Weed Science - Education for Excellence Award



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| **Purpose:**  County Extension Agents have a critical role in providing educational information regarding weed management in many areas. They are routinely called upon to identify weeds, recommend weed control inputs, and assess related problems and performance. Weed science information is disseminated to clientele through a variety of methods, including local meetings, clinics, newsletters, radio, television, news articles, field days, tours, result demonstrations, and herbicide stewardship. This Award recognizes excellence in GACAA members who have developed, conducted, and reported an outstanding weed science educational effort. | |
| **Eligibility:**  County Agents who are members of GACAA in good standing with the association may be considered for the Award by submitting a written summary of their Extension program as it relates to educational programs in weed science. Entry may be from an individual or county staff. An individual or county cannot enter the year after receiving the award. The winner will receive recognition of the Award at the annual meeting of the GACAA. | |
| **Entry and Judging Criteria:**  Entry should not exceed four pages and should reflect program activities and accomplishments within the past three years. Judging of the entry will be based on (1) statement of a problem(s), (2) statement of educational objectives, (3) report of activities implemented, (4) overall creativity, and (5) impact. A one-page listing of any supporting materials is permissible, in addition to the four-page report. Additional materials will not be considered. Entries will be judged by the UGA Extension Weed Scientists. **At least 2 entries must be received or the award will not be given.** | |
| **Award:**  The winning entry will receive a certificate and a cash award ($600) at the annual meeting of the GACAA.  **Recipients must attend GACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference to receive awards, unless exempted by GACAA President because of extenuating circumstances. *(Established by GACAA Board action, November, 2008)*** | |

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