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Ranch Name:  
BBU Member #:  
Contact Information:  
Nominated By:  
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## **Beefmaster Breeders United Performance Breeder of the Year**

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Nominee is an active or lifetime BBU member in good standing and entire herd is enrolled in WHR. All scan data collected must be CUP verified ultrasound data and is done on a majority of production.

### **CRITERIA**

Based on 100 point maximum score and essay summary of program. A minimum point score of 85 is required to qualify to win the award. Application deadline is July 1.

### **DATA COLLECTION**

20 POINT MAXIMUM - To what extent does the breeder collect data on the annual production of their operation including birth weight and/or calving ease, weaning weight, yearling weight, ultrasound measures, disposition, teat and udder scores, etc?

20 POINT MAXIMUM – How has the breeder participated in BBU performance or carcass evaluation testes or collected feedlot and carcass data from commercial operations utilizing their cattle or genetics?

### **PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

10 POINT MAXIMUM – Does the breeder actively participate in BBU programs like DNA collection and genotyping?

10 POINT MAXIMUM – Does the breeder consign bulls and/or females to competitive performance tests and to what extent?

#### APPLICATION OF PERFORMANCE IN HERD

10 POINT MAXIMUM – As determined by WHR data, does the breeder have a respectable herd calving interval, with consideration of donor females or other breeding program factors? Explain breeding and calving seasons.

15 POINT MAXIMUM – How does the breeder utilize performance evaluations in the selection of herd sires or semen used in AI? Please explain.

15 POINT MAXIMUM – How does the breeder utilize performance evaluations in the selection of replacement females or donor cows? Please explain.

#### SUMMARY

In a brief essay, please give a summary of your breeding program and the extent to which performance data is collected, used, and marketed in your program. Also mention future goals and directions for which you intend to improve or expand your performance goals. Some of the subject matter will be a repeat of that previously given.