



AWARD PROGRAM



For centuries, cattle producers have had a personal relationship with the nation's land and resources. They have assumed the responsibilities and risks of investing their lives to protect and conserve the environment. Producers depend on the land and its resources for their livelihood. Therefore, good management demands they care for the environment for their own welfare as well as for future generations.

Cattle producers, as individuals and as an industry, are actively working to protect and improve the environment, because they know environmental stewardship and good business go hand-in-hand.

Since 1991, the Environmental Stewardship Award annually recognizes outstanding stewardship practices and conservation achievements of U.S. cattle producers across the nation. Regional and national award winners have been commended for their commitment to protecting the environment and improving fish and wildlife habitats while operating profitable cattle operations.

A common trait among all winners is the desire to leave the land in better condition for future generations and inspiring the next generation of land stewards. While the program highlights stewardship, it also provides fellow cattle producers with examples and ideas which may be useful on their own farming and ranch operations.

The Environmental Stewardship Award is an initiative of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the National Cattlemen's Foundation, and is funded by Dow AgroSciences LLC and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture along with a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Award winners are selected annually by a committee of representatives from universities, conservation organizations, and federal and state agencies. For guidance, the judges consider the management of water, wildlife, vegetation, air, and soil along with leadership abilities and the sustainability of the business as a whole.

Nominations can be submitted by any organization, group or individual on behalf of a U.S. cattle producer. In the past, nominations have been submitted by a diverse mix of organizations. A partial list includes: The Nature Conservancy, NRCS, Society for Range Management, state game and parks services, state extension services, universities, wildlife organizations, and livestock groups.



"Caretakers of the Land" bronze gifted to National winner.

AWARD TIMELINE AND EVENTS

March 6, 2016: Applications Due!

May 2016: The Selection Committee meets to determine the regional winners. These winner are personally notified shortly thereafter, but are not publicly announced.

June 2016: Our video crew begins to visit each of the 2015 regional winners' operation.

July 2016: Winners are publicly announced and honored at the Cattle Industry Summer Conference; the 2015 video debuts. One night's stay provided to regional winners.

Fall 2016: Selection Committee picks the next national winner.

February 2017: All seven regional winners are expected to attend the 2017 Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Travel and registration will be paid by the Environmental Stewardship Award for two people.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD PAST WINNE



REGION, RANCH, NAME, CITY · ORANGE TEXT DENOTES THAT YEAR'S WINNER.

