West Virginia University Finishes First in Southeastern Regional Soils Contest

The 2013 Southeastern Regional Soils Contest was hosted by Tennessee Tech University on Oct. 24, 2013 in Cookeville, TN. Eleven universities were represented with West Virginia University winning the team competition. The top five schools that will be representing the Southeast Region at the 2014 national competition are: West Virginia University (first), Virginia Tech (second), University of Georgia (third), Auburn University (fourth), and the University of Tennessee–Knoxville (fifth). Also, competing were North Carolina State, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, Clemson University, and the University of Tennessee–Martin.

Seventy-one participants competed for top honors. Julia Gillespie from Virginia Tech took first place, followed by Caleb Griffin, West Virginia University (second); Nick Beaver, West Virginia University (third); Patty Lawson, University of Georgia (fourth); Adrienne Nottingham, West Virginia University (fifth); Emily Wells, West Virginia University (sixth); Ruth Anderson, Virginia Tech (seventh); Emily Salkind, Virginia Tech (eighth); Becca Swope, West Virginia University (ninth); and Payton Smith, University of Tennessee–Knoxville (tenth). We would especially like to recognize Gabe Krantz and Jerry Prater from the USDA-NRCS for their expertise and the many hours expended to make this contest successful.