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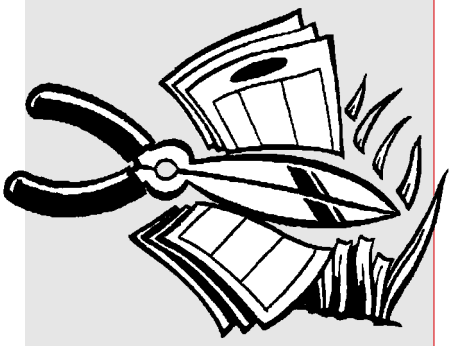

Cornell Students Recognized Best!

Turfgrass Ph.D. candidates Zachary Easton (working with Marty Petrovic) and Micah Woods (working with Frank Rossi) won 3rd and 1st place respectively in the Crop Science Society of America turfgrass research division graduate paper contest. More than 50 graduate students were in the contest and to have two students from the same university emerge as winners demonstrates Cornell University's innovative approach to research and the quality of Cornell's students.

Rossi Named Outstanding Alumnus

Frank Rossi was named the 2004 outstanding young alumnus from SUNY Cobleskill at the 2004 New York State Turf and Grounds Exposition in Rochester, NY on November 17. Rossi graduated from Cobleskill in 1982 with an AAS degree in Agronomy under the tutelage of long time Cobleskill professor Bob Emmons. SUNY Cobleskill's president noted that, "Frank embodies all that is unique about Cobleskill and has regularly given back to the school with his time and expertise."

NY Turf Survey Released

The New York Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has published the 80-page report, "Turfgrass Final Publication" on their web site, http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny. It can be accessed by clicking "Special Surveys" on the NASS home page. Copies will be mailed to NYSTA members. The New York Turfgrass Survey is sponsored by the New York State Turfgrass Association and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets in cooperation with the New York Agricultural Statistics Service.

The newly released survey, which has been in the planning and implementation stages for the past five years, is the first of its kind to evaluate the magnitude and economic importance of the turfgrass industry in New York State. This important data will position the turfgrass industry as a growing agricultural commodity in New York State and enable the public, industry and government to work together to ensure its continued growth.

Ag & Markets Commissioner Chosen as "Friend"

The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) has awarded Nathan Rudgers, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the "Friend of the Green Industry" award. This award is given to individuals who have excelled in support of the turfgrass industry.

Commissioner Rudgers was recognized for pledging his department's support of the New York Turfgrass Survey in 2001 and his foresight in recognizing the importance of documenting the economic value of the turfgrass industry. The award was presented at NYSTA's annual Turf & Grounds Exposition, "Economics and the Environment— Surveying the Landscape," at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, NY.

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