

Gelbvieh Honors Member Of The Year, Hall Of Fame Inductees

DENVER, Colo. — Each year the American Gelbvieh Association honors those who laid the solid foundation for the American Gelbvieh Association and those who continue to help Gelbvieh grow.

The AGA Hall of Fame Award honors a pioneer in the Gelbvieh breed that made a lasting contribution. The 2002 AGA Hall of Fame inductees were Fred and Lee Kummerfeld of Santa Clarita, Calif., and formerly of the 101 Ranch of Moorcroft, Wyo. The Kummerfelds were honored during the AGA National Convention in Denver.

The Kummerfelds were actively involved in the early years of the American Gelbvieh Association. Kummerfelds 101 Ranch raised some of the great bulls and

females in the Gelbvieh breed. They promoted the new breed through exhibiting at many state fairs and regional farm shows. Lee Kummerfeld helped to organize the American Gelbvieh Junior Association and assisted in hosting many national junior shows.

The Kummerfelds were forced to leave their ranch in 1993 due to failing health caused by an unknown source on the ranch. They left behind a long history in the cattle industry and their contributions to the Gelbvieh breed were not forgotten.

The AGA Member of the Year nominees come from state or regional associations to honor an AGA member they feel has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Rick Soelzer of Piedmont, S.D., earned the AGA Member of

the Year award and was honored at a luncheon during the AGA National Convention in Denver.

Rick Soelzer, along with his wife Colleen, owns and operates Piedmont Valley Gelbvieh in western South Dakota. The South Dakota Gelbvieh Association nominated Soelzer as AGA Member of the Year. Soelzer has served on many state and national committees and served as AGA President in 1998.

The South Dakota Gelbvieh Association nominated Soelzer to honor his leadership in hosting the 2001 AGJA Black Hills Gold Classic in Rapid City, S.D. As the planning committee member closest to the host site, Soelzer took on additional responsibility to coordinate sponsorships, work with the Central States Fair staff and arrange many other details.

2002 Gelbvieh Sire Summary Available

WESTMINSTER, Colo. — The 2002 American Gelbvieh Association Sire Summary is now available to commercial and seedstock cattle producers. This year's summary contains 1,136 Progeny Tested sires and 665 Genetic Indicator sires. The University of Georgia completes the Gelbvieh National Cattle Evaluation twice per year.

New to this year's sire summary are two EPDs recently unveiled by the American Gelbvieh Association. The Grid Merit EPD assigns a value to the carcass traits that a sire passes to his progeny.

With the Grid Merit EPD, performance is measured in a dollar value associated with marketing progeny on a value-based grid. The Stayability EPD is a prediction of the ability of a cow to produce a calf after the age of six. Longevity in a cowherd is key to covering the costs associated with developing females and adding them to your herd. Stayability is the best indicator currently available for measuring reproductive performance.

The American Gelbvieh Association has increased performance data on all registered animals for the last 30 years. In the past five years, the AGA's performance record database has nearly doubled. The AGA has also led the way in calculating new EPDs on important traits like calving ease and gestation length.

The number of sires with carcass EPDs has increased through the Sire Carcass Test Program, a structured progeny evaluation. This program provides free semen to commercial cowherds willing to collect and report carcass data. For more information on this program contact the AGA office at 303-65-2333.

Contact the AGA today to receive your free copy of the 2002 Gelbvieh Sire Summary or find all animals in the AGA database on the AGA website at www.gelbvieh.org. The website features a convenient searchable format to sort sires by set parameters. For more information on the Gelbvieh breed and its programs, call 303-65-2333 or visit the AGA website.

American Angus Association Offers Registration Number 14 Million

RENO, Nev. — The American Angus Association will offer registration number 14000000 for sale at live auction Sunday, April 21, during the Western National Angus Futurity in Reno, Nev. The auction will take place just before the selection of grand champion female during the

show, which is the 2002 National Angus Show and a Roll of Victory (ROV) super point show.

"We're excited about offering this truly unique registration number at auction for any member to purchase," says John Crouch, interim executive vice president for the American

Angus Association. "Not only does reaching registration number 14 million represent a milestone for the breed, the proceeds from the sale of the number will help provide more opportunities for our Angus youth."

American Gelbvieh Association Elects New Leaders

DENVER, Colo. — The American Gelbvieh Association elected new directors to its board of directors during its annual convention in Denver, Colo., January 12-13. Seven candidates vied for five positions on the AGA Board of Directors.

Elected as new directors were Bob Betzelberger of San Jose, Ill.; Stuart Jarvis of Phillipsburg, Kan.; and Lee Miller of New Ullin, N.D. All will serve a three-year term on the AGA board of directors.

Re-elected to their second term on the AGA board of directors were Steve Munger of Highmore, S.D.; and Grant Thayer of Ramah, Colo. Both men had already served a three-year term on the AGA Board.

New officers were also elected to serve the association for the coming year. Elected president of the 1,900 member American Gelbvieh Association was Bill Wilkinson of Model, Colo. Wilkinson owns and operates Wilkinson Gelbvieh Ranch with his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Syd-

ney.

The new vice president is Steve Munger of Warner, S.D. Munger is the managing partner for Eagle Pass Ranch near Highmore, S.D. Munger works with his wife Deb, who takes care of the records for Eagle Pass.

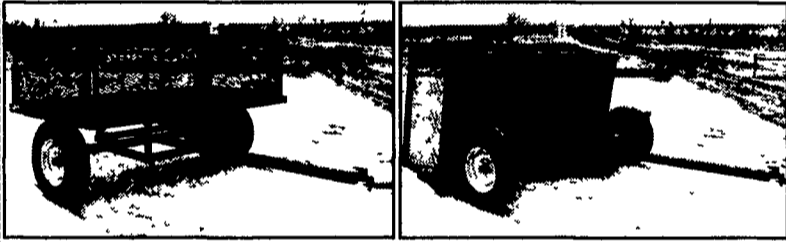
Elected secretary for the coming year was John Carrel of Columbus, Mont. Carrel is manager of Beartooth Ranch.

Grant Thayer of Ramah, Colo., will serve as AGA treasurer this year.

Others serving on the AGA Board of Directors include: Todd Bickett, Chickamauga, Ga.; Bill Clark, Barnard, Kan.; Stan Clements, Jr., Ninety Six, S.C.; Don Estes, Marion, N.C.; Alan Hojer, DeSmet, S.D.; Jay Johnson, Happy, Texas; Tom Scarponcini, Rushford, Minn.; and Steve Tarvin, Chickamauga, Ga.

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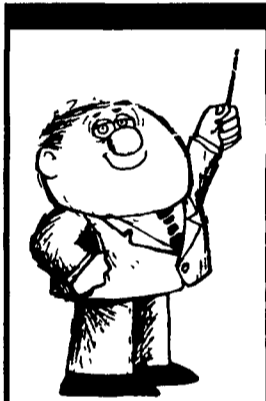
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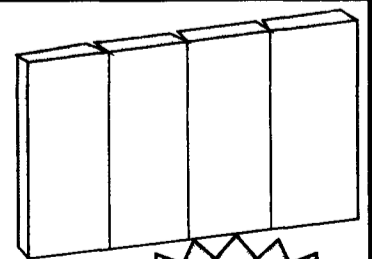
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