1991

Don Duff Chavies, KY

II

Adams Ranch Alto "Bud" Adms, Jr. Fort Piecre, FL

> III Littrell Farms Tery Littrell Thompson, MO

Spur Headquarters Ranch O.J. Barron, 111 Spur, TX

Pitchfork Ranch Co. Jack Turnell

Meeteetse, WY VI

Canyon Creek Ranch Robert H. Mackey Alturas, CA

VII

Grant Country Feeders Marc Roth Ulysses, KS

1992

Waffle Hill Farm Lawrason Sayre Churchville, MD

II

Crescent B Ranch Fred C. Babock Punta Gorda, FL

III Gerard Fards Jeff Gerard

Spring Cove, MN VI Muleshoe Ranch Co

John R. "Rich" Anderson Gail, TX

Smith Six Bar S. Ranch Maynard Smith Glen, MT

VI Oak Ranch William M. Riggs, Jr. Wilcox, AZ

VII Reed Hamilton Ranch David & Loretta Hamilton Thedford, NE

1993

Vosburg Farm Jan & Nellie Lou Vasburg Climax, Ml

II Ridgefield Farm, Inc. E.J. Witmire Brasstown, NC

Douglas Canter Stock Farms Ralph & Joyce Neill Corning, 1A

IV Nakes Farm, Inc. Lynn & Linda Nakes

Siloam Springs, AR

Yamsi Ranch Dayton & Gerda Hyde Chiloquin, OR

VI

Rafter F. Cattle Roger & Debbie Bowe San Jon, NM

VII Smith Cattle, Inc. Mark Smith & Family Sharon Springs, KS

1994

Seldom Rest Farms Bruce & Scott Foster Niles, MI

Rafter T Ranch James M. Wohl & Family Sebring, FL

III Gruben Farms

Clay Gruben Summersville, MO

IV Spade Ranch William "Dub" Waldrip Lubbock, TX

Picabo Livestock Bud & Ruth Purdy Picabo, 1D

Carrizo Valley Ranch

Sid Goodloe & Family Capitan, NM VII

Knobbe Feedyards Harry & Doris Knobbe West Point, NE

1995

Antietam Farms Bill & Mary Poffenberer Sharpsburg, MD

G.W. Jones and Sons Farm Ray & Raymond Jones Huntsville, AL

III Dave & Corrine Williams Villisca, 1A

IV Heritage Beef Cattle Co. Joe R. Weatherly Wheeler, TX

> Sitz Angus Ranch Donna Sitz Harrison, MT

VI Babbitt Ranches, LLC William "Billy" Cordasco Flagstaff, AZ

VII Clarence Mortenson Pierre, SD

1996

Mossy Creek Farms Ernie Reeves Mt. Solon, VA

II

Holmestead Co. Charles & Jenny Holmes Marion, AL

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Wiese and Sons Farms Gene & Jean Wiese Manning, 1A

Robert E. Lee Ranch Co. The Lee Family Judith Gap, MT

VI Allan Smith Ranch Allan & Shirley Smith

Duchesne, UT Double M Farms Inc.

