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The cover shows dairy cows on the Muriel and Dan French farm in southeast Minnesota, where controlled, short-term grazing is used to rejuvenate streambanks and create grass-covered slopes. Photo by Craig C. Sheaffer, Dept. of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

### **DEDICATION**

We proudly dedicate this issue of the **American Journal of Alternative Agriculture** to its very first Associate Technical Editor, Dr. Paul B. Marsh, who passed away in November, 1995. Paul was a devoted disciple of agricultural science who served with quiet distinction in the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for over 40 years. Paul joined USDA in 1942 and received a Ph.D. degree in Plant Pathology from Cornell University in 1943. During his career, he authored or co-authored over 100 research papers and reports.

A writer with skill and compassion, Paul was a true friend who contributed a great deal to this **Journal**, especially during its formative years, a time when alternative agriculture was regarded with enormous skepticism by much of the conventional agricultural community. Paul lived by the belief that the role of science is to inform the public, not to take sides. His commitment to this goal encouraged others to think and to write with a clarity that contributed positively to the debate over the future of our food and agriculture system. He will be missed.

— Garth Youngberg, Editor in Chief