Stephen Monroe - "Florida Cowboy Poet"

Stephen Monroe has been called "a Florida Cowboy Poet" and he fits the billing. . . He grew up in the saddle, in the cow pen, on the business end of a pair of hole diggers and on the John Deere tractor. His family has lived and farmed in Jefferson County Florida for 5 generations. Stephen has competed in rodeos and was a rodeo clown and bullfighter. He learned cowboy poetry to entertain himself during long days in the saddle. Later, in promotion of Florida's agricultural industry, he discovered that folks enjoy hearing these stories and poems almost as much as he enjoys telling them. He has performed for industry, civic, church and agricultural groups throughout Florida and is a regular speaker at Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association and other meetings. He has opened for other entertainers including the Bellamy Brothers.

Stephen has been involved in the cattle industry his whole life. His work ranges from preservation of Florida's Cracker Cattle to promotion of Florida's cattle industry on state, national and international levels. From cow-hunting to commercial beef cattle production to international marketing of Florida's finest breeding stock, Stephen has experience in all segments of the industry.

With degrees in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Science, Stephen can address the serious side of the industry as well. He shares the positive message of Agriculture in a unique and inspirational style. His presentations touch on the importance of our rich agricultural heritage and the future role of agriculture in our society. Cowboy poetry mixed with other stories offers folks a chance to laugh and to reflect on the times of their lives. Stephen's presentations make folks proud to be a part of helping the Good Lord to provide food and fiber for our communities, our country and our world.

