Edwin Russell Jackman was born in Stillwater, Minnesota on February 14, 1894. Following World War I, he attended Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University) and received his B.S. in Agronomy.

In 1929, Jackman was appointed Extension Specialist in Farm Crops; in 1953 he was appointed Range Crops Management Specialist for the State of Oregon. Jackman was involved in many aspects of the Oregon Agricultural College as a student and alumnus. He also helped in organizing the Oregon Seed Growers’ League, the Oregon Wheat League, and the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Society of Range Management.

These programs are still an integral part of the agricultural community in Oregon. Jackman’s ultimate goal was to improve agriculture and the agricultural education programs in Oregon and the Northwest. The organization known as E. R. Jackman, established in Jackman’s honor shortly after his death in 1967, supports students and programs within the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University. The fund was created to continue Jackman’s legacy of improving agricultural research and education. Over the years, the fund has grown to a $1.4 million endowment to benefit the College and its students. These resources are overseen by the Board of Directors, who manage finances in order to “support the goals of the College of Agricultural Sciences, to support its students and staff and to enhance educational opportunities about Agriculture in the State of Oregon.”

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