



SASKATCHEWAN STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Call For Nominations

The Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) is seeking nominations for the 2012 The Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA).

The TESA 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 SSGA office or at www.skstockgrowers.com. 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 for two from anywhere in Saskatchewan to the 2012 CCA Annual General Meeting.

The competition is open to all cattle producers. Deadline for nominations is September 30, 2011 and the winner will be announced at the 2012 SSGA Annual General Meeting.

Send nominations to: Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association
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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 September 30, 2011 (extensions may be granted under special circumstances by the TESA chairman)
- Judging teams will tour each applicant's operation by the end of October, 2011.

- The winner will be officially announced at the 2012 SSGA Annual General Meeting.
- All applicants will be informed of the decision in November 2011.

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/Fax Number
 - 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))
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.

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.

Section IV - Productivity and Leadership

Please answer the following questions.

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?