

FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

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Producers of Florida Cracker Cattle

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Stephen has served as Executive Director of the Florida Cracker Cattle Association since its founding in 1988. He was responsible for the management of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services herds from 1985 - 2020. He is a founder and Charter Member of the Association and manages the FCCA Annual Cattle & Horse Sales.

This list is from the working notes of Stephen Monroe and is in no way represented as being a complete list of all breeders of Cracker Cattle. It is intended as a starting point for persons wanting to contact Cracker Cattle Producers. Note that inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement of any producers' breeding or selection program - there are significant differences in the way that "producers" have managed their stock. Care must be taken to ensure that buyers obtain registration papers with the animals; not all breeders have kept registrations current and it is burdensome to attempt to register cattle without proper documentation. Stephen Monroe will discuss this further with you if needed; he can be reached at 850-510-5419. .. The list is alphabetical by the producers' last name...

Stormi Apostolopoulos ~ Palm City, Florida ~ 772-260-5794

Bryan Belcher ~ Arbuckle Cattle Co ~ Sebring, Florida ~ 863-443-0764

Built a herd from private treaty sales and the FCCA Sales. Marketing Heritage Cracker Beef at retail and direct to consumers.

Tracey Barber ~ 904-610-0502 ~ St. Augustine, Florida

BrackFam Land & Cattle LLC / Brandy Brackett ~ 772-473-0564 ~ Vero Beach, Florida

Zachary Broome ~ 352-630-0322 ~ Umatilla, Florida

Billy Barnes ~ 334-222-6705 ~ Florala, Alabama

Has pure Barnes cattle that his family has raised for 140 years.

J.C. Bass ~ Okeechobee, Florida ~ 863-634-0844

About 30 head of Cracker cattle, primarily of Durrance origin. J.C. is a grandson of James Durrance. He still has the Durrance bloodlines and has added cattle from PSP and FDACS which are also descendants of the Durrance line.

Jeff and Teresa Bass ~ HY Ranch ~ Bassinger, Florida 863-634-9365

Jeff is a great grandson of James Durrance and he continues to raise Durrance bloodline FC cattle. They rebuilt their herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales and have consigned some to the Sales.

Makay & Amandalyn Barr ~ 205-258-9203 ~ Clanton, Alabama

Frank Batey ~ Archer, Florida ~ 352-214-1359

Bought FC cows from Kevin Sheffield and Jack Gillen. Breeds some as purebred and some to Brahman bulls to use the F1 Females as commercial brood cows. Markets some finished calves as local beef. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Daniel Bulger ~ 334-818-0585 ~ Florala, Alabama

He is kin to the Barnes family and has pure Barnes cattle.

J. Dale and Dale A. Black ~ Black Diamond Ranch ~ Milton, FL ~ 850-768-1569

Mike Burt ~ St. Augustine, Florida 904-669-6049

Herd started from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales and he has consigned some to the Sales.

Kiefer & Sandy Calkins ~ 352-214-1027 ~ Gainesville, FL

Have consigned cattle to the FCCA Sales for several years.

Sarah Cervone ~ 352-562-5138 ~ Gainesville, Florida

Andrew & Stephanie Chiappini ~ 352-727-8077 ~ Hawthorne, Florida

Loretta & Brad Cribbs ~ Flora Home, Florida, Florida ~ 904-484-6220

Triple S Land Co. ~ 407-448-8529 ~ Orlando, Florida

Ross & Angela Cramer ~ 352-888-0217 ~ Ocala, Florida

Craig Croft ~ 386-365-4197 ~ Lake Butler, Florida

Justin Croft ~ 386-623-1782 ~ Lake Butler, Florida

Scott Crossman ~ Stafford Prairie Ranch ~ 407-422-2556 ~ Williston, Florida

A large herd of Florida Cracker cattle of strains including the Dave Randall herd. All cattle are registered. This is a multi-sire herd since multiple bulls run with the cow herd.

Donald Daly ~ 904-894-7236 ~ Jacksonville, Florida

David Daly ~ Jacksonville, Florida

Bob Daye ~ Sunny Daye Acres – Heritage Livestock Company
154 Shoupe Rd. Bainbridge, Georgia 39819

Michael T Deas ~ 352-266-8766 ~ Ocala, Florida

Svend & Becky Dieffenbach ~ White Springs, FL ~ 386-234-1701 or 386-234-0817
Approximately 30 head of cattle. Purchased heifers from John Lipe and Terrel Howell in 2011.

Christy Duane ~ Six D Ranch ~ Indiantown, Florida ~ 772-597-4819. . .
Herd started with cattle purchased through FCCA Sales and has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Christopher Durando ~ Labelle, Florida ~ 954-873-7678
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales and by private treaty.

Wade Fairey ~ Rock Hill, S. C. ~ 803-417-0003
His herd is comprised of cattle that Nathan Hollinger purchased at FCCA Sales.

