

## **RANCHER OF THE YEAR SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Recipient will be considered without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
2. Recipient need not be a member of the Range Society, but must reside and base operation in Utah.
3. Candidate must be engaged in ranching or livestock farming with at least 50 percent of unit in rangeland.
4. Candidate must have demonstrated a sincere interest in the development and/or application of rangeland management principles. Candidate must be practicing an outstanding range and livestock management program on individual unit. Candidate should be a cooperator with his soil conservation district and/or public land management agencies.
5. The condition of candidate's ranch should demonstrate the value of good rangeland management practices.
6. The recipient must demonstrate ingenuity in rangeland management, grazing systems, range improvements, economic or energy conservation measures, or equipment use which is unique to his operation.
7. The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of the importance of individual animal performance and production as it relates to the total production of livestock herd. Selection of replacement animals, breeding programs, performance testing, marketing and health precautions are points that will be considered.
8. The candidate must be involved in community, state, regional, or national organizations or programs which foster sound land use, resource conservation, or betterment of the range livestock industry. Whether his ranch unit is used for demonstration tours or youth activities will be considered.
9. Complexity and the size of the ranching operations.
10. Length of ownership.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Include speaking engagements, offices held, community service, honors and awards, membership and participation in conservation programs and organizations. Whether range units is used for demonstrations or tours, youth activities (4-H, FFS, awards, conservation activities), and any others, which are applicable.

### **LAND MANAGEMENT:**

The following are some suggested points, which may be considered if they apply: range improvement (seeding, inter-seeding, ripping, furrowing), grazing systems; fertilization (hay, range); spring or supplemental pastures, developments for wildlife and recreation; water development, conservation; and anything which is applicable.

### **LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT:**

The following are some suggested points: how replacement animals are selected, artificial insemination, performance testing sires (raised, purchased, performance testing sires (raised; purchased, performance records used in selection), how marketed, crossbreeding, health precautions (vaccination grub, lice, fly control) percent crop and weaning weight, and anything else which is applicable.

### **INNOVATIVE PRACTICES:**

List any economic or energy conservation practices, innovative ideas and activities, equipment, etc. which are unique or of special interest to this operation.