

# 2009 BIF CONTINUING SERVICE HONOREE

## DAVID A. DALEY, PH.D.

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) honored **David A. Daley, Ph.D.**, with a Continuing Service Award on May 1, during the organization's 41<sup>st</sup> Research Symposium and Annual Meeting in Sacramento, Calif., hosted by the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association (CBCIA) and the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA). The award recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the BIF and/or the beef industry.

Together with his wife, **Cindy Daley, Ph.D.**, and their three children, Daley owns and operates a commercial cow-calf and seedstock operation, based in Oroville, Calif., where his family has been ranching for five generations.

In the early 1990s, Daley founded and coordinated an international group of progressive cattlemen and academics focused on the use of composite and hybrid seedstock in the beef industry. For nearly a decade, the national meetings for the Composite Cattle Breeders' International Alliance became a think-tank for progressive leaders in the industry to evaluate and compare non-traditional approaches to cattle breeding.

More recently, he has been coordinating research projects with Harris Ranch Beef Company, Coalinga, Calif., and Lacey Livestock, Independence, Calif., on the utilization of DNA fingerprinting in beef production and evaluating the implication of crossbreeding in vertically coordinated beef systems.

Daley has also been actively involved in the potential application and implementation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), including hosting a nationally recognized animal identification academy.

He presently serves as the president of the Butte County Cattlemen's Association, a technical advisor to the CBCIA and is active on state and national issues that affect the beef industry. His present involvement focuses on the implication of animal welfare issues to the beef industry, serving as vice chair of a statewide task force, as well as on an advisory committee for the University of California, Davis, on the same topic.

In addition, he currently serves as the Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, and the Director of the Agricultural Teaching and Research Center at California State University, Chico, Calif., where he manages a diversified farming operation and supervises the beef program. In that capacity, he has worked to develop and mentor student members of the California Young Cattlemen's Association, an organization designed to develop future leaders in the beef industry.



*Beef Improvement Federation Outgoing President Tommy Brown, Clanton, Ala., presents David A. Daley, Ph.D. (left), Oroville, Calif., with a BIF Continuing Service Award during the organization's 41<sup>st</sup> Research Symposium and Annual Meeting, April 30-May 3, in Sacramento, Calif.*