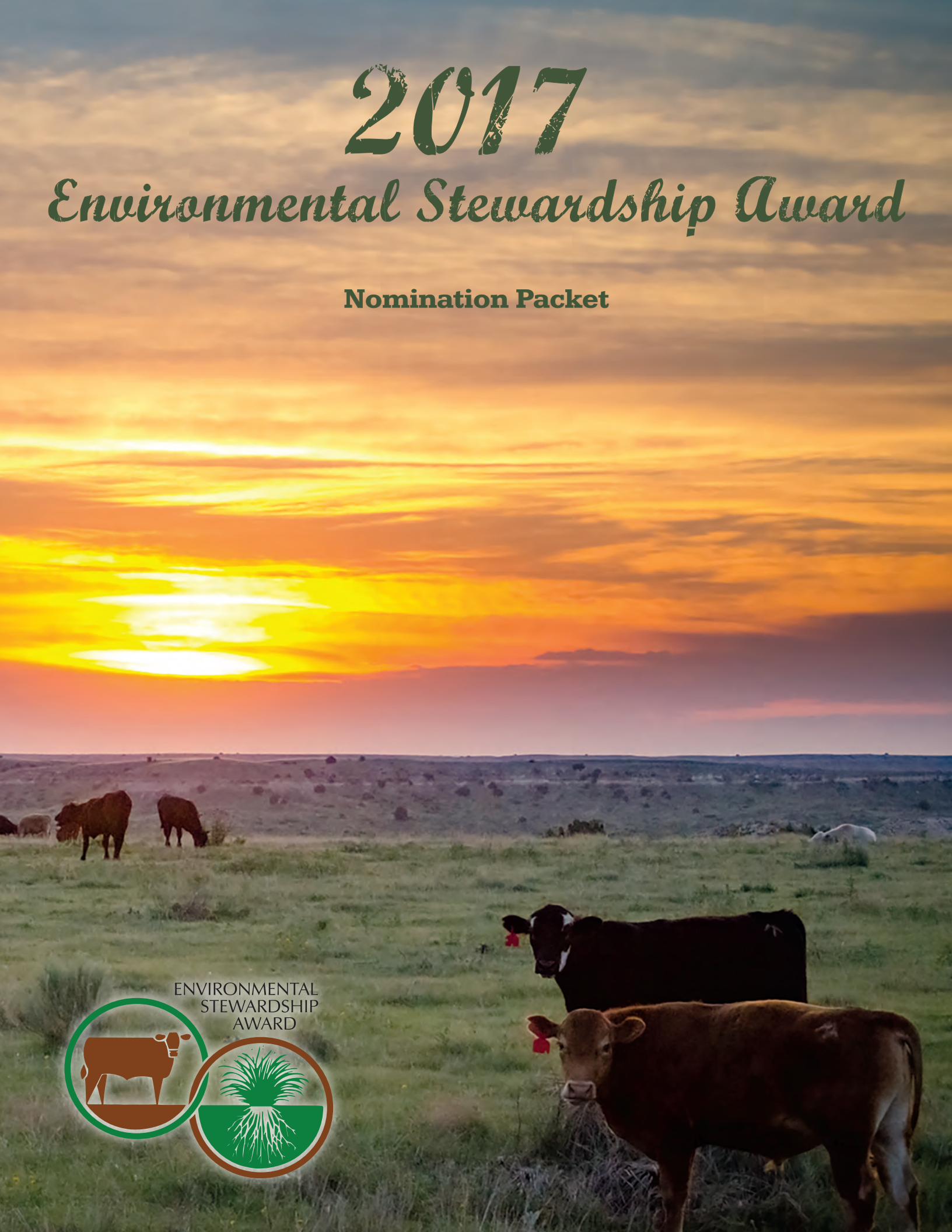


2017

Environmental Stewardship Award

Nomination Packet



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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.

Award Timeline and Events

March 10, 2017: Applications Due!

May 2017: The Selection Committee meets to determine the regional winners. These winners are personally notified shortly thereafter, but are not publicly announced.

June 2017: Our video crew begins to visit each of the 2017 regional winners' operation.

