

Iowa Cattlemen's Association

Outstanding Commercial Producer of the Year

Nomination Form Due November 1

Name of Nominee: _____ Owner: _____ Manager: _____

Farm or Ranch Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

1. Number of years in the cattle business (3 years minimum). _____

2. Number of cows in the commercial breeding herd. _____

3. Number of stocker cattle handled annually. _____

4. Number of cattle finished annually. _____

5. Briefly describe your operation: _____

6. Do you retain ownership of calves to slaughter? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain feeding and management practices: _____

7. Your Marketing Program:

Market Unweaned Calves _____ % of calf crop _____

Market Weaned Calves _____ % of calf crop _____

Market as Yearling Feeders _____ % of calf crop _____

Market Finished Cattle _____ % of calf crop _____

Explain any special marketing efforts: _____

8. Explain herd health program for breeding stock and calves: _____

9. How many years have you been using performance records:

- a) To select herd bulls _____
- b) To cull the cow herd _____
- c) What individual performance records do you keep? Check all that apply.

- _____ Individual Identification of Cows
- _____ Individual Identification of Calves
- _____ Birth Weight of Calves
- _____ Weaning Weight on Calves
- _____ Yearling Weight on Calves
- _____ Average Calving Intervals on Cows
- _____ Carcass Data
- _____ (Other please list)
- _____ (Other please list)
- _____ (Other please list)

10. Performance organizations involved in handling of herd performance records:

State Organization _____

National Organization _____

11. Do you use your own computer or computer service for Herd performance records? Yes ____ No ____

Beef Cow Enterprise Records? Yes ____ No ____ Explain record system: _____

12. Do you crossbreed? Yes ____ No ____ Describe your breeding program including breeds used and why?

13. What are your calving seasons:

Spring _____ to _____
Fall _____ to _____
Winter _____ to _____

14. Do you use AI? _____ Why or why not: _____

15. Do you use national breed association sire summary data when selecting bulls to use AI or natural service? Explain:

16. Do you use individual performance records when selecting bulls to use AI or natural service? Explain:

17. What criteria do you use when selecting replacement females? Explain:

18. What criteria and records do you use when culling females? Explain:

19. Do your performance records (or sale weights) tell you anything about your management from year to year? Explain:

20. What is your source of herd bulls?

Iowa Beef Expo Sales _____
Production Sales _____
Other: _____

ICA Bull Test Sales _____
Private Treaty _____

Explain: _____

21. What are the most profitable improvements you have made in the management of your herd? Explain:

22. How much improvement has your herd made over time in such things as % calf crop, weaning or yearling weights or increased beef production from your farm or ranch? Please attach a summary of performance and enterprise records if available. Use records up to your current calf crop.

23. Have you held leadership positions, been involved in beef education programs, or hosted tours through your cattlemen's association or extension service? Explain:

24. Have you received any cattle or agricultural related awards? List:

25. How can county, state or national cattlemen's organizations of breed associations help you as a commercial cattleman?

26. Describe winter feeding and summer grazing programs:

27. How does your cattle operation fit into soil conservation practices? Explain:

28. Please attach a short historical review of your cattle operation from its beginning.

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NOMINATOR: Any person may nominate an eligible producer for this award at the county level.

Nominator

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Please complete and return by **Nov 1**.

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