Cattlemen and Other Ag Industries Support the Range Cattle REC

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One of the pleasures of being employed at the University of Florida, Range Cattle Research and Education Center (REC) is the close relationship it has with the many fine individuals, ranches, and other organizations associated with the Florida beef cattle industry. The day to day contact of visiting ranches, discussing problems, and sharing research information is most rewarding to each of our research faculty.

These donations of funds, cattle, and the availability of ranch properties for field research studies go a long way in making the Range Cattle REC beef cattle and forage research program one of the best in the U.S. We very much appreciate the assistance of these agricultural enterprises that have contributed to our research effort, and look forward to a continuing cooperation in the future.

Many ranches and organizations have made contributions of gifts, time, advice, and use of their land. Bud Adams, of Adams Ranch, donated 250 Braford heifers in the early 1980's to the Range Cattle REC. Receipts from calf sales from these cows have revolved more than a million dollars into the annual research budget. Adams Ranch also donates funds to support research.

Deseret Cattle and Citrus has donated funds, cattle, and land resources to support numerous research projects. Land areas and cattle have been provided by Alico Ranch, Blue Head Ranch, Babcock Ranch, Carlton 2x4 Ranch, Pershing Platt Ranch, Corrigan Ranch, Mabry Carlton Ranch, Lykes Bros. Ranch, Barthle Ranch, Clemons Ranch, Buck Island Ranch, Immokalee Ranch, Kempfer Ranch, Tucker Ranch, Sonny Williamson Ranch, and many others too numerous to list.

To support our research program, companies have donated feed and health supplies on a consistent basis. U.S. Sugar Corporation and the Florida Molasses Exchange have donated more than 300 tons of molasses annually for the past 19 years. American Proteins has provided 25 to 30 tons of hydrolyzed feather meal annually for several years. Merial and Hoechst Roussel have donated many doses of dewormer and vaccines.
With industry assistance the Range Cattle REC has played an important role in the development of the Florida cattle industry. Many Florida cattlemen call the Range Cattle REC their research center. Thanks to the foresight of south Florida cattlemen who initiated its development long ago, and the continued support of the present day cattlemen and allied industries, the Range Cattle REC is truly the "Cattlemen's Research Center."

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