

2010 ASAS Western Section Candidate for Western Section Director

Jack C. Whittier

Jack C. Whittier is currently an extension beef specialist and professor at Colorado State University. He was raised on a diversified livestock and crop farm in northeastern Utah. He received a BS degree in 1979 and a MS degree in 1981 from Utah State University. After working for Utah State University as beef herdsman for two years, he attended the University of Nebraska and received a PhD degree in ruminant nutrition in 1985. He then joined the faculty at the University of Missouri as extension cow-calf specialist, where he worked for nine years. In 1995, he joined the faculty in Animal Sciences at Colorado State University. During his tenure at both the University of Missouri and Colorado State University, he has held joint appointments with extension and research. In recent years, he has also been assigned undergraduate and graduate teaching responsibilities. His joint assignments have allowed him to focus on both research and educational efforts to meet applied production needs of cattle producers. He has trained several graduate students who have gone on to faculty positions, industry, and livestock production careers. Much of Whittier's work has dealt with reducing the costs associated with producing beef by improved use of forages. He has also focused on improving reproductive output through proper heifer development, estrous synchronization, and reproductive management of the cowherd. He received the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science Extension Award in 1999 and served as the president of the Western Section of ASAS from 2003 to 2004.