Karen Fase ~ 561-767-6391 ~ White Springs, Florida

Randy & Jenifer Faulkner ~ 706-983-9019 ~ Chipley, Florida

Jarod Figley ~ Okeechobee, Florida ~ 863-801-1607
A herd of Cracker cattle, primarily of Durrance origin. Jarrod is the Grandson of the late Elwyn Bass and great-great grandson of James Durrance. He still has the Durrance bloodlines and has added cattle from PSP and FDACS which are also descendants of the Durrance line.

Aaron Gavronsky ~ Two Son Farm ~ St. Augustine, FL 904-759-1858
Herd started from cattle purchased from the FCCA sale. Cattle origin from Withlacoochee, Paynes Prairie, Lake Kissimmee, Tallahassee, and other producers

Jack Gillen ~ Micanopy, Florida ~352-466-0744
Over 40 head of cattle of Payne's Prairie origin. Jack managed the PSP State Herd for many years. He purchased cattle which were sold from PSP herds to start his herd. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Sheri Goodrich ~ 386-689-5040 ~ Oak Hill, Florida

Beth Gore ~ Micanopy, Florida ~ 352-214-4908
Herd sourced from Jack Gillen's herd and others.

Chris Griggs ~ 813-545-3105 ~ Tallahassee, Florida

Varley Grantham ~ New Smyrna Beach, Florida 407-448-8529
Built a herd from private treaty sales and the FCCA Sales.

Donnie & Angela Greenway ~ 904-466-6994 ~ Florahome, Florida

Jim Grover ~ 352-438-8810 ~ Dunnellon, Florida

Read Hayes ~ Double H Bar - Gainesville, Florida ~ 321-303-6193

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Darren Haines ~ Englewood, Florida

Robert Harrison ~ Branford, FL ~ 386-292-4675

Dudley Herring - Keystone Heights, Florida ~ 353-214-4413

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales and by private treaty.

Nathan T. Hollinger - Clark's Hill Ranch 864-361-4614 Clark's Hill, SC

Herd started in 2015 from cattle bought at FCCA Sales. Also raises Rare Spanish Goats.

Trent Hurlbert ~ Lithia, Florida 813-967-1584

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales and by private treaty.

Jorlyn Johnson ~ Lady Lake, Florida ~ 352-350-0089

Dale Judy ~ Clermont, Florida – 352- 267-5858

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale and by private treaty.

Mike and Kim Jones ~ Jones Heritage Livestock - Minneola, FL ~ 407-421-8798

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Lisa Keep ~ 386-362-6851~ Live Oak, Florida

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales and by private treaty.

John Lipe ~ res 863-494-2068 cell 352-214-8276 Arcadia, Florida

Cracker cattle of Payne's Prairie, Withlacoochee State Forest, Barnes, and other origins. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales. Uses purebred Cracker Cows bred to other "beef type" bulls for commercial market calves. Developed a commercial herd of F1 Florida Cracker X Angus.

Camille Kanner ~ Vero Beach, Florida ~ 772-559-4094

Scott Kaylor ~ 727-463-0065 ~ Brooksville, Florida

Alan & Karen Lewis Res: 620-725-3016 Sudan, Kansas

Moved a nucleolus herd of FC stock from Okeechobee, Florida to Kansas in 2005. These were their "best of the best" selected from their herd which was FC evaluated in 1990. Origin was cattle from Norman Stokes which were Durrance Line cattle. They purchased additional animals from the FCCA sales in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2014 to add to the herd in Kansas.

Kent Kirkland ~ 904-445-6647 ~ MacClenny, Florida

Cassandra Kessler ~ Orangs Springs, Florida ~ 386-916-5211

LeeAllie & Kevin Kraas ~ 850-814-1669 ~ Panama City, Florida

MacArthur Research Center, Buck Island Ranch – Lake Placid, FL

Gene Lollis - o: 863-699-0242, r: 863-441-0097

Purchased 70 cows In February 2011. Buck Island Ranch is a model research facility for the Florida Cattle Industry and has been surprised by the high productivity of Cracker cattle.

Michael Martin ~ Slocomb, AL & Graceville Florida ~ 334-714-1205

Purchased Cracker cattle of Barnes and Durrance lines from Mrs. Melba Oliver, Mr. John Lipe and FDACS. Used bulls from the Lipe, Sikes and FDACS herds. Building a commercial herd of F1 Florida Cracker X Angus.

Roxanne Messer / Messer Land LLC ~ 850-326-0861 or 850-263-0555

Celina Murray Moncrief ~ 229-560-3035

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale and by private treaty.

Don Murray ~ Hahira, Georgia 229-834-0057

Fred Moulton & Bruce Davis ~ (904-718-7940) ~ Green Cove Springs, Florida

Gary New ~ Chrysalis Crackers, Osteen, Florida ~ h 407- 322-3880 o 352-504-6918

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale and by private treaty.

Dr. Tim Olson ~ Alachua, Florida ~ 386-418-4386

About 20 head of Cracker cattle of Payne's Prairie and other origins . . . He is the premier Cracker Cattle geneticist and has been responsible for the selection of PSP herds as well as assisted FDACS and many private herds with selection process.... He has bought from and consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Pat Patterson ~ High Springs, Florida~ 205-616-8235

Herd of mostly Payne's Prairie strain. He purchased cattle from Dr. Olson in 2010.

