

Citation – Steve Gabel

Steve Gabel is a life-long resident of Weld County. Gabel owns and operates Magnum Feedyard in Wiggins, CO along with his wife, Audrey and family, who have grown the capacity of the yard from 5,500 head to more than 22,000 head. Steve graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Animal Sciences and Industry in 1978. While attending CSU, Steve competed on the livestock judging team. Gabel credits this experience for much of his career development and success.

Post graduation, Steve worked for Cattle-Fax, the nations leading livestock market analysis firm, learning the dynamics of the cattle markets. In addition, Steve spent three plus years working for a management investment firm prior to purchasing what is now Magnum Feedyard. Throughout the years, family has always been most important to Steve and Audrey. Their children, son, Case and daughter Christie. The Gabel family was very active in 4-H, and school activities throughout their years of growing-up. Steve has coached many activities of both son and daughter, but in addition Steve has coached the Weld county livestock judging team over 25 years. Developing youth has always been Steve's desire.

Gabel is proud of the young people he has coached. Not only have they been successful during their 4-H career, several have received judging scholarships to compete at the Junior and Senior College level and with great success. Two alumni have been named Junior College All-Americans and one has been named to the Senior College All-American Team! Gabel also credits judging as the one thing that kept him in college and on track to earning a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Colorado State University.

Gabel has never been shy in serving the industry. He loves and believes in the phrase that "The world is run by those that show up", Steve has served as Chairman of the Colorado Beef Council and past president of the Colorado Livestock Association. Steve's leadership during critical times of the cattle industry will have and have had impacts on all cattle producers in Colorado. Steve has said, he finds comfort that both of his kids are involved in animal agriculture. He goes on to say that "It gives me a piece of mind knowing that they're going to have the same level of satisfaction that I've been able to gain. Having the opportunities that I've had, the relationships that I've been able to forge, are the bread and butter of what we do. Ultimately, the real reward of what we do every day is the people I get to do it with. I feel blessed that my kids will be afforded the same opportunities that I've had, and blessed that this industry has given me so many opportunities."

The Department of Animal Sciences is extremely proud to honor Steve Gabel as our newest Livestock Leader, recognizing his longstanding service and commitment to Colorado State University and the cattle industry in Colorado. Steve Gabel's legacy as an exemplary leader, will carry on for generations through his own children and through all of the lives he has directly and indirectly affected over the past five decades.