

## **2004 NAAIC Richard R. Hill, Jr. Achievement Award**

The Richard R. Hill, Jr. Achievement Award was created as a tribute to Dr. Hill, who died in the spring of 1990. Dr. Hill was a prominent researcher in genetics and plant breeding, but his interest in alfalfa was broad and extended into many areas of alfalfa production. This award was created to recognize a worthy contributor for some recent, specific, and outstanding achievement in any area of alfalfa science or production.

Dan Undersander

Dr. Dan Undersander is the Forage Specialist at the University of Wisconsin and has been a leader in education on alfalfa culture and use. He is a co-founder and present coordinator of the National Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar along with many other state and national educational programs. He has provided leadership in state and national alfalfa variety testing, grazing trials, Roundup-Ready trials, wheel traffic tests and demonstrations. He was the leader in developing several important publications including the “Alfalfa Management Guide”, the nationally used publication that provides practical advice on the culture and use of alfalfa. Dr. Undersander, in collaboration with animal scientists, conceived and developed Relative Feed Quality (RFQ) as a means of more efficiently and effectively measuring alfalfa quality. Developing the concept, mathematical formulas, chemistry to support and feeding trials to document the advantage of RFQ over Relative Feed Value (RFV) has been an important contribution to our understanding and application of alfalfa quality.

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