

Seedstock Elite

Beef Improvement Federation recognizes six regional nominees for Seedstock Producer of the Year.

Each year the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) recognizes outstanding seedstock operations during its Annual Research Symposium and Convention, hosted this year June 5-12 in Oklahoma City, Okla. One overall winner is crowned Seedstock Producer of the Year.

Nominees are evaluated on 10 criteria:

- ▶ goals (short- and long-term);
- ▶ records system and implementation (performance and economic/financial);
- ▶ breeding system (objectives);
- ▶ selection objectives/culling criteria and process (sires and females);
- ▶ marketing (practices and customer relations);

- ▶ carcass merit/end product (data collection and application);
- ▶ forage resource (description and stewardship);
- ▶ innovations/improvements (changes made and use of technology);
- ▶ contributions to community and industry; and
- ▶ description of the role of BIF.

Six nominees were recognized this year during a special awards ceremony June 13 at the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Bradley 3 Ranch of Memphis, Texas, was named Seedstock Producer of the Year.

Following are short bios of each of the nominees.

Bradley 3 Ranch, Memphis, Texas

Owners/Managers: Mary Lou Bradley-Henderson, Minnie Lou Bradley and James Henderson

Bradley 3 Ranch was started in 1955 with the purchase of 20 registered Angus cows. Today the herd is one of the few Angus herds in the country that has maintained more than 200 registered-Angus cows for more than 50 years.

Early on, the Bradleys were committed to a disciplined approach to performance. As one of the first members of the American

Honor Roll: BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year award winners and nominees

The following honor roll lists previous award winners (in bold) and nominees by year.

2012

V8 Ranch, Boling, Texas
 Bianchi Ranches, Gilroy, Calif.
 EJ Shepherd Charolais, Stuart, Iowa
 HeartBrand Beef, Harwood, Texas
 Hounshell Farms, Wytheville, Va.
 Liberty Ranch, Plainville, Kan.
 McCurry Bros. Angus, Sedgwick, Kan.
 Perks Ranch, Rockford, Ill.
 Schuler Red Angus, Bridgeport, Neb.
 Springfield Angus, Louisburg, N.C.
 Tanner Farms, Ellisville, Miss.
 Williams Angus Farm, Newton, Ala.

2011

Mushrush Red Angus, Strong City, Ks.
 Bar T Bar Ranch, Winslow, Ariz.
 GV Limousin, Garnett, Kan.
 Jungels Shorthorn Farms, Kathryn, N.D.
 McDonald Farms, Blacksburg, Va.
 Monogram Farms, Terry, Miss.
 Panther Creek Angus, Bowen, Ill.
 Ridgefield Farm, Brasstown, N.C.
 Schuler Red Angus, Bridgeport, Neb.
 Sunshine Farms, Clanton, Ala.

2010

Sandhill Farms, Haviland, Kan.
 Circle Ranch, Lone, Calif.
 Edgerwood Angus, West Point, Va.
 McBee Cattle Co., Fayette, Mo.
 Rincker Simmentals, Shelbyville, Ill.
 Schuler Red Angus, Bridgeport, Neb.
 Spring Creeks Cattle Co., Wauzeka, Wis.
 Windy Hill Angus Farm, Boaz, Ala.

2009

Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio
Harrell Hereford Ranch, Baker City, Ore.
 Calyx Star Ranch, Shuqualak, Miss.
 Gibbs Farms, Ranburne, Ala.
 Musgrave Angus, Griggsville, Ill.
 Oak Meadow Farm Simmentals, Harmony, Minn.
 Oak Ridge Angus, Calistoga, Calif.
 Quaker Hill Farm, Louisa, Va.
 Skarda Farms, Afton, Iowa
 Stucky Ranch, Kingman, Kan.

2008

TC Ranch, Neb.
 Andras Stock Farm, Ill.
 Croissant Red Angus, Colo.
 Harms Plainview Ranch, Kan.
 Little Mountain Farm, Ala.
 C.H. Morris & Sons, Va.
 Nolin Red Angus, Iowa

Schott Limousin Ranch, S.D.
 Thomas Ranch, S.D.

