

### Citation for Visionary Leadership Award to FRRL

Dr. Wilbert H. Blackburn is presented the Visionary Leadership Award by the Forage and Range Research Lab (FRRL) based on his important contributions in leadership and support of FRRL's mission. Since 1995, Dr. Blackburn has provided scientific visioning and long-term research support to the FRRL through direct and indirect activities as Area Director of the Northern Plains Area. This has included important managerial guidance to FRRL Research Leaders, administrative support staff, and scientists. He has also provided critical infrastructure support to FRRL through financial contributions for equipment and buildings, development of land leases and strategic partnerships with Utah State University, and support for the US/Sino Grass Alliance and a proposed new FRRL building. His support and visionary leadership have profoundly influenced FRRL's research direction and operations, which have increased FRRL's scientific stature.

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