



2015 Fellow Award Recipient Jeff Goodwin and TSSRM President Cody Scott

Texas Section Society for Rangeland Management
Fellow Award
Jeff Goodwin

Education:

05/12/01

Tarleton State University *Stephenville, TX*

Master of Science Agriculture (emphasis Range /Animal Science)

Overall GPA: 4.0

Thesis: Interaction of Goats and Grass/Forb Pastures in Full Sun and Shade. * D.J. Goodwin. Department of Agronomy and Range Management. Tarleton State University. 112pp.

5/15/99

Tarleton State University *Stephenville, TX*

Bachelor of Science Range and Ranch Management
Minor- Animal Science

Work Experience:

- 4/14 to Present **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,**
Ecological Sciences Staff, Texas NRCS State Office.
101 South Main- Temple, Texas 76501
State Rangeland Management Specialist/ State GLCI Liaison GS-13
Current Supervisor: Alfonso Leal, (254) 742-9880
Serve as a member of the Texas State Interdisciplinary Ecological Sciences technical team, providing training and support to program staff, zone and field office personnel in rangeland technology transfer, development and implementation of federal, state and local programs and initiatives. Responsible for all rangeland conservation practice standards and specifications for Texas NRCS. Provide support in the review, administration, and development of ecological site descriptions in Texas.
- 1/11 to 4/14 **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,**
Ecological Sciences Staff, Texas NRCS State Office.
101 South Main- Temple, Texas 76501
State Grazingland Specialist/ State GLCI Liaison GS-12
(Acting) State Plant Materials Specialist GS-13 (1-1-13 to 4-30-13)
Serve as a member of the Texas State Interdisciplinary Ecological Sciences technical team, providing support to program staff, zone and field office personnel in grazingland technology transfer, development and implementation of federal, state and local programs and initiatives. Responsibilities include providing statewide leadership with Texas Grazing Land Conservation Initiative (GLCI) activities. Assists Texas GLCI in the development of operation plans, setting goals, determining conservation needs on grazing lands and setting statewide priorities.
- 10/07- 1/11 **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,**
Weatherford Zone 5 Staff, headquartered at Cleburne Field Office.
105 C Poindexter St- Cleburne, Texas 76033
Rangeland Management Specialist/Regional GLCI Grazingland Specialist GS-11
- 10/05- 10/07 **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,**
Eastland Field Office, 403 Pogue Ave. Eastland, Texas 76448
Rangeland Management Specialist GS-9
- 8/03 – 10/05 **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,**
Fort Hood Project Office, 105 Memorial Dr. Gatesville, TX 76528
Rangeland Management Specialist GS-9
- 7/02 - 8/03 **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,** Lampasas Field Office, 516 E. Fourth
Lampasas, TX 76550
Rangeland Management Specialist GS-7
- 1/01 - 6/02 **Texas Agricultural Experiment Station** P.O. Box 1658 Vernon, TX 76384
Research Associate, Range Animal Nutrition

Recent Civic Activities:

Texas State FFA Range and Pasture Contest Co-Superintendent, 2005- Present
Member of Texas Section Society for Range Management, 1995-present
Tarleton State University Range Plant ID Team Coach, 2006
Lampasas County 4-H Plant Identification Team, Assistant Coach, 2002
Tarleton State University Range Plant ID Team Coach 1999-2001
Tarleton State University Range Club President 97-98
Tarleton State University Range Club Vice President 96-97
Member of TSU Range Plant ID Team 96-99
Charter Member of TSU Wildlife Society
Alpha Gamma Rho (A National Agricultural Fraternity)
Navarro County Extension Livestock Committee 2008-2010
Lampasas Co. Cattleman's College Task Force, 2002 to 2004
Lampasas Co. Agricultural Economic Task Force, 2002 to 2004
Lampasas Co. Range Management Tour Planning Committee, 2002 to 2004
North Texas Buckskin Brigade, 2003-2009 Steering Committee

Society for Range Management Activities:

2014 SRM Advisory Council Chair
2013 SRM Advisory Council Chair Elect
2011-2012 SRM-GLCI Committee Chair
2008 Certified Professional in Rangeland Management Certification Committee
2005 Annual Meeting Technical Tour Committee
2005 Annual Meeting Local Information Committee

Texas Section - Society for Range Management:

2014 Planning Committee Chair
2014 Resolutions Committee Chair
2013 President - Texas Section Society for Range Management
2012 1st Vice President - Texas Section Society for Range Management
2011 2nd Vice President- Texas Section Society for Range Management
2008-2010 Texas Section Society for Range Management- Board of Directors
2010-2013 Outstanding Rangeland Management Committee Chair
2007 TSSRM Youth Activities Committee
2006-2010 TSSRM "Grass Roots" Newsletter and Website Editor
2006 TSSRM Membership Committee
2005 TSSRM Membership Chair

2004 TSSRM College Activities Committee
2004 TSSRM Information and Education Committee
2003 TSSRM Endowment Fund Committee
2003 TSSRM Excellence in Range Management Award Committee

Awards and Other Recognition:

2011 National Outstanding Young Rangeland Professional presented by the Society for Rangeland Management

2011 Excellence in Rangeland Management presented by the Society for Rangeland Management

2008 Outstanding Young Professional in Rangeland Management presented by the Texas Section-Society for Range Management

2008 USDA- NRCS Certificate of Merit

2004 USDA-NRCS Certificate of Appreciation

2003 USDA-NRCS Certificate of Merit

1998 Outstanding Senior Student in Range Management at Tarleton State University

Major Contribution to the Section:

Jeff's major contributions to TSSRM have come from his devotion to committee work, serving as newsletter editor, and through his proactive efforts as Director and as President of TSSRM. Unlike some of his predecessors, Jeff was an active president. He improved committee structure and committee impact. He created new committees and changed the focus of other committees to improve their effectiveness. For instance, Jeff worked with the Board of Directors to re-structure the investment committee and to improve our returns for the scholarship and endowment funds. These efforts have led to an increase in the amount of scholarship funds awarded each year. He was also instrumental in development of the TSSRM mentorship program. This program promotes interactions and mentoring from experienced rangeland specialist to our younger members in the society. Jeff has also work to strengthen the role of our Young Professionals Committee. Last but certainly not least, Jeff has been actively involved with the Youth Range Workshop held each summer in Junction, Texas and with the wildlife brigades that are held across the state.

Jeff fostered a strong relationship between TSSRM, NRCS, GLCI, Noble Foundation, and Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service. Jeff also improved relationships with industry leaders through his proactive approach and improved their level of support for TSSRM. These efforts led to numerous range tours and special symposium held across the state. Jeff was also instrumental in planning a very successful and profitable TSSRM Annual meeting held in Ft. Worth during 2013.

Jeff certainly exhibits leadership skills and a level of professionalism that has a positive impact on the range community and TSSRM. His professionalism has led to rapid career advancement through the USDA NRCS and GLCI. Most recently, Jeff served as state GLCI state grazing land specialist. He was recently promoted to state range management specialist for NRCS in Texas. Undoubtedly, he is recognized as one of the leaders in the Range Management field. I am confident that he will continue to promote sound rangeland management and TSSRM in his current position.