

Honorary Angus Foundation

The National Junior Angus Assn. has initiated the Honorary Angus Foundation to recognize and show appreciation to individuals who have shown extraordinary interest and support for young members of the American Angus Assn. During the activities of the National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa, the NJAA board of directors honored seven Angus breeders as the first inductees of the Honorary Angus Foundation. In subsequent years, a maximum of three individuals will be honored annually. Included below is a shortened version of the dedication made to these seven honorees at the National Junior Angus Show.



Lyle Haring
DeWitt, Iowa

"If young people learn by the example of those they respect, then Lyle Haring has been the source of wealth of education for young Angus breeders for over 30 years. Lyle joined the American Angus Assn. staff as regional manager in 1953. He organized the Iowa Junior Angus Assn. and helped organize the Missouri Junior Angus Assn. Since then, both groups have been two of the largest and most active associations in the nation."



Ed Stout
(deceased)
Booneville, Mo.

"Ed Stout was responsible for making the junior association idea a reality. With the help of Lyle Haring, he organized the first junior association in Missouri. Ed was a fieldman for the

Missouri Angus Assn. and worked diligently to get his junior association off the ground. His hard work has continued to pay off, for many junior members in Missouri take advantage of the opportunities the junior Angus involvement offers. The Missouri Junior Angus Assn. continues to be a large and active membership."



George Becker
Enderlin, N.D.

"When he got interested in the National Junior Angus Assn., George Becker got involved in a big way. Two years in a row he purchased the Angus Foundation donation heifer. Each time, the Angus Foundation's fundraising effort was boosted by a \$20,000 donation."

Robert Snyder
Eureka Springs, Ark.

"Robert Snyder spent 20 years behind the scenes making the American Angus Assn. and its members visible and recognized for their achievements. Through his affiliation with the Association's Public Relations department, Bob reported the activities of Angus breeders to the media in their hometown areas. His efforts at spread-

ing information about young Angus breeders' activities and Association junior programs have informed many about the opportunities offered for youngsters through the Angus business."



Robert Hicks
(deceased)
Midway, Ky.

"In the past 18 years, hundreds of young Angus breeders have competed in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

The man responsible for the initial organization of the National Showmanship Contest was Robert Hicks. A well-known Angus breeder, Bob taught Animal Husbandry courses at the University of Kentucky for many years. He coached the livestock judging teams and was in charge of the University's beef cattle operations. Bob also served on the board of directors of the American Angus Assn. During his term on the board, he suggested the concept of the showmanship contest. From his idea, the first National Showmanship Contest was held in Lexington, Ky., in 1967. Unfortunately, Bob did not live to see his innovative idea become a reality."

Frank Richards
(deceased)
Macon, Mo.

"Frank Richards initiated the beginnings of many of those youth programs when he developed the Junior



Activities department of the American Angus Assn.

Frank was the executive secretary of the Association from 1946 until 1963. As he planned for the future of his organization, he knew that junior breeders and junior activities could be an important part of future success. He developed the position of Junior Activities director during his tenure. Through his administration, junior members across the nation have benefitted from the many programs and activities which that department makes possible."



Percy and Margaret Upton
Madison, Neb.

"For the past 30 years, the young Angus breeders of Nebraska have experienced the positive effects of two very special leaders. Percy and Margaret Upton have unfailingly planned and executed programs and activities for Nebraska juniors since 1952.

Nebraskans quote the Uptons as often saying, 'Combined efforts make for worthwhile accomplishments.' In 1959, the Uptons combined their own efforts and accomplished organizing the young breeders of their state into the Nebraska Junior Angus Assn. The group was the third in the nation to organize. The next year saw the organization and presentation of the first junior Angus field day, again with Percy and Margaret Upton at the drawing table. Many junior shows, programs and activities followed in the coming year." **AJ**