



John J. Tolan was born May 17th 1918 in Salisbury, IL. He was born the son of J. Garrett and Marie Tolan who started with Angus Cattle in 1902. John went to the International Livestock Show in Chicago at the age of 6. He was 12 when they won the International Grand Champion carload of angus steers. At age 14, John was awarded the 4H Champion Farmer by Firestone Tire Co. and given a tour of New York City. John traveled to 40 state by rail showing cattle at fairs. He started his own with Eileenmeere 1100 who sired many champions. One year the International Grand Champion "Best Ten Head" were all sired by Elieenmere 1100. John served 6 years as director of the National Angus Cattle Association. He was voted #1 Angus Cattle Breeder Judge in the nation 4 straight years. John was a farmer and rancher for several years and put up approximately 10,000 bales of hay each year and also put up the silage.

**2002 Recipient
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