

Biography

Steve Foglesong is the owner of Black Gold Ranch and feedlot located in Illinois and Georgia. With his wife, children, twelve grandchildren, and several trusted employees he operates a cow-calf, feedlot, and farming operation in Illinois, a cow-calf operation in southern Georgia, and, along with several partners, three breed-to-wean swine operations in Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois where he received a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Steve is active in many agricultural organizations. He is a member and past president of the Illinois Beef Association, and was 2010- 2011 president of the National Cattlemen Beef Association (NCBA). He was appointed to the Cattlemen's Beef Board by the Secretary of Agriculture and currently serves on the Agriculture Trade Advisory Committee for USDA/USTR.

Steve, and his wife, Linda, have raised four children, Nate, Drew, Cole and Kaitlin. In his spare time, he continues to work on enhancing the wildlife habitat on the ranch and has participated in local groups such as his county cattlemen's association, Extension and Astoria school board. He attends the Summum Christian Church in Illinois and the Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia.