DR. EMMITT RAWLS OUTSTANDING STOCKER PRODUCER AWARD

The "Outstanding Stocker Producer Award" will be presented by the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association to recognize an individual that has excelled in the areas of stocker cattle production and marketing.

ELIGIBILITY

Each nominee can either be an individual producer or a partner. The award will be to the individual, not a firm.

The nominee must be a member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association but not a member of the Executive Committee.

An individual can only be the recipient of this award one time.

Each nominee is expected to attend the annual convention luncheon of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association being held January 22, 2027 at the Williamson County Expo center in Franklin.

NOMINATION

Nominations may be submitted by any county association affiliated with the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association or a member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association. Nominations and supporting materials must be forward to the selection committee appointed by the President of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association.

The attached nomination form will be used.

Letters of support and recommendation would add to the support of the nominee but are not required.

Nominations must be submitted by **December 15 2026** to

Tennessee Cattlemen's Association

530 B Brandies Circle

Murfreesboro, Tn. 37128.

Entries can also be submitted via e-mail at info@tncattle.org

NOMINATION FORM
2027
TENNESSEE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING STOCKER PRODUCER

Name_____

Address_____

Zip Code_____

Phone_____ County_____
County_____

Name of spouse_____

Number of Children_____

All facts in this nomination are true and can be used for publication. My signature constitutes acceptance of any award on local and state levels of competition.

(Signature of Nominee) (Date)

General Information

1. Number of years involved in the stocker/backgrounding business_____
2. Percentage of total income earned from the stocker operation _____
3. Are you the sole proprietor?_____
4. If other than the sole proprietor, what percentage of policy and management decisions do you make?__
5. Indicate the total number of acres operated_____

A. Tillable_____ B. Grazing ____
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6. Of the total acreage operated, indicate the number of acres owned_____

Number of acres rented _____

Stocker Program (Select one that best describes your operation)

_____**Spring/Summer Stocker Program** (Forage based) Calves purchased in the spring and grazed from approximately April 1 to August 15

_____**Fall/Winter Stocker Program** (Forage based, including crop residues such as corn stalks, small grain pastures, supplemented with hay and/or limited concentrate and/or by products

_____**Dry Lot Stocker** (Harvested Feed based) Calves purchased or retained for backgrounding stockering on silage, hays and supplements as needed

Procurement

What is the source of cattle that are backgrounded?

Purchased_____

From Cow-Calf Operation_____

Both_____

If cattle are purchased, are they purchased throughout the year_____or seasonally_____

(Select only one)

If cattle are purchased, how do you purchase calves? (Rank the options 1, 2)

_____Personal

_____Order Buyer

If cattle are purchased, rank the options used (Rank 1, 2, 3, etc.)

_____Direct from the farm

_____Sale Barn (regular sale)

_____Feeder Calf Sales

_____Feeder Calf Sales (Preconditioned)

_____Video Auction

_____Video Auction (preconditioned)

Is the distance that purchased cattle may be hauled to your operation considered in the purchase?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

Is the knowledge of the health and management history of the cattle purchased important to you?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

Are the cattle managed and handled as a group_____or individually?_____

How are the cattle identified? Check the ones that you use.

_____Ear Tag

_____ Electronic ID

_____ Brand

_____ Group ID

_____ No ID

What records do you keep on the cattle? (Write a brief description)

Feeding

Is the feeding program planned to produce_____maximum gain or at_____least cost?

Is the feeding program primarily based on pasture or harvested feeds?

_____Pasture_____Harvested (Rank 1 or 2)

If the feeding program is based on harvested feeds, which do you use? (Rank 1 or 2)

_____Silage

_____Hay

If pasture is used in the stockering program, do you use "rotational grazing?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

Are by- products used as supplements in feeding program? (Rank the ones used: 1, 2, 3, etc.)

_____Corn gluten

_____Soy hulls

_____Distiller by products

_____Other byproducts

_____Hominy

Health

1. Briefly describe your receiving program, including when the cattle are processed, turned out, etc.

2. In addition to the health practices, what other management practices do you apply to your cattle? (Examples would include implanting, castrating, dehorning, spaying, etc.)

3. Are you Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

4. Are BQA practices followed in administrating animal health practices?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

5. Which of the following statements best describes your relationship with a veterinarian?

A. _____ Only use in emergencies

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B. _____ Use regularly and included in the planning process for health and management programs

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C. _____ Somewhere in between the previous two options

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D. _____ Do not use a veterinarian and do all the health practices on my own.

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Risk Management

1. Are the futures or options markets used to manage pure risk?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

2. If future markets are used, check those that apply.

_____Feeder Cattle

_____Live (fed) cattle

_____Corn

3. What measures are taken to manage pure risk or feed purchases? (Rank 1, 2, 3)

_____Grow my own _____Forward Contract

_____Forward Contract

_____Purchase as needed

4. Do you know the producer of the cattle you purchase? (Other then the order buyer)

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

5. Do you know the purchaser of your cattle? (Other then the order buyer)

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

6. Are you able to find out how the cattle performed for the buyer?

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

Producer History

1. How and when did you get started in stockering cattle?

3. What help have you received including inheirtance, gifts, family partnerships, etc?

4. Why did you enter farming/or cattle production? What were your goals when started? What are your goals now?

5. What do you think the future is for the stocker industry?

Describe in a narrative form your stocker operation. (If desired, a maximum of eight (8) photographs may be used.)