2007

Pelton Simmental, Kan.
 5L Red Angus, Mont.
 Bridle Bit Simmentals, Colo.
 Echo Ridge Farm, Va.
 Heartland Cattle Co., Iowa
 Lindskov-Thiel Ranch, S.D.
 Star Lake Cattle Ranch, Okla.
 TC Ranch, Neb.
 Tinney Farms, Ala.
 Tomlinson Farms, Ill.

2006

Sauk Valley Angus, Ill.
 Benoit Angus Ranch, Kan.
 Champion Hill, Ohio
 EE Ranches Inc., Miss.
 Earhart Farms, Wyo.
 Figure 4 Cattle Co./Volk Ranch LLLP, Colo.
 Lawler Farm, Ala.
 Powder Creek Simmentals, Ga.
 Quaker Hill Farm LLC, Va.
 Thomas Charolais Inc., Texas
 Vorthmann Limousin, Iowa
 Waukaru Farms Inc., Ind.

2005

Rishel Angus, Neb.
 Altenburg Super Baldy, Colo.
 Bar S Ranch, Kan.
 Ellis Farms, Ill.
 Ingram Cattle Co., Miss.
 Moore Farms, Ala.
 Morrison Stock Farm, Ohio
 Pangburn Stock Farm, Iowa

Rogers Bar HR, Miss.
 Soldiers' Hill Angus Farm, Va.
 Sunnyhill Angus Farm, Ill.
 Waukaru Farms Inc., Ind.

2004

Camp Cooley Ranch, Texas
 Adams Angus Farm, Ala.
 Byland Polled Shorthorns, Ohio
 Eaton Charolais, Mont.
 Flat Branch Cattle Co., Ill.
 Judd Ranch Inc., Kan.
 Rausch Herefords, S.D.
 Reynolds Ranch, Colo.
 Silveira Bros. Angus and Diversified Farming, Calif.
 Symens Bros. Limousin, S.D.
 Touchstone Angus, Wyo.
 Triple U Ranch, Iowa

2003

Moser Ranch, Kan.
 Bedwell Charolais, Iowa
 Boyd Farm, Ala.
 Camp Cooley Ranch, Texas
 Hilltop Ranch, Texas
 Mystic Hill Farms, Va.
 Pingetzer's Six Iron Ranch, Wyo.
 San Isabel Ranch, Colo.
 Shamrock Vale Farms, Ohio

2002

Circle A Ranch, Mo.
 DeBruycker Charolais, Mont.
 Ellis Farms, Ill.
 Holly Hill Farm, Va.
 Isa Cattle Co. Inc., Texas
 Lyons Ranch, Kan.
 Noller and Frank Charolais, Iowa



PHOTOS BY TROY SMITH

► Bradley 3 Ranch of Memphis, Texas, was named the 2013 BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Joe Cassady, BIF executive director; Mark Cowan, 2012-2013 BIF president; Mary Lou Bradley-Henderson, James Henderson and Minnie Lou Bradley, recipients; and Burt Rutherford, *BEEF* magazine, award sponsor.

Beef Cattle Performance Registry, they maintained an emphasis on performance that is still the foundation of the herd today.

Bradley 3 Ranch is home to 400 registered-Angus cows and 35 registered-Charolais cows. The Charolais cows

were added in 2009 to offer customers a crossbreeding opportunity. All of the cows calve in a fall calving season. In years of normal moisture, the only supplemental feed is protein supplement. They do not creep-feed.

The ranch is located in the southeast part of the Texas Panhandle. Much of the ranch is rough, with canyons, draws, mesquite and cedar trees. To complicate matters, the natural water on the ranch is very “gypsy” and makes it difficult to introduce new genetics.

In 1986, the Bradleys started B3R Country Meats. In the next 16 years, they built the all-natural meat company to a 125-head-per-day harvest facility that harvested more than 30,000 head in 2002, the year it was sold. Customers were both beef producers and beef consumers. The beef producers were part of one of the earliest value-based marketing systems in the United States.

