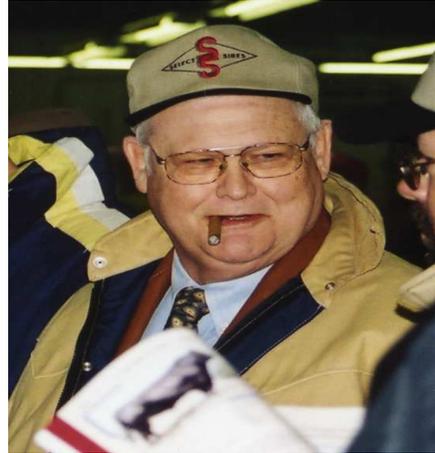


***The proceedings of the 2008  
Applied Reproductive Strategies in  
Beef Cattle Workshop are dedicated  
to the memory of Roy Wallace***



Roy A. Wallace, 63, passed away on Jan. 20, 2008.

Roy Wallace graduated from The Ohio State University in June 1967. He was a member of the meats judging team in 1965 and the general livestock judging team in 1966. He served as a Saddle and Sirloin officer, Delta Theta Sigma officer, and as overall livestock chairman of the Little International. He has been honored with The Ohio State University Agricultural and Home Economics College's Young Professionals Award and was inducted into The Ohio State University Animal Science Hall of Fame.

In 1967, Wallace joined Central Ohio Breeding Association as beef field representative, and in 1969, he joined the Select Sires Inc. staff as beef sire analyst. He was later promoted to Vice-President, Beef Programs. During his tenure at Select Sires, Wallace acquired more than 600 beef bulls from 19 breeds to be marketed throughout the world.

Wallace was one of an original group of cattlemen that helped form the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), a group that has molded genetic evaluations into what they are today. He served as a member and board member of BIF and the only person to have attended every BIF convention, from 1967 through 2007. He served as a member and chairman of the reproduction committee and a member of the sire evaluation

committee. He was awarded BIF's Continuing Service and Pioneer Awards, and co-authored the BIF 25-year history, *Ideas into Action*.

Wallace was a past president and board member of the Buckeye Beef Improvement Association, the National Cattlemen's Association and the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. In addition, he served on the technical committee for the American Angus Association and on the performance committee for the American Simmental Association. He was also a chairman and member of the beef development committee of National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) and a member of the Beef Reproduction Leadership Team.

In 2004, Wallace was recognized as one of *BEEF Magazine's* Top 40, an honor given to 40 people that made major contributions to the beef industry throughout the past 40 years. He was a leader in the areas of sire evaluation, progeny testing and estrus synchronization in the United States and throughout the world, and was a frequent speaker on these topics.

The influence of Roy Wallace on the beef cattle industry spans over 40 years. He spent his entire working life in the pursuit of producing better beef cattle through improved genetics.

Always a strong proponent of performance testing, Wallace served in an advisory capacity to several breed associations in the area of sire evaluations. A strong supporter of national sire summaries, he was an early adopter of structured sire evaluations. He established the longest-running young sire progeny-testing program in the A.I. industry – a program that has identified superior genetics in several breeds. His early acceptance and

promotion of EPDs as a tool to make genetic progress helped to make EPDs well known in the beef cow-calf industry.

Wallace was involved in the early selection and importation of several European breeds in the 1970s; these breeds have made significant contributions to U.S. beef cattle improvement.

Wallace's selection of bulls with genetics for lighter birth weights allowed breeders to use proven calving-ease bulls on virgin heifers, reducing calving problems without sacrificing performance.

He recognized the value of both carcass and ultrasound evaluations early on, and identified several industry-leading bulls which have been very influential in improving the carcass component of beef cattle.

Throughout his career, Wallace was dedicated to finding better ways to get beef cows bred artificially to genetically superior bulls. Some of his early work involved feeding progesterone to beef cattle, a technique which evolved into the very successful MGA programs that are widely used today. Recently, through collaborative research with reproductive researchers at several major universities, Wallace helped to develop several effective A.I. synchronization programs, including Select Synch and CIDR-Select.

In a position in which a single bull selection can potentially influence both thousands of head of cattle as well as the livelihoods of thousands of beef producers, Roy Wallace shouldered this burden with a smile, while always looking for new ways to make beef cattle better. His logic, along with an uncanny ability to look ahead, has enabled beef producers worldwide to take advantage of better beef genetics.

Roy Wallace was a visionary, a thinker, a teacher, a mentor, a cattleman and a friend. He loved good cattle, but more importantly, he loved the people that he had the opportunity to work with. He left a big footprint on the beef industry. He will be missed by many.

Two memorial funds honoring Roy Wallace have been established. Contributions in memory of Roy can be sent to the following:

Roy A. Wallace BIF Memorial Fund, c/o Union County Foundation, 126 N. Main St.,  
P.O. Box 608, Marysville, OH 43040.

Checks should be made payable to Union County Foundation with "Roy Wallace BIF Memorial" written in the memo line.

or

Roy Wallace Memorial, The Ohio State University, The Department of Animal Sciences,  
c/o Dr. James E. Kinder, Chair, 2029 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43210.

Checks should be made payable to "The Ohio State University" and in the subject line indicate "Roy Wallace Memorial".