

# 2007 Beef Improvement Federation 39th Annual Meeting

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## Gosey Honored as Pioneer

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FORT COLLINS, COLO. (June 7, 2007) — The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) honored Jim Gosey with its Pioneer Award June 7 during the organization's 39th annual meeting Fort Collins, Colo.

The award recognizes individuals who have made lasting contributions to the improvement of beef cattle and who have had a major role in the acceptance of performance reporting and documentation as the primary means to make genetic change in beef cattle populations.

For 34 years Jim Gosey was the Extension beef specialist and professor in the animal science department of University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL). He continues his ties to UNL as professor emeritus and helps with the teaching herd.

Gosey received his bachelor's degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University in 1965, his master's degree from New Mexico State University in 1967 and his

doctorate in beef cattle genetics from the University of Nebraska in 1976.

He joined the University of Nebraska in 1971 as beef cattle Extension specialist, working in the area of beef cattle breeding, beef crossbreeding, bull selection, cow-calf management, beef cow efficiency and beef cattle production systems. Gosey has taught beef cattle production/cow-calf management and beef cattle merchandising in addition to managing the University's teaching herds, which include Angus and composite populations.

Gosey is a member of the American Society of Animal Science, has written numerous magazine articles and has given many invited presentations. He has numerous articles published in proceedings of various beef cattle symposia.

Over the years, Gosey's style and approach have continued to evolve, offering ever-changing educational programs to meet the

needs of the cattle producers of Nebraska and the nation and to meet the needs of undergraduates. Whether talking to beef producers or students, Gosey strives to simplify often complex concepts into practical, applied recommendations.

Gosey has been a featured speaker at four BIF national meetings, nine Range Beef Cow Symposia, and four 4-State Beef Conferences, as well as numerous beef breed association programs. He organized the 2002 BIF annual meeting, which was in Omaha. Like many, his impact went far beyond his research and education; he had a positive influence on many cattlemen.



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