

2024 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, cattle producers, 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 8, 2024

- **April/May 2024:** The Selection Committee meets to determine the 2024 regional winners. These winners are personally notified shortly thereafter but are not publicly announced.
- **June 2024:** The video crew begins to visit each of the 2024 regional winners’ operations.
- **February 2025:** All regional winners from 2024 are expected to attend the 2025 Cattle Industry Convention in San Antonio, TX. Travel and registration will be paid by the Environmental Stewardship Award for two people.
- **February 2025:** Selection Committee picks the next national winner.
- **April/May 2025:** National winner is publicly announced and all 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 2024 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, website, 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.



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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.

Completed application must be emailed to the contact below or postmarked by March 8, 2024 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**



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 2024 Environmental Stewardship Award are due March 8, 2024. 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.



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
 Churchville, MD
 II
 Crescent B Ranch
 Punta Gorda, FL
 III
 Gerard Farms
 Spring Grove, MN
IV
Mulshoe Ranch LTD
Gail, TX
 V
 Smith Six Bar S Ranch
 VI
 Oak Ranch
 Wilcox, AZ
 VII
 Reed Hamilton Ranch, Inc.

Thedford, NE
- 1993 -
 I
 Vosburg Farm
 Climax, MI
 II
 Ridgefield Farm, Inc.
 Brasstown, NC
 III
 Douglas Center Stock Farm
 Corning, IA
 IV
 Nokes Farm, Inc.
 Siloam Springs, AR
 V
 Yamsi Ranch
 Chiloquin, OR
 VI
 Rafter F. Cattle Co., Inc.
 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
 Avon Park, FL
 III
 Gruben Farms
 Summersville, MO
 IV
 Spade Ranch
 Lubbock, TX
V
Picabo Livestock Co.
Bud N. and Ruth Purdy
Picabo, ID
 VI
 Carrizo Valley Ranch
 Capitan, NM