Dick & Eileen Mercer Kearney, NE

1997

Triple W Farms The Williams Family Mark, Edward & Scott Marion, KS

II Honeywood Farm Ed Mitchell & Clay Allen Barnesville, GA

III Lubben White Oak Farms

Dave & Lisa Lubben Monticello, 1A IV

Rafter D Corp. & Dunkin Farms The Dunkin Family Tulsa, OK

Three Quarter Circle Ranch Tony Malmberg Lander, WY

VII Vigen Ranch Wendell & Linda Vigen

Killdeer, ND 1998

Rally Farms Jesse & Gayle Bontecou Millbrook, NY

Poplar Hollow Farms The Bryson Family, Charles & Carl Brevard, NC

III

Greig and Co., Inc The Greig Family Estherville, IA

Matador Cattle Co. Ray Marxer Dillon, MT

VII Jones Ranch Ralph & Maxine Jones Midland, SD

1999

Bartlett Island Farm David Rockefeller Mt. Desert, ME

II

Lykes Brothers, Inc. Mike Milicevic Okeechobee, FL

III Amana Farms, Inc. John McGrath Amana, 1A

IV

Neill Cattle Co. & Bar N Ranch Joe & Dee Ann Neill Welch, OK

Anderson Farms & Cattle Co. **Anderson Family** Longmont, CO

VI

Blanchard Ranch Bob & Terri Blanchard Avila Beach, CA

VII Rhea Cattle Company William & Kathy Rhea Arlington, NE

2000

Gregg & Joan Ritter Glasgow, KY

II Gaddis Farms T Kendall III, T Kendall IV & K. Garraway Bolton, MS

> III Triple U Ranch The Utesch Family Correctionville, 1A

IV Morgan Cattle Company Ralph & Evelyn Morgan Chickasha, OK

Hanson Livestock, Inc. The Hanson Family Dan & Donna Lusk, WY

VI Johnson Ranch Darrell Johnson & Family Rush Valley, UT

VII Cammack Ranch Gary Cammack & Family Union Center, SD

2001

Churche's Grove Farm Zack & Yvonne Saufley Frankfort, KY

II Barthle Bros. Ranch The Barthle Family San Antonio, FL

III **Iowa River Ranch** Dave & Diane Petty Eldora, 1A

IV Holcombe Farms David & Gayla Jay, OK

Milesnick Ranch Tom and Mary Kay Milesnick Belgrade, MT

VI

Dave Wood Ranch Dave Wood Fresno, CA

VII

Nagel Cattle Company John & Delina Maget Avon, SD

2002

Armstrong Farms John & Kathy Allen Saxonburg, PA

II Wakefield Farms Asa & Julie Phillips Hartwell, GA

Brad Z Ranch Jim & Mary Bradford

Guthrie Center, 1A

The Goodson Ranch The Cannon Family Blackwell, OK

Sieben Livestock Co Chase & Scott Hibbard Helena, MT

VI Y Bar D Ranch George & Sharon Yard Williams, AZ

Kelly Ranch Mike & Cynthia Kelly Sutherland, NE

2003

II Llangollen Farms Roy L. Ash (Owner) John Wilkins (Manager) Middleburg, VA

II Carlton 2 x 4 Ranch Dr. Barbara C. Carlton Arcadia, FL

III M & M Cattle Company Matt & Denice Mathews Carthage, MO

IV Canyon View Farms Frank & Shirley Austin Geary, OK

> V Frasier Farms Woodrow, CO

VI Work Family Ranch George & Elaine Work San Miguel, CA

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VII

Barenthsen Red Angus Mark & Kathy Barenthsen Powers Lake, ND

2004

McElhaney Stock Farms Richard McElhaney & Family Hookstown, PA

II

Williamson Cattle Co. Sonny and Wes Williamson Okeechobee, FL

White Family Farms Craig & Margaret White Estherville, 1A

Chain Land & Cattle Corp. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chain & Family Canton, OK

Barthelmess Ranch Corp. Leo & Mary Emily Barthelmess & Family Malta, MT

VI

DC Cattle Company LLC David L. Cook Globe, AZ

VII

Gerald Roise Ranch Gerald & LuAnn Roise & Family Powers Lake, ND

2005

Lil' Ponderosa Enterprises Robert & Linda Boyce Carlisle, PA

II

Lightsey Cattle Co. Lightsey Family Lake Wales, FL

III

Faris Farms Faris Family Mount Ayr, 1A

IV

Richards Ranch Richards Family Jacksboro, TX

Sims Cattle Company, LLC Don Sims Family McFadden, WY

VI

Prather Ranch Ralphs & Rickert Families Fall River Mills, CA

Gates Angus Ranch Gates Family Coldwater, KS

2006

Blight Farms **Blight Family** Albion, MI

II Hayston Farms Fred & Peggy Greer Mansfield, GA

III

Clan Farms, Inc. Nick & Sue Hunt Atlantic, 1A

IV

San Pedro Ranch Joseph & Blair Fitzsimmons San Antonio, TX

IV

San Pedro Ranch Ryland & Pamela Howard San Antonio, TX

Thaler Land & Livestock Co. Dennis & Sandra Thaler La Grange, WY

VI

Diablo Trust Ranches Prosser Family Winslow, AZ

VI

Diablo Trust Ranches Metzger & Kessler Families Flagstaff, AZ

VII

Brown's Gelbvieh Ranch Brown Family Bismarck, ND

2007

Sunrise Club Calves Paul & Beth Winegard Shippenville, PA

II

Dee River Ranch Mike Dee and Annie Dee Aliceville, AL

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Oak Knoll Ranch Leon & Helen Kreisler Salem, MO

