

**New Mexico Section**  
**Society for Range Management**  
**Annual Section Awards**

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
2016	Rangeland Innovators of the Year	Alfredo Gonzalez and Richard Estell ARS, Jornada Experimental Range
2015	Excellence in Range Management	U Bar Ranch & Partners David Ogilvie, Ty Bays, Roland Shook
2015	President's Award	Nathan Combs Bureau of Land Management
2014	Excellence in Range Management	Jicarilla Joint Management Area Anthony Madrid, Sean Kelly, and Roy Hudgeons US Forest Service and Jeff Tafoya, Angela Yemma, and Shane Trautner Bureau of Land Management
2014	President's Award	Nathan Combs Bureau of Land Management
2013	Excellence in Range Management	Erin and Dick Evans C Bar Ranch, Grant County
2013	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Stan Towner NRCS, Datil
2013	President's Award	Dr. Laurie Abbott New Mexico State University
2012	Excellence in Range Management	Don and Bonnie Thompson & Family Thompson Cattle Company, Santa Rosa
2012	Excellence in Range Management	Trigg Family Trigg Cattle Company, Tucumcari
2012	Rangeland Manager of Year	Dr. David Lee Anderson White Sands Missile Range
2012	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	John Tunberg NRCS
2012	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Rick Strait NRCS
2012	President's Award	Jason Martin NRCS
2011	Excellence in Range Management	Clavel Ranch & Family Harding County
2011	Excellence in Range Management	West Potrillos Grassland Restoration Project BLM Las Cruces Office & Dudley Williams, Williams Family Ranch
2011	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Dennis Alexander NRCS
2011	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Arnold Sarracino Laguna Pueblo

2011	President's Award	Tom Bartlett Michael Casados, US Forest Service Sabrina Flores, US Forest Service
2010	Excellence in Range Management	Tesquesquite Ranch Operated by T.E. Mitchell and Son, Inc. Harding County
2010	Excellence in Range Management	Express UU Bar Ranch Mike Hobbs, General Manager Colfax County
2010	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Dr. Stephanie Bestelmeyer Executive Director, Asombro Institute
2010	President's Award	Drs. Lee Hamilton and Laurie Abbott New Mexico State University
2009	Excellence in Range Management	Acoma Livestock Growers Organization La Ventana Grazing Group Acoma Pueblo
2009	Rangeland Manager of the Year	John Romero and Wilbur Lewis Sedillo Cattle Association Pueblo of Laguna
2009	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Bill Zeedyk Sandia Park
2009	Outstanding Service Award	Bob Alexander and Tom Bartlett Veteran SRM members
2009	President's Award	Summer Eaton and Doug Cram New Mexico State University
2008	Excellence in Range Management	Tom and Mimi Sidwell JX Ranch Quay County
2008	Excellence in Range Management	Bob Ricklefs & Mark Anderson Philmont Scout Ranch Colfax County
2008	President's Award	Jim Thorpe JT Land and Cattle LLC Guadalupe County
2007	Excellence in Range Management	Tim Morrow Morrow Ranch Union/Colfax County
2007	Excellence in Range Management	Mike, Pat, Troy, and Alecia Fitzgerald F&F Cattle Company Harding County
2007	Excellence in Range Management	Matt and Laura Schneberger Rafter-Spear Ranch Sierra County
2007	Excellence in Range Management	Jim and Carol Thorpe JT Land and Cattle LLC Guadalupe County
2007	Excellence in Range Management	Linda Rundell & "Restore New Mexico" Team State BLM Director, Albuquerque
2007	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Jeff Tafoya BLM Range Conservationist, Farmington