Miles Prescott ~ 904-778-5768 ~ Bell, Florida

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Liesa Priddy ~ JB Ranch ~ Immokalee, FL ~ 239-289-0065

Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Duane Rawls ~ 941-737-3381 ~ Arcadia, Florida

Has purchased cattle by private treaty and from the FCCA sales.

Clayton Rider ~ 321-266-3181 ~ Vero Beach, Florida

Allan Roberts ~ First Coast Cattle LLC ~ St. Augustine, Florida 904-825-8918

Cracker cattle of primarily Barnes origin and has some stored semen from Barnes Bulls. The Roberts family is a pioneer Florida cattle family – been in the cattle business for many generations. Raises FC Cattle and Red Angus crossbreds to mature, forage finished steers. He

has showcased Florida Cracker Cattle at the Florida Ranch Rodeo Finals and Heritage Festival.

Larry Rooks.. 352-726-8133 ... Inverness, Florida
Pioneer Cracker Cattle Family . . . Owns some purebred Cracker Cattle . . . Most of his are crossbred for commercial use. His brother Gene Rooks also has some ...

Sam Sikes . 352-796-8077 ... Brooksville, Florida
Pioneer Cracker Cattle Family . . . Cracker cattle purchased through the FCCA sales. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales. Has produced some polled cattle.

David Sinclair ~ 603-568-5972 ~ Haines City, Florida
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Darlene Skidmore ~ Cracker Farm & Cattle ~ Gainesville, Florida (352) 316-6851

Keaton Smith, Bear Oak Ranch ~ 561-722-1613 ~ Jupiter, Florida

Charles Sykes ~ Brooks, Georgia ~ 770-842-6973

Keliah Sonnier ~ 985-590-9417 ~ Kentwood, Louisiana

Jake Summers 850-643-5660 Bristol, Florida
About 120 head of Ezell and other bloodlines. Leases a large woods pasture from the National Forest Service in the Apalachicola National Forest.

Stacey and Carrie Thompson 850-768-6858 or 850-326-0609 Graceville, Florida
Purchased heifers from Mike Duane, Jake Summers, FDACS and JB Ranch then added a bull from Two Son Farm to make a herd of approximately 30 head.

Donald & Christina Swingle ~ (570-900-4338) or (570-352-8582) ~ LaBelle, Florida

William Thornton ~ 352-558-4661 ~ Williston, Florida

Daniel Turlington ~ 863-224-6815 ~ Wildwood, Florida

Iris Wall High Horse Ranch 772-597-2517 or 772-597-3777 Indiantown, Florida
About 20 head of Ezell bloodline and cattle from FDACS herds. A pioneer ranching family for many years... re-entered the Cracker Cattle business through FCCA involvement.

Sheila McMann – Wall ~ 772-480-2596 ~ Vero Beach, Florida

Kimberly Wescott ~ 727-479-2712 ~ Dunnellon, Florida

Larry Williams ~ High Springs, Florida ~ 443-614-1161

Robby Williams, Flying Air Ranch, 352-603-0611 Bushnell, Florida
Started with cattle from Dr. Tim Olson, Pat Patterson, Jack Gillen and State Herds.

Valerie Wilmot ~ 817-528-1519 ~ Ocala, Florida

Ralph & Mary Wright 386-961-9112 Lake City, Florida
Small herd of primarily Durrance breeding. He has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

John Wurster ~ 561-644-4261 ~ West Palm Beach, Florida

State Herds: State herds have been considered the nucleus herds for the preservation of Florida Cracker Cattle. These herds have had intensive herd heritage research, selection, evaluation, blood typing and DNA testing since 1970 to insure their authenticity. All cattle present in these herds in 1989 during evaluation for the FCCA Foundation registry were approved and registered as Foundation Cattle.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Contact: Arthur Smith 352-438-4703

Cattle of Durrance origin at Tallahassee Agricultural Complex and Withlacoochee State Forest. Started in 1970 with cattle from the Durrance family donated through the Florida Cattlemen's Association. The herd is maintained at approximately 50 adult cattle. The entire herd was approved as foundation animals in 1990. Progeny of these cattle are the core consignments of the FCCA Annual sales.

Agricultural Complex Herd, 3125 Conner Blvd, Tallahassee, Florida

Troy Campbell 850-509-4491

Withlacoochee State Forest Herd, 8132 Croom Rital Rd, Brooksville, Florida

Jose Machado 352-797-4155

Florida Dept of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Recreation

Cattle at Payne's Prairie State Preserve, Dudley Farm State Park and Lake Kissimmee State Park. The entire herd was approved as foundation animals in 1990. These cattle are registered as progeny of a "multi-sire" herds. Dudley Farm and LKSP may be single sire herds some years. Some are consigned to the FCCA Sales.

Payne's Prairie State Park, Micanopy, Florida 352-466-3397

Park Manager: _____

Dudley Farm State Park, Newberry, Florida 352-472-4211

Lake Kissimmee State Park, Lake Wales, Florida 863-696-1112

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