

Burnell Gates Receives Beefmaster Breeders United New Member of the Year Award



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – Burnell Gates, San Antonio, Texas, received the 2009 New Member of the Year Award at the Beefmaster Breeders United (BBU) Annual Convention Oct. 22-24 in San Antonio, Texas.

Gates and his wife, Laura, own G4 Ranch east of Pearsall, Texas, where they raise all-red Beefmasters and also breed and raise large typical frame whitetail deer. The couple also owns All Seasons Feeders, which manufactures and sells a large variety of wildlife feeders, as well as B G Metals, which fabricates and installs air conditioning ducts in commercial buildings.

Gates joined BBU in 2008 after attending several Beefmaster sales. He quickly saw the potential to raise and market the cattle to a wide range of buyers.

“I felt Beefmasters were a complete package, from the people in the breed to the different avenues where I could sell the cattle,” Gates said. “I can market the animals to the commercial buyer, such as for E6 replacement females, or sell to purebred breeders or to kids for show projects.”

Gates, who is also a member of the Live Oak Beefmaster Breeders Association and the South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Association, plans to consign quality animals to sales in the future.

“I look forward to growing some of the best all-red Beefmasters around,” he said.