2007	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Jack Chatfield Director, Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project Harding County
2007	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Dr. Manuel Encinias Clayton Livestock Research Center
2007	President's Award	Valerie LaPlante
2006	Excellence in Range Management	John Vincent Manager, Springhill Ranch Union County
2006	Excellence in Range Management	Jack and Tuda Libby Crews Ute Creek Cattle Company Harding County
2006	Rangeland Manger of the Year	Dr. Terrell "Red" Baker Riparian Specialist New Mexico State University
2006	President's Award	Jacquelyn Buchanan US Forest Service
2005	Excellence in Range Management	Daniel T. Kipp Manager, Fort Union Ranch Mora County
2005	Excellence in Range Management	Shad H. Cox NMSU Corona Range and Livestock Research Center Lincoln County
2005	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	John Spain BLM, Roswell
2005	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Dr. L. Allen Torell Professor of Ag. Econ & Business New Mexico State University
2005	President's Award	David Graham Cooperative Extension Service Union County
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Dr. Chris Allison Range Specialist New Mexico State University
2004	Excellence in Range Management	James Christensen, Eli Gutierrez, Lee Bartram
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Jim Eaton and Steve Romero U.S. Forest Service
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Debbie Hughes Executive Director NM Association of Conservation Districts
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Greg Moore Moore Land and Cattle Co. Colfax County
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Joe Reddan, Michael Lujan, Phillip Martinez, Gonzalo Varela U.S. Forest Service
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Rusty Stovall BML, Las Cruces
2004	Excellence in Range Management	Rosendo Trevino NRCS
2004	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Dr. Brandon Bestelmeyer ARS, Jornada Experimental Range

2004	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	David Trujillo ARS, Jornada Experimental Range
2004	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Dr. Kirk McDaniel Brush Specialist New Mexico State University
2004	President's Award	Dr. Manuel Encinas NMSU Clayton Livestock Research Center Union County
2004	President's Award	Dr. Ed Fredrickson ARS, Jornada Experimental Range
2003	Rangeland Innovator of the Year	Dr. Jeff Herrick ARS, Jornada Experimental Range
2003	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Ray Powell
2003	President's Award	George Chavez State Resource Conservationist, NRCS
2002	Excellence in Range Management	Larry A. Bell NM Department of Game and Fish
2002	Excellence in Range Management	Debbie A. Rodella State Representative from Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and Taos Counties
2002	Range Innovator of the Year	Dr. William deBuys Author, Santa Fe County
2002	President's Award	Dr. Reldon Beck Animal and Range Sciences Dept. New Mexico State University
2001	Excellence in Range Management	Ben Creighton NRCS
2001	Excellence in Range Management	David Graham Cooperative Extension Service Union County
2001	Range Innovator of the Year	Hollis Fuchs Lincoln County
2001	President's Award	Dr. Kirk McDaniel Brush Specialist New Mexico State University
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1999	Range Innovator of the Year	Courtney White
1998	Excellence in Range Management	Reese and Nancy Woodling Cascabel Ranch, Animas
1998	President's Award	Linda Segura NRCS
1997	Excellence in Range Management	Bob Jones Dell City, Texas
1997	Rangeman of the Year	Dr. Rex Pieper Animal and Range Sciences Dept. New Mexico State University
1997	President's Award	Dr. Jerry Holecheck Animal and Range Sciences Dept. New Mexico State University