IV

No nominations

V

Roaring Spring Ranch Stacy and Elaine Davies Frenchglen, OR

VII

Yolo Land & Cattle Co Stone Families Woodland, CA

VII

Alexander Ranch Ted Alexander Sun City, KS

2008

Sennett Cattle Co. Clark Sennett and Family Waynetown, 1N

II

Yon Family Farms Kevin & Lydia Yon Ridge Springs, SC

Guge Family Farm Mark & Norma Guge Estherville, 1A

Bradley 3 Ranch Minnie Lou and Mary Lou Bradley Memphis, TX

Veseth Cattle Co. Dale & Janet Veseth Malta, MT

VI

Babacomari Ranch **Brophy Family** Sonoita, AZ

VII

Hovde Ranch Lynn & Patti Hovde Alexander, ND

2009

Young's Cattle Company Richard & Jayne Young Belmont, OH

II

Greenview Polled Hereford Farms, Inc Jonathan & Toni Harris Screven, GA

III

Eckenfels Farm Bob Eckenfels Ste. Genevieve, MO

Stoney Point AgriCorp Mark Quinn Family Melissa, TX

Pape Ranche Norm & Barb Pape Daniel, WY

Leavitt Lake Ranches Darrell & Callie Wood Vina, CA

VII

Daybreak Ranch Jim & Carol Faulstich & Adam and Jacquie Roth Highmore, SD

2010

Cleremont Farm, G.P. Carl Lindgren & Tony Horkan Upperville, VA

Deseret Cattle & Citrus St. Cloud, FL

III

Couser Cattle Company Bill & Nancy Couse Nevada, 1A

JA Ranch

James K. "Rooter" & Lynda Brite Bowie, TX

Mesa De Maya Ranch John & Carolyn Doherty Joe & Lisa Doherty Branson, CO

T.N. Ranching Company Butch & Jeanie Jensen, Tate Jensen, Jennie Jensen & Jim & Klennell Jensen Price, UT

VII

Spoul Ranch Bill & Peggy Sproul Sedan, KS

2011

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown Gerald L. Tracy Elizabethtown, PA

II Daigle Farms David Daigle

Ragley, LA IV Matador Ranch

Bob Kilmer Matador, TX

M/M Feedlot Mann Family Parma, 1D

VI Della Ranches and the Tanner Family

of Grouse Creek Tanner Family Grouse Creek, UT

VII

Center of the Nation Cattle Co. Smeenk Family Newell, SD

2012

Glenowen Farm, LLC Joseph Thomas Alexandria, VA

Circle Square Ranch E.L. Strickland Ocala, FL

III

Funk Farms Trust Koons Family & Bangert Family Shirley, IL

77 Ranch

Gary and Sue Price Blooming Grove, TX

Bold Ranch Robert and Annette Bold Winifred, MT

Sparrowk Livestock Jack & Beverly Sparrowk

Clements, CA Slovek Ranch

Bill & Pennie Slovek Philip, SD

2013

Mountain Meadows Farm Amiel Cooper, Brian Kemp Sudbury, VT

Kissimmee Park Properties J. Shane Platt, Carol Platt & Family Kissimmee, FL

III Bittersweet Acres Greg & Lola Wood, Chris Wood

Greenville, 1A IV

Frank and Sims Price Ranch Frank Price Sterling City, TX

Padlock Ranch Wayne & Judi Fasholtz Ranchester, WY

VI

Kualoa Ranch John Morgan O'Ahu, HI

VII

Switzer Ranch/Calamus Outfitters, Morgan Ranch Switzer & Morgan Families

Burwell, NE 2014

Sherwood Acres Farm Jon & Sylvia Bednarski LaGrange, KY

II

Two Rivers Ranch Robert M. Thomas & Family Thonotosassa, FL

III

Nichols Farms LTD Dave & Phyllis Nichols, Lillian Nichols Bridgewater, 1A

IV

Rocosa Ridge Ranch Bruce & Barbara Berg Dallas, TX

Wineinger-Davis Ranch Russell & Tricia Davis

Ordway, CO Conlan Ranches California True Grass Farms

Guido Frosini Valley Ford, CA

VII **Rock Hills Ranch** Lyle & Garnet Perman Luke & Naomi Perman

Lowry, SD 2015

Valley View Farms Mike & Susan Phillips

Harrisonburg, VA II

Bull Hammock Ranch Wes Carlton; Mary Anne Cruse & Family; Wayne Carlton (deceased)

Ft. Pierce, FL III

Glenn & Bev Rowe Ranch Glenn & Bev Rowe Lorimor, 1A

IV Burnett Ranches, LLC

6666 Ranch Ann Marion; Joe Leathers Guthrie, TX

American Fork Ranch

Stevens Family Jed & Annie Evjene Two Dot, MT

VI

Maggie Creek Ranch Searle Family; Jon Griggs Elko, NV

VII

Kopriva Angus

Jim & Karen Kopriva; Lee Kopriva; Angela Kopriva

Raymond, SD

APPLICATION GUIDE



Your 2016 Award application should include the following components: (Sections I-IV should not exceed 12 pages total)

