

Angus Heritage Foundation Honors Individuals for Contributions to the Beef Industry

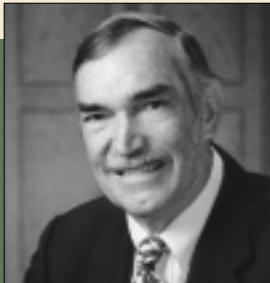
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The American Angus Association Board of Directors has selected four Angus leaders for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Each year, a select group of individuals who have made significant contributions of their time, knowledge and efforts to the improvement and advancement of the Angus breed are inducted into the Heritage Foundation.

The 2003 inductees include Leroy Baldwin, Ocala, Fla.; T.J. Cawood, Cleveland, Tenn.; and Robert Long, Amelia Island, Fla. Orin James Sr., formerly of Cameron, Mo., will be inducted posthumously. Inductees will be recognized during the American Angus

Association's Annual Awards Banquet Nov. 17 in Louisville, Ky. Each inductee or a family representative will receive a framed Angus Heritage Foundation certificate. Inductees' names will each be engraved on the permanent Heritage Foundation plaque currently displayed in the library of the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. Photos and brief biographies will be included in the 2003 edition of the Angus Heritage Foundation booklet that lists inductees since the Heritage Foundation's inception in 1983.

Brief biographies of the inductees follow.

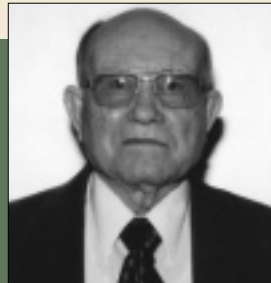


Leroy Baldwin

Leroy Baldwin, Ocala, Fla., has been a lifelong supporter of the Angus breed and the cattle industry as a whole. At the early age of 7, he decided that raising cattle was what he wanted to do in life. He purchased his first purebred heifer in 1947 with money he earned from his 4-H and FFA projects. Today, he still is an avid supporter of youth involved in both organizations, as well as the animal science department at the University of Florida (UF).

Baldwin has taken leadership roles in several industry organizations, and many have recognized him as a leader. He served as president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association in 1991. He also served on the American Angus Association Board of Directors for eight years and as president in 2002. Baldwin was selected as the Southeastern Farmer of the Year in 1993, and he was inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1995.

Baldwin has promoted the qualities of the Angus breed and has exported cattle, both nationally and internationally, for more than 38 years. He says that God has richly blessed his life by allowing him "to care for a few of His cattle on a thousand hills."



T.J. Cawood

T.J. Cawood's association with Angus cattle dates back some 68 years. He has been instrumental in the growth and development of the Angus breed in the southern United States.

As a young man, he was appointed herdsman for Hardwick Farm, a nationally known Angus herd near Cleveland, Tenn. He traveled with and campaigned the showstring throughout the Southeast and Midwest in the late 1930s and early 1940s. He was later named the farm's manager, a position he had until the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Hardwick.

In 1962 Cawood purchased a small herd of registered Angus cattle and started his own herd, T.J. Cawood & Sons. He has actively supported both the East Tennessee and Tennessee Angus associations. He has participated in both associations' consignment sales. His peers listened to him and trusted in his leadership and sound judgment, electing him twice as the East Tennessee Angus Association president. He also served as vice president of the Tennessee Angus Association and was a director for many years.



Robert Long

Robert Long, Amelia Island, Fla., has spent his lifetime studying, researching and educating others about Angus cattle and the beef industry. He has had teaching and research appointments at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and the University of Kentucky (UK). He was also chairman of the animal science departments at both the University of Georgia (UG) and Texas Tech University (TTU).

In the 1970s he joined Ankony Angus Corp. as vice president for research and development. He later became the executive vice president and chief executive officer (CEO).

Long has lectured on breeding, feeding, management and marketing of beef cattle in cattle-producing countries throughout the world. He has offered his expertise to producers and feeders, and he has contributed to the *Angus Journal* as author of the "Beef Logic" column. His research focused on skeletal size and muscularity of feeder cattle as they affect feedlot performance and carcass characteristics, and on the use of identical twins resulting from embryo splitting to study the effects of caloric density of diet upon efficiency of production.



Orin James Sr.

Orin James Sr. spent his lifetime mastering the art of being a successful Angus producer. He and his wife, Verna, partnered with J.C. Penney for more than 30 years near Hamilton, Mo., under the names of Homeplace Farms and Penney and James.

James was a record-setter in his day. In the time of World War II, he took the risk to pay \$30,000 for a bull, Eileenmere 487 TH, which he dubbed "the wonder bull of the breed." Progeny of this great bull set many sale and showring records. At its height, Homeplace Farms sold cattle to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sen. Albert Gore, Sen. Roy Conrad and Fred MacMurry, star of "My Three Sons."

In 1955 the Penney and James herd dispersed, setting another record. More than 3,000 people attended the sale, where 504 lots averaged \$2,083. For the next 10 years, James and his son, Orin Jr., continued the tradition of raising Angus cattle together near Cameron, until they dispersed in 1965. James was president of the Missouri Angus Association.

