

James Kinsey

James “Jim” Kinsey was born in Taylor County, West Virginia, on December 23, 1949. His parents, Clarence Ray and June Kinsey, farmed a mixed herd of dairy cattle, along with 2,000 layer hens, and were responsible for starting Jim in agriculture. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from Fairmont State College in 1971, and initially taught history and drivers education at Flemington High School.

In 1971, he purchased six purebred Angus cattle and began to change the emphasis of the family herd from dairy to beef. And was he ever successful. With hard work, ingenuity and vision he built this initial seed stock into a 200 cow herd that became one of the largest and best in West Virginia and one of the elite herds in the entire eastern United States. While building the Kinsey’s Oak Front Farm herd, he evolved as one of the more influential leaders of the beef industry in the state and nation.



Mr. Kinsey has an enviable reputation for providing valuable leadership as an officer and board member of the West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association and West Virginia Beef Industry Council. He is widely known for representing West Virginia on boards and committees for the National Beef Cattle Association and Cattlemen’s Beef Board and for dedicated service on the Southern States Board of Directors including service as chairman of the Board, and nearly three decades long service as a Board member and chairman with state and national Farm Credit organizations where he was instrumental in shaping important policy development and financial management of the systems.