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Canadian Angus Association Honours Lyall Edgerton and Kuno Freitag for 50 Years of Membership

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Brandon, MB—During the Canadian Angus Association Annual National Convention banquet, two breeders were honoured for 50 consecutive years of membership in the Association: Souris, Manitoba's Lyall Edgerton of Botany Angus and Alameda, Saskatchewan's Kuno Freitag of Town n Country Angus.

Edgerton began his Angus herd, which would later be known as Botany Angus, in the fall of 1967. At the age of 21, he started the Botany herd by purchasing four females from the Manitoba Angus Association Sale from three consignors. These three breeders were Angus Valley Farm, Elmdale Farms, and Prairiellane Farms.

Edgerton was also very involved with both 4-H and the Manitoba Angus Association. Edgerton acted as the leader of the local 4-H Club for 13 years. As well, he was also an active member and a director for the Manitoba Angus Association for 6 years, with his time as a director being dedicated to sitting as chairman of the advertising and promotions committee, and two years spent as president. As well, Edgerton took a keen interest in the Angus Association and the relationship with the Douglas Bull Test Station Association. Acting on this interest, Edgerton served nine years as a director at the Douglas Test Station, and served as president for another two.

Kuno Freitag's roots in the Angus breed stem from his involvement with the Alameda 4-H Beef Club, beginning at a young age in the late 1940s. His first 4-H project was an Angus calf which had been selected from a neighbour who owned a herd of commercial cattle. In the 1950s, he began working for that same neighbour who had sold him his 4-H project years earlier. With a love for those Angus cows, Kuno accepted pick of his neighbour's heifer calves as part of his work wages. So as a result, when he got married to his wife Dolly in 1957, he already had a small commercial Angus herd.

Through decades of selective purchases and breeding, Kuno's herd developed a strong base of females. Those females became the foundation of the herd that his daughter Anna-Marie and her husband Greg now operate under the name of Perrot Cattle Co.

The Canadian Angus Association offers sincere congratulations to Lyall Edgerton of Botany Angus and to Kuno Freitag of Town n Country Angus. It is because of the dedication of individuals and families like theirs that the agriculture industry continues to be an important sector in our nation today.

The Canadian Angus Association instituted a long-term recognition award program in 1998 to honour individuals and families that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Angus breed in Canada by maintaining a continuous membership in the Association for at least 50 years. In 2011, the award program expanded to recognize families with 75 and 100 continuous years of membership.

The Canadian Angus Association is Canada's largest purebred beef breed organization. The Association represents more than 2,000 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle in the closed HerdBook and promoting the breed across Canada. The member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.

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