

2016 Livestock Leader Award

Vaughn and Jill Cook

Vaughn and Jill Cook are co-owners and founders of Royal Vista Equine, Inc. – CO a commercial embryo transfer and equine reproductive center. Royal Vista Equine has expanded across several states with the majority of all employees being CSU graduates. Both Vaugh and Jill obtained their BS degrees in Animal Sciences at CSU (1974 & 1980 respectively) and Jill received her DVM at CSU in 1990. Jill worked as manager of the CSU Equitation Center for several years followed by 2 years of service as Assistant Manager at CSU ERL prior to enrolling in veterinary school. Jill's service to the industry includes Director of Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Foundation and Governor of Colorado Horse Development Authority. Vaughn helped in the foundation of and later managed the CSU ERL. He continues to serve the industry as Director at large of the AQHA, was a 20 year Director of the Rocky Mountain QH Racing Board and past President of Colorado Horseracing Association.

They are strong supporters of responsible breeding, stewardship of the land and horse people providing a positive image in the community. Likewise, they have and continue to serve on the advisory board for Equine Sciences Program. Raising and racing high quality American Quarter Horses, and working hard to promote the horse industry and western heritage in the state of Colorado and across the nation.