

Wade Grigsby

Wade and his wife Carol are both native Floridians and have lived in the LaBelle area for 32 years. In 1976, after graduating from UF, he went to work for A Duda and Sons at the Indianland ranch on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation. Two years later he was transferred to manage the newly acquired Goodno ranch, where he remained for the next 11 years.

The opportunity to manage the Alico ranch, the state's 3rd largest, began for Wade in 1991. The next 16 years provided him with experience in all sectors of the Beef industry. Alico retained ownership of its calves for more than 14 years enabling Wade to manage the cow herd, grazing operation, feeding operation as well as the risk management activities.

Two years ago Wade started his own company, Cattle Quest. This company is comprised of three segments; a consulting business for Florida ranchers (both in cow/calf production and marketing), small cow herd, and a feeding partnership in the Texas panhandle. Recently he expanded the marketing portion by becoming a sales representative for Producers Cattle Auction.

Wade and Carol have four grown children (all GATOR grads) and three grandchildren with another on the way. Their families are all proudly involved with the Cattle industry and are beginning to take leadership roles in various organizations.

Professional Experience:

- USDA National Animal Health Surveillance Steering Committee for Foreign and Emerging Diseases
- NCBA
- UF IFAS Ag Council
- UF IFAS Ona Research and Education Center Overall Advisory Committee
- UF IFAS Hendry County Extension Overall Advisory Committee
- FL Farm Bureau Beef, Marketing, and International Trade
- FDACS Tropical Soda Apple Task Force