

# Recognizes Individuals *for* Significant Contributions

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The American Angus Association Board of Directors selected four Angus enthusiasts who have made significant contributions to the Angus breed for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. The Heritage Foundation identifies and honors those people who have dedicated their time and efforts to the improvement and advancement of the Angus breed.

The inductees were given special recognition during the American Angus Association Annual Banquet on Nov. 13 in Louisville, Ky.

The 2000 inductees include Bill Borrer, Gerber, Calif.; Pat Goggins, Billings, Mont.; and Robert Van Stavern, Columbus, Ohio. Clarence Hillman, formerly of Canova, S.D., was inducted posthumously.

Inductees or their families received framed Angus Heritage Foundation certificates, and their names have been engraved on a permanent Heritage Foundation plaque in the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. Photos and brief biographies will be included in the 2001 Angus Heritage Foundation booklet that lists the inductees since the Heritage Foundation's inception in 1983.

Short biographies of this year's inductees follow.

**Bill Borrer** operates Tehama Angus Ranch with his wife, Sandy, and their family near Gerber, Calif. A lifelong Angus

breeder, he is a pioneer in performance recordkeeping. Borrer enrolled his first cow in the University of California Record of Performance Program in 1944. He also owned one of the first reference sires used by the Association in the Sire Evaluation Program.

Today, Tehama Angus Ranch covers 1,400 acres and includes 325 registered Angus cows and many crops, including almonds, alfalfa, corn, sunflowers, organic rice and wheat.

Borrer has served in various leadership positions, including president of the Association in 1999. He is also past president of the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association and has been a director of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF).

**Pat Goggins**, Billings, Mont., is an entrepreneur who has contributed to the livestock marketing and communication industries. Goggins is president of Western Livestock Reporter Inc., a corporation that produces two well-known livestock publications; Public Auction Yards (PAYs); Western Sale Management; Vermilion Ranch; other ranches; and a real-estate company.

He bought the *Western Livestock Reporter*, which covers 12 Western states, in 1961, and in 1968 he started *Agri-News*, a general agriculture publication. While working in advertising sales, Goggins taught himself to be an auctioneer, and today he is known as one of the premier

auctioneers in the West. He has been an innovator in video livestock auctions.

Goggins and his wife, Babe, have six children and 16 grandchildren.

**Clarence Hillman** lived Angus cattle, enjoyed Angus people and believed the customer was always right. He and his father started their registered Angus herd in 1918. After 10 years of using registered Angus bulls, they decided that purebred Angus would be superior to the crossbred cattle.

In 1930 he and his wife, Alice, established Bon-View Farms near Canova, S.D. Hillman was a lifelong supporter of registered Angus cattle. During tough times when many let their registration papers lapse, the Hillmans made sure their cattle were registered. Bon-View Farms enrolled in the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program in 1968. They showed many champions at the regional and national levels.

He passed away April 6, 1984.

Hillman's son, Howard, has served on the Association Board of Directors and will be its president in 2001.

**Bob Van Stavern**, professor emeritus of animal science at Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, is an expert in meat science and was involved in the development of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). He was instrumental in establishing the *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>™</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) carcass specifications that directly lead to the high-quality product.

"Dr. Bob" is a recognized leader at OSU, both in the classroom and in the meat lab. During the past 20 years, he has written seven books and numerous articles. In 1998 he received the Harry L. Rudnick Educator Award from the North American Meat Processors Association (NAMPA) for his contributions to the meat industry.

