

Seven Who Made A Difference Slated for Induction Into Angus Heritage Foundation

Seven people who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed will be inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation during special ceremonies Nov. 13 at the American Angus Association Annual Banquet in Louisville, Ky.

They include four active members of the American Angus Association, and three others who will be inducted posthumously. The active members: Bill Conley, Groton, Mass.; Tom and Bob Drake, Davis, Okla.; and James E. "Ed" Horton Jr., Madison, Ala.

Honored posthumously for their service to the Angus breed will be Harold Etling, who owned Wayne Knolls Farm Marshallville, Ohio; Marion Foote, Angus breeder and promoter from Tacoma, Was.; and Dr. Horst Leipold, genetic pathologist and professor of veterinary medical genetics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.

Each inductee, or their family, will receive a framed Angus Heritage Foundation certificate and their name will be engraved on a permanent Heritage Foundation plaque in the American Angus Association headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

A panel of noted Angus breeders, agricultural journalists and industry leaders makes the final selection. The judges are appointed by the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association. Photos and brief biographies of all the inductees, including the 1995 group, will be printed in a new Angus Heritage Foundation booklet. It will be available at the 1995 Annual Meeting and copies may be obtained by contacting the American Angus Association.

Biographical information on the 1995 Angus Heritage Foundation inductees follows.

Bill Conely, born in Enfield, Conn., graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1950. He intended to take a year



Bill Conley

before going to graduate school to work for Gibbet Hill Farm at Groton, Mass., but he remained for the next 45 years. During that time the Angus herd increased from 20 to 200 cows and the farm from 180 to 1,200 acres. He and his family also own and operate Conley Angus Farm in Clarksdale, Mo. Conley promoted the use of Angus Herd Improvement

Records (AHIR) in the eastern United States, and was a serious performance Angus breeder. He was elected president of the American Angus Association in 1984. Prior to that he served two terms on the Association Board of Directors.

Tom and Bob Drake are co-owners and operators of Drake Farms, Davis, Okla., a registered and commercial Angus



Tom Drake

operation founded by their father in 1943. They are serious breeders of performance evaluated Angus cattle, and have devoted an extraordinary amount of time to serve the Angus and livestock industry on a local and national level. Tom was president of the American Angus Association in 1991, and



Bob Drake

served two terms on the Board of Directors prior to that. Bob is the current president of the National Cattlemen's Association, and has held most elected offices in this national organization. Both men have served as leaders of the Oklahoma Angus Association and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association.

James E. "Ed" Horton has devoted his life to the Angus business and the American Angus Association. He is owner and



Ed Horton

partner of Macedon Farms, Madison, Ala., founded by his father in 1925. Macedon is one of the oldest Angus herds in the Southeast. Horton is a charter member of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association and an early participant in the American Angus Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program. He

served as president of the American Angus Association in 1979, and two terms on the Board of Directors prior to that. A member of most major Association committees, he was on the original Certified Angus Beef Program committee.

Harold A. Etling became an Angus breeder in the late 1940s at Wayne Knolls Farm at Marshallville, Ohio. His love of Angus



Harold Etling

cattle and high quality beef led him to play a key role in the development of the American Angus Association's Certified Angus Beef Program. His vision, leadership and determination helped start the CAB Program. He devoted time, talent and his business expertise to the program and was appointed in 1977 to serve

on the CAB Board of directors. He helped put the CAB Program on the road to becoming the largest branded beef program in the world.

Marion Foote started Foote Angus at Tacoma, Wash. She was a lifelong promoter and supporter of the Angus breed and for many years she showed Angus cattle throughout the western



Marion Foote

United States and Canada. Her work with young people and her support of Angus junior activities had a lasting impact upon the beefcattle business and the Angus business in the West. She was a charter member of the Washington Angus Association and its first secretary. She served as president of the

Western States Angus Auxiliary in 1972 and was the organization's ways and means chairwoman for 17 years.

Dr. Horst Leipold was the world's leading authority on congenital and genetic disorders in livestock, and a long-time advisor to the American Angus Association on this subject. He was born and educated in Germany, and earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Justus Liebig University. He joined the staff of Kansas State University in 1964 and became a full professor in 1975, about the time his advisory work began with the American Angus



Dr. Horst Leipold

Association. He worked with breeders and the Association to identify and successfully control genetic defects in the Angus breed. He urged the Association to be open with the information, to make it available to all members, and print it on certificates.

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