



Monthly Spotlight

CAB names October-November 2005 monthly honorees and acknowledges who hit the 30.06 target.

As part of its Spotlight Awards series, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) honors a feedlot and a quality assurance (QA) officer for excellence each month. In this issue we feature the monthly winners from October and November 2005.

October 2005 honors

Thomas County Feeders Inc. feedyard foreman Doug Holzmeister was named the CAB QA officer for October 2005.

Paul Dykstra, CAB feedlot specialist, says Holzmeister focuses on the feedlot's involvement in the program. The yard is currently among the top five in *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®)-enrolled cattle.

"Doug wasted no time enrolling cattle in the program after attending a CAB QA seminar last April," Dykstra says. "Since then, he has enrolled nearly 6,000 cattle at the Colby, Kansas, yard for data collection."

Feedlot General Manager Mike Hunter says Holzmeister is a perfectionist, a detail that helps Thomas County Feeders remain a strong partner in the Feedlot-Licensing Program (FLP).

Cattleman's Choice Feedyard Inc., Gage, Okla., was named the October 2005 CAB Feedlot Partner of the Month.

Dale Moore and wife, Mary, built the 7,000-head yard from scratch, and they feed cattle to hit the quality target.

Gary Fike, CAB feedlot specialist, says the Moores sort and market cattle to their highest potential. "It makes the customer happy and keeps the feedlot profitable," he comments. "Since becoming CAB-licensed in 2004, the yard has an overall CAB-acceptance rate of 17%, but their champion entry in the 2004 National Angus Carcass Challenge (NACC) shows what they can do. The



Dale Moore and wife, Mary, owners and operators of Cattleman's Choice Feedyard Inc., Gage, Okla. Their feedlot was named the October 2005 Feedlot Partner of the Month. (PHOTO BY LANCE ZIMMERMAN)

steers were 58% CAB and Prime, with no discounts."

November 2005 honors

The November 2005 feedlot honoree is Guggenmos River Ranch, Brewster, Neb. Owner Larry Guggenmos runs his cow-calf, farming and feedlot business with a keen eye for quality. Cow families are stacked for traits like marbling and udder quality, and calves are managed to their highest potential.

Guggenmos benefits by setting the bar higher than most, Dykstra says. "He is rewarded every time he cashes a check from the packing plant. It is hard to beat the dollars he sees selling those home-raised calves on the grid."

In 2005, the ranch calves were 87% USDA Choice and better, with 41% hitting the CAB target. Guggenmos hit the critical marbling window without going overboard on condition. Only 3%

were considered Yield Grade (YG) 4s.

The feedlot's lone entry in the 2005 NACC proved the staff's ability to manage cattle from start to finish. The 40 steers have been in the division's top 10 for more than six months.



Larry Guggenmos, owner of Guggenmos River Ranch, Brewster, Neb. The feedlot, named the November 2005 Feedlot Partner of the Month, benefits from his keen eye for quality. (PHOTO BY STEVE SUTHER)

Schmitz Feedlot LLC Assistant Manager Scott Stephens was the November 2005 QA officer honoree. Stephens manages

the Clayton, N.M., feedlot's cattle health and sorting programs. Fike says it is Stephens' attention to detail that separates him from other QA officers.

"Scott's ability to manage cattle earned the feedlot a 31% CAB-acceptance rate for 2005," Fike says. "He was recognized as the 2003 QA Officer of the Year and continues to move quality cattle through the feedlot."

His precise sorting ability is valued at the feedlot. Fike says Stephens has the ability to look beyond the animal's hide and understands how traits influence carcass value.

He is a valuable employee at the feedlot, Fike says. His aggressive and detailed management style has given the feedlot a quality advantage over other yards in the region.

"Schmitz Feedlot is performing at a quality level far beyond the national average," he says. "Scott is a large part of that success. When a feedlot can consistently perform at that level, it is a great story. It's hard to ignore the quality cattle they are bringing into the Southwest."



Table 1: Summary of 30.06 qualifiers from October-November 2005 harvest reports



Licensed CAB® Feedyard	Head	Sex ^a	%YG 1&2	%CAB	%Prime
<i>October 2005:</i>					
McGinley-Schilz Feedyard Ltd.	25	H	64.0	70.0	16.0
McGinley-Schilz Feedyard Ltd.	75	H	62.7	54.3	10.7
McGinley-Schilz Feedyard Ltd.	67	S	46.3	50.0	7.5
McGinley-Schilz Feedyard Ltd.	80	S	85.0	48.4	12.5
GG Genetics	12	H	58.3	36.4	0.0
North Platte Feeders Inc.	76	S	64.5	32.9	5.3
<i>November 2005:</i>					
Lane County Feeders Inc.	25	H	68.0	53.9	0.0
Lane County Feeders Inc.	14	H	35.7	45.5	0.0
Lane County Feeders Inc.	11 ^b	H	27.3	45.5	0.0
Lane County Feeders Inc.	21	H	76.1	36.4	0.0
McPherson County Feeders Inc.	47	H	76.6	31.8	0.0
Lane County Feeders Inc.	13	S	69.3	30.8	0.0
Lane County Feeders Inc.	10	H	40.0	28.6	10.0
Lane County Feeders Inc.	25	H	60.0	26.7	4.0

^aH=heifers; M=mixed; S=steers.

^bIndicates 100% CAB eligible. All acceptance rates figured on eligible portions.

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