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### VOLESKY. RECEIVES FELLOW AWARD from the Society for Range Management (SRM)

Dr. Jerry D. Volesky of North Platte, Nebraska received the Fellow Award at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in St. George, Utah, January 29 – February 2, 2017. The Fellow Award recognizes SRM members for their exceptional service and contributions to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management.

In 21 years as a research scientist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dr. Jerry Volesky has established himself as a highly recognized rangeland scientist in grazing management and forage crop production. He is a leader of a group of range and forage scientists, soil scientists, animal scientists, and agricultural economists that identify the principal questions associated with managing rangelands and forage production as the base for complex beef production systems. His success is made evident by his 100+ research and extension publications and the millions of dollars of grants he has been awarded while in Nebraska. He is deliberate in developing an extension program that delivers a relevant, complete package to a diversity of rangeland users from youth to adults, and from cattle ranchers to multiple-use managers. Dr. Volesky's extension program includes the Nebraska Ranch Practicum, Nebraska Range Short Course, range judging, range youth field and science days, and presentations at workshops, conferences, and field days. His education efforts have also included co-advising 15 graduate students who he has incorporated into his overall research and extension program.



SRM's 2017 Fellow Award recipient Dr. Jerry Volesky with (2016) SRM President Dr. Val Jo Anderson

Finally, Dr. Volesky's contributions to SRM are significant at both the Local Nebraska Section and International levels. His circular *on Range Judging Handbook and Contest Rules* is used by thousands of students and instructors each year, and his role as an Associate Editor for SRM's scientific journal, *Rangeland Ecology and Management (REM)*, has been a major contribution to the society and is a recognition by his peers of his scientific credentials. His selfless contributions to SRM, and research and education in rangeland management, make him a success and an outstanding recipient of the Society for Range Management's 2017 Fellow Award.



**MISSION:** Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

**VISION:** A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangelands users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems.