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## NEWS RELEASE

### TC Ranch Named Top Seedstock Producer

CALGARY, Alberta (July 3, 2008) – The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) honored TC Ranch with its Seedstock Producer of the Year Award on July 3rd during the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting held in Calgary, Alberta, hosted by the Canadian Beef Breeds Council. TC Ranch is owned and managed by Vance and Connie Uden and their son Dru.

One of the most progressive beef cattle seedstock operations in the United States, TC Ranch is a family-oriented purebred Angus operation that has been in continuous operation for 58 years. Located in the Republican Valley of South Central Nebraska, the ranch is home to 700 registered Angus cows and 8,000 acres of native grass and irrigated farm land in corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and hay. TC Ranch bred sires are recognized nationally and internationally as performance and carcass leaders in the Angus breed.

The herd has been on performance records since 1958 – first with the Nebraska Extension Service and then the Angus Herd Improvement Records program (AHIR) when the Angus program was initiated. The Uden's use a complete multi-trait selection that results in top balanced genetics of fertility, function, performance and carcass traits in their bulls and females alike. Vance and Dru are widely respected for their knowledge of pedigrees performance and evaluation by judging. The use of TC genetics across the U.S. and world wide is proof that the Uden's commitment "to produce cattle that will help the commercial cattle industry make a return" is recognized and valued. Their efforts have led to TC Ranch sires being recognized within the top ten registrations for all Angus cattle for the past 15 years. TC Ranch currently has 33 proven sires and 33 young sires listed in the National Angus Sire Evaluation summary.

TC Ranch uses the Angus Information Management System (AIMS) software program on a daily basis to track breeding, calving, weight performance, carcass, ultrasound and sales information. This information is exchanged with and enhanced through the American Angus Association – providing a rich database which supports the development of breeding decisions, sale catalogs and customer service information. Performance records from the cow herd, replacement heifers, bulls and steer progeny are fundamental to the genetic selection processes used at TC Ranch – data from the different segments of beef production are blended to provide the solid genetic foundation with which TC Ranch creates the next generation of cattle.

TC Ranch was nominated for the Seedstock Producer of the Year Award by the Nebraska Cattlemen Association.

For more information on TC Ranch visit: [www.tcranch.com](http://www.tcranch.com)

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