The experience gained at B3R Country Meats lends to a strong emphasis on muscle

CONTINUED ON PAGE 178

Rishel Angus, Neb.
Running Creek Ranch, Colo.
Shamrock Angus, Wyo.
Stewart Angus, Ind.
Triple “M” Farm, Ala.

2001

Eddie L. Sydenstricker, Mo.
Bob & Nedra Funk, Okla.
Steve Hillman & Family, Ill.
George W. Lemm & Marvin & Katheryn Robertson, Va.
Tom Lovell, Ala.
McAllen Ranch, Texas
Kevin, Jessica & Emily Moore, Texas
Blane & Cindy Nagel, S.D.
Don & Priscilla Nielsen, Colo.
Dale, Don & Mike Spencer, Neb.
Ken Stielow & Family, Kan.

2000

Galen, Lori & Megan Fink, Kan.
Ralph Blalock Sr., Ralph Blalock Jr. & David Blalock, N.C.
Larry & Jean Croissant, Colo.
John C. Curtin, Ill.
Harlin & Susan Hecht, Minn.
Banks & Margo Herndon, Ala.
Kent Klineman & Steve Munger, S.D.
Jim & Janet Listen, Wyo.
Mike & T.K. McDowell, Va.
Vaughn Meyer & Family, S.D.
Blane & Cindy Nagel, S.D.
John & Betty Rotert, Mo.
Alan & Deb Vedvei, S.D.

1999

John Kluge, Va.
Kelly & Lori Darr, Wyo.

Kent Klineman & Steve Munger, S.D.
Kramer Farms, Ill.
Noller & Frank Charolais, Iowa
Lynn & Gary Pelton, Kan.
Rausch Herefords, S.D.
Duane Schieffer & Terry O’Neill, Mont.
Tony Walden, Ala.

1998

Dick & Bonnie Helms, Neb.
James D. Bennett Family, Va.
Airey Family, Man., Canada
Dallis & Tammy Basel, S.D.
Dave & Cindy Judd, Kan.
Duane L. Kruse Family, Ill.
Earl & Nedra McKarns, Ohio
Abigail & Mark Nelson, Calif.
Tom Shaw, Idaho
Wilbur & Melva Stewart, Alta., Canada
Adrian Weaver & Family, Colo.

1997

Bob & Gloria Thomas, Ore.
Nicholas Wehrmann & Richard McClung, Va.
Alan Albers, Kan.
Gregg & Diane Butman, Minn.
Blaine & Pauline Canning, Canada
Jim & JoAnn Enos, Ill.
Harold Pate, Ala.
E. David Pease, Canada
Juan Reyes, Wyo.
James I. Smith, N.C.
Darrel Spader, S.D.

1996

Frank Felton, Mo.

D. Borgen & B. McCulloh, Wis.
Chris & John Christensen, S.D.
Galen & Lori Fink, Kan.
Cam, Spike & Sally Forbes, Wyo.
Mose & Dave Hebbert, Neb.
C. Knight & B. Jacobs, Okla.
Robert C. Miller, Minn.
Gerald & Lois Neher, Ill.
C.W. Pratt, Va.
Frank Schiefelbein, Minn.
Ingrid & Willy Volk, N.C.
William A. Womack Jr., Ala.

1995

Tom & Carolyn Perrier, Kan.
Bobby Aldridge, N.C.
Gene Bedwell, Iowa
Gordon & Mary Ann Booth, Wyo.
Ward Burroughs, Calif.
Chris & John Christensen, S.D.
Mary Howe deZerega, Va.
Maurice Grogan, Minn.
Donald J. Hargrave, Canada
Howard & JoAnne Hillman, S.D.
Mack, Billy & Tom Maples, Ala.
Mike McDowell, Va.
John Robbins, Mont.
Thomas Simmons, Va.

1994

Richard Janssen, Kan.
Ken & Bonnie Bieber, S.D.
John Blankers, Minn.
Jere Caldwell, Ky.
Mary Howe diZerega, Va.
Ron & Wayne Hanson, Canada
Bobby F. Hayes, Ala.
Buell Jackson, Iowa
Bruce Orvis, Calif.
John Pfeiffer Family, Okla.

