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ITEM 156-2001-R0912

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Agronomy upon Jerald W. Bergman;
Montana State University-Bozeman**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Jerald W. Bergman from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Jerald W. Bergman earned a BS in Agronomy in 1966 from North Dakota State University. He earned a MS in Crop Science in 1968 from Oregon State University and a PhD in Agronomy (Plant Breeding/Genetics) in 1972 from North Dakota State University. Dr. Bergman joined the faculty of Montana State University in 1973 as an Assistant Professor of Agronomy at the Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC) near Sidney. In 1979, Dr. Bergman was awarded continuous tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. In 1980, he assumed the responsibilities of Superintendent of EARC. He was promoted to Professor in 1986. From 1994 until his retirement in December of 2011, Dr. Bergman served as Superintendent of EARC and Director of the NDSU Williston Research and Extension Center.

Dr. Bergman's expertise is in agronomy, with special emphasis on plant breeding and genetics of safflower, an annual oil seed crop with proven adaptation to much of eastern Montana. His life-long contributions to Montana agriculture have been substantial. During his career, Dr. Bergman developed and released 18 improved cultivars of safflower, authored or co-authored 49 refereed publications, 64 reviewed publications, 46 technical bulletins, 25 abstracts, 33 papers presented at scientific meetings, and contributed to numerous popular articles, extension pamphlets and research reports. Many of the improved safflower cultivars developed by Dr. Bergman are protected by U.S. Plant Variety Protection and/or foreign plant patents. He has been an active member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America, the Western Society of Crop Science, and the International Safflower Research and Development Committee. He has received numerous awards for his expertise in Montana agriculture; including past chairmanships of the International Safflower Conference, National Honor Society of Agriculture of Gamma Sigma Delta, plus others recognizing regional and local appreciation for his accomplishments.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Jerald W. Bergman the rank of Professor Emeritus of Agronomy at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments