

Outstanding Achievement Award Citations

Stewardship

(John) David Graham

David Graham is recognized as one of the top Agricultural Extension Agents in New Mexico and his educational programs in livestock production and range management reach far beyond the state's boundaries. David has assisted livestock producers in Southern Colorado, Eastern Oklahoma panhandle, and Northwest Texas in a variety of range related programs. He has worked closely and diligently on locoweed research with scientist at the USDA/Poison Plant Laboratory in Logan, Utah and at New Mexico State University.



His enthusiasm and coordination efforts have made this an extremely productive and ongoing research and extension program for nearly 20 years. Under programs he directs on "Total Ranch Management", range management principals are used as the deciding factors to determine stocking rates, optimal grazing strategies, supplemental feeding requirements, and livestock marketing strategies.

Mr. Graham has long been active with New Mexico's High School Youth Forum. Over the past 20 years he has taken the lead in organizing speaking and writing competitions for the youth of our society. His work with youth has stressed range related research activities and over 200 students he has mentored have participated and won Regional, State and International science fairs and science paper competitions, including SRM sponsored activities.

David has served the Society for Range Management in numerous ways including committee assignments, Section president and other leadership positions. He received the National County Agents Distinguished Service Award in 2008, the New Mexico SRM President's Award in 2005, and other Section range management awards in 1980 and 2001.