

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Nomination Form Nebraska Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) sponsors an annual Nebraska Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award to:

- Reward outstanding grassland management.
- Promote grassland management.
- Provide recognition to NRDs and the NARD.

Criteria

1. Individuals and livestock operations are eligible.
2. Recipient of award must be a livestock producer or operation utilizing rangeland (native) and/or pastureland (introduced) resources.
3. The basis for selecting the NRD and NARD Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award recipient will be proper management of grassland (rangeland or pastureland) in a manner prescribed to be proper in accordance with capabilities and economics of the land.

Nominations

1. Nominations must include:
 - a. Nominee name, address and telephone number.
 - b. Submitting NRD name, address and telephone number.
 - c. Support information including:
 - ✓ Background information (vocation, type of business, family involvement, type of livestock, water facilities, increases in carrying capacity of the land, management plan, etc.)
 - ✓ Rangeland and/or pastureland planting activities (history, purpose of plantings, years of planting, number of acres planted, etc.)
 - ✓ Rangeland and/or pastureland maintenance activities (rangeland/pastureland promotion and/or education activities, utilization of rancher's own labor and equipment, miles of cross fencing, number of wells, pasture rotation, planting inter-seeding, etc.)
 - ✓ Other conservation activities, tree plantings, awards, etc.
 - *Each nomination must include at least FIVE photographs, including one photo of the nominee(s).*
2. Nominations must not exceed **two** typed, double-spaced pages and may contain up to **five** pages of supplemental information, e.g. newspaper articles, five photographs, etc.

Procedure

1. Nominations must be submitted by a NRD. Local NRD grassland conservation award recipients or other NRD nominations are eligible. Any individual, organization or agency is encouraged to submit a nomination to a local NRD. ***Each NRD may submit only one nomination.***
2. Nominations must be submitted to the NARD office **by May 1**: *NARD Native Vegetation & Forestry Subcommittee, 601 S. 12th Street, Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68508.*
3. The NARD Native Vegetation and Forestry Committee will serve as the selection committee for the Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award.
4. Nominees that are not selected as the state award winner may be resubmitted in future contests.
5. The recipient will be recognized at the NARD Annual Fall Conference.
6. The NARD Executive Director or his/her designee will present the award.

Nominations are due May 1st