

Peper Patch Farms

Adair, Oklahoma

Art & Mildred Peper; Trent, Kathy & Kelsey Peper; Caleb & Mackenzie Peper

Established in 1958, Peper Patch Farms is a multi-generational agricultural operation west of Adair, Oklahoma, built on faith and family. Today, the farm includes crossbred cattle, registered Quarter horses, and 500 acres of hay ground.

Art and Mildred (Allison) Peper began their cattle and hay operation with 80 acres inherited from Art's father, George Peper Sr., and 30 acres the couple purchased from him. Their hard work and dedication to quality stem from both sides of the family, but especially from Art's German upbringing.

In the early years, the couple operated a Phillips 66 station in Adair and raised Hereford cattle, adding Angus to develop a crossbred cattle operation in the mid-1960s. Their hay production was a joint effort with David T. and Vivian Marie (DeLozier) Allison, Mildred's parents. They baled and hauled small square bales for both families' cattle and stock horses.

Art went to work in 1966 on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System before taking a long-term job at Peabody Coal Co. near Chelsea. The Peper family raised two children, Shelly and Trent, on their ranch. Both were actively involved in Adair 4-H and the Adair FFA Chapter. The family grew their cattle and hay operation, adding additional acreage as they grew their high-quality crossbred herd.

In the 1980s, Peper Patch Farms acquired its first large round baler and shortly after began a custom baling operation that continues today. Trent became a partner in Peper Patch Farms in the early 1990s and assumed some management responsibilities following Mildred's passing in 2003.

Peper Patch Farms became dealers of Westway Feeds in the mid-1990s, earning multiple awards for being the top dealers in their area. Today, they also sell custom high-quality farm-raised beef, have an American Family Net Wrap dealership, and sell Vit-A-Zine minerals for both cattle and sheep. They strive to ensure all customers receive personal and prompt service.

In addition to working on Peper Patch Farms, Trent began teaching diesel mechanics in the Oklahoma CareerTech system in 1994 after working for the state's Caterpillar dealer. He married Kathy Winfrey in 1997, and she became a critical part of the operation, contributing to multiple production responsibilities and handling much of the bookkeeping. Their adult children are vital parts in all facets of the day-to-day work on Peper Patch Farms. Trent and

Kathy's son, Caleb, is the true salesman in the family. He takes the lead on Westway and Vit-A-Zine sales and works for the Pryor Fire Department. Mackenzie, Caleb's wife, helps across the operation while working for Adair Public Schools. Kelsey, Trent and Kathy's daughter, will be an animal science junior at Oklahoma State University. She plans to return to the farm and further the development of the Quarter Horse herd. Their love for production agriculture ensures the future of Peper Patch Farms into the next generation.