Calvin & Gary Sandmeier, S.D.
Dave Taylor/Gary Parker, Wyo.

1993

R.A. “Rob” Brown, Texas
J. David Nichols, Iowa
Norman Bruce, Ill.
Wes & Fran Cook, N.C.
Clarence, Elaine & Adam Dean, S.C.
D. Eldridge & Y. Adcock, Okla.
Joseph Freund, Colo.
R.B. Jarrell, Tenn.
Rueben, Leroy & Bob Littau, S.D.
J. Newbill Miller, Va.
Miles P. “Buck” Pangburn, Iowa
Lynn Pelton, Kan.
Collin Sander, S.D.
Ted Seely, Wyo.
Harrell Watts, Ala.
Bob Zarn, Minn.

1992

Leonard Wulf & Sons, Minn.
Francis & Karol Bormann, Iowa
Glenn Brinkman, Texas
Bob Buchanan Family, Ore.
Tom & Ruth Clark, Va.
A.W. Compton Jr., Ala.
Harold Dickson, Mo.
Tom Drake, Okla.
Robert Elliott & Sons, Tenn.
Dennis, David & Danny Geffert, Wis.
Eugene B. Hook, Minn.
Dick Montague, Calif.
Bill Rea, Pa.
Calvin & Gary Sandmeier, S.D.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 178

Seedstock Elite CONTINUED FROM PAGE 177

in their cattle today.

For more information about Bradley 3 Ranch, visit www.bradley3ranch.com/.

Lyons Ranch, Manhattan, Kan.

Owners: Jan & Frank Lyons and Karl & Amy Langvardt; Manager: Jan Lyons

Lyons Ranch is an Angus seedstock operation located in the native Flint Hills of east-central Kansas and headquartered near Manhattan. The ranch is owned and operated by Jan and Frank Lyons and their daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Karl Langvardt, along with Amy and Karl's sons, Tanner and Trey.

Jan grew up on an Angus farm in northeastern Ohio and always loved working around the cattle and showing steers and heifers in 4-H and local shows. She and Frank started Lyons Ranch in Manhattan in 1977. They currently calve 300 females each year between the



► Lyons Ranch of Manhattan, Kan., was recognized as a nominee for 2013 BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Mark Cowan, 2012-2013 BIF president; Frank and Jan Lyons, recipients; Karl and Amy Langvardt, recipients; Burt Rutherford, *BEEF* magazine, award sponsor; and Joe Cassady, BIF executive director.

two ranches. Jan and Frank manage the headquarters, and Amy and Karl manage the south ranch east of Alta Vista.

Their goal is to raise Angus cattle with emphasis on traits that determine profit for all segments of the beef industry.

Honor Roll CONTINUED FROM PAGE 177

1991

Summitcrest Farms, Ohio

Richard/Sharon Beitelspacher, S.D.

Ralph Bridges, Ga.

R.A. Brown, Texas

John Bruner, S.D.

James Burns & Sons, Wis.

Jack & Gini Chase, Wyo.

Jack Cowley, Calif.

R.M. Felt & Sons Farm, Tenn.

Steve & Bill Florshcuetz, Ill.

Dave & Carol Guilford, Canada

James R. O'Neil, Iowa

Tom Sonderup, Neb.

Jim Taylor, Kan.

Rob & Gloria Thomas, Ore.

Ann Upchurch, Ala.

Larry Wakefield, Minn.

N. Wehrmann/R. McClung, Va.

1990

Douglas & Molly Hoff, S.D.

Burleigh Anderson, Pa.

Boyd Broyles, Ky.

Larry Earhart, Wyo.

Steven Forrester, Mich.

Doug Fraser, Canada

Gerhard Gueggenberger, Calif.

Richard Janssen, Kan.

Paul E. Keffaber, Ind.

John & Chris Oltman, Wis.

John Ragsdale, Ky.

Otto & Ottis Rincker, Ill.

Charles & Rudy Simpson, Canada

T.D. & Roger Steele, Va.

