

ABBA Performance Breeder of the Year

This award is designed to recognize an ABBA Member who successfully utilizes the ABBA performance programs in pursuit of improving the breed.

Eligibility

In order for members to be eligible they must meet the following criteria:

- Complete and submit the official application by December 1 of the year of the award.
- Register a minimum of ten head per year in ABBA for three years prior to the application year.
- Submit BHIR information on all calves born (a minimum of a BW)

Selection

A selection committee will be appointed by the Research & Breed Improvement Committee Chairman. The committee will review the submitted applications and rank the applicants on the following scale:

Participation in ABBA Performance Programs	15
Record System & Implementation	15
Use of technology (ultrasound, DNA, AI, ET, etc.)	10
Selection Objectives/Culling Criteria & Process	15
Carcass Merit/End Product Emphasis	10
Improvements made through implementation of programs	10
Goals (short term & long term)	15
Contributions to breed & industry	10

Award

An award will be presented to the recipient each year at the ABBA Annual Meeting. The recipient's name will be displayed on a plaque at the ABBA Office. The ABBA Performance Breeder of the Year will also serve as the ABBA's Nominee for the BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year.

ABBA Performance Breeder of the Year Application

Name of Member: _____

Membership Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____

1. OPERATION

Briefly describe your operation in terms of size of operation, number of cows, calving season, practices used and any other details you feel are important about your operation. This abstract will also be used in publicity and presentation and should not exceed 250 words.

2. GOALS:

Describe the short and long term goals of your operation.

Short Term:

Long Term:

3. RECORDS

Describe your data collection & record keeping systems.

Identify the 2-5 highest priority performance measures and explain how you use them to manage your operation. Example: measures could be % calf crop weaned, weaning weights, % Choice, etc.

What performance programs of the ABBA do you utilize?

4. BREEDING PROGRAM:

A. % of calf crop sired by AI sires: _____

B. % of calf crop produced by embryo transfer/IVF: _____

C. Briefly explain your breeding program:

5. SELECTION: CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

Sire Selection:

Replacement Female Selection:

Donor Female Selection (if applicable):

6. CULLING CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

Sire Culling:

Female Culling:

7. POSTWEANING MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE TESTING OF BULLS & FEMALES

Explain the post weaning management and performance testing of your bulls and females prior to marketing or injecting into the herd:

8. MARKETING:

Describe the marketing program for your operation:

Average number of animals sold/year: _____

% sold to purebred breeders: _____

% sold to commercial breeders: _____

% of bull calf crop sold as breeding bulls: _____

Number of bulls listed in current sire summaries: _____

List the performance data provided to the prospective buyer:

Customer Service/Communication:

Example: personal visit with bull purchasers, assist customers with marketing calves, share carcass data collection expense:

9. INNOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Describe the most significant changes that have been made in your operation

List the 3-5 most important uses of technology that have helped you meet your operational goals:

10. CONTRIBUTIONS:

Leadership positions in the beef industry: