Results from Recent Soil, Crops Contests

Students

Results from the Southeast Regional Collegiate Soil Contest, hosted by Murray State University, and taking place in October, and the National Collegiate Crops Contest, taking place in Chicago and Kansas City in November, are below.

Southeast Regional Collegiate Soil Contest

In team competition, Virginia Tech took first place in the 2015 Southeast Regional Collegiate Soil Contest, followed by the University of Tennessee–Knoxville, Tennessee Tech, the University of Georgia, and West Virginia.

In individual competition, Patty Lawson (University of Georgia) took first, followed by Mandy Millard (Tennessee Tech), Kristen Moretz (University of Tennessee–Knoxville), Rob Goodwin (Virginia Tech), and Steffany Yamada (Virginia Tech).

National Collegiate Crops Contest

In team competition, the Kansas State University (KSU) Crops Team placed first followed by the University of Wisconsin–Platteville (UWP, second), University of Minnesota–Crookston (third), Iowa State University (fourth), and South Dakota State University (fifth). Other teams included Virginia Tech, Murray State, the University of Wisconsin–Madison, University of Illinois, and Cloud College.

Top individuals over the two contests included Samantha L’Ecuyer (KSU, first), Nicole Sudbeck (KSU, second), Michaela Simmelink from Kansas State University (first); and Blake Greiner, Blake Erickson, and Abby Sawatzke from the University of Minnesota–Crookston (third).

Samantha L’Ecuyer, in placing first in Kansas City, scored a record 1796.8 points of a perfect 1800 score. This was the highest score in the national contest since 1965 when a perfect score was achieved.

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