

**SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANGEMENT
KANSAS SECTION**

NOMINATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRAZING MANAGEMENT AWARD

The following individual is hereby nominated to receive recognition by SRM, Kansas Section for excellence in grazing management:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

RANCH LOCATION: _____

This nomination is submitted along with the following criteria and attached information:

- 1) Grazing management and the decisions for operations must have been carried out for three years or more. # of years _____
- 2) 50% of the operating unit must be rangeland.
Rangeland Acres _____ Cropland Acres _____
Pasture and Hayland _____ Other Land _____
- 3) Rangeland areas or sites which require treatment, in addition to the grazing management, must have been treated or are currently being treated. Examples Of this are: thick, invading brush not used for wildlife, old fields or sites where recovery cannot be achieved by management alone through practical, economically sound treatment methods or management techniques.
- 4) Management of the time, intensity, and kinds of grazing of rangelands and other associated forage producing lands on the operation unit must be such that the basic resources of soil, plant, and water quality will be maintained or improved for the use of desired livestock and wildlife and be consistent with watershed and esthetic values.
- 5) Provide four to six color slides (with narrative) of the operation.

Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Concurred by: _____

SRM Member: _____

Address: _____

Profession: _____

Phone: _____

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Phone: _____

A separate sheet of paper may be used to describe the above listed elements.

GRAZING AND USE MANAGEMENT

1) Percent of Rangeland properly used the last three years:
2006 _____ 2007 _____ 2008 _____

2) Use of rest or deferment (if not used explain)
2006 _____ 2007 _____ 2008 _____

Briefly describe grazing management objectives and how utilized (length of rest, season, purpose, etc. or season long)

3) Describe any special grazing management done to handle conditions such as wildfire, poisonous plants, or other problems in the past three years.

4) Briefly describe:

Range condition and/or trend on key area:

Soil condition or mulch accumulation:

Plant vigor:

Increase or decrease of the desirable plant species:

5) Range Condition:
%excellent_____ %good_____ %fair_____ %poor_____

6) Describe the use of other forages (tame pasture, crop residues, hay, etc.) used to Supplement or complement the rangeland.

7) Describe livestock operations as to kinds, approximate number, and season of use.

8) Wildlife, kinds and approximate number:

Describe special grazing management considerations taken to aid wildlife and how the forage balance between livestock and wildlife is maintained during low and high forage production years.

GRAZING AND USE MANAGEMENT

UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE EVALUATION (Nominator to assign rating)

Range Management

1. Knows his/her important plants, their season of growth and maturity. _____
2. Knows and understands range condition and knows the appropriate potential vegetation for his/her range. _____
3. Knows how and when plants produce, use and store food as related to making grazing management decisions. _____
4. Knows the value of cover for soil protection and to get rainfall into the soil. _____
5. Understands range condition and evaluation. _____
6. Understands all the cost-return relationship of ranching, especially overuse and proper use. _____
7. Has a conservation plan. Yes _____ No _____

Livestock Management

1. Knows the importance of individual animal performance and production per acre to the total production of the livestock herd. _____
2. Knows the importance of a conception rate, reproduction period, and percent born alive to production. _____
3. Knows the importance of daily gain, animal age and nutritional requirements for obtaining top production from grazed forages. _____
4. Knows the importance of site selection in livestock production and improvement. _____
5. Has a performance testing program in operation. Yes _____ No _____

Nominator to assign points for each item above according to his/her best judgement:

- 1 Point ---- Slight understanding
- 2 Points--- Partial understanding
- 3 Points--- Generally adequate understanding
- 4 Points--- Understands according to needs for management decisions
- 5 Points--- Knowledge and understanding is fully adequate and is effectively used in making management decisions.