



# 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.

## 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.
- Applications are accepted annually, and a ranch may reapply for three (3) consecutive years.
- Respond to questions in the order they are presented in the application.
- Responses to questions must be typed on single sided pages.
- Photos are encouraged. Particularly photos of daily ranch work and the remuda in action.
- Incomplete applications or applications not meeting the above criteria will not be presented to the selection committee.
- Applications must be received by AQHA on or before November 30. Contact AQHA International with questions: [international@aqha.org](mailto:international@aqha.org); 806-378-4337.
- Send applications to AQHA International Department by email at [international@aqha.org](mailto:international@aqha.org), or by post at P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, TX 79168 or 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104.



## REMUDA

A group of working horses bred by the ranch specifically to work livestock.



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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 by AQHA.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- Stocker (# 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 feed \_\_\_\_\_  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 (3 years of age) are put through up to.

#### 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?