

## **Daniel L. Merkel**

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Daniel Merkel served as range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service at the district, area, state and national levels. Mr. Merkel provided leadership in the Plant Materials Program and helped develop two PMC's in New Mexico & Colorado. Mr. Merkel's last assignment was to EPA Region 8 where he helped EPA view rangeland management as a positive force in water quality protection instead of a cause of pollution.

Mr. Merkel is a respected leader within SRM. He has been active in every section in which he has lived; he has attended every annual meeting since 1961; served as SRM President; and his work has made us a better profession and Society. For these reasons, SRM is honored to present the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award to Daniel Merkel.