

Dr L. Allen Torell joined the New Mexico State University faculty in 1984 and is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business. Dr. Torell is recognized as one of the top range economist in the western United States. His research and teaching emphasis has contributed extensively to the areas of production economics, resource economics, public land policy, and ranch and range economics. He is widely sought for his knowledge and expertise in econometrics, computer applications, and farm and ranch management.



Dr. Torell has contributed to rangeland science for many years, conducting critical economic evaluations that are particularly valued by land management agencies. His cost and return data for ranches of various sizes has been invaluable to landowners, academia, bankers, and real estate personnel. He has been the driving force and major investigator in the "What is a Ranch Worth" idea showing that rangelands have values far beyond just livestock grazing. He is, however, passionate that we continue to recognize that livestock grazing is a major factor in managing rangelands. His "Ran-val" work is used across the western U.S. and is a valuable tool for determining true ranch value when all aspects of ownership are taken into consideration.

Dr. Torell not only conducts economic research, he has been instrumental in collaborating with rangeland scientist in New Mexico and nationally. He has worked and published on the economic impact and benefits from managing various brush and weed species, including mesquite, sagebrush, snakeweed, locoweed, and others. He is widely sought to determine economic values, impacts, and effects on local economies of various rangeland and ranching practices. Nearly all his publications are multi-authored, indicating the degree of collaboration.

Dr. Allen Torell was bestowed with the New Mexico Section SRM Rangeland Manager of the Year Award in 2005. In part, he was recognized as the ONE agricultural economist available to New Mexico residents that is well versed on and knowledgeable in range land economics. He was further recognized as always willing to spend time and energy to disseminate this information in a usable, timely, and understandable fashion.

