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Bartee inducted into Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame

John Bartee, Sr., of Clarksville, Tenn., was recently inducted into the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame presentation was held on Saturday, January 9 at the 2010 American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) annual convention.

Each year the American Gelbvieh Association honors deserving individuals who have left their mark on the Gelbvieh breed and Bartee is no exception.

“John Bartee has undisputedly contributed more to the advancement of the cattle industry in general and to the Gelbvieh breed in particular than anyone else in the state of Tennessee,” commented Dale Walker, Secretary/Treasurer of the Tennessee Gelbvieh Association.

Bartee helped organize the first meeting of the Tennessee Gelbvieh Association, in which he is still actively involved. Additionally, he has been active with the AGA serving on several committees and as the association president in 2000.

Not just a supporter of Gelbvieh, John is a supporter of agriculture. He has spent his career working for the Tennessee Department of Extension. He currently serves as the University of Tennessee Extension Director for Montgomery County.

“I can’t say enough about Mr. Bartee and his commitment to the breed. He works tirelessly to help commercial beef producers incorporate Gelbvieh into their herds,” said Dana Stewart, AGA Director of Member Services. “He has diligently worked with the AGA Maternal Edge Sale for the last three years, helping to make it one of the most successful commercial female sales in the state.”

Furthermore, John is an avid supporter of youth programs. John Sr. and his son helped to organize and host the first American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) national junior show east of the Mississippi River in 1995. Their efforts resulted in the largest, most successful junior show at the time.

In 1988, John began collecting carcass data from Tennessee’s largest steer show, taking carcass ribeye and backfat measurements. In the 2009 show, 22 of the 157 steers were Gelbvieh influenced. These 22 steers grossed \$93 more per head than the average of all other steers in the show. A red Balancer® steer had the champion carcass.

John, his wife Lois, their children and grandchildren are all involved in the Gelbvieh breed in one way or another. Lois often accompanies John to meetings and shows. Last summer she even volunteered her talents to make homemade cupcakes for the AGJA Eastern Regional show hosted by the Tennessee Junior Gelbvieh Association.

To promote Gelbvieh, John and his family show cattle at several shows. John and his son, John Jr., exhibited cattle at the first Gelbvieh show at the Tennessee Beef Agribition in the 1990s. John’s grandchildren are the fifth generation of Bartees to show cattle.

“John readily lends guidance and advice from years of experience. It has truly been an honor and pleasure to work with him as an AGA staff member,” added Stewart.

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Photo caption [AGA hall_fame 099press.jpeg]: John Bartee, Sr., was the 2010 inductee into the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame. Pictured from the left are Christy and John Bartee, Jr.; John Bartee, Sr. and Lois; and grandson Bill Walker.