

## ***Bob Walton, Rosebush, Michigan***



Bob was raised on the family farm just outside Rosebush, Michigan. He married Susan in 1965. The Waltons have five children: Trevor, Amy, Wendy, Hedlun and Dallas, and twelve grandchildren. Bob and Susie sold the dairy cows in 1997 and now raise Herefords, Quarter Horses, row crops and specialize in producing hay for horsemen. The practical experience Bob has had over the years has given him great insight into what works and doesn't work when producing hay. It has also allowed him to better understand the kind of direction owners need to find and buy the types of hay best suited for their horses.

Bob got his start with horses in 4-H. They bought Red Bad Ant in 1968, acquired Canta Peppy from the King Ranch in 1984. Me Bad Max was born there in 1987, and Lenas Trey Tivitos arrived in 2004. These four stallions have been the cornerstone of their AQHA/FQHR breeding program. Bob and Susie raise, train, show and sell foundation bred registered Quarter Horses.

Bob has been involved with 4-H, a judging coach, a judge, and a MQHA Youth Advisor. He has shown 4-H, Open, American Quarter Horse Association, National Cutting Horse Association, National Reining Horse Association, ABRA and Palomino Horse Breeders' Association. He is currently showing Foundation Quarter Horse Registry and National Reined Cow Horse Association.

He is past chairman of the Isabella County Farmland Preservation Committee, Chairman of the FQHR's Judge's Committee, a member of the FQHR Advisory Committee, newly elected Isabella Township Trustee, and a director on the Michigan Hay & Forage Council.

Bob's presentations, with Dr. Chris Skelly, on *Hay: Growing, Buying, Nutrition*, will take place in Seminar Room A on Friday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday, March 13, at 4:15 p.m.....or you can visit with Bob at his stall on the Stallion Avenue all weekend.