



Call For Nominations

The Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Environmental Stewardship Award (ESA).

The ESA recognizes cattle producers whose natural resource stewardship practices contribute to the environment and enhance productivity and profitability. Take this opportunity to share your environmental practices with other producers and to present the positive story about cattle producers' contribution to the environment.

Nomination forms are available from the Alberta Beef Producers office or from ABP delegates. All cattle producers are encouraged to either enter or nominate another producer who they think may qualify.

The winner will receive a commemorative gate sign and an all expenses paid trip from anywhere in Alberta to the 2016 ABP Annual General Meeting in Calgary.

The competition is open to all cattle producers. Deadline for nominations is July 15, 2016 and the winner will be announced at the 2016 ABP Annual General Meeting, December 2016.

Send nominations to:

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Rules For Competition:


- Stewardship is defined as the environmentally beneficial management of natural resources.
- All applications must be typed and submitted on letter-sized paper (8.5x11) or submitted electronically.
- Color photographs, maps, etc., are encouraged. Please provide a brief description of each item.
- Two independent letters of recommendation are required with one coming from an agricultural professional.
- Deadline for nominations is July 15, 2016 (extensions may be granted under special circumstances by the ESA chairman)
- Judging teams will tour each applicant's operation by the end of August 2016.
- The winner will be officially announced in December at the 2016 ABP Annual General Meeting in Calgary.
- All applicants will be informed of the decision in September 2016.

Section I - Description of Operation

1. Please supply the following information:
 - a. Name of Operation
Name of individual(s) to be recognized
Address
Town, Postal Code
Phone
Email
 - b. Does the cattle business provide your primary source of income? Yes/No

2. What is the nature of your current operation: (i.e. cow/calf, feedlot, backgrounder, other livestock, farming, etc. relative to production agriculture)

3. Discuss the history of your operation: (i.e. length of ownership, major changes in structure or business plan, number of acres, leased acres, crown lease acres, and other pertinent data, (information on acreage, stocking rate, herd numbers, etc. is encouraged but voluntary))

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4. Give a brief ecological description of your land: (list cover types, terrain, water systems, average annual rainfall; if more than one property, list them separately by business name)
 5. List all other uses of natural resources that provide income on your land: (examples include farming, timber, hunting, oil and gas production, mining, etc.)
 6. List all organizations that your operation has utilized in environmental efforts: (government and non-government agencies i.e. PFRA, Ducks Unlimited, forage associations, etc.)

Section II - Discuss the Stewardship Goals of Your Operation

Please describe the resource management goals of your operation in terms of stewardship and conservation. Supporting information and benchmark data is encouraged. (use additional pages if necessary)

Section III - Stewardship Accomplishments

Describe specific, innovative stewardship practice(s) in detail pertaining, but not limited to, the following resources:

- energy
- water systems
- air
- vegetation
- wildlife
- soil
- manure

Include pertinent supporting information such as maps and photos. Before and after photos are encouraged. No videos will be accepted. (use additional pages if necessary)

Section IV - Productivity and Leadership

Please answer the following questions. (use additional pages if necessary)

1. How have your stewardship practices affected your cattle business, including productivity and profitability? (direct or indirect effects)

2. Discuss any of the following that are appropriate to your business.
 - a. Leadership activities or involvement in local, regional, and national efforts to improve stewardship among cattle businesses and/or the public's perception of the cattle industry. (i.e. public speaking and presentations, tours, etc.)

 - b. Involvement in cooperative research, demonstration, education, or government programs that promote environmental stewardship.

3. What reasons would you give to other producers for implementing these or similar conservation/stewardship programs in their business?

4. How does your cattle operation contribute to a positive public perception of cattle's impact on the environment?