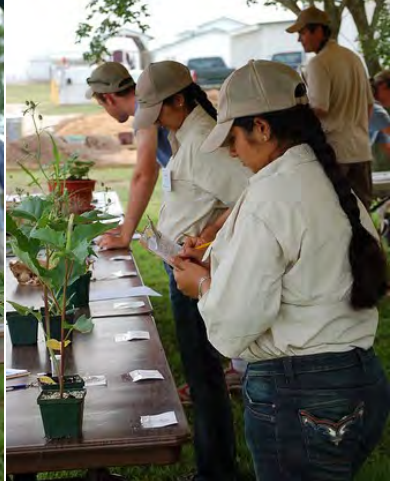


The 2008 Northeastern Weed Science Society Collegiate Weed Science Competition was held at the University of Delaware Research & Education Center in Georgetown, DE on July 30. All total, 37 graduate and undergraduate students (7 grad teams and 5 undergrad teams) participated from five universities. The universities represented at the contest were North Carolina State, Virginia Tech, Penn State, Cornell, and Guelph. Students participated in four contest segments: weed identification, herbicide identification, sprayer calibration and farmer problems. (Pictured below: volunteer and student orientation)



Weed Identification



Check the schedule for time and place and study hard because these volunteers → have some tough unknown herbicide plots to identify.

(Pictured below: herbicide identification)



Sprayer Calibration



Farmer problems—Field problem solving allows students to broaden their applied knowledge and skills in weed science. (Be aware—some farmers may be irate!)





The awards banquet was held at the Elbert N. and Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center.



2008 Collegiate Weed Contest Award Winners



GRADUATE DIVISION AWARD WINNERS:

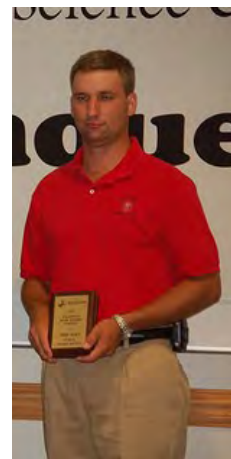
- 1st place team: Penn State (Ryan Bates, Nelson Debarros, Ruth Mick, Matt Ryan) (A)
- 2nd place team: North Carolina State #1 (Ryan Pekarek, Angela Post, Peter Dittmar Jared Witaker) (B)
- 3rd place team: Virginia Tech (Matt Cutulle, Matt Goddard, Jen Jester, Tyler Mittlesteadt) (C)

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION AWARD WINNERS:

- 1st place team: Guelph #1 (James Ferrier, Kelly O' Connor, Blair Scott) (D)
- 2nd place team: Penn State (Cory Chelko, Alicia Spangler) (E)
- 3rd place team: Guelph #2 (Tyler Denham, Amanda Green, Will Sebben, Scott Snowe) (F)



2008 Collegiate Weed Contest Individual Award Winners



GRADUATE DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS:

1st place individual: Matt Ryan – Penn State (A)

2nd place individual: Matt Goddard – Virginia Tech (B)

3rd place individual: Ryan Pekarek – North Carolina State (C)

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS:

1st place individual: Blair Scott—Guelph (D)

2nd place individual (tie) : Cory Chelko—Penn State (E) and Scott Snowe—Guelph (F)



Team photos

North Carolina State; Virginia Tech; Cornell; Univ. of Guelph; Penn State
(some team members may not be present)



Thanks to all the volunteers, coaches, and sustaining members who make these events successful!