

Producers of Florida Cracker Cattle

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 insure 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 850-410-0944. ..The list is alphabetical by producers' last name...

Alan Aulson ~ Black Prong Center ~ Bronson, Florida ~ 352-486-1234

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

Sarah Bailey ~ Jacksonville, Florida ~ 904-287-1763

Approximately 30 head of primarily Payne's Prairie and Withlacoochee State Forest Origin.

Elwyn Bass. . . Okeechobee, Florida ~ 863-763-2058

About 50 head of Cracker cattle, primarily of Durrance origin. Elwyn 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.

J.C. Bass ~ Okeechobee, Florida ~ 863-763-3662

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.

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

Bought FC cows from Kevin Sheffield and Jack Gillen. Breeds them to Brahman bulls to use their F1 Females as commercial broodcows. Markets the finished calves as local beef.

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

Herd started from cattle purchased at FCCA Sales. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales. ...

Don Cope

notes not complete .. called SJM 10/27/10 regarding the Sale.. has Robinson Cattle ..

Crescent J Ranch ~ Dr. William Broussard ~ 407-892-5010 ~ Kenansville, Florida

The largest herd of privately owned Cracker cattle at over 200 head. Started in 1980 with cattle from PSP and added many from state herds through FCCA Sales over the years. Tours of the cattle herd are included as a part of the Forever Florida Eco-Tourism program. He uses a Multi-sire breeding program. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Bob Daye – Sunny Daye Acres – Heritage Livestock Company

154 Shoupe Rd. Bainbridge, Georgia 39819

Svend & Becky Dieffenbach ~ 2D Land & Cattle LLC - ~ White Springs, FL ~ (386) 234-1701 or (386) 234-0817. Approximately 30 head of cattle. Purchased heifers from John Lipe/Terrel Howell in 2011.

Mike Duane ~ Six D Ranch ~ Indiantown, Florida ~ 772-597-4819.
Herd started with cattle purchased through FCCA Sales.

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.

Betty Grady – Widow of Fred Grady ~ Arcadia, Florida ~ 863-494-3147
Daughter-n-law Lisa and G-son Keaton. Added some cattle purchased from John Lipe and maybe others.
Randy Smith, herdsman, 941-737-3833.

William “Bud” Hallman ~ Brooksville, Florida
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale.

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.

Terrel Howell - 352-529-2070 Williston, Florida
Sold his first herd then started again with Cattle Purchased cattle from FCCA Sales. Also has a farm in S. Georgia.

Andy Hernandez - 813-477-5368 4744 CR 542 H, Bushnell, FL 33513
Volume buyer at FCCA Sales – buys roping stock, uses them then sells to Miami market for roping stock then they become Cracker beef.

Mike and Kim Jones ~ Gp Heritage Livestock - Minneola, FL ~ 407-421-8798
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

John Lipe . . .res 863-494-2068 cell 352-214-8276 Arcadia and Cross City, Florida,.
Has approx 80-100 head of Cracker cattle of Payne's Prairie, Withlacoochee State Forest, Barnes, and other origins. He often has stock available for sale and/or knows who does. Uses purebred Cracker Cows bred to other “beef” type bulls for commercial market calves.

Alan & Karen Lewis Res: 620-725-3016 Sudan, Kansas
Moved 14 cows and a bull 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 Teet Alderman that he and Norman Stokes owned. They purchased two bulls and 2 heifers from the 2007 FCCA Sale to add to the herd in Kansas. They purchased 6 heifers and a young bull from the 2009 sale and additional cattle from the 2011 Sale.

MacArthur Research Center, Buck Island Ranch –
Gene Lollis - o: 863-699-0242, r: 863-441-0097
Purchased 70 cows in February 2011.

Charles Metcalf 904-827-1083 St. Augustine, Fl 32092 . . .
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Gary New ~ Chrysalis Crackers Osteen, Florida ~ h 407- 322-3880 o 352-504-6918
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale and private treaty.

