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Soil Science Society of America Announces 2020 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Jul 06, 2020 – The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) announces the following 2020 award recipient. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Clain Jones, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT – Soil Science Education and Extension Award: Clain Jones is the Extension Soil Fertility Specialist and a Professor at Montana State University in Bozeman. He provides information to gardeners, farmers, Extension agents, and crop advisers on soil nutrient cycling and management. He shares regional research results through presentations, bulletins, popular press articles, video, on-line tools, as well as one-on-one interactions. Dr. Jones is actively involved in research of issues that affect farm sustainability. This includes soil acidification, improving nutrient management, and nitrogen fixation in pulses. Dr. Jones has been the Chair of the Rocky Mountain Certified Crop Adviser board since 2003. He shares his knowledge and passion for soil nutrients with students by teaching an undergraduate class and mentoring graduate students. He contributes to the scientific community through his research publications and as a manuscript reviewer. His Extension, teaching, and research activity benefits people throughout the Great Plains.

Soil Science Education and Extension Award

The Soil Science Education Award recognizes the educational achievements in soil science. Soil scientists making outstanding educational contributions through activities such as resident, extension, or industrial education are eligible for nomination. Contributions on which the nomination is based will have been made within the past 10 years. The award consists of a certificate, a complimentary ticket to the award ceremony, and \$2,000.

Evaluation:

- Innovative or unique approaches that encourage learning
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly
- Ability to motivate change in the audience
- Recognition of accomplishments by peers or students

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For more information on the 2020 awards, including award descriptions, visit: www.soils.org/awards/view.
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