

## OUT ON THE RANGE

*Faces of the West from "American Farmer." Words and photos © Paul Mobley.*

"American Farmer" was a dream book. I still look at the photographs I took over those four years and have a story for each one. Each photograph helped remind me of the goodness in people and I have a lifetime full of new friends from all over the country now.

When I take a photograph, my goal is to capture the soul of my subject. It should be intense and tender, at the same time. When that

happens, the results can be very powerful.

Norman's from Oregon but this picture was taken in Homer, Alaska. He's got a face that photographs beautifully. Chuck Dallas is a sheep guy who lives in a small town in Montana. He has so many interesting places to photograph on his property that I got at least a dozen great pictures of him. The Rusty Harris picture reminds me of the strong



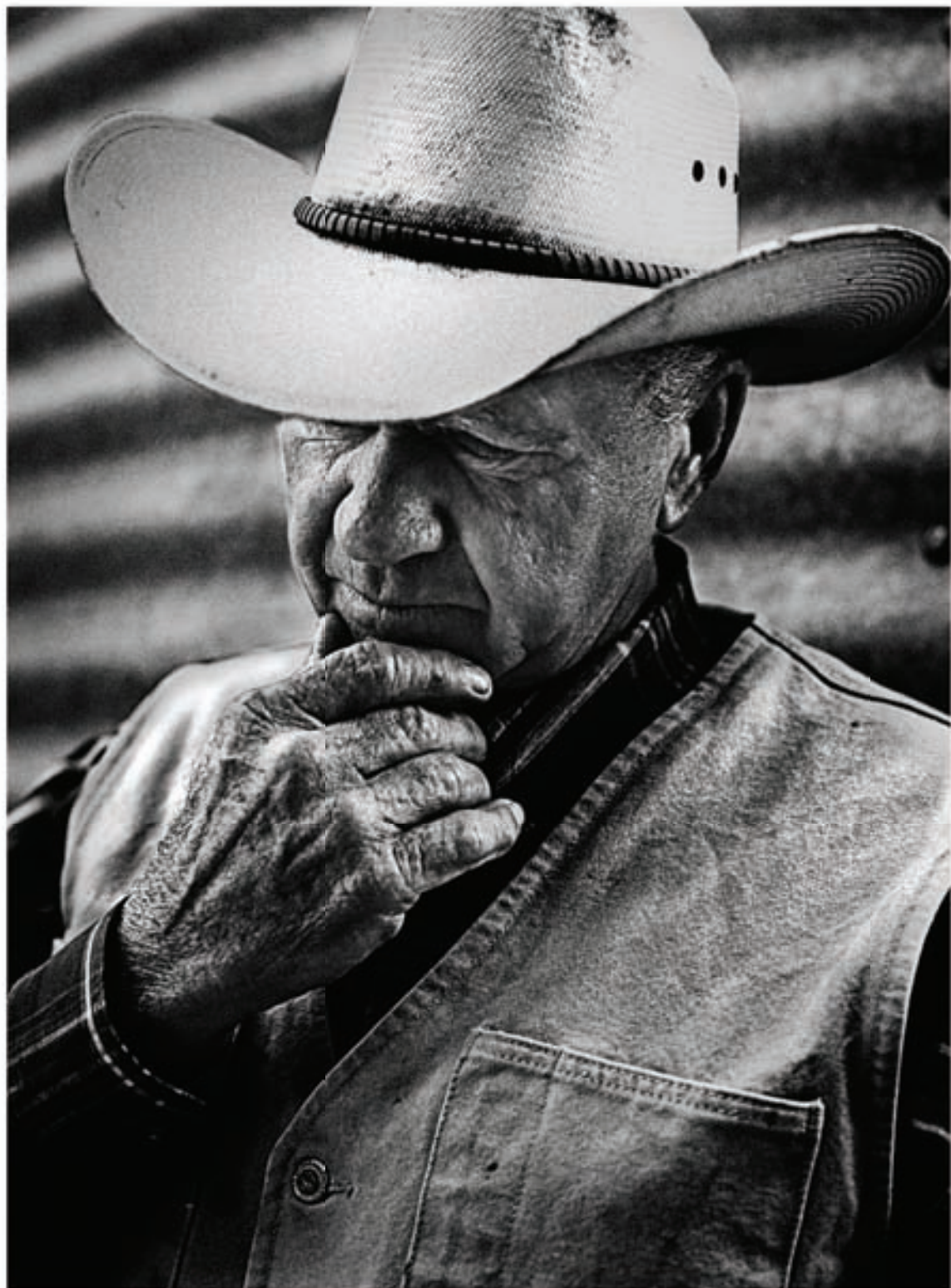
*NORMAN SWEIDER, VEGETABLE FARMER AND FISHERMAN, LAKESIDE, OREGON  
Norman has a passion for the outdoors, and loves halibut fishing in Alaska.*



CHUCK DALLAS, SHEEP RANCHER, WILLSALL, MONTANA  
*Chuck's a seventh-generation rancher whose entire family  
comes from Montana.*

hands that ranchers have. When I look at this photo, his hand is almost as big as his head. Louis Oliver lives in New Mexico, near the Black Range. We were in his tack room when I noticed a stream of light. He had on this amazing hat. When the light's good, you usually get a great picture. ■

*Signed copies of Paul Mobley's "American Farmer" are available at [www.welcomebooks.com/americanfarmer](http://www.welcomebooks.com/americanfarmer). RANGE readers get a discount through [www.rangemagazine.com](http://www.rangemagazine.com). Paul can be reached at [paulmobley@earthlink.net](mailto:paulmobley@earthlink.net). Check out his blog at [www.mobleyshoots.com](http://www.mobleyshoots.com)*



*RUSTY HARRIS, RANCHER, HICO, TEXAS  
Rusty's a lifelong rancher and the Hamilton  
County Farm Bureau president.*



*LOUIS OLIVER, CATTLE RANCHER, SAN LORENZO, NEW MEXICO*  
Louis is 85 years old, a lifelong rancher. After 9/11, he organized a successful livestock donation program which raised money for the children of one of the flight attendants lost in one of the planes. In order to survive the early years in the cattle ranching business, Louis became one of the most prolific mountain lion trackers in the West.