Mrs. Melba Oliver ~ 334-347-2575 ~ Enterprise, Alabama
She and her late husband preserved cattle of the Barnes bloodline for many years... they also used bulls from the PSP and FDACS herds since 1992 . The Barnes cattle were from Northwest Florida.

Dr. Tim Olson ~ Alachua, Florida ~ 386-418-4386
About 20 head of Cracker cattle of Payne's Prairie and other origins including several guineas.. .
He serves as Registrar for the FCCA Association and has been responsible for the genetic selection of PSP herds as well as assisted FDACS and many private herds with selection process.... He has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Glynn Owen . . Wilderness Ranch 941-350-5992 Myakka City, Florida
Ranch Manager, Jeff Scarborough 941-737-5182.
About 50 head of Cracker cattle, primarily of Payne's Prairie and Withlacoochee State Forest origin. He has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Trudy and Pat Patterson ~ The TP Ranch ~ 352-846-3781 or 205-410-4409 High Springs, Florida. About 20 head of Payne's Prairie strain, including guineas. Purchased cattle from Dr. Olson in 2010.

Aliesa Priddy ~ JB Ranch ~ Immokalee, FL ~ 239-289-0065
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Dennis Radice - Rocking Dog Ranch, Newberry, Florida 352-472-6434
Started herd from cattle purchased at FCCA Sale. Has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

Dave Randall 850-948-1840. . . Greenville, Florida
About 30 head of Cracker cattle, primarily of Lake Kissimmee State Park and Payne's Prairie origin. May have sold out in 2007.

Allen Roberts res 904-940-5443 or cell 904-825-8919 St. Augustine, Florida
About 40 head of Cracker cattle of primarily Barnes origin. The Roberts family is a pioneer Florida cattle family – been in the cattle business for many generations. Raises FC Cattle to full grown, forage finished steers. Showcased 18 head in the 2012 Ranch Finals Rodeo.

Larry Rooks.. 352-726-8133 ... Inverness, Florida
Pioneer Cracker Cattle Family . . . Owns some has 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.

Jim & Renee Strickland 941-748-8208 Myakka City, Fl
About 50 head of Durrance and other cattle. Herd purchased from Elwyn Bass in approx 2004 of Durrance lines from Bass, FDACS, PSP and maybe others.

Joe Sumer .. Balm, Florida . 813-633-1355 or 323-5038. . Has some of his Granddaddy's old Cracker Cattle Stock... Has added cattle from FCCA Sales.

Jake Summers 850-643-5660 Bristol, Florida

About 60 head of Ezell and other bloodlines. Leases a large woods pasture from US Government in the Apalachicola National Forest.

Iris Wall 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.

Ralph & Mary Wright 386-961-9112 Lake City, Florida

Small herd of primarily Durrance breeding. He has consigned some to the FCCA Sales.

State Herds: State herds have been considered the nucleus herds for the preservation of Florida Cracker Cattle. These herds have had intensive selection, evaluation, blood typing and herd heritage research since 1970 to insure their authenticity. All cattle in these herds were included in the FCCA Foundation registry after evaluation by the Foundation Evaluation Committee.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Stephen Monroe. 850-410-0944. Cattle of Durrance origin at Tallahassee Agricultural Complex and Withlacoochee State Forest... Approx 60 adult cattle. The entire herd was approved as foundation animals in 1990. These cattle are the core consignments for the FCCA Annual sales.

Florida DEP, Division of Parks and Recreation - David Jowers 352-466-3397 Cattle at Payne's Prairie State Preserve, Dudley Farm and Lake Kissimmee State Park. This is a Multi-sire herd without parental information on individual animals although the entire herd was approved as foundation animals in 1990. These cattle are registered as progeny of a "multi-sire" herd. Dudley Farm and LKSP may be single sire herds some years.

PSP consigns some cattle to the FCCA Sale each year.

Dudley has consigned some animals to the FCCA Sale.

LKSP has consigned some animals to the FCCA Sale.