1996	Excellence in Grazing Award	David and Beverly Butler Hermanas Ranch
1996	Rangeman of the Year	Dr. Kris Havstad ARS, Jornada Experimental Range
1995	Rangeman of the Year	Ben Brown Malpai Borderland Group
1994	Excellence in Grazing Award	Hyatt Family Deming
1994	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jim Clinton Crownpoint
1994	Excellence in Grazing Award	Sam Allen Harding County
1994	Excellence in Grazing Award	Mescalero Apache Cattle Growers
1994	Rangeman of the Year	Roy Carson U. S. Forest Service
1993	Excellence in Grazing Award	Sherry and Kit Laney Diamond Bar Ranch
1993	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jerry Pardue Carlsbad
1993	Excellence in Grazing Award	Cornell Ranch Wagon Mound
1993	Excellence in Grazing Award	Robert Highfill Chama
1993	Rangeman of the Year	Lendon Parker SCS
1992	Excellence in Grazing Award	Mitchell Family
1992	Excellence in Grazing Award	Schofield Family
1992	Rangeman of the Year	Dr. Joe D. Wallace Animal and Range Sciences Dept. New Mexico State University
1992	President's Award	Gary Wood
1992	Certificate of Appreciation	Jed Elrod NM Department of Agriculture
1991	Excellence in Grazing Award	Ellen Grove Clayton
1991	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jerry Ballard Carlsbad
1991	Excellence in Grazing Award	Tom and Sandy McKenna Las Cruces
1991	Excellence in Grazing Award	Ray Trujillo Jemez
1991	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jim Winder Nutt
1991	Rangeman of the Year	Ray Margo SCS
1990	Excellence in Grazing Award	Charles Perlitz
1990	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jim Lunt
1990	Excellence in Grazing Award	San Antonio Livestock Grazing Association
1990	Rangeman of the Year	Jerry Townsend
1990	Rangeman of the Year	Bill Snyder
1989	Excellence in Grazing Award	Pueblo de Acoma

1989	Excellence in Grazing Award	Lewis Rain Upham
1989	Excellence in Grazing Award	Allan Ivy Roy
1989	Excellence in Grazing Award	Don Bonner Clovis
1989	Excellence in Grazing Award	Connie and Sam Taylor Tres Piedras
1989	Rangeman of the Year	Howard Harkey White Oaks
1989	President's Award	Bob Partido U.S. Forest Service
1988	Excellence in Grazing Award	Charles and Vicki McClure Deming
1988	Excellence in Grazing Award	Don Florsheim Springer
1988	Excellence in Grazing Award	Arturo F. Ariaz Santa Rosa
1988	Excellence in Grazing Award	John Woodward Carlsbad
1987	Excellence in Grazing Award	Carl Johnson
1987	Excellence in Grazing Award	Joe C. Torres
1987	Excellence in Grazing Award	Herman Brown Des Moines
1987	Excellence in Grazing Award	Ken Lacy Capitan
1987	Excellence in Grazing Award	Lynn Chilton Mountainair
1987	Rangeman of the Year	Ken Williams Consultant Tucumcari
1986	Excellence in Grazing Award	Bob Highfill Lazy Triangle Anchor Ranch Chama
1986	Excellence in Grazing Award	Gregory Moore Wagon Mound
1986	Excellence in Grazing Award	Walt and Robert Davenport Roswell
1986	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jack Balock Gallup
1986	Rangeman of the year	Stewart Gooding Chama
1986	President's Award	Annette Salazar U.S. Forest Service
1985	Excellence in Grazing Award	Tom Kiehne Reserve
1985	Excellence in Grazing Award	Bert Madera
1985	Excellence in Grazing Award	Sumpter-Bannon Land and Cattle Co. Folsom
1985	Excellence in Grazing Award	John Sandoval Tres Piedras

1985	Excellence in Grazing Award	Shaw Ranch Incorporated, Clayton
1985	Rangewoman of the Year	Alice Moore Raton
1984	Excellence in Grazing Award	Ivan Madrid Ribera
1984	Excellence in Grazing Award	Hollis Norine Reserve
1984	Excellence in Grazing Award	Robert Marley Roswell
1984	Excellence in Grazing Award	Arthur Hibner, Cebolla
1984	Excellence in Grazing Award	William Brininstoll Jan
1984	Rangeman of the Year	Don Sylvester SCS
1984	Outstanding Achievement Award	Ivan Madrid Ribera
1983	Excellence in Grazing Award	Pete Sequilja Silver City
1983	Excellence in Grazing Award	FBK Grazing Association Mills
1983	Excellence in Grazing Award	George and Fern Hay Elida
1983	Rangeman of the Year	William D. Hurst U.S. Forest Service
1982	Excellence in Grazing Award	David Woodward Tyrone
1982	Excellence in Grazing Award	Don Field Bronco, TX
1982	Excellence in Grazing Award	Glen Burrows Clayton
1982	Excellence in Grazing Award	Elizabeth Runyan Mayhill
1982	Rangeman of the Year	Jesse B. Gerard New Mexico State University
1982	Certificate of Appreciation	Alan Savory Albuquerque
1981	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jim Williamson Pep
1981	Excellence in Grazing Award	Lew and Mary Caldwell Ponderosa
1981	Excellence in Grazing Award	Seward Ranch Company Raton
1981	Excellence in Grazing Award	Terrell Shelley Cliff
1981	Excellence in Grazing Award	David McCrea Roswell
1980	Excellence in Grazing Award	Phillip W. Swapp Luna

