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## Northeastern Branch

### Northeast Branch Met at West Virginia University

The Northeast Branch of ASA and SSSA met on July 14–17, 2002, at the West Virginia University campus in Morgantown, VA. Attendees were treated to three days of symposium, graduate student presentations, research presentation, and technical tours. The Plenary Session, titled “Sustainable Agriculture in the Northeast and Beyond”, featured academic and farmer perspectives, and stimulated vigorous discussions on the merits and challenges of organic farming.

At the conference banquet, John Jemison (Univ. of Maine) passed on the president’s gavel to Bill Jokela (Univ. of Vermont). Past-president Tom Bruulsema (PPI) presented the following awards:

Career Service—Richard H. Fox (Penn State)  
Teaching—Murray McBride (Cornell Univ.)

Research—Robert Hill (Univ. of Maryland)  
Extension/Industry—Sidney Bosworth (Univ. of Vermont)  
Agway—Ron Ritter (Univ. of Maryland)  
Graduate Student—Rachel Gilker (Univ. of Maryland)  
Senior Student—Kristin Staats (Univ. of Delaware)

Awards for outstanding graduate-student presentations were also presented to:

First—Ellen M. Seconi (Penn State)  
Second—Gregory M. Etter (West Virginia Univ.)  
Third—Brian L. Dillehay (Penn State)

The Northeast Branch will hold its next meeting June 29–July 2, 2003 at the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT. Check <http://pss.uvm.edu/nebasa>, for more information.



Northeast Branch ASA & SSSA Award Winners. (left to right) Sid Bosworth, Murray McBride, Ron Ritter, Robert Hill, Rachel Gilker, Dick Fox, Kristin Staats.



Northeast Branch ASA & SSSA Outstanding Grad.-Student Paper Presentations. (left to right) Gregory Etter, Ellen Seconi, Brian Dillehay.