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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.

To help our research program many ranches and organizations have made contributions of gifts, time, advice, and use of their land. Mr. Bud Adams donated 250 Braford heifers in the late 1970's and early 1980's to the Range Cattle REC. Receipts from the sale of calves produced from these cows are revolved into our annual research budget. Adams Ranch has also donated funds to support our research effort.

Other ranchers, like Deseret, have also donated funds to support our research program. In addition, Deseret has lent the Range Cattle REC many bulls for breeding projects, and has provided land areas at Deseret Ranch for field research studies. Others who have provided cattle or land areas for field research studies include Alico, Paris Ranches, Babcock Ranch, Carlton 2x4 Ranch, Pershing Platt Ranch, Pat Corrigan Ranch, Mabry Carlton Ranch, Lykes Bros. Ranch, Joe Bartle Ranch, Jerry Keen Ranch, Russell Reagan Ranch, Warren Allen Ranch, Oscar Clemons Ranch, Buck Island Ranch, and Sonny Williamson Ranch.

To support our research program, several companies have donated feed and medical 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 12 years. American Proteins has provided 25 to 30 tons of hydrolyzed feather meal annually, for the past six years. Merck Ag Vet Division has donated IVOMEK dewormer for more than 1000 head of cattle annually, for the past four years.

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.