Section I — History and Description of Business and Ecological Context

Please identify the name of the business, the individual(s) to be recognized, address, primary contact, Phone/Fax/Email and a map indicating where the operation is located within the state. This section would provide a brief description of the operation's history, business model and ecological setting. What sector(s) of the cattle industry are primary (cow/calf, stocker, etc.)? What other enterprises are associated with the cattle operation? What are the primary ecological features of the landscape (e.g. notable watersheds, geology, topography, climatic zones, water bodies, dominant wildlife species, urban/suburban interfaces and the like)? What natural resources (e.g. mining, hunting/fishing, oil/gas, timber) contribute significantly to the operation's revenue streams? How big are the parcels of land? How much land is owned, leased (federal or otherwise)? How many beef units are raised on the operation? What is the operation's history of ownership and business structure?

Section II — Tell the Story: Sustainability on the Ground

This is the most important section of the application. It should present—in a logical, systematic way—the form that "sustainability" takes in the operation's unique ecological, economic, social and regulatory settings. What are the applicants trying to achieve and why? How successful have they been? To what, as it relates to their cattle operation, do they owe their success? The suggested outline that follows is intended to help the nominator organize his/her presentation of the relevant information in a way that embodies the candidate's thoughtful, coherent, practical strategy for achieving long-term sustainability, as it relates to your cattle operations.

Areas of Focus:



Regulatory Context/Setting — Federal, State and/or Municipal Requirements

Are there specific regulatory requirements that apply to the operations as a whole, or any of its significant components? Examples would include NPDES or state water permits, endangered-species limitations, state-designated water-quality stream segments, TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads), air-pollution non-attainment status and the like. Identify them and explain how they affect the operation's strategic objectives.

Special Challengers and/or Opportunities

What are the specific challenges and opportunities that the landscape poses for the beef operation and its viability? Examples of resource challenges and opportunities might include groundwater or surface water supply and quality; riparian restoration; native plants, fish and wildlife; invasive species, erodible soils; use of recycled materials; innovations created to protect or enhance natural resources; encroaching land development; reclamation needs; etc. How do these conditions affect the range of tactics, strategies and financial resources that are available to the candidate? What is required to protect or enhance the ranch's environmental conditions and natural resources?



Environmental, Economic and Resource-Management Goals

In view of the beef operation's ecological and regulatory settings, unique environmental or natural resource challenges, and special environmental opportunities, what are the candidate's primary goals? Environmental and resource-conservation goals must be included here, but economic goals that play a vital role in making the environmental goals a practical possibility should also be described.

Partnerships, Strategies, Tactics and Practices

What did the candidate do to pursue the goals outlined in the previous section? Did the candidate enter into any substantial partnerships or land-management arrangements? Did the candidate enter into any cost-share or incentive programs with agencies or foundations? What educational and/or technical assistance resources did the candidate draw upon for help? What specific practices, structure, and/or management changes did the candidate put in place (e.g. grazing practices, erosion controls, pest management, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, riparian restoration, etc.) that helped to achieve the operation's sustainability goals?



Outcomes & Accomplishments—benchmarks, data, before/after images, documenting success

To the greatest extent possible, document the success the operation has had in achieving its sustainability goals. Are there any measurable results? For example, has water or air quality improved? Have endangered-species populations rebounded? Has wildlife harvest, quality, or diversity improved? Does the operation use less (energy, water, imported nutrients) per unit at marketed beef? Are profit margins improving? If appropriate and credible, include any monitoring data, research date, survey data, or photographic evidence that clearly illustrates the operation's progress toward achieving its sustainable objectives.

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Section III — What would a consumer find interesting or compelling about the candidates's operation?

(200 words maximum)

This is an opportunity to put environmental sustainability in terms that the consuming public will understand and appreciate. What is unique about the operations' strategies, tactics or successes that will appeal to the average consumer's understanding of sustainable beef production? Why should anyone care what the candidate is doing to protect and enhance the environment and natural resources in the surrounding landscape?

