



## **OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

### **Jeff Goodwin**

Jeff Goodwin, Rangeland Management Specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service is the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award. The Outstanding Young Range Professional Award is presented by the TSSRM to an individual member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a range management professional.

Jeff is committed to the rangeland resource and the range profession. He is energetic, enthusiastic, and always full of ideas. He certainly doesn't sit still for very long. He's constantly looking for another project or activity to get involved in. He never waits to be asked to help. He is always among the first to volunteer for almost any job.

Jeff has a B.S. and M.S. degree from Tarleton State University. While in college he worked at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Stephenville and was a graduate assistant for the Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Range Management at Tarleton. He also served as a research associate for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Vernon. He was responsible for all ranch operations

on the Smith/Walker Experimental Ranch as well as for acquisition, and analysis of data pertaining to the Beef Cattle Nutrition research on the ranch.

Jeff received numerous academic achievement awards while at Tarleton and several performance awards from NRCS. He has co-authored 7 peer reviewed publications as well as authored and co-authored more than a dozen technical papers and oral presentations related to rangeland management.

Jeff began his career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Rangeland Management Specialist at the Lampasas Field Office. After a little more than a year at Lampasas, he was assigned to the NRCS Fort Hood Project Office in Gatesville. There he had primary responsibility for planning and applying a coordinated natural resources conservation program for rangelands on the Department of Defense lands at Fort Hood. Following his assignment to Fort Hood, we he was reassigned to the Eastland NRCS Field Office. In his current position as a Rangeland Management Specialist in Corsicana, Jeff has developed and implemented a series of technical programs and tours for owners and managers of grazing lands in North Texas. These programs are presented in cooperation with Texas AgriLife Extension, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, NRCS, GLCI, and RC&D Councils, as well as other participants and sponsors including Noble Foundation, Dow AgroSciences, and Ag Workers Insurance Co.

Jeff currently serves on the SRM Certified Professional in Rangeland Management Committee and the Membership Task Force. He also served on the Annual Meeting Committee and Technical Tour Committee for the 2005 SRM Annual Meeting in Fort Worth. He is a very active member of the Texas Section SRM and has served on numerous committees. In 2006 he accepted the responsibility of serving as Editor of "Grass Roots" the Texas Section SRM bi-monthly newsletter. He continues to do an outstanding job on the newsletter. He is also co-editor of the TSSRM website. Last year he was elected to the Board of Directors of SRM and will serve as a Director through 2010.

After hearing about all of his activities and accomplishments, I'm sure you will agree that Jeff Goodwin is certainly deserving of the TSSRM Outstanding Young Rangeland Professional Award.