

Citation

This year, the Department of Animal Sciences recognized Robert D. Josserand as the Livestock Leader of the year for his outstanding contributions to the Livestock Industry.

Robert D Josserand was born in Pratt, Kansas on June 24, 1931. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1953 with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science. He served as President of Pro Cattle Company from September, 1973 to December, 1979, when the company was acquired by AZL Resources, Inc. From 1980 to 1983 he was President of and managed the AZL Cattle Group, consisting at various times of as many as five cattle feed lots in Texas, Nebraska and Arizona, with combined one-time capacity of approximately 200,000 head. That Group was acquired by AzTx Cattle Co. in 1983. Mr. Josserand is now Chairman of the Board and owner of AzTx Cattle Co., which owns five cattle feed lots in Texas, Colorado and Kansas, with a combined one-time capacity of approximately 232,000 head.

Mr. Josserand has been active in industry organizations, serving on the boards of directors of the National Live Stock and Meat Board in Chicago and the Beef Industry Council of that Board, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the National Cattlemen's Association. He is a past president of Texas Cattle Feeders Association (1985) and National Cattlemen's Association (1989), and is a past member of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board and the Operating Committee of that Board.

Mr. Josserand was named "Man of the Year in Service to Southwest Agriculture" by *Progressive Farmer* magazine in 1991. In February, 1993, he was inducted into the International Stockmen's Hall of Fame by the International Livestock Congress. In September, 1998, Josserand received the National Golden Spur Award sponsored by the Ranching Heritage Association.

In September, 2005 Josserand and his wife, Nancy, received the Pioneer Spirit Award sponsored by the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Josserand has been a resident of Hereford, Texas since 1971 and has served as Mayor of the City since his first election on May 1, 1993. He was named Hereford's "1994 Citizen of the Year." Bob and Nancy have four children and eight grandchildren.

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For the 2006 Livestock Leaders Award