

Richard McClung



Richard McClung is a native West Virginian from Greenbrier County. He graduated from West Virginia University with a BS in Animal Science in 1964. During his time at WVU, he was a member of the Block and Bridle Club from 1959 to 1964, a member of the Livestock Judging Team in 1963, and a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

After his graduation from WVU, McClung became an American Angus Association Lifetime Member in 1964, and he worked as the Greenbrier Stock Farm Manager from 1964 to 1969. In 1978, he became a Managing Partner of Wehrmann Angus in New Market, Virginia and remained in that position until 2012.

In 1984, McClung organized the Grady County Cattlemen's Association in Cairo, Georgia, and he served as president for this organization from 1984 until 1986. From 1988 until 1995 he worked with scholars at Virginia Tech and the American Angus Association researching beef cattle reproduction. The research he helped with eventually led to improved heat synchronization methods and the establishment of the milk Estimated Progeny Difference, a tool that helps producers make more informed decisions concerning the amount of milk that calves need.

He served as a board member of the Virginia Angus Association from 1988 to 1990, the American Angus Association from 1994 to 1996, and the Beef Improvement Federation from 1998 to 2003. He served as President of the Beef Improvement Federation from 2002 to 2003.

He has received many awards over his years of service, including the BIF Pioneer Award in 2010, the Certified Angus Beef Commitment to Excellence Award in 2010, and was inducted into the Virginia Angus Association Hall of Merit in 2012.

Richard McClung has also actively encouraged and provided service toward the education of youth in the community. He has hosted county 4-H and FFA livestock judging teams, co-funded the West Virginia Junior Angus Association for the Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Association Show in 1995, and provided college students with 6 month internship opportunities in the cattle industry from 1990 to 2005. He has donated heifers to be sold in the years 1995, 2005, and 2010 to the benefit of the education of youth and independent research in the cattle industry through the Angus Foundation. The amount of these sales totaled \$100,000 in donations.