

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 on January 24th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro Tn.

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 2024** to

Charles Hord TCA

530 B Brandies Circle

Murfreesboro, Tn. 37128.

Entries can also be submitted via e-mail to Charles Hord at the following address:

charles@tncattle.org

NOMINATION FORM
2025
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 administering 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 than the order buyer)

Yes_____ No_____

No_____

5. Do you know the purchaser of your cattle? (Other than 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 inheritance, 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.)