

Citation for

## 2009 FRRL Research Achievement Award

Dr. Kay H. Asay had a distinguished career of 37 years in forage breeding and genetics, with 28 of those at FRRL. He is truly in an elite group for his numerous contributions to the breeding and enhancement of important forage species with the release of 13 varieties and germplasm and more than 300 scientific papers and abstracts. Dr. Asay's cultivar and germplasm releases have had, and will continue to have, profound impacts on semiarid rangelands and pastures in the western U.S. that are worth millions of dollars. He is a recognized authority in the field of forage breeding, and his accomplishments brought national and international recognition to FRRL. He is also admired greatly for his unselfish help and support, outgoing personality, charm, quick wit, and twinkle in his eye.

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