive and genetic technology company in the USA. In addition to embryo collection and transfer, Trans Ova Genetics offers in vitro fertilization, sexed semen, cloning, and genetic engineering for agricultural and biomedical applications. Today, Faber is the URUS senior vice president of reproductive advancement and innovation and is actively involved in the leadership of the company and the industry.

Faber is a member of numerous societies and associations. He has served on the board of directors for Exemplar, ViaGen, Bovance, Trans Ova Genetics, IETS, the American Embryo Transfer Association, the Iowa Biotech Association, the UNI Biotech Advisory Board, and as the Biotechnology Industry Organization animal policy chairman.

In 2013, Faber was named the Ernst and Young Midwest Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2013 and 2014, Trans Ova was awarded the Prometheus Award from the Iowa Technology Association as the Iowa Life Sciences company of the year. In 2024, Faber was awarded the Dairy Shrine Pioneer Award for his contributions to the industry.

Faber's family includes his children, Sara Kober, Daniel Faber, Tyler Faber, their spouses, seven grandsons, and one granddaughter.

Faber first attended the annual conference of the IETS in 1980 in Denver, Colorado, and has rarely missed attending since. IETS has been important to him, as it provides for the exchange of scientific knowledge, enduring professional relationships, and, most importantly, inspiration to further serve and develop the industry.