



Texas Section
Society for
Range Management

OUTSTANDING RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP (ORS) AWARD



The Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) is professional scientific society and conservation organization whose members are concerned with studying, conserving, managing and sustaining the varied resources of the rangelands. TSSRM is dedicated to supporting persons who work with rangelands and have a commitment to their sustainable use. Its website is <http://texas.rangelands.org/>. TSSRM is the local section of the international Society for Range Management (SRM – <http://www.rangelands.org/>) – currently comprised of over 3200 members from 24 countries worldwide.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is a grass roots organization composed of cattle producers and operators, and other businesses-of all sizes, backgrounds, ages, and incomes-located primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. It's an organization that offers unique services through its law enforcement and livestock inspection divisions, which protect those involved in the cattle business. TSCRA also provides a strong, unified voice for producers and others concerned with legislation and regulation. It is a classroom for cattle producers seeking additional knowledge on how to be more profitable, whether they are just starting out or have been ranching all of their lives. Whenever those associated with the ranching industry have had a common need, TSCRA has been there to lend a hand. Its website is <http://www.texascattleraisers.org/>.

The purpose of this award is to recognize those cattle producers who have demonstrated outstanding skill and knowledge in practicing sound management and care of rangeland resources. This is a competitive award and only one will be given each year. This award is linked to the ranch. Once a ranch has received the award, it is not eligible to receive it again. If more than one ranch is owned and/or operated by the same person, each ranch is eligible.

Nominations shall be made by persons who are well acquainted with the ranching and range management practices of the nominee. Nominations may be made by anyone, although all nominations must be concurred by two members of TSSRM who agree the nominee is truly deserving of this recognition.

The ORS Committee will appraise the nominations and select those that meet the standards for outstanding rangeland management. The committee will select the most qualified and coordinate field visits to the ranches.

Nominators should submit an article to the hometown paper(s) to recognize winners locally. A photo of the winners will be sent to the nominee to go with the article.

Recipient must be a member of TSCRA. Membership in the TSSRM is desirable, but not specifically required.

The ORS Award Winner will be recognized during the Texas Section Society for Range Management's Awards Luncheon during its annual meeting. Additionally, the ORS Award Winner will be recognized by TSCRA during their Annual Conference. If audio/visual equipment (A/V) is available for use, a PowerPoint presentation of the winning nomination will be shown. In the absence of A/V, a citation of the winning nomination will be read. *It is strongly encouraged* that the nominator arrange for the recipients to be present at the annual meeting to receive this recognition.

Mail, or email, completed nominations by June 1 to:

TSSRM ORM Committee Chair

See online Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs

<http://texas.rangelands.org/committees.htm>



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Requirements for Nomination:

By stewardship, we mean environmentally beneficial management of rangeland resources.

Nominees need not be members of National Cattlemen's Beef Association, but they must support the NCBA mission: *Working to increase profit opportunities for cattle and beef producers by enhancing the business climate and building consumer demand.*

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Environmental Stewardship Practices, Accomplishments and Goals (40 points)
2. Local, Regional and National Leadership Activities that Improve Conservation Perception of the Cattle Industry (30 points).
3. Endorsements from Cattle Groups, Conservation Organizations and/or Government Agencies (15 points).
4. Economic Viability and Size of Operation (15 points).

Key to a Successful application: Provide specific examples and results of stewardship practices.

Nominees will compete for one of seven regional awards based upon their residency. The seven regional winners will then compete for the national (NCBA) award.

Winners will be expected to attend the Cattle Industry Summer Conference and Annual Convention, paid for by Dow AgroSciences and NRCS. Winners will be honored for their stewardship and receive their award bronze.

Nomination Information (*please follow carefully*):

- Applications must be typed (12 point) and submitted on loose-leaf typing paper or via electronically via email. ***DO NOT send nominations in notebooks or binders.***
- Applications, including documentation, must not exceed 12 pages. (Nomination letter will not be considered as part of the 12 page restriction.)
- Color photographs are encouraged. Please provide brief descriptions beside the photographs.
- Videotapes will NOT be accepted.
- Nomination packets will not be returned.

A sample winning application can be found at: <http://hill.beef.org/easp>.



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Nominee(s): _____

Address: _____

Ranch Location: _____

Requirements for Nomination:

- Nominee must have owned or operated the ranch for at least five years and been responsible for making rangeland management decisions.

Number of years operated _____
- Is Nominee must be a member of TSCRA _____ YES _____ NO (*If No, Not eligible for Award*)
 - Is Nominee must be a member of TSSRM _____ YES _____ NO (*Desirable, but not required*)
- A significant part of the land on the farm or ranch must be rangeland (or in East Texas – grazable woodland).

_____Acres Rangeland	_____Acres Grazable Woodland
_____Acres Tame Pasureland	_____Acres Other
_____Acres Cropland	_____Acres Total

Eligibility Requirements

By stewardship, we mean environmentally beneficial management of rangeland resources.

Winner of this award will be nominated by TSCRA to the National Cattleman’s Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Award Program as representative of Region IV, and will be one of seven regional winners competing for the national NCBA award.

Nominees need not be members of the National Cattleman’s Beef Association, but they must support the NCBA mission: Working to increase profit opportunities for cattle and beef producers by enhancing the business climate and building consumer demand. Nominees must be members of TSCRA and should be encouraged to join NCBA.

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Environmental Stewardship Practices, Accomplishments and Goals (40/100 points).
- Local, Regional, and National Leadership Activities that Improve Conservation Perception of the Cattle Industry (30/100 points).
- Endorsement from Cattle Groups, Conservation Organizations and/or Government Agencies (15/100 points).
- Economic Viability and Size of Operation (15/100 points).

Keys to a Successful Application: provide specific examples and results of stewardship practices.

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Please submit application electronically – or submit twenty (20) copies – **along with a nomination letter stating:**

1. Name of nominator (your organization or group) and contact person.
2. Mailing Address
3. Phone number/Fax/Email Address (letter will NOT be considered as a part of the 12 page restriction).

A sample winning application can be found at: <http://hill.beef.org/easp>.

Completed nomination forms and applications are due (or postmarked) by June 1.

Nomination may be made by a non-TSSRM member. Nomination must be concurred by two TSSRM members with signature below.

Nominator _____ Signature _____

Organization _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Fax _____

_____ Email _____

Nomination concurred by two TSSRM members

Name _____ Signature _____

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