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Lacey Honored with Centennial Cattleman Award

Sacramento, Calif.—In early December at the 100th Annual Convention of the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) and California CattleWomen, Inc. in Sparks, Nev. on the evening of the Centennial Celebration Gala commemorating 100 years of existence of CCA, Paso Robles cattleman John Lacey was awarded the first-ever Centennial Cattleman award by CCA for a lifetime of dedication to the beef industry.

Brought to the stage by a standing ovation from his peers in the beef cattle community, Lacey took the microphone with a humble demeanor. "Never have I been so shocked... To be honored for something that I have been fortunate to have spent my life doing," Lacey said. "This industry, that I consider to be the best in the United States has given so much to me and it is a pleasure to be a part of it."

Lacey, who served as CCA President in 1985 and 1986, went on to become the first person to serve as president of both the National Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. In addition to his leadership in his state and national trade associations, he also has served as chairman on the National Cattlemen's Foundation, served on numerous committees and served as a board member for various other organizations like the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the National Livestock and Meat Board and in many other capacities, as well.

Tom Tablot, DVM, past CCA President, who presented the award to Lacey said, "When I think of people who have influenced my career, both as a veterinarian and as a rancher, John Lacey is one of the first names that comes to mind."

He's not the only person who has felt the generosity and inspirational influence from Lacey during his service to the beef community, and he certainly won't be the last. Lacey's commitment to the beef cattle industry runs as deep as the roots that his ancestors planted.

"My father took me to my first NCA meeting in San Francisco in 1952," Lacey said. "I still have my card from when he paid my young cattlemen's dues. I've been fortunate to spend my lifetime associated with this great industry and am truly grateful for this honor."

The California Cattlemen's Association thanks John Lacey for his tireless efforts on behalf of the California and U.S. beef industry and is proud to call Lacey one of their own.

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The California Cattlemen's Association has been serving cattle ranchers and beef producers since 1917—celebrating 100 years in 2017!