



Raymon F. Tucker

Born April 6, 1914, in the town of Christmas, Raymon F. Tucker was a fifth generation Floridian who proudly identified as a “Florida Cracker.” He lived in Haw Creek since 1931 where he owned and operated Haw Creek Ranch.

Tucker earned a degree in animal science from the University of Florida, graduating in 1938.

Good horses and cattle were the background of Tucker’s life, and he was prominently known in both worlds. He was also active in timber and turpentine production and grew both cabbage and potatoes at his Flagler County operation.

Tucker bred and sold registered purebred Brahman cattle and was as president of the state and Eastern U.S. Brahman Association. He served as first president of the Flagler County Cattlemen's Association and the Flagler County Farm Bureau.

Tucker played a key role in bringing Quarter Horse racing to the Sunshine State. His efforts helped pass legislation that permitted Quarter Horses to race at Thoroughbred tracks in Florida. He was also instrumental in starting the Florida Quarter Horse Futurity.

In the early 1950s, Tucker was involved with organizing the Florida Horse Breeders Council and served as the first president. He also founded the Atlantic Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association and was its first president.

Tucker was a national director of the AQHA, and a past president of the Florida Quarter Horse Association.

Tucker loved a fast horse and bred one of the best of his era in Florida-bred Go Dick Go, a multiple stakes winner of \$277,669, who won the prestigious 1966 All American Futurity-G1. As a juvenile, Go Dick Go set three new track records, earned his 1966 Register of Merit and was 1966 champion 2-year-old colt.

Tucker contributed to the state's ag industry by serving on multiple advisory boards and committees, including the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the University of Florida's Special Help for Agricultural Research and Education Council (SHARE).

Tucker's decades of work in the agriculture industry were honored in 1997 when he was inducted into Florida's Agriculture Hall of Fame. He was also recognized as "Outstanding Man in Agriculture" by the Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents.

He helped establish Flagler County Cracker Day, a yearly celebration of the county's farming and ranching heritage, that held its 68th annual event in 2025.

Tucker was known for his community involvement, including serving on the Flagler County School Board for 20 years.

He and his wife, Blanche Tilton Tucker, were married 55 years. They had six daughters who gave them 37 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Raymon F. Tucker died on November 8, 1998, at the age of 84.