

Outstanding Achievement Award Citations - Academia/Research

Dr. Jerry D. Volesky

Dr. Jerry Volesky is an outstanding rangeland scientist and professional. He is widely recognized for his expertise in irrigated forages, irrigated pasture management, and grazing management. He has conducted definitive research and developed recommendations on frontal grazing in the southern Great Plains, rotational grazing on upland and subirrigated meadows in the central and northern Great Plains, and windrow grazing on subirrigated meadows in the central Great Plains. His recent research in evaluating forage grasses under different combinations of irrigation and defoliation has been widely recognized throughout the central Great Plains. He also collaborates with animal scientists and agricultural economists on analyzing and developing year-round management plans for range-based livestock production systems. This research is the basis for much of the progressive change seen in range livestock management in the central and northern Great Plains. His well organized and funded research projects are particularly relevant to the needs of regional range livestock producers and feed into his highly-acclaimed extension programs in irrigated forages and pasture and grazing management. He was a leader in the planning and curriculum development of the Nebraska Ranch Practicum, a highly-successful program in extension education that he and fellow specialists instruct annually. Dr. Volesky also collaborated with other educators in developing the "Integrated Beef-Forage Systems Shortcourse" for southern Nebraska and the "High Plains Ranch Practicum" for the Nebraska Panhandle and eastern Wyoming. Products of his outstanding integrated research and extension programs are over 50 research and 25 extension publications which address challenging rangeland issues and provide significant insight into managing rangeland and forage resources.

