

# Iowa Outstanding Commercial Producer Award

## Nomination Form Due September 30

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If yes, explain feeding and management practices: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What are your calving seasons:

Spring \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Fall \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Winter \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

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

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

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

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26. Describe winter feeding and summer grazing programs:

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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