

2017 Outstanding Seedstock Producer of the Year



Colorado Cattlemen's Association Foundation Banquet

On Tuesday evening, January 16th, during the Colorado Cattlemen's Foundation Banquet, awards were presented to individuals who have made a significant impact on the industry. One of the award categories is Outstanding Seedstock Producer of the Year:

T-Heart Ranch, owned and operated by Shane and Beth Temple of Center, CO is the 2017 Outstanding Seedstock Producer of the Year. Shane and Beth had a humble start when they purchased 30 commercial cows in 1995 to today having a 2800 head ranching operation near LaGarita, CO. T-Heart Ranch currently maintains the registered Simmental and SimAngus cowherd to produce their replacements and the registered SimAngus bulls for their annual High Altitude Bull sale held each March. Their L-Cross ranch runs a mostly commercial cowherd of Angus and SimAngus cattle to produce bred replacement females that they market each December through the High-Altitude Female Sale. They are located in the high elevation of the San Luis Valley where the lowest elevation on the ranch is at 7680 feet, so the Temples are very conscious of High Altitude Disease. Since the heritability for this disease is high, they are carving out a market needing genetics that can survive the harsh conditions of high elevations. Shane and Beth, as well as their four children, Shelby, Lindsey, Ashley and Coy; are a Genuine ranching family and run an impressive operation.