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**To: OCA Membership**

**From: LeaAnne Hodgins**

**Date: August 19, 2011**

**Re: TESA 2012**

Dear All:

It is time, once again, to seek nominations for The Environmental Stewardship Award, presented annually by The Ontario Cattlemen's Association (OCA) and the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

This marks the fourteenth year of the award, which recognizes the outstanding environmental stewardship of an Ontario cattleman. Special consideration is given to producers who have taken innovative approaches to environmentally sustainable cattle production.

This year, we are asking for the help of OCA Directors, Advisory Councillors, Presidents and Secretaries, as well as conservation and environmental groups from across the province in selecting our annual winner. We would ask that you take the time to determine whether there are beef farmers in your area that meet the criteria of the competition.

The winner, chosen by a selection committee, will be announced at the 2012 OCA Annual Meeting. The winner will then go on to represent Ontario at the national level of the competition. The Ontario winner also receives \$500 in recognition of their environmental efforts.

Any Ontario cattle producer or cattle farming operation can be nominated for this award by him or herself, another producer, interested individual(s), a conservation group or the local cattlemen's association.

**The deadline for nominations is Wednesday November 30, 2011.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the OCA office at 519-824-0334.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of this worthwhile award. A nomination form and checklist are included. Entries should be sent to [leanne@cattle.guelph.on.ca](mailto:leanne@cattle.guelph.on.ca)

Sincerely,

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# The 2012 Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA)

*Use additional pages if necessary.*

Name of Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) or association making the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Outline of the goals set (long and short term) on the farm: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Explain the implementation (who, what, where, when, why and how) to achieve the goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments (describe benefits to environment and to the cattle producing operation from these actions):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Willingness to speak on behalf of cattle producers to the public on environmental issues: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Link with community or other groups: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cost effectiveness / innovation of environmental solutions and management: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder:** *please include a letter of reference with your nomination.*

Submit applications to:

TESA Applications  
Ontario Cattlemen's Association  
130 Malcolm Rd.  
Guelph, ON  
N1K 1B1

### Application Checklist

Item	Yes	No	Comments
Completed Environmental Farm Plan			
Made changes based on EFP			
Have a documented Nutrient Management Plan			
Regular water testing			
<b>Wells:</b> Location			
Construction			
Abandoned Wells capped			
Water flow diverted off buildings			
Effluent from stored feeds managed properly			
Fuel Storage			
Pesticide Storage and usage			
Grower Pesticide Safety Course			
Soil Sampling			
GPS of farm			
Rotational Grazing			
Buffer Strips			
<b>Manure Testing:</b> Amount			
Timing			
<b>Manure Storage:</b> Size:			
Runoff			
Disposal of plastic wraps, empty medicine bottles, sharps			
Livestock Medicine Course			
Cattle Access to Water Courses addressed			
Proper Deadstock Management			
Attended other educational opportunities			
Riverbank Stability			
Soil Saving, Tillage methods			
Fish habitats			
Tree Planting			
Barn Eavestroughs			
<b>Herd Health</b> Biosecurity:			
Presorted:			
Recycled posts			
Contributions to Cattle Industry (i.e. hosting tours, speaking in public, etc.)			
Other			