

NCWSS CAST REPRESENTATIVE



John Hinz was raised on a small livestock and grain farm near Fairmont, MN. He received a BS degree in agronomy from the University of WI, River Falls and his MS and PhD from Iowa State University in weed science. It was at Iowa State University that he met his wife, Angie. He was an assistant professor at West Virginia University for 1.5 years. He then took a job as a field development representative with Bayer in 1998.

Dr. Hinz has been actively involved in the North Central Weed Science Society. He attended his first meeting in 1988. He was the North Central Weed Science Society President in 2015. He has served on and chaired the Resident Education committee, the Industry Committee, the Herbicide Resistance Committee, the Placement Committee and the Distinguished Achievement Committee. He has also chaired the Herbicide Physiology section. He has also been a strong supporter of the North Central Weed Science Society's Collegiate Weed Contest. He chaired the contest committee in 2017. He has volunteered as a judge or farmer for the farmer problem numerous times. He served as a judge for the farmer problems at the first Weed Olympics and a farmer at the second Weed Olympics. He has also judged the paper and poster contest numerous times. Dr. Hinz also chaired the committee that wrote the rules for the North Central and North East Weed Science Society joint weed contest. He has served on the WSSA Photo Contest subcommittee. He has been a poster judge at the last 3 WSSA meetings. He served on the search committee to hire a new executive secretary for WSSA and the regional societies. In 2006 the North Central Weed Science Society recognized his efforts with the Distinguished Achievement in Industry Award. In 2017 he was awarded the North Central Weed Science Society Fellow.

Dr. Hinz is also involved in his community. He served as president of the church council has served on and chaired several committees. He was President of the local Kiwanis Club and served on several committees. Before covid-19 he was presenting Bayer's Making Science Make Sense in the local school district. Making Science Make Sense is Bayer's STEM initiative.

In his spare time, John enjoys playing golf and woodworking.

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Dave Johnson is currently Field Scientist for Corteva Agrisciences in Minnesota and Wisconsin, where he is responsible for field trials (internal and university/contractor) on all Corteva crop protection products (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, seed treatments, etc.) in the territory. He is also a US Biology Leader, coordinating research activities for cereal herbicides. Dave got his BS in agronomy from Penn State and his MS and PhD in weed science at Arkansas. After grad school he worked in herbicide discovery at American Cyanamid, where he was on the team that discovered the PPO herbicide saflufenacil. He was then a field R and D rep for Cyanamid/BASF in Minnesota, where he conducted field research on herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, and traits. After BASF he managed a research farm for Penn State. Dave then joined Pioneer Hi-Bred as Sr. Research Scientist where he

led herbicide-tolerant trait research, moved to DuPont Crop Protection as Product Development Manager for US soybean herbicides, and then was Corteva technical lead for all herbicide markets in North America before moving into his present role.

Dave has been a member of NCWSS since the 1990s and his service includes the presidential cycle (President in 2013), hosting the 2014 summer student weed contest, and chairing the Program, Resident Education, Nominating, Distinguished Achievement Awards, and Fellows committees, plus serving on other committees and as a judge at various contests. He organized three symposia for the annual meeting and initiated the Student Quiz Bowl at the BASF mixer and the Undergraduate Poster Contest. He has also been active in the Northeastern Weed Science Society, Southern Weed Science Society, was Associate Editor for *Weed Science*, and is currently Associate Editor for *Weed Technology*.

Dave lives in St. Paul, MN with his wife Jo Anna, who he met in the weed nursery at the University of Arkansas. He enjoys woodworking, baseball, gardening, native plants, hiking and camping, bicycling, ice staking, and cross-country skiing.