*Bold = National Winner

PAST WINNERS

VII
Knobbe Livestock Sales
West Point, NE

- 1995 -

I
Antietam Farms
Sharpsburg, MD
II
G.W. Jones and Sons
Huntsville, AL

III
Oak Creek Farm
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

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

- 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
Bolton, MS

III
Triple U Ranch
Correctionville, IA

IV

Morgan Cattle Company
Chickasha, OK

V

Hanson Livestock, Co.
Lusk, WY

VI

Johnson Land and Livestock
Rush Valley, UT

VII

Cammack Ranch Supply
Union Center, SD

- 2001 -

I
Church's Grove Farm
Frankfort, KY

II
Barthle Bros.
San Antonio, FL

III

Iowa River Ranch
Eldora, IA

IV

Holcombe Farms
Jay, OK

V

Milesnick Ranch
Belgrade, MT

VI

Smith Valley Cattle Feeders/
Centennial Livestock
Colinga, CA

VII

Nagel Cattle Company
Springfield, SD

- 2002 -

I
Armstrong Farms
Saxonburg, PA

II

Wakefield Farms LLC
Hartwell, GA

III
Brad Z Ranch
Guthrie Center, IA

IV

The Goodson Ranch
Blackwell, OK

V

Sieben Livestock Co.
Helena, MT

VI

Y Bar D Ranch
Williams, AZ

VII

Kelly Ranch LLC
North Platte, NE

- 2003 -

I
Llangollen Farms
Middleburg, VA

II

Carlton 2 x 4 Ranch
Arcadia, FL

III
M and M Cattle Company
Carthage, MO

IV

Canyon View Farms
Geary, OK

V

Frasier Farms
Woodrow, CO

VI

Work Ranch
San Miguel, CA

VII

Barenthsen Red Angus
Powers Lake, ND

- 2004 -

I
McElhane Stock Farms
Hookstown, PA

II

Williamson Cattle Co.
Okeechobee, FL

III

White Family Farms
Estherville, IA

IV

Chain Land & Cattle Corp.
Canton, OK

V

Barthelmess Ranch Corp.
Malta, MT

VI

DC Cattle Company LLC
Globe, AZ

VII

Roise Ranch
Powers Lake, ND

- 2005 -

I
Lil' Ponderosa
Carlisle, PA

II

Lightsey Cattle Co.
Lake Wales, FL

III

Faris Farms
Mount Ayr, IA

IV

Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX

V

Sims Cattle Company, LLC
McFadden, WY

VI

Prather Ranch
Fall River Mills, CA

VII

Gates Angus Ranch
Coldwater, KS

- 2006 -

I
Blight Farms, Inc.
Albion, MI

II

Hayston Farms
Mansfield, GA

III
Clan Farms, Inc.
Atlantic, IA

IV

San Pedro Ranch
San Antonio, TX

V

Thaler Land & Livestock Co.
La Grange, WY

VI

Diablo Trust Ranches
Winslow, AZ

VII

Brown's Gelbvieh Ranch
Bismarck, ND

- 2007 -

I
Sunrise Club Calves
Shipperville, PA

II

Dee River Ranch
Aliceville, AL

III

Oak Knoll Ranch
Salem, MO

V

Roaring Springs Ranch
Frenchglen, OR

VI

Yolo Land and Cattle Co.
Woodland, CA

VII

Alexander Ranch
Sun City, KS

- 2008 -

I
Sennett Farms Cattle Co.
Waynetown, IN

II

Yon Family Farms Inc.
Ridge Spring, SC

III

Guge Family Farms
Estherville, IA

IV

Bradley 3 Ranch
Childress, TX

V

Veseth Livestock Co.
Malta, MT

VI

Babacorami Ranch Co., LLP
Sonoita, AZ

VII

Hovde Ranch LLP
Alexander, ND

- 2009 -

I
Young Cattle Company
Belmont, OH

II

Greenview Farms, Inc
Screven, GA

III

Eckenfels Farm
Ste. Genevieve, MO

IV

Melissa Feeders
Melissa, TX

*Bold = National Winner

PAST WINNERS

V
Pape Ranches
Daniel, WY
VI
Leavitt Lake Ranches
Vina, CA
VII
Daybreak Ranch
Highmore, SD
- 2010 -
I
Cleremont Farm, G.P.
Upperville, VA
II
Deseret Cattle and Citrus
St. Cloud, FL
III
Couser Cattle Company
Nevada, IA
IV
JA Ranch
Bowie, TX
V
Mesa De Maya Inc.
Branson, CO
VI
T.N. Ranching Company
Price, UT
VII
Sproul Ranch
Sedan, KS
- 2011 -
I
Masonic Village Farm
Elizabethtown, PA
II
Daigle Farms
Ragley, LA
IV
Matador Ranch
Matador, TX
V
M and M Feedlot
Parma, ID
VI
Della Ranches
Grouse Creek, UT
VII
Center of the Nation Cattle
Co.
Newell, SD
- 2012 -
I
Glenowen Farm, LLC
Alexandria, VA
II
Circle Square Ranch
Ocala, FL
III
Funk Farms Trust
Shirley, IL
IV
77 Ranch
Blooming Grove, TX

V
Bold Ranch
Winifred, MT
VI
Sparrowk Livestock
Clements, CA
VII
Slovek Ranch
Philip, SD
- 2013 -
I
Mountain Meadows Farm
Sudbury, VT
II
Kissimmee Park Properties
Kissimmee, FL
III
Bittersweet Acres
Greenville, IA
IV
Frank and Sims Price
Ranch
Sterling City, TX
V
Padlock Ranch
Ranchester, WY
VI
Kualoa Ranch
O'Ahu, HI
VII
Switzer Ranch/Calamus
Outfitters,
Morgan Ranch
Burwell, NE
- 2014 -
I
Sherwood Acres Farm
LaGrange, KY
II
Two Rivers Ranch
Thonotosassa, FL
III
Nichols Farms LTD
Bridgewater, IA
IV
Rocosa Ridge Ranch
Dallas, TX
V
Wineinger-Davis Ranch
Ordway, CO
VI
Conlan Ranches California
True Grass Farms
Valley Ford, CA
VII
Rock Hills Ranch
Lowry, SD
- 2015 -
I
Valley View Farms
Harrisonburg, VA
II
Bull Hammock Ranch
Ft. Pierce, FL

