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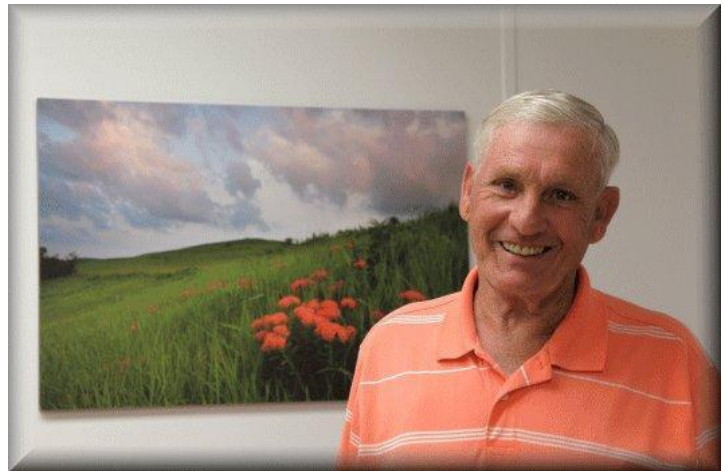
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Owensby Honored by Society for Range Management with Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Clenton E. Owensby received the ***Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award*** at the Society for Range Management's 75th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico earlier this February. The Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Society for Range Management to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management.

Dr. Owensby, Professor of Rangeland Management in the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State University, has been a member of SRM for nearly 60 years. He started teaching courses at Kansas State in 1967 as an instructor, received the Ph.D in 1969, and has now helped educate over 6,000 students in the art and science of range management. Dr. Owensby has been the major advisor to 16 M.S. and 4 Ph.D students.

In addition, Dr. Owensby continues to contribute to an outstanding research career. His research on intensive-early stocking and prescribed burning have contributed greatly to economic returns for Kansas ranchers. Owensby's expertise in prescribed burning has resulted in numerous consulting opportunities, including an Oscar Award winning movie. He studies carbon allocation,



photosynthesis, and root exudation in range grasses, and nitrogen cycling associated with fire in Tallgrass Prairie. Dr. Owensby is internationally known for his contributions of elevated carbon dioxide on C, N, and water flux in Tallgrass Prairie. Today, he is still actively involved in grazing system research. He also developed the first video course for University Distance Education (Range Management) and has earned \$4.8 million in grant support and published 110 refereed journal articles, 22 technical publications, 55 extension publications, and 17 books/book chapters. Among his list of significant honors are the SRM Outstanding Achievement (1989), W.R. Chapline Research (2004), and Range Science Education Undergraduate Teaching (2018).

For the tremendous contributions to the science and management of rangeland ecosystems he has made, it is with great honor the Society of Range Management recognized Dr. Owensby with the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award.



MISSION: Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

VISION: A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangelands users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems.