



2023 Hall of Fame Inductees
Leih Limousin — Ed, Bill and Dave Leih

This year's inductees to the Iowa Limousin Association Hall of Fame are recognized for their long-time commitment to raising, promoting and selling Limousin cattle, not only as seedstock producers, but especially with youth within their community.

Leih Limousin was a father and son duo — Edward Leih (1924-2015), William “Bill” (1950-2013) and David (1952-2019). Beyond those three, Leih Limousin eventually expanded to include children and grandchildren. Bill's children are Michelle, Michael and Maggie. Dave's children are Bobbi, Steve and Julie.

Leih Limousin was started in the late 1970's with the purchase of two bulls from a sale in Pierre, South Dakota. The bulls were small, but were what they could afford. In 1981, Bill purchased a show heifer (out of the Teletype herd sire) for his daughter Michelle for her to show at the fair. From the original purchase of bulls, Leih's were believers in Limousin genetics and each spent their lifetime raising and promoting Limousin cattle.

Leih Limousin established a respected Limousin seedstock business with cattle sales across the country and even into Canada and Mexico. They had loyal bull customers that learned to contact them *early* to insure that they got the bulls they needed for the upcoming breeding season! Leih Limousin also raised and sold natural cattle to Laura's Lean Beef.

One of Leih Limousin's long-standing bull customers was Glen Roberts. In 2012, Glen was recognized as the Iowa Limousin Commercial Producer of the Year, and went on to be selected as the Heartland Limousin Commercial Producer of the Year, and the NALF Commercial Producer of the Year.

Beyond their seedstock business, Bill and Dave were both actively involved in the Warren County Fair. Bill and Jim Stills were responsible for starting the purebred Limousin show at the fair. Bill was the Market Beef Superintendent of the Warren County Fair. Dave was the Breeding Beef Superintendent of the Warren County Fair. He had cattle at the Warren County Fair every year for 56 years, whether it was his own kids, the neighborhood kids, or his grandkids.

Both Bill and Dave LOVED coming to Limousin cattle shows and enjoyed seeing all six of their grandkids in the show ring together!

In 2008, Leih Limousin competed in Iowa State Fair Super Bull Contest. The “Warden” bull, weighing in at 2,902 pounds placed second in the contest, just a few pounds less than the winning Charolais bull.

The Iowa Limousin Association congratulates Leih Limousin on their induction to the Iowa Limousin Hall of Fame for their long-term commitment and promotion of Limousin cattle within the state of Iowa.