

# BEEF NEWS

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## BEEF INDUSTRY'S BEST HONORED AT ANNUAL IBCA AWARDS BANQUET

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) honored the state's top cattlemen and women at their Annual Convention in Indianapolis. Beef producers from across the state attended to salute the men and women who provided the leadership for the Indiana beef industry over the past year or over their lifetime.

At the annual awards banquet, the IBCA leadership presented the 2016 Friend of the Industry Award to Monica and Jerry Urick of Urick Concessions. A staunch supporter of the Indiana beef industry, Urick Concessions has served as IBCA's professional concessionaire during the Indiana State Fair for the past 8 years. To honor cattlemen who possess beef management skills and leadership abilities, the IBCA awarded the 2016 IBCA Young Cattleman of the Year to Katelyn Wilson of Orleans. As a young producer, Katelyn has expanded her family's current operation and taken many aspects of the operation to the next level. The prestigious Outstanding Cattleman of the Year Award was presented to Bill Eberle of Pine Village. Bill approaches his herds of 250 commercial cows and 500 backgrounded yearlings from a position of experience, research, and documented standards of practice. As the owner/operator of the Indianapolis Stockyards in Rockville, he has offered his assistance and expertise to young producers and schools around the region for many years.

The most prestigious award each year is the coveted Robert C. Peterson Lifetime Achievement Award. The 2016 award winner was Dr. Andy Boston of Paoli in Orange County. Dr. Boston has had an amazing 40 plus year career of service with many accomplishments and honors along the way. Following a period at Morehead State University as a professor of agriculture, Dr. Boston accepted a position with Purdue University Extension where he worked directly with beef producers for over 20 years. Currently, Andy serves as an Emeritus Board Member on the Indiana Beef Evaluation and Economics Feeding Program using software programs that facilitated genetic and economic evaluation for the improvement of beef cow herds.

The Indiana Beef Cattle Association congratulates all of the award recipients and is proud to honor them for their commitment to the Indiana beef industry and agriculture.

The IBCA is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and is the state's member group and issues manager for all segments of the beef cattle industry including cattle breeders, producers and feeders. It is the grass roots policy development organization for the beef business.