Bob Thomas Family, Ore.

1989

Glynn Debter, Ala.

Harry Airey, Canada

Ed Albaugh, Calif.

Jack & Nancy Baker, Mo.

Ron Bowman, N.D.

Jerry Allen Burner, Va.

Sherm & Charlie Ewing, Canada

Donald Fawcett, S.D.

Orrin Hart, Canada

Leonard A. Lorenzen, Ore.

Kenneth D. Lowe, Ky.

Tom Mercer, Wyo.

Lynn Pelton, Kan.

Lester H. Schafer, Minn.

Bob R. Whitmire, Ga.

1988

W.T. "Bill" Bennett, Wash.

Darold Bauman, Wyo.

Dougals D. Bennett, Texas

Jay P. Book, Ill.

Scott Burtner, Va.

Glynn Debter, Ala.

Kenneth Gillig, Mo.

William Glanz, Wyo.

Don & Diane Guilford & David & Carol Guilford, Canada

Leonard Lorenzen, Ore.

David Luhman, Minn.

Donn & Sylvia Mitchell, Canada

Gino Pedretti, Calif.

Hansell Pile, Ky.

George Schlickau, Kan.

Hans Ulrich, Canada

Robert E. Walton, Wash.

1987

Henry Gardiner, Kan.

Tommy Branderberger, Texas

James Bush, S.D.

Forrest Byergo, Mo.

Clayton Canning, Canada

Lyall Edgerton, Canada

Gary Klein, N.D.

Larry D. Leonhardt, Wyo.

Harold E. Pate, Ill.

Ivan & Frank Rincker, Ill.

Charles & Wynder Smith, Ga.

R.J. Steward & P.C. Morrissey, Minn.

Eldon & Richard Wiese, Minn.

1986

Leonard Lodden, N.D.

Clifford & Bruce Betzold, Ill.

Glenn L. Brinkman, Texas

Jack & Gini Chase, Wyo.

Henry & Jeanette Chitty, Fla.

Evin & Verne Dunn, Canada

Lawrence H. Graham, Ky.

A. Lloyd Grau, N.M.

Matthew Warren Hall, Ala.

Gerald Hoffman, S.D.

Delton W. Hubert, Kan.

Dick & Ellie Larson, Wis.

Ralph McDanolds, Va.

Roy D. McPhee, Calif.

W.D. Morris & James Pipkin, Mo.

Richard J. Putman, N.C.

R.J. Steward & P.C. Morrissey, Pa.

Clarence VanDyke, Mont.

John H. Wood, S.C.

Leonard Wulf, Minn.

1985

Ric Hoyt, Ore.

Everett & Ron Batho, Canada

Gordon Booth, Wyo.

Glenn L. Brinkman, Texas

George B. Halterman, W.Va.

Fred Killam, Ill.

Marvin Knowles, Calif.

David McGehee, Ky.

J. Newbill Miller, Va.

Bernard F. Pedretti, Wis.

Tom Perrier, Kan.

R.C. Price, Ala.

Earl Schafer, Minn.

Don W. Schoene, Mo.

Arnold Wienk, S.D.

1984

Lee Nichols, Iowa

Phillip A. Abrahamson, Minn.

Ron Beiber, S.D.

Jerry Chappel, Va.

Charles W. Druin, Ky.

Jack Farmer, Calif.

John B. Green, La.

Ric Hoyt, Ore.

Fred H. Johnson, Ohio

Earl Kindig, Va.

Glen Klippenstein, Mo.

A. Harvey Lemmon, Ga.

Lawrence Meyer, Ill.

Donn & Sylvia Mitchell, Canada

Clair K. Parcel, Kan.

Joe C. Powell, N.C.

Floyd Richard, N.D.

Robert L. Sitz, Mont.

1983

Bill Borrer, Calif.

C. Ancel Armstrong, Kan.

Charles E. Boyd, Ky.

John Bruner, S.D.

Leness Hall, Wash.

Ric Hoyt, Ore.

E.A. Keithley, Mo.

J. Earl Kindig, Mo.

Jake Larson, N.D.

