

SCCA Awards Presentation Ceremony Held on January 24, 2009

The SCCA Convention was a blast, followed by a great program, the SCCA recognized some of the best key industry leaders in the state.

On behalf of the SCCA, the 2008 Associate of the Year award goes to Dr. Gerald Jung. Dr. Jung is a member of the Low Country Cattlemen's Association. Retired from USDA-ARS, as a forage agronomist, Dr. Jung still continues to support the cattle industry and cattle producers of SC with his expertise and contacts in the forage industry. Dr. Jung is an enthusiastic supporter of the Appalachian Grass-Fed Beef Initiative and his expertise and contacts with local, state, and federal officials, are strengthening support for this program in South Carolina. On numerous occasions, Dr. Jung has been consulted by members of the South Carolina cattle industry for his knowledge and experience in the grass fed beef industry. Dr. Jung has made numerous presentations at field days, and local association meetings to cattle producers concerning forage production topics. Dr. Jung is also a proponent of switchgrass as a bio-fuel and recognizes its potential in South Carolina. Currently, Dr. Jung is working hard to promote the use of legumes to improve forage quality and reduce dependence on nitrogen fertilizers in pastures. This work is critical to the continued profitability of South Carolina Beef Industry. It gives us great pride to have Dr. Gerald Jung as the 2008 Associate of the Year.

The SCCA recognizes for Commercial Cattlemen of the Year Mr. Jeff Pepper. Mr. Pepper is a member of the Pickens County Cattlemen's Association. Jeff and wife, Cindy, have taken over the responsible of Cindy's fathers, cattle operation 10 years ago. Since then, Jeff has become a very active cattleman within his local association, having served as a Director, Vice President, and President. The Peppers manage a 75 Angus base Brood Cow operation. Having used herd bulls from the Clemson Test Sales to improve the herd performance, Pepper has attended AI school, also to improve his herd. Since the start of the Peppers cattle career, they have implemented a controlled calving season, a herd health program, record keeping, water quality improvements, and a pasture management program. The Peppers have worked hard over the past ten years and it gives us great pleasure to have Jeff Pepper has the 2008 Commercial Cattleman of the Year.

The SCCA recognizes for Educator of the Year Dr. Harold Hupp. Dr. Hupp has been a long time supporter and asset to the South Carolina cattle industry. Working for Clemson University, he has served the cattle industry in many ways. Dr. Hupp has a large part of being the BQA coordinator in the state. Dr. Hupp plans and coordinates the AI school held twice a year at Clemson University. Dr. Hupp help in the health requirements for the feeder calf sales held at Martin and Martin. It gives up great honor to have Dr. Harold Hupp as the 2008 Educator of the Year.

The SCCA recognizes for the Industry Service Award to Martin and Martin Cattle. Joey Martin, the owner, works very hard to market SC cattle and strives relentlessly to help SC Cattlemen. Joey Martin is a generous supporter of educational opportunities for 4-H and FFA young people and fellow beef producers. Martin and Martin Cattle Company have worked very hard to provide special sales for SC feeder cattle. Martin and Martin believes in and works hard for the South Carolina Beef Cattle Industry. We are proud to recognize Martin and Martin with the 2008 Industry Service Award.

The SCCA has a special recognition for 2008 Environmental Stewardship Award.

It gives us great pleasure to have such respectable leaders in the Cattle industry right here in our own state. The 2008 Environmental Stewardship and NCBA Region II Environmental Stewardship Award goes to Yon Family Farms.(See Yon Article)

The SCCA recognizes for the 2008 Purebred Cattlemen of the Year to Mr. Raymond Prescott. Raymond is a long time cattlemen, starting at a early age. After going to college and earning a Masters in Reproductive Physiology from the University of Tennessee, he now manages the Red Angus herd at Bull Hill Ranch. Through his efforts Bull Hill maintains an active embryo transfer program and a very successful artificial insemination record. He markets purebred Red Angus bulls and replacement heifers throughout the US and abroad. Through his leadership, Bull Hill Red Angus has shipped numerous head of replacement stock and herd bull prospects to Central and South America. It is an honor to have Raymond apart of South Carolina's cattle industry, and the winner of the 2008 Purebred Cattleman of the Year.

The SCCA recognizes for the 2008 Young Cattleman of the Year to Mr. Lee Haddon. After attending Clemson University, Lee has worked for numerous operations. In 2007, Lee decided to work for himself. Presently, Lee's operation consists of a 275 Angus/Brangus brood cow operation. Lee has developed a 60 day calving season for his herd. Lee markets through direct contact with the feedlots or through the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity in Southwest Iowa. Along with the daily farm duties, Lee cuts and sales hay for some of the area producers. Lee has been a great asset and role model to up and coming young cattle producers in his area. Lee as also taken a vital role in the Fairfield County Cattlemen's Association. It gives us great honor to award Mr. Lee Haddon as the 2008 Young Cattleman of the Year.

The SCCA recognizes for the 2008 Association of the Year, Saluda County Cattlemen's with a strong member base of 355. Saluda Cattlemen host over 15 educational meetings in 2008. Topics varied from the value of preconditioning to Feeding cattle with minimum hay. In April the Saluda Cattlemen's host a hay day for local cattlemen. Also, Saluda Cattlemen hosted 4 tours around SC and GA even to St. Louis, MO to visit cattlemen and agribusinesses. Saluda Cattlemen host 2 cattle sales with their last sale grossing \$167, 228 for 234 preconditioned calves. It gives us great honor to award a proactive association the 2008 Association of the Year award to Saluda County Cattlemen's Association.

There was a special recognition for the SC 4-H Market Steer Project. The winner of the 2008 SC 4-H Market Steer Project was Mr. Houston Hutton from Pickens County. Houston's Hereford X Angus steer finished the project with a weight of 1347lbs and an average daily gain of 3.268lbs. As winner of the project Houston also was awarded with a \$500 scholarship provided by the South Carolina Beef Board. Second place winner of the project was Miss Casey Evans of Abbeville County with her Charolais cross steer. Casey's steer weighed had a final weigh in of 1257lbs and had an average daily gain of 2.638lbs. Casey was awarded a \$250 scholarship from the South Carolina Beef Board. Houston Hutton was also awarded a special plaque for having the steer with the highest average daily gain.

*Not Pictured was Dr. Hupp, Joey Martin, Raymond Prescott, Casey Evans.

