

Angus Heritage Foundation Inducts Several

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Four men who have had a strong, positive influence on the U.S. Angus industry will be inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation during special ceremonies Nov. 14 in Louisville, Ky.

They are Robert C. Snyder, former director of public relations for the American Angus Association, and now pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Kansas City, Mo.; Dale Davis, PAPA Ranch, Belgrade, Mont.; Louis "Mick" Colvin, executive director of the American Angus Association's Certified Angus Beef Program, West Salem, Ohio; and the late Wayne Stevenson, Basin Angus Ranch of Hobson, Mont. Presentations of the certificates will be made during the Annual Banquet which follows the Annual Meeting of Delegates of the American Angus Association on Monday, Nov. 14, in Louisville, Ky.

Founded in 1983, the Angus Heritage Foundation recognizes people who have contributed significantly to the Angus cattle business and the American Angus Association. Each recipient, or a family member, will receive a framed, gold embossed certificate. In addition the names of the individuals are engraved on an Angus Heritage Foundation plaque that is maintained in the offices of the American Angus Association.

Robert C. Snyder, a 1946 animal husbandry graduate of Michigan State University, East Lansing, joined the public relations department of the American Angus Association in 1958. In addition to his regular public relations writing and communications functions, Snyder was committed to the idea that the duty of registered Angus breeders is to serve the commercial beef industry. This was reflected in his writing and editing of feature stories and Association publications.

He was the driving force behind the American Angus Association's Challenge of the Future Tours. Their purpose was to show breeders the commercial cattle industry and the industry's needs. He also was major planner of the Angus portion of the 1971 American Beef Cattle Symposium at the University of Wisconsin. He organized the program for the 2nd World Angus Forum at Kansas City, Mo., in October 1973. It was attended by a record 1,400 people.

Through his work and perseverance the Angus postage stamp was issued by the U.S. Postal Service in 1973. It was part of the Angus Centennial Celebration. He also organized and promoted the 1976 Liberty Bell Angus Sire Evaluation Contest.

In 1978 Snyder left Association work to attend Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin, graduating in 1981. He has been pastor of five churches, including his present one in Kansas City. He also served four years as Dean of Southern Deanery, Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri.

Dale Davis

Dale Davis, Bozeman, Mont., was a pioneer in beef cattle performance evaluation. He helped develop the Montana performance evaluation program in the mid-1950s. While serving on the American Angus Association Board of Directors from 1973 to 1980 he was a constant member of the Breed Improvement Committee and was influential in adopting the Angus Performance Pedigree.

Davis owned and developed the Rollin' Rock Angus herd which is now owned by his son Bill. Today he owns and operates the line bred PAPA herd with his wife Carol and daughter Pat.

He is a member of the Performance Breeders group. These

Montana breeders successfully market their registered, performance tested yearling Angus bulls through their annual sale.

Louis M. "Mick" Colvin has spent virtually all his career in the Angus business. In 1978, after serving 10 years as regional manager of the American Angus Association he was named executive director of the American Angus Association's new, unique, Certified Angus Beef Program.

Today the Certified Angus Beef Program is the largest branded fresh beef program in the world, with projected sales in the 1994 fiscal year of 175 million pounds. This has had a significant impact on the growth of the Angus business, and has demonstrated the value of high quality beef as it relates to consumer satisfaction and increased sales.

The Program has some 33 employees, that work with 33 licensed packing plants, 20 fabricating plants, 44 retail distributors, 64 food service distributors, 32 regional food service chair procurement servicers, 24 exporters and 12 international distributors. There are some 1,571 retail stores and nearly 1,100 licensed restaurants, and in all some 10,000 restaurants, licensed and unlicensed sell

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A native of Bedford County, Pa., Colvin earned a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from Pennsylvania State University in 1960. He was herdsman for Moles Hill Farm, Sharon, Conn., from 1960-66. He showed three grand champions at the International Livestock Exposition and the National Western Stock Show and was named Angus Herdsman of the Year. He worked as manager of Longleaf Plantation, Aiken, S.C., before joining the American Angus Association in 1968.

Wayne D. Stevenson

The late Wayne D. Stevenson, an Angus cattle enthusiast, and a strong advocate of performance testing and National Sire Evaluation, built one of the largest Angus herds in the U.S. before his death in 1994 at 51 years of age.

He worked with his parents

Jamie and Jeanette Stevenson on their Angus operation until 1972 when he started Basin Angus Ranch near Kolin, north of Hobson, Mont. He was the breeder of many internationally known sires, and he sold cattle, embryos and semen throughout the United States and into many foreign countries.

Stevenson was co-owner of some of the top bulls of the breed. In addition he bred such well known bulls as Basin Q Bar 163 and Basin Emulation 5653. He was also a booster of junior Angus activities, and encouraged many young people to become involved with the Angus business.

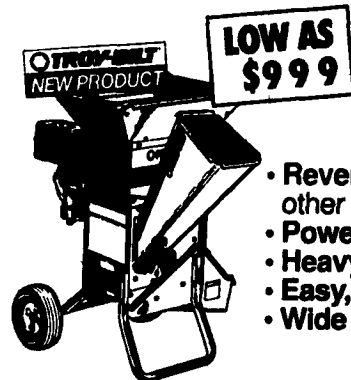
A strong promoter of Montana Angus, Stevenson served two terms as president of the Montana Angus Association, and several terms as director. A second generation Angus breeder, Stevenson has children and grandchildren following in his footsteps.



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