III
Glenn and Bev Rowe
Ranch
Lorimor, IA
IV
Burnett Ranches, LLC
6666 Ranch
Guthrie, TX
V
American Fork Ranch
Two Dot, MT
VI
Maggie Creek Ranch
Elko, NV
VII
Kopriva Angus
Raymond, SD
- 2016 -
I
Huntingdon Farms
Alexandria, PA
III
Stoney Creek Farm
Redwood Falls, MN
IV
Turkey Track Ranch
Amarillo, TX
V
Cherry Creek Ranch
Terry, MT
VI
Smith Creek Ranch, LTD
Austin, NV
VII
Black Leg Ranch
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 O'Haco Cattle Company
Winslow, AZ
VII
Chuck & Deanna Munson
Munson Angus Farms,
LLC
Junction City, KS
- 2018 -
I
Thunder View Farms
Grahamsville, NY

III
Landuyt Land & Livestock
Walnut Grove, MN
IV
Birdwell & Clark Ranch
Henrietta, TX
V
The Hahn Ranch
Townsend, MT
VI
Haleakala Ranch Company
Makawo, HI
- 2019 -
I
Overhome Farm
Crozier VA
II
Blackbeard's Ranch
Myakka City, FL
III
Didrikson Farms
Badger, MN
IV
Killam Duval County Ranch
Freer, TX
V
Cundall Ranch
Glendo, WY
VI
Ute Creek Cattle Company
Bueyeros, NM
VII
Blew Partnership
Hutchinson, KS
- 2020 -
I
SK Herefords
Medina, New York
II
Southern Cross Farms
Eupora, Mississippi
III
Euken-Myers Family
Lewis, Iowa
IV
Double C
Cattle Company
Springer, Oklahoma
V
Beatty Canyon Ranch
Kim, Colorado
VI
Boies Ranch
Wells, Nevada
VII
Johnson Farms
Frankfort, South Dakota
- 2021 -
I
EZ Acres, LLC
Homer, NY
II
Vaughn Farms
Forsyth, GA

III
Robbins Land and Cattle
Scranton, IA
IV
Dry Creek Ranch
San Angelo, TX
V
Joe C King & Sons Ranch
Winnett, MT
VI
JY Ferry & Son, Inc.
Corinne, UT
VII
Blair Brothers Angus
Ranch
Vale, SD
- 2022 -
I
Lamb Farms, Inc.
Oakfield, NY
II
Carter Cattle Company,
LLC
Pintlala, AL
III
Huth Polled Herefords
and S&H Livestock
Enterprises, LLC
Oakfield, WI
IV
Parks Ranch
Goliad County, TX
V
Mannix Brothers Ranch
Helmville, MT
VI
Fulstone Ranches
Smith, NV
VII
Jorgensen Land & Cattle
Partnership
Ideal, SD

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
Since 1935, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has delivered conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world. Our vision is a world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation. NRCS is helping private landowners improve the health of their operations while protecting our natural resources for the future and ensuring the long-term sustainability of American agriculture. NRCS employees provide sound, science-based on the ground technical assistance tailored to farmers' and ranchers' specific needs. Participation in NRCS conservation programs and initiatives is voluntary. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. For more information visit www.nrcs.usda.gov • www.usda.gov



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION
The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) is the largest national organization representing America's cattle industry. Founded in 1898, NCBA is the industry

leader in education, advocating for cattle and beef producers and 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. For more than two decades, NCBA has worked to recognize outstanding stewards of our nation's land, air and water resources through the Environmental Stewardship Award Program. For more information about NCBA please visit NCBA.org.



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION

The National Cattlemen's Foundation advances the future of the beef industry with passion and urgency. The Foundation provides educational opportunities, scholarships, and a home for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Environmental Stewardship Awards Program. For information about the National Cattlemen's Foundation a 501(c)(3) organization, visit NationalCattlemensFoundation.org, call 303-694-0305 or email ncf@beef.org.

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DEADLINE:
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