



AQHA International Best Remuda Award Application



The AQHA Best Remuda Award recognizes an outstanding ranch remuda composed of registered American Quarter Horses. The award began in 1992 as an opportunity to recognize the ranch-type horses that were integral to the foundation of the American Quarter Horse breed. The American Quarter Horse Association is proud to congratulate international ranchers who take pride in their remuda program. An annual recipient is chosen and receives a specially designed award presented at the Working Ranch Cowboys Association World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo, Texas.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

- Applicant's ranch must be located outside the United States.
- Applicant must be a member in good standing of AQHA.
- Applicant is encouraged to be a member in good standing of the Ranching Heritage Breeders program.
- Ranch remuda must consist of registered American Quarter Horses.
- Applicant must own a minimum of five AQHA registered mares used to produce ranch horses, and must breed and register at least five foals annually.
- The Best Remuda Award is for working cattle and livestock operations that raise American Quarter Horses for use on the ranch.
- Send in 5 copies of the ranch application. Color copies are acceptable.
- Applications are accepted annually, and a ranch may reapply by submitting another 5 copies. It is suggested that applications be updated each year.
- Respond to questions in the order they are presented in the application.
- Responses to questions must be typed.
- Photos are encouraged.
- Incomplete applications or applications not meeting the above criteria will not be judged.
- Applications must be received by AQHA on or before March 1. Contact Anna Morrison with questions: amorrison@aqha.org; 806-378-4333.
- Send applications to AQHA International Department, P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, TX 79168 or 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104



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The American Quarter Horse Association will formally announce the AQHA International Best Remuda winner by July 1 of each year. Ranchers take pride in their remuda program, and the Association take pride in you! Therefore, AQHA media reserves the exclusive first interview with the International Best Remuda winner. The International Best Remuda Winner will be announced via press release on **AQHA.com** and the Association's social media platforms. All other media interviews with the winning remuda should be arranged after the formal announcement from AQHA in July.

SECTION I – COVER PAGE

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Fill in responses and submit as cover page with the answers from Section II.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME OF RANCH: _____ WEBSITE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY: _____ CITY, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

OWNER: _____ AQHA ID#: _____

MANAGER: _____ MANAGER'S EMAIL: _____

SIZE / SCOPE OF RANCH

- Cow/calf (# head) _____
- Stoker (# head) _____
- Feedlot (# head) _____
- Farming (# acres) _____
- Other livestock _____

RANCH REMUDA PROGRAM

- How many of the following AQHA registered horses does the ranch own?
Mares _____ Stallions _____ Geldings _____
- What percentage of your mares are bred to the following?
Your own ranch stallions _____ Outside stallions _____
- What percentage of foals return to the ranch remuda?
Mares _____ Stallions _____ Geldings _____
- How many days per year are working horses ridden for ranch use on the ranch?
(Approximate) _____
- How do you market your horses (check all that apply)
 Word of mouth Publications Website/Internet Horse Sales Other _____
- Describe your horse health/welfare procedures:
 - Internal parasite control _____
 - Vaccination protocol _____
 - Castration procedure _____
 - Branding or other identification procedure _____
 - Weaning and halter training procedure _____
- Describe your nutritional program for your remuda
 Grain Hay Free choice grazing Oats Grass Hay Sweet feed Legume Pellet
 Other _____ Other _____



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SECTION II – WRITTEN PAGES

On attached / additional pages, answer the following questions in the order listed. There is no need to return this section of the form with your application.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION

A History of Ranch

Items to discuss: establishment and growth of ranch, length of present ownership, plans for expansion, etc.

RANCH REMUDA PROGRAM

B Please give a brief history of how your remuda originated.

For example: foundation sires, who started the remuda, selection of bloodlines, etc.

C Describe the five breeding horses that have contributed most to your remuda.

Please include AQHA registration numbers.

D Describe the five working performance horses that have contributed most to your remuda.

May be repeated from information above. Please include AQHA registration numbers.

E Describe in detail how the mares, stallions and geldings in your remuda are used on the ranch.

F What criteria are used for stallion selection?

G Describe the halter breaking and training process that young horses are put through up to 3 years of age.

H List significant awards or recognition remuda horses have received in ranch-type competitions, 4-H, AQHA, rodeo, etc.

I What are the primary goals for your remuda program?

J What is your primary motivation for maintaining a remuda of American Quarter Horses?

RANCH STEWARDSHIP

K Describe your involvement with AQHA and/or its international affiliates.

Include leadership roles, offices held or other service to organization.

L List any other industry-related community service.

For example: leadership, breeder associations, livestock associations, rural associations etc.

M How does your business contribute to a positive image of the beef, equine and other livestock industries?