July 2017: Winners are publicly announced and honored at the Cattle Industry Summer Conference; the 2017 video debuts. One night's stay provided to regional winners.

Fall 2017: Selection Committee picks the next national winner.

February 2018: All seven regional winners are expected to attend the 2018 Cattle Industry Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Travel and registration will be paid by the Environmental Stewardship Award for two people.



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

Past Winners



Bold indicates that year's winner.

1 9 9 1
I
 Don Duff
 Chavies, KY
II
 Adams Ranch
 Mike Adms
 Fort Pierce, FL
III
 Littrell Farms
 Terry Littrell
 Thompson, MO
IV
 Spur Headquarters Ranch
 O.J. Barron, III
 Spur, TX
V
Pitchfork Ranch Co.
Jack Turnell
Meeteetse, WY
VI
 Canyon Creek Ranch
 Robert H. Mackey and Son
 Alturas, CA
VII
 Grant Country Feeders
 Marc Roth
 Ulysses, KS
1 9 9 2
I
 Waffle Hill Farm
 L.R. Sayre
 Churchville, MD
II
 Crescent B Ranch
 Fred C. Babcock
 Punta Gorda, FL
III
 Gerard Farms
 Jeff Gerard
 Spring Grove, MN
IV
Mulshoe Ranch LTD
John R. Anderson
Gail, TX
V
 Smith Six Bar S. Ranch
 Maynard Smith
 Glen, MT
VI
 Oak Ranch
 William M. Riggs, Jr.
 Wilcox, AZ
VII
 Reed Hamilton Ranch, Inc.
 David Hamilton
 Theford, NE
1 9 9 3
I
 Vosburg Farm
 Jan and Nellie Lou Vosburg
 Climax, MI
II
 Ridgefield Farm, Inc.
 Steve Witmire
 Brasstown, NC
III
 Douglas Center Stock Farm
 Ralph and Joyce Neill
 Corning, IA
IV
 Nokes Farm, Inc.
 Lynn and Linda Nokes
 Siloam Springs, AR

V
 Yamsi Ranch
 Dayton and Gerda Hyde
 Chiloquin, OR
VI
 Rafter F. Cattle Co., Inc.
 Roger and Debbie Bowe
 San Jon, NM
VII
Smith Ranch Co.
E. Smith
Wallace, KS
1 9 9 4
I
 Seldom Rest Farms
 Bruce and Scott Foster
 Niles, MI
II
 Rafter T Ranch
 James Wohl
 Avon Park, FL
III
 Gruben Farms
 Clay Gruben
 Summersville, MO
IV
 Spade Ranch
 Wesley Welch
 Lubbock, TX
V
 Picabo Livestock Co.
 Bud N. and Ruth Purdy
 Picabo, ID
VI
Carrizo Valley Ranch
Sid Goodloe
Capitan, NM
VII
 Knobbe Livestock Sales
 Harry and Doris Knobbe
 West Point, NE
1 9 9 5
I
 Antietam Farms
 Bill and Mary Poffenberger
 Sharpsburg, MD
II
 G.W. Jones and Sons
 Raymond B. Jones, Sr.
 Huntsville, AL
III
 Oak Creek Farm
 Dave and Corrine Williams
 Villisca, IA
IV
Heritage Beef Cattle Co.
Joe R. Weatherly
Wheeler, TX
V
 Sitz Angus Ranch
 Donna Sitz
 Harrison, MT
VI
 Babbitt Ranches
 William Cordasco
 Flagstaff, AZ
VII
 Clarence Mortenson
 Pierre, SD
1 9 9 6
I
 Mossy Creek Farm, LP
 Ernie Reeves
 Mt. Solon, VA

