Students

Results from Recent Soil Judging Contests

Region IV Contest

On 25–26 Sept. 2014, the Region IV Collegiate Soil Judging Competition was hosted by Texas A&M University–Kingsville (TAMUK) and the USDA-NRCS. This was the first time TAMUK hosted the event, which took place across two Major Land Resource Areas (83C and 83E), utilizing 18 soil profiles in total.

The overall winning teams were:

1. Texas Tech University—David Weindorf, coach
2. University of Arkansas—Kristofer Brye, coach
3. Oklahoma State University—Brian Carter, coach

The above teams won the team-judging portion of the competition in the same order.

The top five contestants were:

1. Jennifer Romero, Texas Tech
2. David Brockman, Texas Tech
3. Jared Dill, Oklahoma State University
4. Johan Derochers, University of Arkansas
5. Trey Roach, Texas Tech

Many congratulations to the winning teams. Garry Har ris, Jim Akin, and Clark Harshbarger of the USDA-NRCS were indispensable throughout the process of putting on this competition.

Southeast Regional Contest

Clemson University hosted the 2014 Southeast Regional Collegiate Soil Judging Contest on 5–9 Oct. 2014. More than 120 participants from 11 southern universities spent four days describing, classifying, and interpreting soils to master techniques used to understand soil and landscape characteristics.

Participating universities included: Auburn University, Murray State University, North Carolina State University, Tennessee Tech University, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, University of Tennessee–Martin, Virginia Tech, West Virginia University, and Western Kentucky University.

Team Winners

1. Auburn University (photo next page)
2. West Virginia University
3. North Carolina State University
4. Virginia Tech
5. University of Tennessee–Knoxville

Individual Winners

1. Frank McCoy (University of Kentucky)
2. Adrienne Nottingham (West Virginia University)