Harvey Lemmon, Ga.

They don't breed for extremes, but focus on the predictability of balanced traits, including fertility, calving ease, carcass value, performance and efficiency. Artificial insemination (AI); natural herd sires; and, to a lesser degree, embryo transfer (ET) are utilized in the breeding program.

Cow herd numbers are managed so they can relate on a personal level with their customers. Rather than hire additional personnel, they prefer to work one-on-one with customers, which has built a high level of trust over the years. They maintain the highest level of integrity in all dealings and interactions with customers and in the reporting of data. They provide customers with the up-to-date information about their cattle they need to be successful, including EPDs enhanced with DNA for higher accuracy.

Their first production sale was in the fall of 1984. They celebrated their 25th annual bull sale in March of this year. Many of their customers return year after year and are proud to own Lyons Ranch bulls, which

stands testimony to their commitment to customers.

With the motto, "Your Source for Superior Genetics," their mission is to produce predictable Angus genetics to meet the needs of their customers and to ultimately satisfy the eating demands of the consumer.

For more information about Lyons Ranch, visit www.lyonsranch.com/.

Murphy's Angus, Illiopolis, Ill.

Owners/Managers: Francis Murphy, Kevin Murphy and Stephen Murphy

Murphy's Angus is located in central Illinois and comprises parents Francis and Suzanne; Kevin, wife Rosemarie and son Alec; and Steve and wife Jackie. The purebred black-Angus cattle operation started as an outgrowth of Kevin and Steve's 4-H youth steer projects. While the emphasis in the early years was to develop animals for the boys' projects, that changed and the farm has since focused on raising performance cattle with an emphasis

on raising bulls for the purebred and commercial cow-calf industry.

The cattle operation consists of approximately 20 brood cows, and all animals born on the farm are the result of AI or ET. Cows are synchronized for breeding to calve in winter. Calving starts in December and ends by March to allow time for bulls to be adequately developed for buyers.

Murphy's Angus focuses on raising sound, functional calving-ease bulls that do not sacrifice performance, growth or carcass merit. All animals are weighed and scanned by ultrasound, with the data being processed through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). DNA testing has begun to be used to further assist in identifying elite individuals.

Bulls are sold through the Illinois Performance-tested Bull Sale and private treaty, with females being sold by private treaty.

Management-intensive grazing is utilized to maximize production from a 14-acre

CONTINUED ON PAGE 180

Frank Myatt, Iowa
Stanley Nesemeier, Ill.
Russ Pepper, Mont.
Robert H. Schafer, Minn.
D. John & Lebert Shultz, Mo.
Alex Stauffer, Wis.

1982

A.F. "Frankie" Flint, N.M.
Joseph S. Bray, Ky.
David A. Breiner, Kan.
Gary & Gerald Carlson, N.S.,
Canada
Clare Geddes, Canada
Harlin Hechr, Minn.
William Kottwitz, Mo.
Howard Krof, Minn.
Larry Leonhardt, Mont.
Garlod Parks, Iowa
Orville Stangl, S.D.
Bob Thomas, Ore.
W.B. Williams, Ill.

1981

Bob Dickinson, Kan.
Myron Aultfathr, Minn.
Roy Beeby, Okla.
Clarence Burch, Okla.
Clayton Canning, Canada
G.W. Cronwell, Iowa
Russ Denowh, Mont.
J. Morgan Donelson, Mo.
Lynn Frey, N.D.
Dwight Houff, Va.
James Leachman, Mont.
Jack Ragsdale, Ky.
Herman Schaefer, Ill.
Bob & Gloria Thomas, Ore.
Harold Thompson, Wash.

1980

Bill Wolfe, Ore.

Donald Barton, Utah

James Bryany, Minn.
Floyd Dominy, Va.
Frank Felton, Mo.
Blythe Gardner, Utah
Frank Hay, Canada
Mark Keffeler, S.D.
Bob Laflin, Kan.
John Masters, Ky.
Richard McLaughlin, Ill.
Paul Mydland, Mont.
Charlie Richards, Iowa
Richard Tokach, N.D.
Roy & Don Udelhoven, Wis.

