



**Saskatchewan Forage Council Sponsors Range Team to Honour Janice Bruynooghe**

The Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC) recently contributed \$500 towards the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) Range Team in recognition of the 11+ years of service by Janice Bruynooghe to the forage industry as Executive Director of the SFC. Aaron Ivey, SFC President states, “Our board of directors felt this would be a fitting tribute to Janice’s dedication and hard work as she has been and continues to be an advocate for education and mentorship of young people in this industry. We wish the Range Team best of luck at the upcoming Society for Range Management (SRM) conference and team challenge. We hope this contribution will assist the Team in attending this world-class event.”

In response to the contribution, Kyle Froese, Chair of the U of S Range Team, expresses, “The whole Team is very grateful for the contribution from the SFC. This contribution will offset some of the costs associated with attending the SRM conference and team challenge.” The SRM conference and team challenge is an international event and is a great student experience for range management enthusiasts. “It is beneficial both academically and socially. This is my third year attending and I am very excited to go again”, adds Froese.

This year’s SRM event will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from February 1-8, 2013. Froese reports there will be approximately 14 students representing the U of S Range Team with approximately 30 teams from across the US and Canada competing in total. This event provides Teams the opportunity to learn about different range management practices, as well as display their knowledge in the competition. The Team will compete in the Undergrad Range Management Exam (URME Competition), which covers a wide variety of range management topics such as animal units, stocking rates, and plant knowledge. The top three individual scores are taken to represent the Team as a whole. Over the past decade, the U of S Range Team has consistently ranked in the top 10.

In response to this recognition, Janice Bruynooghe acknowledges, “I am extremely flattered that the SFC has made this contribution in my name. I could not have dreamed of a better way to honour my involvement with the SFC than to make an investment in the youth of our industry.” Bruynooghe had the opportunity herself to be involved with the U of S Range Team at the SRM conference and team challenge in 2003 as their Team Coach. According to Bruynooghe, the SRM event is very beneficial to students, is a great experience and looks good on a resume, and students that have the opportunity should take it. Bruynooghe also notes, “The SRM conference and team challenge supports what we are trying to do in Saskatchewan with more focus on forage production and research, and this investment in our future forage industry leaders is invaluable.”

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