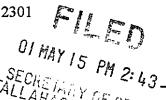


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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

TRI-STATE CATTLEMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

We, the undersigned persons engaged in the production of agricultural products, have voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming an agricultural cooperative association under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida, and particularly under the provisions of Chapter 618, Florida Statutes, Sections 618.01 et seq., and certify to the following:

ARTICLE I

<u>NAME</u>

The name of this association shall be Tri-State Cattlemen's Cooperative Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose for which the association is formed is to engage in any cooperative activity in connection with the producing, marketing, or selling of agricultural products, as that term is defined in Florida Statutes, Section 618.01(1), and in general to function as an agricultural cooperative association within the meaning of Florida Statutes, Section 618.01(3), to which end the return on the membership capital of the association shall be limited to 8% per year, and the value of business done with nonmembers in any fiscal year shall not exceed the value of business done with members during that fiscal year.

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ARTICLE III

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office for the transaction of business of the corporation within the State of Florida is located at 516 W. White Avenue, Graceville, Florida 32440. The initial registered agent at that address is Bill Peacock.

ARTICLE IV

DURATION

The term of existence is perpetual.

<u>ARTICLE V</u>

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial directors who shall manage the affairs of the association for the first year, unless sooner changed by the members are:

| NAME | <u>ADDRESS</u> |
|--------------|--|
| Melvin Adams | 324 Benchoff Road Graceville, Florida 32440 |
| Bill Peacock | 3391 Highway 73 Marianna, Florida 32446 |
| R. L. Price | 5385 Webb Street Graceville, Florida 32440 |

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS

The property rights and interests of each member shall be equal. New members shall be admitted on the following terms and conditions: upon submission of appropriate

membership application approved by the board of directors and submission of the required membership fee which shall be established by resolution of the board of directors from time to time.

The provisions of this article shall not be altered, amended, or repealed, except by three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of this association.

Dated this the 14th day of May, 2001.

MELVIN ADAMS

BILL PEACOCK

Date of May, 2001.

R. L. PRICE

State of Florida County of Jackson

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared MELVIN ADAMS, BILL PEACOCK, and R. L. PRICE, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above documents and acknowledged to me that they executed the documents for the purposes and consideration expressed in them.

Given by my signature and seal of office on this the 14th day of 7001.

NOTARY PUBLIC ()
State of Florida at Large

Commission Number:

Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted,

in compliance with said Act:

FIRST - That TRI-STATE CATTLEMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION,

INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as

indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, and its registered office in the City of Graceville,

Jackson County, Florida, has named Bill Peacock, whose address is 516 W. White

Avenue, Graceville, Florida 32440, as its agent to accept service of process within this

State.

SECOND - Having been named to accept service of process for the above-

stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this

capacity, and further agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping

open said office.

Registered Agent