ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

PURPOSE:

The FCA Environmental Stewardship Award Program began in 1991 and has created a great deal of positive public attention. This award recognizes cattle producers for the activities they do every day in the preservation and enhancement of this nation's natural resources. The winner of the Florida Environmental Stewardship award will be nominated for the NCBA Region II Stewardship Award the following year.

Florida

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ELIGIBILITY:

All nominees must be signed up and implementing the BMP's for nutrient management for cow/calf operations.

DUE APRIL 1st (SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED)

Florida Cattlemen's Association Mail: P.O. Box 421929, Kissimmee, FL 34742-1929 Hand Deliver: 800 ShakeRag Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34744 Online: www.FloridaCattlemen.org Email: membership@floridacattlemen.org

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)

Name of Nominee:		
County Nominating:	Date:	
Contact Information for Nominee		
Address:		
City:	State: Zip:	
Phone #:	Cell #:	
E-Mail Address:		
County Officer Signatures Required:		
County President- Print Name	County Secretary- Print Name	
County President- Signature	County Secretary- Signature	
County President- Phone #	County Secretary- Phone #	

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE- APRIL 1st (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)

Information in this application may be used for publicity

Name of Operation: _____

Location (s): _____

SECTION I- DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION (If more room is needed, attach additional sheets)

Nature of Present Operation: (Discuss the type of operationrelative to production agriculture, e.g., cow/calf, feedlot, stockers, other livestock included, farming.)

History of Operation: (Discuss length of ownership, significant changes in structure or operation plan, activities to protect or enhance beneficial environmental attributes)

Brief Ecological Description: (List and locate ecosystems, cover types, terrain, water systems, rainfall, etc.)

List Other Activities Which Contribute to Income Streams From the Property: (e.g. farming, forestry, hunting, fishing, etc.)

SECTION II- DISCUSS THE STEWARDSHIP GOALS OF THE OPERATION

This section is an opportunity to describe the resource management goals of the nominee in terms of good stewardship and conservation. Any supporting materials deemed appropriate by the nominee may be included. (If more room is needed, attach additional sheets)

SECTION III- STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Describe Stewardship Achievements For Any/All Of The Following Resource Systems:

A. Energy Systems: types used, fuel storage, use reduction, etc.

B. Water Systems; surface water use, detention/retention, withdrawal/return; ground water use, recharge: waste water use/disposal/treatment, etc.

C. Air pollution control systems

D. Noteworthy vegetation systems; natural or cultivated, native or exotic plants

E. Wildlife protection, enhancement, habitat restoration, cooperative management programs, etc.

F. Soil Systems

G. Are there any unique natural areas protected on the property?

H. Impacts on neighboring properties

2. How Have Stewardship Practices Affected The Cattle Operation, Including Productivity And Profitability?

3. Discuss Any Of The Following Which May Be Appropriate To The Nominee.

A. Leadership activities; in local, state or national industry groups; promotion of stewardship, non-agricultural groups.

B. Participation in cooperative research, demonstration, education, or governmental programs promoting some aspect of stewardship.

C. Wildlife or vegetation management practices that enhance natural resources.

D. Surface and groundwater management programs which promote good stewardship.

4. What Reasons Would The Nominee Give To Encourage Other Producers To Use Appropriate Similar Management Practices On Their Operations?

5. What Has The Nominee Done To Improve The Public's Perception Of The Cattle Industry's Stewardship Contributions?

SECTION IV- NOMINEE'S DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In this section, the nominee should discuss any specific stewardship practices, goals or accomplishments, such as development of an SCS Conservation Plan, which the nominee wishes to bring to the Selection Committee's attention. (If more room is needed, attach additional sheets)

