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**ILR-SD HPY and Teaching Judge**

Hank and his wife, Connie, live in Martinsburg, Ohio. They raised llamas and alpacas for over 30 years, showing them for 20 years. They founded and were superintendents for the Hartford Fair Llama Show and were llama 4-H club advisors for 9 years. Hank has been a frequent speaker at conferences and a writer for industry magazines. Many have read his column “Ask the Herdsman” in the Llama Banner.

A charter member of the Ohio River Valley Llama Association, Hank served on the ORVLA Board of Directors six consecutive years, serving two of those as president. He is a former member of the ILA Research Committee, the Lama Medical Research Group, and served two terms as president of the Alpaca & Llama Show Association (ALSA). He conceived and developed the ALSA Regional and Grand National championship show programs, chaired the ALSA Grand National Committee and was the superintendent of the ALSA Grand National for the first four years. Hank has been an ALSA judge for 27 years and is an ALSA Judges’ Clinic instructor.

Hank Kauffman was raised on a large dairy and horse farm in Ohio. From a young age he was trained in conformation, herd management, and animal husbandry techniques. A biomedical engineer by education and training, he founded and was C.E.O. of three medical electronics manufacturing, sales and marketing firms that were sold in 1990, which is when he started raising llamas full time. He is semi-retired and spends his winters in central Florida.