



Montana
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
AWARD PROGRAM

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Montana ranchers depend on the land and its resources for their livelihood. Therefore, good management demands that they care for the environment for their own well-being as well as for future generations. Ranchers, as individuals and as an industry, are actively working to protect and improve the environment because they know environmental stewardship and good business go hand-in-hand.

Environmental Stewardship Award winners are prime examples of how environmental management benefits both the rancher's bottom line and the resources in their care. That's why the Montana Stockgrowers Association sponsors the Montana Environmental Stewardship Award Program. Montana ranchers have an outstanding reputation for their protection, care, and enhancement of the natural resources that not only make our state beautiful but make it ideal for raising top-quality cattle.

The goal of the Environmental Stewardship Award Program is to acknowledge producers who go the extra mile when it comes to preserving and enhancing the resources on their land. While the program highlights industry stewardship, it also provides cattlemen with examples and ideas which may be useful on their own farms and ranching operations. Established in 1991 by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, LLC, the national Environmental Stewardship Award Program provides an opportunity for the beef industry to showcase the stewardship and business practices that exist together on progressive farms and ranches.

State winners selected by the Montana Stockgrowers Association advance to the regional and national levels. Montana has a history of regional and national winners in the 22 years since the Environmental Stewardship Award Program was established. Help us continue this strong tradition by taking the time to apply for this prestigious award, or by nominating a producer in your area who has practiced environmentally sustainable practices or demonstrated conservation improvements on their land. Help us spread the message that cattlemen are the "original stewards of the land."

The Montana Environmental Stewardship Award is funded in part by Montana Beef Producers with Checkoff Dollars. **Recipients of the Montana Environmental Stewardship Award Program go on to compete at the Regional and National levels. Below are past Montana ESAP winners and their highest level of achievement within the ESAP programs.**

PAST WINNERS

Montana State Winners

2018 - Hahn Ranch, Townsend
2017 - Two Creek Monture Ranch, Ovando
2016 - Cherry Creek Ranch, Terry
2015 - American Fork Ranch, Two Dot
2014 - LaSalle Ranch Inc., Havre
2013 - Padlock Ranch, Scott Family and Wayne Fahsholtz, Ranchester, Wyo
2012 - Bold Ranch, Robert and Annette Bold, Winifred
2011 - Keystone Ranches, Inc., Ismay
2010 - Ranchers Stewardship Alliance, Malta
2008 - Veseth Cattle Company, Malta
2007 - IX Ranch Company, Big Sandy
2006 - Mule Tracks Cattle Company, Malta
2005 - Rein Anchor Ranch, Melville
2004 - Barthelmess Ranch Corporation, Malta
2002 - Sieben Livestock, Cascade
2001 - Milesnick Ranch, Belgrade
2000 - Warm Springs Grazing Association, Alder
1999 - Christensen Ranch, Big Timber
1998 - Matador Cattle Co., Dillon
1997 - Tee Six Ranch, Choteau
1996 - Robert E. Lee Ranch, Judith Gap
1995 - Sitz Angus Ranch, Harrison

1994 - Ruffatto Land and Cattle Company, Hamilton

1993 - Ray Banister Ranch, Wibaux

1992 - Smith 6-S Ranch, Glen

Region V Winners

2018 - Hahn Ranch, Townsend
2016 - Cherry Creek Ranch, Terry
2015 - American Fork Ranch, Two Dot
2013 - Padlock Ranch, Ranchester, Wyo
2012 - Bold Ranch, Winifred
2008 - Veseth Cattle Company, Malta
2004 - Barthelmess Ranch Corporation, Malta
2002 - Sieben Livestock, Cascade
2001 - Milesnick Ranch, Belgrade
1998 - Matador Cattle Co., Dillon
1996 - Robert E. Lee Ranch, Judith Gap
1995 - Sitz Angus Ranch, Harrison
1992 - Smith 6-S Ranch, Glen

National Winners

1998 - Matador Cattle Co., Dillon
1996 - Robert E. Lee Ranch, Judith Gap

To watch videos on past winners, visit the MSGA YouTube page at:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3Z9vbmoW0KCyL_cDg3pklm7Zm4VUCG8Y