

Patsy L. Houghton
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Patsy Houghton was reared on a large cow-calf operation near Tipton, Kansas. She received B.S and M.S degrees from KSU, taught two years at Cal State University-Fresno, served two years as Youth Educator for the American Simmental Association, and then obtained her Ph.D from Purdue. She held the KSU NW Extension Beef Specialist for four years, and then started Heartland Cattle Company near McCook, Nebraska where she pioneered the concept of 'Professional Heifer Development.' More than 80,000 beef heifers were developed and bred at Heartland Cattle from 1990 to 2011, making her company the premier heifer development in the U.S. Patsy served as co-chair of NCBA's Cattlemen's College for 11 years; received Purdue's Outstanding Animal Sciences Alumni Award and Distinguishing Ag Alumni Award; and was selected for Purdue's prestigious Old Masters Award Program. Patsy served on the LMIC Board and remains an Avid supporter of the KSU Animal Science & Industry Department and KSU sports.