

History of Alberta Angus Association Hall of Fame



On a snowy night in February 2005, the Alberta Angus Association Board of Directors held a teleconference meeting where they considered a proposal to recognize those individuals and breeding units that have made significant contributions to the Angus fraternity and industry. Subsequently, the AAA created the Alberta Angus Hall of Fame.

Each year, between three Angus Breed Builders and Contemporary Angus Breeders will be inducted to the Hall of Fame at our Alberta Angus Annual General Meeting Celebration.

Contemporary Angus Breeders are those currently active, breeding and promoting Angus cattle in Alberta, and have been doing so under their current name or breeding operation or unit for a minimum of 25 years as determined by CAA records. They must have maintained membership in the AAA for the majority of their years as an Angus operator, including membership for the past five (5) years consecutively.

Angus Breed Builders are made up of two forms of Angus stakeholders:

- 1) Those individuals, groups or families who have had tremendous impact on the growth, promotion and development of Angus cattle in Alberta, but have not necessarily ever been an active breeder themselves.
- 2) Those individuals, groups, businesses or breeding operations or units that made a truly significant contribution to the breed and Association while they were active, even though they are not now and maybe have not been for some time.

The inaugural Hall of Fame inductions were held Saturday, December 3rd, 2005 in Innisfail. As the years progress, our field of honourees continue to swell. Courtesy of support from your Canadian Angus Association inductees can be viewed at Angus Central, the national Angus headquarters. Please be sure to stop in and visit the Hall of Fame when you visit Angus Central, the first-ever member-owned national head office.

Inducted as Contemporary Breeders are honourees Belvin Angus, Cudlobe Farms, Geis Angus Farm, Hamilton Farms, LLB Angus, Northline Angus, Towaw Cattle Co. and Triple S Red Angus and Miller Wilson Angus.

In the Breed Builder category, we celebrate honourees Don & Dawn Atkinson, The Hillestad Family – Ebon Hill Angus who join: Donald K. Conway, Dennis & Shelly Ericson - Get-A-Long Stock Farm, Orrin Hart, Donald Henderson, Doug & Linda Henderson, Edmund & Shirley Kolesar - Loma Lanes Angus, Mackenzie Bros. Red Angus, Bud McBride, Bob Prestage, Mike & Ellamae Rodgers, Peter & Maxine Schmaltz, Frank Slezina and Dick Turner, all true pioneers of our breed.

The contribution of our inductees and their commitment has shaped our breed and our industry. They are trendsetters and pioneers, movers and shakers.

They are... our Hall of Famers!