



**Tommy Brown** grew up near Alexander City, Alabama, which is located in the mideastern section of Alabama. He was active in 4-H and FFA while showing beef steers and was on the State Champion FFA Livestock judging Team. Tommy worked on a Registered Polled Hereford Farm while in high school and college and assisted in taking weaning and yearling weights in 1965 to be processed through the newly organized Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association. He received BS degree in animal science at Auburn University and began a 34-year career with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, which included 4-H livestock and adult livestock work. During his extension career, he worked with many small commercial and purebred producers, assisting them in collecting and utilizing performance data in their herds. In 1981, Tommy helped establish one of the first commercial heifer sales in the Southeast that required performance data to be marketed. He served as a Regional Livestock Specialist the last five years with the Extension Service and retired in 2003. He is a partner in Meadow Lane Farms, a small purebred Simmental and Sim-Angus operation that began in 1984 with kids' 4-H heifers. Since 2003, he has served as Marketing and Genetics Director for Sunshine Farms in Clanton, AL. Sunshine Farms markets 150 Sim-Angus and Simmental bulls each year throughout the Southeast with complete performance and ultrasound data for commercial producers. He has served three terms on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association, two terms on the BIF Board of Directors and served as President in 2008, and is presently serving his second term on the Board of Trustees with the American Simmental Association and is chairman of the Breed Improvement Committee for the ASA. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium. Tommy and wife Linda have a son and daughter and two grandchildren.