II
 Holmstead Co.
 Charles Holmes
 Marion, AL
III
 Wiese and Sons
 Gene Wiese
 Manning, IA
V
Lee Ranch Co.
Robert E. Lee
Judith Gap, MT
VI
 Allan Smith Ranch
 Allan and Shirley Smith
 Duchesne, UT
VII
 Double M Farms Inc.
 Dick and Eileen Mercer
 Kearney, NE
1 9 9 7
I
 Triple W Farm
 Mark, Edward and Scott Williams
 Marion, KY
II
 Honeywood Farm
 Edward C. Mitchell
 Barnesville, GA
III
 Lubben White Oak Farms
 Dave Lubben
 Monticello, IA
IV
 Dunkin Farms and Raft D. Corp
 John Dunkin
 Tulsa, OK
V
Three Quarter Circle Ranch
Tony Malmberg
Lander, WY
VII
 Vigen Ranch
 Wendell Vigen
 Killdeer, ND
1 9 9 8
I
 Rally Farms
 Jesse M. Bontecou
 Millbrook, NY
II
Poplar Hollow Farms, LLC
Charles Bryson
Brevard, NC
III
 Greig and Co., Inc
 Joe Greig
 Estherville, IA
V
Matador Cattle Co.
Susan Marxer
Dillon, MT
VII
 D. Jones Ranches
 Ralph Jones
 Midland, SD
1 9 9 9
I
 Bartlett Island Farm
 David Rockefeller
 Mt. Desert, ME

II
 Lykes Brothers, Inc.
 Michael A. Milicevic
 Lake Placid, FL
III
 Amana Farms, Inc.
 John McGrath
 Amana, IA
IV
 Neill Cattle Co.
 Joe Neill
 Afton, OK
V
Anderson Farms and Cattle Co.
Edwin A. Anderson
Longmont, CO
VI
 Blanchard Ranch
 Bob and Terri Blanchard
 Avila Beach, CA
VII
 Rhea Cattle Company, Inc.
 William Rhea
 Arlington, NE
2000
I
 Gregg Ritter
 Glasgow, KY
II
 Gaddis Farms
 Ted Kendall III
 Bolton, MS
III
Triple U Ranch
Nathan Utesch
Correctionville, IA
IV
 Morgan Cattle Company
 Ralph Morgan
 Chickasha, OK
V
 Hanson Livestock, Co.
 Dan Hanson, Jr.
 Lusk, WY
VI
 Johnson Land and Livestock
 Darrell Johnson
 Rush Valley, UT
VII
 Cammack Ranch Supply
 Gary Cammack
 Union Center, SD
2001
I
 Church's Grove Farm
 Zack and Yvonne Saufley
 Frankfort, KY
II
 Barthle Bros.
 Larry Barthle
 San Antonio, FL
III
Iowa River Ranch
Dave D. Petty
Eldora, IA
IV
 Holcombe Farms
 David and Gayla Holcombe
 Jay, OK
V
 Milesnick Ranch
 Tom and Mary Kay Milesnick
 Belgrade, MT

VI
 Smith Valley Cattle Feeders/
 Centennial Livestock
 Dave Wood
 Colinga, CA
VII
 Nagel Cattle Company
 John M. Nagel
 Springfield, SD
2002
I
 Armstrong Farms
 John and Kathy Allen
 Saxonburg, PA
II
 Wakefield Farms LLC
 Asa Phillips, Jr.
 Hartwell, GA
III
 Brad Z Ranch
 James M. Bradford
 Guthrie Center, IA
IV
 The Goodson Ranch
 Larry Cannon
 Blackwell, OK
V
 Sieben Livestock Co
 Chase Hibbard
 Helena, MT
VI
 Y Bar D Ranch
 George and Sharon Yard
 Williams, AZ
VII
Kelly Ranch LLC
Mike, Dan and Tom Kelly
North Platte, NE
2003
I
 Llangollen Farms
 John Wilkins
 Middleburg, VA
II
 Carlton 2 x 4 Ranch
 Dr. Barbara C. Carlton
 Arcadia, FL
III
 M and M Cattle Company
 Matt Mathews
 Carthage, MO
IV
 Canyon View Farms
 Frank and Shirley Austin
 Geary, OK
V
 Frasier Farms
 Marshall Frasier
 Woodrow, CO
VI
Work Ranch
George and Elaine Work
San Miguel, CA
VII
 Barenthsen Red Angus
 Mark Barenthsen
 Powers Lake, ND
2004
I
 McElhaney Stock Farms
 Richard McElhaney
 Hookstown, PA
II
Williamson Cattle Co.
Wes Williamson
Okeechobee, FL