1979

Jim Wolfe, Neb.
Peg Allen, Mont.
Glenn & David Gibb, Ill.
Rex & Joann James, Iowa
Del Krumwied, N.D.
Floyd Mette, Mo.
Jack Ragsdale, Ky.
Leo Schuster Family, Minn.
Frank & Jim Wilson, S.D.
Jim Wolf, Neb.
Bill Wolfe, Ore.

1978

James D. Bennett, Va.
George Becker, N.D.
Larry Berg, Iowa
L.C. Chestnut, Wash.
Buddy Cobb, Mont.
Jack Delaney, Minn.
A.L. Frau
Frank Harpster, Mo.
Healey Brothers, Okla.
Roy Hunt, Pa.
Bill Wolfe, Ore.
Bill Womack Jr., Ala.

1977

Glen Burrows, N.M.
Harold Anderson, S.D.
William Borrow, Calif.
Robert Browns, Texas
Henry & Jeanette Chitty, N.M.
Tom Dashiell, Wash.
Lloyd Debruycker, Mont.
Wayne Eshelman, Wash.
Hubert R. Freise, N.D.
Floyd Hawkins, Mo.
Marshall A. Mohler, Ind.
Clair Percel, Kan.
Frank Ramackers Jr., Neb.
Loren Schlipf, Ill.
Tom & Mary Shaw, Idaho
Bob Sitz, Mont.
Bill Wolfe, Ore.
James Volz, Minn.

1976

Jorgensen Brothers, S.D.
Ance Armstrong, Va.
Jackie Davis, Calif.
Sam Friend, Mo.
Healey Brothers, Okla.
Stan Lund, Mont.
Gerhard Mittnes, Kan.
Jay Pearson, Idaho.
Dale Porter, Iowa
Robert Sallstrom, Minn.
M.D. Shepherd, N.D.
Lowellyn Tewksbury, N.D.

1975

Leslie J. Holden, Mont.
Jack Cooper, Mont.
Robert Arbuthnot, Kan.
Glenn Burrows, N.M.
Louis Chestnut, Wash.
George Chiga, Okla.
Howard Collins, Mo.

Joseph P. Dittmer, Iowa
Dale Engler, Kan.
Robert D. Keefer, Mont.
Frank Kubik Jr., N.D.
Licking Angus Farm, Neb.
Walter S. Markham, Calif.

1974

Carlton Corbin, Okla.
Burwell M. Bates, Okla.
Marvin Bohmont, Neb.
Bert Crame, Calif.
Charles Descheemacker, Mont.
Wilfred Dugan, Mo.
Bobby Lawrence, Ga.
Maurice Mitchell, Minn.
J. David Nichols, Iowa
Bert Sackman, N.D.
Dover Sindelar, Mont.

1973

Mrs. R. W. Jones Jr., Ga.
Clyde Barks, N.D.
William F. Borrer, Calif.
Heathman Herefords, Wash.
James D. Hemmingsen, Iowa
C. Scott Holden, Mont.
Messersmith Herefords, Neb.
Raymond Meyer, S.D.
Robert Miller, Minn.
Albert West III, Texas

1972

John Crowe, Calif.
James D. Bennett, Va.
Dale H. Davis, Mont.
Harold A. Demorest, Ohio
Billy L. Easley, Ky.
Elliot Humphrey, Ariz.
Marshall A. Mohler, Ind.

Seedstock Elite CONTINUED FROM PAGE 179

grass-legume pasture. A break wire is used so that cows and calves are grazed in 1.4-acre paddocks, which typically provides 30 days of growth between grazing. An additional small hayfield provides supplemental forage.

For more information about Murphy's Angus Ranch, visit www.murphysangus.com/.

Little Windy Hill Farms, Max Meadows, Va.

Owner/Manager: Doug Hughes

Little Windy Hill Farms, owned and operated by Doug and Sue Hughes and family, is located in the lush green hills of Southwest Virginia in the Blue Ridge Mountains near the town of Wytheville. Little Windy Hill has been breeding seedstock cattle for purebred and commercial cattlemen all their lives.

