

Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame

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Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame Established To Honor Industry Leaders

Organization created to recognize cattle feeders and their achievements

Kansas City, MO. (March 10, 2009) — Over the years, America's cattle feeders have played a key role in making the United States the world's most efficient producer of safe, quality beef. The Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame has been established to honor the exceptional visionary men and women who have made lasting contributions to the cattle-feeding industry.

"Countless individuals have worked to make the cattle-feeding industry a success over the years," says Betty Jo Gigot, nominating committee chair. "It's time we honored these individuals for their contributions to our industry."

The purpose of the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame is to celebrate the rich traditions of the cattle-feeding industry and recognize individuals who have devoted their careers to preserving its mission and improving production practices.

Nomination committee member Richard McDonald says, "It truly will be a task this year to pick a handful of cattle feeders to recognize. There have been so many outstanding men and women who have helped build the framework of our industry and improve the way we all do business each day."

The nominating committee is comprised of five industry leaders: Betty Jo Gigot, editor and publisher of *CALF News*; Richard McDonald, former CEO of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association; Dr. Del Miles, veterinarian and industry consultant; Terry Stokes, former CEO of the National Cattleman's Beef Association; and Topper Thorpe, former CEO of Cattle-Fax.

Although a nominating committee will put forth the ballot of nominees, the inductees ultimately will reflect the sentiments of the entire industry. Next week, cattle feeders will have the chance to participate in the selection of the inaugural inductees to the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame. The ballot of nominees will be distributed to the industry.

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Once the ballots have been submitted and counted, the top two vote recipients will be inducted into the hall of fame. The 2009 inaugural inductees will be announced in May.

In addition to the induction of members, additional plans are underway for the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame. In the short-term, a virtual museum is being created to house the history of the U.S. cattle-feeding industry and recognize those entrepreneurs and visionaries who contributed to its success.

“Establishing a hall of fame is a big undertaking,” Gigot says. “While there are many exciting immediate initiatives underway, we’re even more enthusiastic about the long-term vision for the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame — creating a home for our rich heritage.”

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