1980	Excellence in Grazing Award	Neil Shelby Cuba
1980	Excellence in Grazing Award	Hightower Land and Cattle Company Ancho
1980	Excellence in Grazing Award	Norman Gwinn Questa
1980	Excellence in Grazing Award	Mark McCullum Fort Sumner
1980	Rangeman of the Year	A.J. Garner U.S. Forest Service
1980	President's Award	E. Lavelle Thompson U.S. Forest Service
1980	President's Award	William D. Hurst U.S. Forest Service
1980	Range Professor of the Year	Dr. M. Karl Wood New Mexico State University
1979	Excellence in Grazing Award	Dale Brown Elida
1979	Excellence in Grazing Award	Alice Moore Raton
1979	Excellence in Grazing Award	L.B. Merrill Clovis
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Sedillo Cattle Association Cuba
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	J.W. Heringa Clayton
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Cooper Brothers Hope
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Carl Johnson Lovington
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Buddy Stockton Mule Creek
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Tim Harkness Raton
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Charles J. James Carlsbad
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Lloyd Treat Hope
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Don Berryman Cebolla
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Madaline Cauhape Artesia
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	Alfredo Mirabel San Rafael
1978	Excellence in Grazing Award	B.W. Cox Magdalena
1977	Excellence in Grazing Award	Bill Merrill Lordsburg
1977	Excellence in Grazing Award	Suable Circle Dot Ranch Springer
1977	Excellence in Grazing Award	Merchant Livestock Company Eunice



1976	Excellence in Grazing Award	David Graham Clayton
1976	Excellence in Grazing Award	John and Al Goesling Quemado
1976	Excellence in Grazing Award	Arthur M. Polly Deming
1976	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jim Shibley Abiquiu
1976	Rangeman of the year	Sid Goodloe Capitan
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	Jicarilla Apache Tribe Dulce
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	Esteban Herrera
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	Leo Sims
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	John Patterson
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	Fred Pfingson
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	Sam Elkins
1975	Excellence in Grazing Award	Tony Schmitz
1975	Rangeman of the Year	A.D. "Sonny" Brownfield Deming
1974	Excellence in Grazing Award	Weldon R. Bauske Clovis
1974	Excellence in Grazing Award	Domacio Sandoval Wagon Mound
1974	Rangeman of the Year	New Mexico Interagency Range Committee
1974	Appreciation Award	Lavelle Thompson U.S. Forest Service
1973	Excellence in Grazing Award	W.C. Miller Rodeo
1973	Excellence in Grazing Award	Dick Corn Roswell
1973	Excellence in Grazing Award	William Earl Johnson Winston
1973	Rangeman of the Year	Carlton Herbal ARS, Jornada Experimental Range
1973	Special Service Award	Harold Ratcliff, Newsletter Editor
1972	Excellence in Grazing Award	B.W. Cox Magdalena
1972	Excellence in Grazing Award	A.D. "Sonny" Brownfield Deming
1972	Rangeman of the Year	Samuel Lamb State Fish and Game Department
1972	Distinguished Service Award	Bill Currier U.S. Forest Service
1971	Rangeman of the Year	Kenneth Valentine New Mexico State University
1970	Rangeman of the Year	Bill Currier U.S. Forest Service