Section IV — Leadership in Conservation within the Community and the Industry

Regional and national winners will become spokespeople for the beef industry, carrying forth the message that cattle producers are committed to good stewardship of the land and to the principles of long-term sustainability. How has the candidate demonstrated the drive and the ability to communicate that message to a skeptical, sometimes hostile public? What leadership has the candidate demonstrated that illustrates an ability to persuade fellow cattle producers to pursue environmental sustainability as a primary business objective? How well would the candidate serve as a spokesperson for the beef industry? How involved is the candidate in the state or national organization?

Section V — Letters of Recommendation (6 pages maximum)

No more than three letters of recommendation should be included here. These letters should empahsize the nominee's leadership in conservation. Recommendation letters can come from fellow cattle producers, local or state organizations, foundations, national organizations, neighbors, friends, biologists, other conservationists, etc. Each letter should be no longer than two pages.

APPLICATION TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

There is a 20-page limit for the nomination packet that includes: 12 pages for the application, 2 pages for each letter of recommendation (total of 6 pages), and 2 pages for the nomination letter. Please submit electronically, your applications will be printed on an in-house color printer.

Electronic applications are preferred and a complete PDF document is suggested with all the pieces compiled in a single document. Please do not send nominations in notebooks or binders. Please keep your font size at 12 points. A sample of a winning application from previous years can be found online at www.EnvironmentalStewardship.org.

Completed application must be postmarked by March 4, 2016 and sent to: National Cattlemen's Foundation

National Cattlemen's Foundation Environmental Stewardship Award 9110 E. Nichols Ave., Suite 300 Centennial, CO 80112 303-694-0305 * esap@beef.org



NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCESS



The appplications will be judged on the following criteria:

Environmental Stewardship Practices, Accomplishments, and Goals Local, Regional and National Leadership Activities that Improve Conservation, Stewardship and Perception of the Cattle Industry Endorsements from Cattle Groups, Conservation Organizations and/or Government Agencies Economic Viability

Sustainability and Size of the Operation

Applications for the 2016 Environmental Stewardship Award are due March 4, 2016. Any individual, group or organization is eligible to nominate one individual/business who raises or feeds cattle. Individuals and families may not nominate themselves. However, we expect nominees will be involved in the preparation of the application.

Past nominees are encouraged to resubmit their application. Previous winners may not reapply. The full nomination application and directions for its completion are enclosed in this packet. Along with the typed application, one nomination letter and three letters of recommendation highlighting the nominee's leadership in conservation are expected. Nominees do not have to be members of NCBA but should support the objectives of their state and national organization. National membership is strongly encouraged.



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The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Service is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's private lands program. This voluntary program provides financial and technical assistance to ranchers to improve fish and wildlife habitat by providing such things as alternative water sources, fencing, grass seeding, wetland restoration, invasive species control, and riparian/stream restoration.



The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) is the largest organization representing America's cattle industry. Initiated in 1898, NCBA is the industry leader in education, influencing public policy to improve producer profitability and in preserving the industry's heritage and future. Efforts are made possible through membership contributions. To join, contact NCBA at

1-866-BEEF-USA or *membership@beef.org*. NCBA promotes common sense and cost-effective practices that can be applied to livestock production to benefit the environment and a healthy bottom line. NCBA has recognized outstanding stewards in the cattle industry for 19 years through the Environmental Stewardship Award program. For more information about NCBA, please visit us at www.BeefUSA.org.

The National Cattlemen's Foundation represents all cattle producers, agriculturalists and enthusiasts who support the mission: The National Cattlemen's Foundation advances the future of the beef industry with passion and urgency for the benefit of consumers and cattlemen. Providing educational opportunities, leadership, crisis assistance, legacy preservation and research opportunities, the Foundation enables the industry to stay at the forefront of consumers and producers. For information about the National Cattlemen's Foundation, visit www.NationalCattlemensFoundation.org, call 303-694-0305 or email nct.

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