



AQHA Best Remuda Award Application



REMUDA

A group of working horses
bred by the ranch specifically
to work and pen cattle

The Zoetis 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. Zoetis and the American Quarter Horse Association are proud to join forces to congratulate ranchers who take pride in their remuda program. An annual recipient is chosen and receives a specially designed Lisa Perry bronze presented at the Working Ranch Cowboys Association World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo, Texas, AQHA Convention and possibly other events.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

- Previous award winners may not reapply.
- Applicant's ranch must be in the United States. There is a separate award for ranches located in other countries.
- Applicant must be a member in good standing of AQHA.
- Applicant must 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 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 on single-sided pages.
- 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 Terrie Lovelady with questions: tlovelady@aqha.org; 806-376-4811
- Send applications to AQHA, attn: Terrie Lovelady, 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 Zoetis AQHA Best Remuda winner by July 1 of each year. Ranchers take pride in their remuda program, and the Association and Zoetis take pride in you! Therefore, AQHA media reserves the exclusive first interview with the Best Remuda winner. The 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: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

OFFICE #: _____ MANAGER'S CELL _____

OWNER: _____ AQHA # _____

MANAGER: _____ MANAGER'S EMAIL: _____

SIZE / SCOPE OF RANCH

Cow/calf (# head) _____ Stocker (# head) _____ Feedlot (# head) _____ Farming (# acres) _____

RANCH REMUDA PROGRAM

• How many of the following does the ranch own?

Mares _____ Stallions _____ Geldings _____ AQHA Registered Horses _____ Other Livestock _____

• 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 type and 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

Answer the following questions on single-sided typed printed pages. Answer the questions in the order in which they are 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 state/provincial affiliate.

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

L List any other industry-related community service.

For example: 4-H, FFA, leadership, cattlemen's associations, etc.

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