

# 2023 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

NOMINATION PACKET



ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP  
AWARD







## 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 practices ensures their well-being and the longevity of their operation 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. 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.

Environmental Stewardship Award winners share a common desire for leaving the land in better condition than they found it in hopes of inspiring the next generation of land stewards. While the program

highlights stewardship, it also provides fellow cattle producers with examples and ideas of management practices, 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 Corteva Agriscience, McDonald's, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

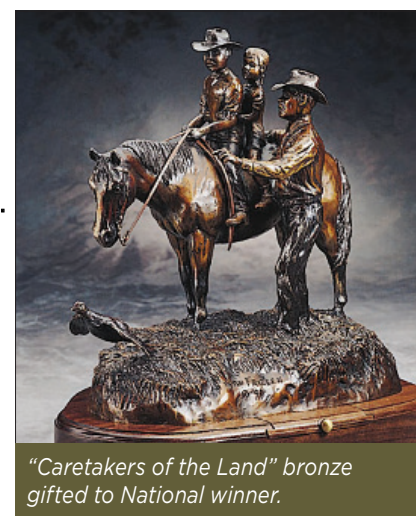
Award winners are selected annually by a committee of representatives from universities, conservation organizations, and federal and state agencies. For guidance, the judges consider the management of water, wildlife, vegetation, air, and soil, along with leadership abilities and the sustainability of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

### APPLICATIONS DUE: MARCH 10, 2023

- **April/May 2023:** The Selection Committee meets to determine the 2023 regional winners. These winners are personally notified shortly thereafter but are not publicly announced.
- **June 2023:** The video crew begins to visit each of the 2023 regional winners' operations.
- **February 2024:** All seven regional winners from 2023 are expected to attend the 2024 Cattle Industry Convention in Orlando, FL. Travel and registration will be paid by the Environmental Stewardship Award for two people.
- **February 2024:** Selection Committee picks the next national winner.
- **April/May 2024:** National winner is publicly announced and all seven regional winners will be honored at the Celebration of America's Land Stewards Event in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with our Legislative Conference. One night's stay and travel provided to regional winners.



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



# APPLICATION GUIDE

## YOUR 2023 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 should 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 their 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 their 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 Challenges 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, Resource-Management, and Sustainability Goals**

In consideration 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 — SHARING YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STORY

*(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's 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 sometimes skeptical 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/LETTER OF SUPPORT

*(8 pages maximum)*

No more than three letters of recommendation should be included here. These letters should emphasize the nominee's leadership in conservation, land stewardship and sustainability. 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.

In addition to recommendation letters, each applicant should submit a nomination letter or letter of support. This letter can be prepared by the individual or organization that nominated the applicant.

## 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)
- 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](http://www.EnvironmentalStewardship.org).

**Completed application must be emailed to the contact below or postmarked by March 10, 2023 and sent to:**

**National Cattlemen's Foundation  
Environmental Stewardship Award  
9110 E. Nichols Ave., Suite 300  
Centennial, CO 80112  
303-850-3378 • [esap@beef.org](mailto:esap@beef.org)**



# 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
- Sustainability of the Operation and Economic Viability

Applications for the 2023 Environmental Stewardship Award are due March 10, 2023. 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.



## PAST WINNERS

### - 1991 -

I  
Don Duff  
Chavies, KY  
II  
Adams Ranch  
Mike Adms  
Fort Piecre, 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  
- 1992 -  
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  
**Muleshoe 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  
Thedford, NE

### - 1993 -

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**

### - 1994 -

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

### - 1995 -

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

### - 1996 -

I  
Mossy Creek Farm, LP  
Ernie Reeves  
Mt. Solon, VA

II  
Holmestead Co.  
Charles Holmes  
Marion, AL

III  
Wiese and Sons  
Gene Wiese  
Manning, IA

IV  
**Lee Ranch Co.**  
**Robert E. Lee**  
**Judith Gap, MT**



# PAST WINNERS

VI

Allan Smith Ranch  
Allan and Shirley Smith  
Duchesne, UT

VII

Double M Farms Inc.  
Dick and Eileen Mercer  
Kearney, NE

## - 1997 -

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 & Rafte D. Corp  
John Dunkin  
Tulsa, OK

V

**Three Quarter Circle Ranch**  
**Tony Malmberg**  
**Lander, WY**

VII

Vigen Ranch  
Wendell Vigen  
Killdeer, ND

## - 1998 -

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

## - 1999 -

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 & 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

Churche'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**

III

White Family Farms  
Craig White  
Estherville, IA

IV

Chain Land & 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 & 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 & 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 & Jacquie Roth  
Highmore, SD

## - 2010 -

# PAST WINNERS

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 Smeenik  
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 & Bangert  
Family  
Shirley, IL  
IV  
**77 Ranch**  
**Gary and Sue Price**

**Blooming Grove, TX**  
V  
Bold Ranch  
Robert and Annette Bold  
Winifred, MT  
VI  
Sparrowk Livestock  
Jack & Beverly Sparrowk  
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 Karl  
Breitkreutz  
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**  
- 2017 -  
II  
Rusty & Jessie Thomson  
Blue Lake Farm, LLC  
Sharon, SC  
III  
Seth & Etta Smith  
SFI, Inc.  
Nemaha, IA  
IV  
Jimmy & Theresa Sterling  
Sterling Cattle Company  
Coahoma, TX  
V  
Scott & Jean Johnson  
Flying Diamond Ranch  
Kit Carson, CO  
VI  
**Jim & Jeanni O'Haco**  
**Jim O'Haco Cattle Company**  
**Winslow, AZ**  
VII  
Chuck & Deanna Munson  
Munson Angus Farms,  
LLC  
Junction City, KS  
- 2018 -  
I  
**Thunder View Farms**  
**Philip & Richard Coombe**  
**Grahamsville, NY**  
III  
Landuyt Land & Livestock  
Mike & Kari Landuyt;  
George & Kris Landuyt  
Walnut Grove, MN  
IV  
Birdwell & Clark Ranch  
Emry Birdwell & Deborah  
Clark  
Henrietta, TX  
V  
The Hahn Ranch  
Chuck, Dusty & Buck Hahn,  
Cory & Jennilee Bird, John  
Hahn, Dorothy Hahn  
Townsend, MT  
VI  
Haleakala Ranch Company  
Don Young; Greg Friel  
Makawo, HI  
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I  
Overhome Farm  
Ronnie & Cheryl Nuckols  
Crozier VA  
II  
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**Jim Strickland**  
**Myakka City, FL**  
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Didrikson Family  
Badger, MN  
IV

Killam Duval County Ranch  
David Killam and David  
Kitner  
Freer, TX  
V  
Cundall Ranch  
Larry & Ruthie Cundall  
Glendo, WY  
VI  
Ute Creek Cattle Company  
Tuda Libby Crews  
Bueyeros, NM  
VII  
Blew Partnership  
Blew Family  
Hutchinson, KS  
- 2020 -  
I  
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Medina, New York  
II  
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Eupora, Mississippi  
III  
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Lewis, Iowa  
IV  
Double C  
Cattle Company  
Springer, Oklahoma  
V  
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**Kim, Colorado**  
VI  
Boies Ranch  
Wells, Nevada  
VII  
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Frankfort, South Dakota  
- 2021 -  
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II  
Vaughn Farms  
Forsyth, GA  
III  
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Scranton, IA  
IV  
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V  
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