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Jeff Printz has been a gracious contributor to rangeland management technology throughout his career. He has worked in various positions throughout the state of North Dakota. His current position with USDA-NRCS as the State Rangeland Conservationist has enabled him to be involved with the development and implementation of technical guidelines and standards, technical presentations and publications, and education of peers, agency personnel, and producers in relation to rangeland management. Jeff has participated in the collection and interpretation of rangeland related data to be used in statewide references. He has helped complete investigation studies and the development of ecological sites and forage suitability groups to determine characteristics and classification for use in planning and application of rangeland resource management systems. Currently, he serves on the Ecological Site Description task force. As a task force member, he has helped develop the regional strategy plan for new ecological site descriptions and forage suitability indexes for each state in the region. Jeff has worked with individual producers, producer groups, and state and federal agencies to help correlate these standards and promote a uniform understanding of rangeland management objectives.

Jeff also has statewide responsibility in North Dakota for NRCS' Forage Quality and Animal Well Being project and the associated Nutritional Balance Analyzer Program. This is a nationwide project, involving a cooperative agreement between NRCS and the Grazing Land Animal Nutrition Laboratory at Texas A&M University. NRCS field staff work with ranchers on determining the diet quality their grazing animals are obtaining from the forage available to them. Jeff provides overall leadership for this program and trains NRCS employees in the collection method, operation of the computer software, interpretation of the results and overall quality control.

Jeff has also been very dedicated to the Society of Range Management. He has served as an inspirational force for both new and old members alike. His cheery attitude creates a positive and inviting environment for members to become involved in SRM activities. Jeff has served on various committees over the years and has even served as a ND Chapter President as well as a NGPS President. He has also been involved with youth activities such as the ND Regional Range Judging Contest and ND Youth Range Camp.

