

# Aquilla M. (Quilly) Ward



Aquilla M. “Quilly” Ward is among the best commercial beef producers in West Virginia. He is committed to producing the best beef product possible. The Ward family has been raising cattle for more than seven generations. Under Quilly’s leadership, the A. M. Ward Stock Farm has grown from 800 acres to more than 3,000 in Barbour and Harrison Counties.

Ward has been a leader in the livestock community from the local to the national level. He has served as chairman of the West Virginia Farm Bureau’s Beef Committee, on the steering committee for the National Cattleman’s Beef Association, as director of the National Cattleman’s Beef Association Check-Off Division and the West Virginia Beef Industry Council, and as an active member of the West Virginia and National Cattlemen’s Associations. He has been honored by the West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association and Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society for agriculture.

He works closely with West Virginia University and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and devotes his time to youth activities. Faculty in WVU’s College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences look to Ward for guidance on the impact their research will have on industry producers, and he donates use of his facilities for projects centered on marketing and performance strategies, despite inconvenience and additional efforts required.

Colleagues and peers describe him as an excellent steward of the land, achieving optimum cattle performance through good pasture management. He continues to improve his knowledge of production methods and standards through educational opportunities offered by the WVU Extension Service.