

NORTH CENTRAL WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY WEED CONTEST 2007. Jess J. Spotanski, Midwest Research Inc., York, NE 68467. Tate Castillo, Bennett Agricultural Research Corp., Richland, IA.

The 2007 NCWSS summer annual Weed Contest was hosted by Bennett Ag Research Corp in Richland, IA on July 18th and 19th. There were a total of 48 students from nine schools. The schools were Purdue University, Ohio State University, University of Missouri, Kansas State University, Parkland College, Iowa State University, University of Illinois, University of Nebraska, and Michigan State University. Of the students who participated, there were 20 graduate students and 28 undergraduates. Volunteer support was excellent as 30 people from both industry and academia braved the high heat and humidity to make the contest a success. The contest was made up of the traditional four events which were farmer problem solving, sprayer calibration, weed identification and unknown herbicide identification. A total of 22 awards were handed out to the highest scoring teams and individuals in both graduate and undergraduate divisions. The overall graduate team award winners were: 1st-Purdue, 2nd-Missouri, 3rd-Kansas State. The overall undergraduate team award winners were: 1st-Ohio State-Green, 2nd-Ohio State-Blue, 3rd-University of Illinois. The overall graduate individuals were: 1st-Jason Parrish, Ohio State, 2nd-Carl Woodard, Missouri, 3rd-Jason Haegele, Iowa State. The overall undergraduate award winners were: 1st-Nathan Miller, Ohio State, 2nd-Janelle Donahue, Purdue, 3rd-Melinda Hoffman, Ohio State. The individual events and winners were: Team field calibration: Kansas State-graduate and Ohio State-Blue-undergraduate; Written calibration individual: Joe Armstrong, Michigan State-graduate and Mike Butler, Illinois-undergraduate; Unknown herbicide individual: Jason Parrish, Ohio State-graduate and Janelle Donahue, Purdue-undergraduate; Weed identification individual: Jason Parrish, Ohio State-graduate and Nathan Miller, Ohio State-undergraduate; Farmer problem solving individual: Kellan Kershner, Kansas State-graduate and Mike Butler, Illinois-undergraduate. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the contest and congratulations to all the winners.