

GCWA Award Winners



GCWA CattleWoman of the Year

Anne Gretsch has served Georgia's Beef Industry for more than 20 years. She is an alumna of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Anne works with her husband, Fred, managing Gretsch Brothers Angus in Lexington, Georgia where they run Angus cattle. Anne and Fred are now proud owners of G Brand BBQ in Crawford, Georgia.

Anne has served on the Georgia CattleWomen board for a year; prior to that she served as secretary for two years. Anne has attended numerous Summer Conferences and you can count on her to clerk for the annual cattle sales during Convention and Beef Expo. Anne is no stranger to the Angus cattle industry. While serving on the GCWA board, Anne was extremely helpful with the Cattle Drive for Hunger and served on the Scholarship committee. Anne contributed her time and knowledge into the applications process and we were able to award a GCWA scholarship to a very worthy junior member.

Anne is very instrumental in their farm's annual production sale. She does it all from videotaping cattle to taking calls to preparing the food for the crowd and she even clerks the day of the sale. Anne and Fred have hosted many farm tours, welcoming visitors on the farm to talk about Angus cattle. Anne takes pride in her duties on the farm. If you have ever seen their Facebook posts, we know who does the work as it is well documented by her husband. Although he states it is his wife in training videos, it is obvious the tables may be turned and it is a husband in training. Anne works hard to make the farm succeed, as everyone does in the family. In a conversation with her, you can quickly tell that she is a producer and loves what she does.

Although we have talked about her accomplishments in the cattle industry, it doesn't compare to her best accomplishments. Her family! Anne and Fred have been married for 30 years and have 4 children; Will, Zach, Abbey and Jaden. In the last couple years they have added two daughters-in-laws: Autumn and Amanda.

While all this is more than enough to make her worthy of CattleWoman of the Year, it is her eagerness to help people that makes her irreplaceable. Everyone she meets is treated with kindness and she makes them feel special. Anne Gretsch's hard work and love for the cattle industry is the reason why we have named her 2018 Georgia CattleWoman of the Year.



GCWA Hall of Fame Inductee

Patsie T. Cannon has served Georgia's Beef Industry for more than 35 years. She taught at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, worked with Cannon Marketing, the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service for more than 16 years, and not to mention all the years of announcing at the numerous cattle shows throughout the state.

Before retirement, three of Patsie's main duties while with the University were working with the Georgia Beef Challenge, the Calhoun and Tifton Bull Evaluation programs and sales, and the Calhoun and Tifton Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) programs and sales.

In the Beef Challenge, Patsie helped coordinate the enrollment and shipping of approximately 39,000 Georgia calves to the Tri County Steer Carcass Futurity, headquartered in Lewis, Iowa. At shipping, she started the chute side data collection that continued through the feedlot phase and ended when the carcasses were graded after harvest. She made sure each consignor received timely updates each time data was collected.

With the Calhoun and Tifton Bull Evaluation programs and sales, Patsie sent out the letters announcing enrollment and arrival deadlines, as well as the rules of the evaluations. She helped weigh in the bulls and collect the data throughout the testing period. At the conclusion of the test, she helped plan and coordinate the sale. It was the same story with the HERD heifers in Calhoun and Tifton.

We are fortunate to continue to receive an email on a regular basis. "Patsie's Reminders" keep us informed of any activities concerning the cattle industry. Patsie serves on the GCA nominating committee as well as the Junior advisory board. Although she doesn't serve directly on the CattleWomen's board, she is no stranger. She has been an active member for many years and a huge supporter of all GCWA activities. The Cattle Drive for Hunger was promoted heavily by Ms. Patsie. She made sure organizations received the application and double checked to make sure they were turned in on time.

Patsie befriends each person she meets and makes them feel special. She celebrates professional achievements, weddings, births and graduations. In turn, she provides comfort to those going through tragedies and loss. Her endless service and love for the cattle industry is the reason we believe that she is worthy of being inducted into the Georgia CattleWomen's Association Hall of Fame and it is our pleasure and honor to induct Patsie T. Cannon.