



Newsmakers

► Items of interest about and for members of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

Gary Hill, Tifton, Ga., has retired from the Animal and Dairy Science Department at the University of Georgia-Tifton campus, effective Dec. 1, 2008.



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Hill has conducted forage and nutritional research with beef cattle at the university for the last 25 years.

He was instrumental in developing several new forage varieties, including Tifton 85 and Tifton 78 Bermuda grass, Tifton 9 Bahia grass and Tifleaf 3 Pearl millet.

He developed feeding and management strategies for grazing forages and methods of improving hay quality for beef cattle in the Southeastern U.S. and tropical countries.

Hill has conducted numerous experiments involving intake, digestibility and performance of cow-calf and stocker cattle.

A life member of the American Angus Association since December 1967, Hill was a faculty member in animal science at Louisiana State University for more than six years before joining the University of Georgia faculty. He will continue to conduct beef cattle research at the Tifton campus on a part-time basis in 2009.



Herald Catlin

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Burlington, Wash., retired as general manager of All West/Select Sires Dec. 31, 2008. His career with the company spanned 40 years, with the last 16 as general manager.

In 1968, Catlin began work for All West as an artificial insemination (AI) technician. Within a few years he was named beef director and director of AI training. He was promoted to marketing director in 1979, putting him in charge of the entire All West technician and sales staff. In 1991 he became the fourth general manager in the cooperative's history.

He has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1969.

Duane Skarda of Skarda Farms, Afton, Iowa, has been named Iowa's Seedstock Producer of the Year. The award, sponsored annually by the Iowa Beef Breeds Council, is scheduled for presentation to Skarda Monday, Feb. 9.

The Seedstock Producer of the Year honors outstanding cattle producers in the seedstock industry. Applications are reviewed by a Seedstock Committee, which gives careful consideration to producers' programs in their entirety, including recordkeeping, industry participation and leadership, merchandising programs, selection criteria and herd improvement over time.

Skarda has been in the seedstock cattle business for 54 years. Skarda Farms manages Angus cows as well as some commercial

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► Officers and directors for the North Dakota Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Berent Thompson**, Kintyre; **Richard Koski**, Wing; **Brad Tokach**, Saint Anthony, vice president; **Chad Ellingson**, Saint Anthony, president; **Charles Tastad**, Rolette; and **Emily** and **Nathan Spickler**, Glenfield, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Julie Ellingson**, Saint Anthony; **Aaron Strommen**, Dickinson; **Peter Best**, Watford City; **Craig Burchill**, Page; **Steven Gilje**, Rolette; and **Terry Carter**, Rocklake.

► These breeders won the North Dakota Angus Ass'n Carcass Challenge. Pictured are (from left) **Sydney** and **Matt Tastad**, McCumber Angus Ranch, Rolette, first place; **Terry Carter**, TNT Angus, Rocklake, third place; and **Peter Best**, representing **Kurt Hovet**, Watford City, fourth place.



► **Peter Best**, Watford City, receives the president's award for outstanding service.



► **John Miller**, Saint Anthony, was named Man of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Lorraine and John Miller.

cows and has kept performance records for 20 years.

Frank Schiefelbein, Schiefelbein Angus Farm, Kimball, Minn., was named 2008 Cattleman of the Year by the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.

A life member of the American Angus Association since 1961, Schiefelbein has served in many leadership positions throughout his cattlemen's career.

At the age of 20 he and his wife moved to Kimball and, with no prior experience in farming, began raising livestock. Through the next 55 years they expanded the farm to more than 4,000 acres, 600 cows and a feeding enterprise of some 5,000 head fed annually.

► IN PASSING

Gerald Crossland, 64, El Dorado, Ark., died Dec. 14, 2008, at the Medical Center of South Arkansas.

Gerald was born June 29, 1944, in Paris, Ark., to Therold and Ethel (Connor) Crossland. He received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas.

Gerald was a longtime Union County Extension agent for the University of

Arkansas. After retiring in 2003 he became the livestock superintendent for the Arkansas State Fair. For more than 50 years he participated and directed 4-H activities in Union County and the state of Arkansas.

He loved his family, wife, livestock and all his thousands of 4-H kids. He was a Presbyterian and attended First Baptist Church.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Tommie; sons Lamar and Wendell; daughters Kelli and Ginger; father, Bill; sister Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Jim Wells has been named the new general manager of All West/Select Sires, taking the position vacated by the retirement of Herald Catlin. Prior to becoming the fifth general manager in the cooperative's history, Wells was the southern district sales manager in California.

Bomac Vets Plus Inc. has announced a strategic alliance with **Albion Animal Nutrition** to manufacture and support their Replamin® and Pull Thru® branded products. The company will be producing the Albion line and will be handling the sales and marketing components for these brands as well.

Albion will continue to provide technical support of the product lines and be a resource of information on trace mineral importance.

Jared Knock has been promoted by Trans Ova Genetics to the position of sales and marketing director, based at the company's corporate headquarters in Sioux Center, Iowa. Knock will continue to develop the sales, marketing and customer service aspects of the company while also working to maintain leadership and growth in the areas of embryo transfer (ET) technology, in vitro fertilization, reverse-sort sexed semen and other advanced reproductive technologies in the beef, dairy and rodeo stock industries.

Mark Allan has joined Pfizer Animal Genetics as associate global director of technical services. In his new position, Allan will be responsible for working with the global director of technical services, with technical support for the company's animal genetics sales team, customers and key industry constituents as well as creating market awareness for the current and future genetic marker technology portfolio.

Allan has served for the past five years as a research geneticist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) at the Roman L.

Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, Neb.

The **Nebraska Farmers Union (NEFU)** presented Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Bill Bullard** with the President's Award, the organization's highest honor, for his service to family farm agriculture.

Alpharma Inc. Animal Health has announced that students from the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** are the \$5,000 grand prizewinners of the 2008 Alpharma Student Video Contest. Second and third place was awarded to students from the University of Florida and University of Arizona, each receiving \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively, for their efforts.

The winning video, One and the Same (OatS), delivered an important message on the humane and ethical ways animals are treated on America's farming operations, according to Jeff Mellinger, global leader, sales and marketing for Alpharma.

The winning videos will be posted on the contest web site at www.meetwhatyoueat.com.



► **Darwin Howe**, Hettinger, was named Commercial Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Isabel and Darwin Howe.



► **Petersen Farms**, Bowbells, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Kris and Sarah Petersen.