Past Winners



III
White Family Farms
Craig White
Estherville, IA

IV
Chain Land and Cattle Corp.
Ralph Chain
Canton, OK

V
Barthelme Ranch Corp.
Leo Barthelme
Malta, MT

VI
DC Cattle Company LLC
David Cook
Globe, AZ

VII
Roise Ranch
Dustin Roise
Powers Lake, ND

2005

I
Lil' Ponderosa
Robert Boyce
Carlisle, PA

II
Lightsey Cattle Co.
Carey Lightsey
Lake Wales, FL

III
Faris Farms
Lee Faris
Mount Ayr, IA

IV
Richards Ranch
Brent Hackley
Jacksboro, TX

V
Sims Cattle Company, LLC
Scott and Shannon Sims
McFadden, WY

VI
Prather Ranch
Jim Rickert
Fall River Mills, CA

VII
Gates Angus Ranch
Gene Gates
Coldwater, KS

2006

I
Blight Farms, Inc.
Kenneth and Sue Blight
Albion, MI

II
Hayston Farms
Fred W. Greer, Jr.
Mansfield, GA

III
Clan Farms, Inc.
Nicholas Hunt
Atlantic, IA

IV
San Pedro Ranch
Joseph and Blair Fitzsimmons
San Antonio, TX

V
Thaler Land and Livestock Co.
Dennis and Sandra Thaler
La Grange, WY

VI
Diablo Trust Ranches
Robert and Judy Prosser
Winslow, AZ

VII

Brown's Gelbvieh Ranch
Gabe Brown
Bismarck, ND

2007

I
Sunrise Club Calves
Paul and Beth Winegard
Shipperville, PA

II
Dee River Ranch
Mike and Annie Dee
Aliceville, AL

III
Oak Knoll Ranch
Leon Kreisler
Salem, MO

V
Roaring Springs Ranch
Stacy Davies
Frenchglen, OR

VI
Yolo Land and Cattle Co
Henry, Scott and Casey Stone
Woodland, CA

VII
Alexander Ranch
Ted Alexander
Sun City, KS

2008

I
Sennett Farms Cattle Co.
Clark Sennett
Waynetown, IN

II
Yon Family Farms Inc.
Kevin and Lydia Yon
Ridge Spring, SC

III
Guge Family Farms
Mark Guge
Estherville, IA

IV
Bradley 3 Ranch
Mary Lou Bradley
Childress, TX

V
Veseth Livestock Co.
Dale Veseth
Malta, MT

VI
Babacorami Ranch Co., LLP
Ben Brophy
Sonoita, AZ

VII
Hovde Ranch LLP
Lynn and Patti Hovde
Alexander, ND

2009

I
Young Cattle Company
Rick and Jayne Young
Belmont, OH

II
Greenview Farms, Inc
Jonny Harris
Screven, GA

III
Eckenfels Farm
Robert Eckenfels
Ste. Genevieve, MO

IV
Melissa Feeders
Dr. Mark Quinn, DVM
Melissa, TX

V
Pape Ranches
Norman Pape
Daniel, WY

VI
Leavitt Lake Ranches
Darrell and Callie Wood
Vina, CA

VII
Daybreak Ranch
Jim Faulstich
and Adam and Jacque Roth
Highmore, SD

2010

I
Cleremont Farm, G.P.
Carl J. Lindgren
Upperville, VA

II
Deseret Cattle and Citrus
Erik Jacobsen
St. Cloud, FL

III
Couser Cattle Company
Bill D. Couser
Nevada, IA

IV
JA Ranch
J.K. "Rooter" Brite
Bowie, TX

V
Mesa De Maya Inc.
John A. Doherty
Joe and Lisa Doherty
Branson, CO

VI
T.N. Ranching Company
Butch and Jeanie Jensen,
Price, UT

VII
Sproul Ranch
Bill and Peggy Sproul
Sedan, KS

2011

I
Masonic Village Farm
Gerald L. Tracy
Elizabethtown, PA

II
Daigle Farms
David R. Daigle
Ragley, LA

IV
Matador Ranch
Bob Kilmer
Matador, TX

V
M and M Feedlot
Kent Mann
Parma, ID

VI
Della Ranches
Jay Tanner
Grouse Creek, UT

VII
Center of the Nation Cattle Co.
Jeff and Kim Smeenk
Newell, SD

2012

I
Glenowen Farm, LLC
Joseph Thomas
Alexandria, VA

II
Circle Square Ranch
E.L. Strickland
Ocala, FL

III
Funk Farms Trust
Koons Family and Bangert Family
Shirley, IL

IV
77 Ranch
Gary and Sue Price
Blooming Grove, TX

V
Bold Ranch
Robert and Annette Bold
Winifred, MT

