

HEREFORD

Canadian Hereford Association

Honour Roll

Wilson & Agnes Blair



Wilson Blair was born in 1939 on his family's homestead west of Drake, SK. He moved to Lanigan, SK at the age of eight, attended high school, and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1963. Agnes grew up 7 miles north of Lanigan, where she attended elementary and high school. After graduating from the Saskatoon Business College, she worked in an insurance and law office. Wilson and Agnes were married in 1963, after Wilson returned to the farm after the completion of his degree. They have four children, and eight grandchildren.

Wilson and Agnes have been leaders of their local 4-H club for 20 years, where their children (who were also members of the Canadian

Junior Hereford Association) were extremely successful with their Hereford projects. Wilson was also President of the Humbolt 4-H region for 7 years. Wilson is a founding director of Poundmaker Adventures and served as a director of that organization for 29 years. He was chairman of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Committee, and was involved with the Lanigan Sports Association. Wilson and Agnes are both members of the United Church and have served on their church board, where Agnes taught Sunday School for many years. Agnes also led the Brownies and played softball, while Wilson played hockey & baseball, and coached minor hockey. Wilson and Agnes began their journey with the Hereford breed in 1971, when they purchased a pen of 10 purebred heifers at Canadian Western Agribition. Since that time, they have won over 50 Grand & Reserve Grand Champion honours in various shows and sales throughout Saskatchewan, including Agribition, Saskatoon Fall Fair, Pride of the Prairies Bull Sale, Cattleman's Choice Bull Sale, and the Prince Albert Exhibition, to name just a few. Wilson and Agnes are accomplished judges, having been invited to

judge at Agribition and many other prestigious shows.

Their involvement in the Hereford breed doesn't stop at the show ring. Wilson spent five years on the Saskatchewan Hereford Association Board of Directors, and also served on the Canadian Hereford Association Board for two years. Wilson and Agnes have both been active members and directors of the Northeast Hereford Zone for over 30 years, where Wilson spent many years as President. Agnes managed the Hereford booth at Agribition for many years, and they have spent many hours organizing tours, field days, clinics, and annual meetings. Cattle with the BVHF prefix have sold to every province in Canada, and have been exported to the United States and Australia. Two of their herdsires have had considerable impact in the international market. Wilson and Agnes have attended the Denver Stock Show on multiple occasions, and have hosted international visitors from Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

It is with great pleasure that the Canadian Hereford Association inducts Wilson and Agnes Blair into its Honour Roll.

