

Dwayne Dobson

Dwayne Dobson is a third-generation farmer and rancher. His family came to Arizona in 1886 from Saskatchewan, Canada. He was one of 12 in his family. They lived around Baseline Road and Alma School where they started dry land farming before the dams were built on the salt river. They grew wheat and other grains. Dwayne grew up in an agricultural setting and learned to farm from his father and uncles. His father bought The Bell Ranch in Chandler in 1954.

Dwayne was an active FFA member at Mesa High school and later became an FFA State Officer as well. He continued his education at the University of Arizona. Following his graduation, he came home to take over his father's sheep company. He grew the farm from a few hundred acres to a few thousand acres. He maintained the herd of about 4,000 ewes. This was the only sheep operation that would walk the herd back and forth over the Heber-Reno trail from the Salt River Valley to the White Mountains. The Dobson family owned all the land that is now considered "Dobson Ranch". It is located on Dobson and the U.S 60.

Dwayne and his wife Carol have been married for over 50 years. They have 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. In which most of them are involved in agriculture. Dwayne followed in his grandfather's footsteps by being involved in leadership. He served on the board of the Arizona Cattle Grower's Association and has been the President of the Arizona Wool Producers Association for the last 24 years. He was also an Arizona Farming and Ranching Hall of Fame Honoree in 2013.

The Dobson Family has since sold their sheep to the Auzza Family in Pinal County but continue to be champions of Agriculture in Arizona!

