

Cattle Families In Seminole County:

- Small scrub cattle were brought to this area by the Spanish circa 1565. During open range period, cattle drives delivered beef to Georgia during the Civil War and to Fort Myers at the time of the Spanish American War.
- Pre Civil War cattlemen in Chuluota/Geneva area were: Baxter, DeBogary, Delk, Hall, Higginbottom, W.C. Jacobs, Jordon, Lassiter, Raulerson, Summerlin, Townsend.
- Lake Mary's William "Mac" Humphrey, brought cattle to this area in the 1860's. The Humphrey herds ranged free of fences over what would become Orange, Seminole, Volusia, Brevard and Lake Counties.
- Other Seminole County cattlemen names at the turn of the century:
- Barnie Beck(died) then Charlie Beck took over
- Dr. Blackman, Wekiva Ranch (1916)
- Joe Cameron & sons Perry, Joeda, & Ed Cameron;
- Nolan Fore- Chuluota, & Osteen
- W.T. Humphrey & sons Ross L. & Earnest L. Humphrey,
- Gaston & his son George Jacobs, his son Maurice and his sons, Wayne, Kenneth & Roy Jacobs
- F.S. Long (1930's -40's) sold out in 1952 to the Acorn River Cattle Company; Robert P. Lamonte, breeder and Gifford Cochran partner. R. P. Lamont,(1950's) sold it to Powell, (1960's).
- A.B. Peterson of St. Johns Realty Company (1952) improved 1,000 acres for pasture land.

- In 1935 E.H. Kilbee and J. W. Flint fenced 1800 acres southeast of Geneva, on Old Mims Road in advance of the 1948 law requiring livestock to be fenced. His son William H. Kilbee continued the tradition and at present the Yarborough ranches are located on Snow Hill Road and Betty Schlusemeyer continues running cattle on the original ranch on Old Mims Road.
- In 1938 C.S. Lee, bought land in Chuluota from Mr. Giles. Lee (Slick) McKinney had it leased when C.S. Lee bought it. Link Hart came from St. Cloud around 1941/42 and managed C.S. Lee cows. Robert Lee, son of C.S. Lee took over his father's cattle business around 1960. 1973 calves were selling for about .90 a pound. In 1979-calves steer yearlings were selling for .75 a pound. The cows were carried to the Orlando and Kissimmee livestock market. Today many of the cattle are sold by satellite.
- Grover Lafils, had cattle in Geneva.
- Walker Pravatt and his son Denton Prevatt had cattle east of Geneva and north of 46.
- Ralph White (Henry) and Walter Hand, Charlie Hand's, brother had cattle on Lake Jesup on Cabbage Hammock extension of Sanford Ave.
- The Ritter Brothers were from Longwood and had several hundred head of scrub cows. Their property was located in Longwood and Lake County north of #46.
- Haskel (Speedy) Pedigo had a Red Angus herd in west Longwood and in the Lake Mary area.
- Fred and W. R. Dyson owned pasture property on #434 & Longwood Markham Road and ran cattle on these two properties.
- Doctor Bass was a local veterinary who also owned beef cattle.
- Fred Dyson and W.R. Dyson ran beef cattle where Heathrow is located today.
- Francis Meriwether,

Dairy Cows:

- First dairy in Geneva was run by a man by the name of Hickcock
- The second dairy in Geneva was owned by Tommy McLain.
- Doctor Baker had dairy cattle. Joe Baker owned the last of more than 100 dairies that once operated in Seminole County.
- B.C. Dodd had dairy cattle. Henry Lee and his son Ed had dairy cattle on #46 before you got to the Wekiva Bridge.
- Spencer Harden Dairy in 1941 was the largest in the county. It had over 200 dairy cows on #46-A before Oaklawn cemetery and on #46 on the left hand side before Midway.
- 1941 other dairies in this county were those of C.W. baker, Mrs. C.C. Howard, The Stevens Dairy, J.A. Benson, and the Moore Dairy.