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Dedication

A. Wayne Cooley
(1943 – 2008)

This publication is dedicated to the memory of our friend and coworker, A. Wayne Cooley, Tri River Area Extension Director, Extension Agronomist, and advocate for Colorado Agriculture. Wayne was the inspiration and driving force that led to publication of the first edition of this manual. He was in the process of organizing the second edition when he passed away of cancer. Wayne was passionate about agriculture and will be remembered for his strong desire to help producers improve the long-term sustainability of their operations. He was well respected in the agricultural community and had good working relationships with producers. In his quest to help producers, he was always working with them to establish on-farm test plots as a means of generating site-specific information that they had confidence in. Wayne’s specialty was weed control, and during his years as an Extension agent, he was instrumental in evaluating numerous herbicides for controlling weeds in various crops. A few of the other studies he conducted included appropriate fertilizer rates and formulations for mountain hay meadows, alfalfa response to boron fertilizer, grass species for salty soils, and the feasibility of growing sugar beets in western Colorado. One of Wayne’s strengths was that he was diligent in writing up the results of these on-farm studies and getting the information out to producers. As part of his outreach responsibilities, he noted a lack of information on forages which spurred him to bring together a diverse group of individuals with field and research experience in growing forages to capture their expertise, the result of which was this manual. This manual is one small part of Wayne’s legacy and impact on agriculture. He is and always will be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.
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