VI
Sparrow Livestock
Jack and Beverly Sparrow
Clements, CA

VII
Slovek Ranch
Bill and Pennie Slovek
Philip, SD

2013

I
Mountain Meadows Farm
Amiel Cooper, Brian Kemp
Sudbury, VT

II
Kissimmee Park Properties
J. Shane Platt, Carol Platt and Family
Kissimmee, FL

III
Bittersweet Acres
Greg and Lola Wood, Chris Wood
Greenville, IA

IV
Frank and Sims Price Ranch
Frank Price
Sterling City, TX

V
Padlock Ranch
Wayne and Judi Fasholtz
Ranchester, WY

VI
Kualoa Ranch
John Morgan
O'Ahu, HI

VII
Switzer Ranch/Calamus Outfitters,
Morgan Ranch
Switzer and Morgan Families
Burwell, NE

2014

I
Sherwood Acres Farm
Jon and Sylvia Bednarski
LaGrange, KY

II
Two Rivers Ranch
Robert M. Thomas and Family
Thonotosassa, FL

III
Nichols Farms LTD
Dave and Phyllis Nichols,
Lillian Nichols
Bridgewater, IA

IV
Rocosa Ridge Ranch
Bruce and Barbara Berg
Dallas, TX

V
Wineinger-Davis Ranch
Russell and Tricia Davis
Ordway, CO

VI
Conlan Ranches California
True Grass Farms
Guido Frosini
Valley Ford, CA

VII
Rock Hills Ranch
Lyle and Garnet Perman
Luke and Naomi Perman
Lowry, SD

2015

I
Valley View Farms
Mike and Susan Phillips
Harrisonburg, VA

II
Bull Hammock Ranch
Wes Carlton; Mary Anne Cruise
and Family
Ft. Pierce, FL

III
Glenn and Bev Rowe Ranch
Glenn and Bev Rowe
Lorimor, IA

IV
Burnett Ranches, LLC
6666 Ranch
Ann Marion; Joe Leathers
Guthrie, TX

V
American Fork Ranch
Stevens Family
Jed and Annie Evjene
Two Dot, MT

VI
Maggie Creek Ranch
Searle Family; Jon Griggs
Elko, NV

VII
Kopriva Angus
Jim and Karen Kopriva;
Lee Kopriva; Angela Kopriva
Raymond, SD

2016

I
Huntingdon Farms
John and Kathryn Dawes
Alexandria, PA

III
Stoney Creek Farm
Grant, Dawn and Karlie Breikreutz
Redwood Falls, MN

IV
Turkey Track Ranch
Dale Smith and Jay O'Brien
Amarillo, TX

V
Cherry Creek Ranch
Lon and Vicki Reukauf
Terry, MT

VI
Smith Creek Ranch, LTD
Samuel Lossing, Duane Coombs,
Ray Hendrix
Austin, NV

VII
Black Leg Ranch
Jerry and Renae Doan;
Jeremy and Ashlee Doan;
Jay and Kari Doan; Jayce Doan;
Shanda and Don Morgan
McKenzie, ND

Nomination and Selection Process



The applications 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 2017 Environmental Stewardship Award are due March 10, 2017. 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 regional 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.



Application Guide

Your 2017 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 and 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 data, survey data, or photographic evidence that clearly illustrates the operation's progress toward achieving its sustainable objectives.



Application Guide

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 emphasize 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 10, 2017 and sent to: National Cattlemen's Foundation

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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.



National Cattlemen's Beef Association

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 26 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

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