After being raised on a Polled Hereford operation and then having registered Charolais from the late 1970s until 1993, the Hughes family entered into the Gelbvieh seedstock business for the growth, maternal characteristics and black hide color the breed offered. As the Gelbvieh operation grew and demand for Gelbvieh Balancers increased, Angus were added to the operation, which

currently consists of 125 fall-calving registered Gelbvieh, Balancer and Angus cows.

A whole-herd AI program was implemented, and prominent AI sires owned by Little Windy Hill are used as natural-service sires.

Little Windy Hill Farms hosts an annual on-farm bull sale each November and has participated in the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) central bull test program since 1983. Elite seedstock are marketed through consignment sales, including the bull futurity at the NWSS, to which Doug has provided leadership, serving two terms as chairman.

Doug was also a founding member of the Virginia Gelbvieh Association, served as president of Virginia BCIA, and has been an active member of American Gelbvieh Association committees.

For more information about Little Windy Hill Farms, visit their most recent sale book, http://issuu.com/ddmarti/docs/lwhf_salecat2012.

Coyote Hills Ranch, Chattanooga, Okla.

Owners/Managers: Ken and Sue Ann Holloway

Coyote Hills Ranch of Chattanooga, Okla., is located in far southwest Oklahoma. The ranch has been owned and operated by Ken and Sue Ann Holloway and daughters Shari and Shana at this location for 41 years. The ranch consists of some 3,000 acres of largely native grass and improved grasses, with some 500 acres in cultivation, mostly wheat and sorghum for silage.

The cow herd is made up of 250 cows, mostly Limousin and Lim-Flex cows with several registered-Angus cows. A majority of the cow herd calves in the fall (80%), and the balance calves in February and March.

It is a seedstock operation whose primary goal is production of bulls for the commercial rancher. From the start, Ken was interested in evaluating bulls on performance. He started one of the first performance tests in the Limousin breed in 1971. Bulls are marketed through an annual March production sale, and females are sold in an annual April

female sale. Bulls are also exhibited in The Yards at NWSS to promote the herd to commercial and seedstock producers alike.

Some heifers raised at Coyote Hills have gone on to win major shows across the country for juniors. The Holloways have always been champions of the junior program, in which both Shari and Shana were very successful. Coyote Hills Ranch continues to help young people today in showing and in marketing the offspring of their projects.

For more information about Coyote Hills Ranch, visit <http://hallchr.com/>.

Hunt Limousin Ranch, Oxford, Neb.

Owners: Charles and Nancy Hunt;

Managers: Charles and Daniel Hunt

The Charles Hunt Family operation began in the 1960s after Charlie attended the University of Nebraska. With a love for God, family, the land and cattle, Charlie and Nancy were ready for the opportunity to do what they enjoy.

The 4,500-acre diversified operation consists of dryland and irrigated corn, soybeans, alfalfa, wheat and grass, which supports 300 cows, marketable bulls and replacement females. Genetics have been placed all over the globe, including Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and 37 U.S. states.

Bulls have been displayed at the NWSS for the past 30 years. The Hunts have attended many BIF symposia, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) meetings and numerous other ag conferences.

Charlie has been the recipient of many awards, including the first-ever Commercial Marketing Supporter Award from the North American Limousin Foundation. One of the most prestigious awards was being inducted into the Nebraska Cattlemen's Hall of Fame.

Hunt Limousin Ranch has hosted tour groups and individuals from foreign countries who want to learn the "Hunt Way" — conserve the land for future generations, keep current and knowledgeable on the leading cattle issues, high-quality cattle for a fair price, and treat people with honesty and integrity.

Charlie and Nancy have four children and nine grandchildren. Son Dan; his wife, Melinda; and their children live and work beside Charlie and Nancy at Hunt Limousin Ranch.

For more information about Hunt Limousin Ranch, visit www.huntlimousin.com.



PHOTO BY KASEY BROWN

► Seedstock nominees were honored during a special awards ceremony June 13 at the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla.

