Three Honored for Long-Time Dedication and Commitment

LONDON, Ohio—Three Farm Science Review contributors are being honored for their long-time commitment and dedication. Mike Adkins, Bill Haddad, and Dean Slates will be inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame during the Vice President’s Luncheon on September 21. The show takes place September 21–23 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio.

Mike Adkins, who retired last year, had been part of Farm Science Review since 1988. He started out as farm operations manager for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences in Columbus, and worked his way up to a site supervisor.

"Farm Science Review wouldn’t be what it is today without Mike. He was the cog that put the site in place," said Chuck Gamble, Farm Science Review Manager. "His dedication was unmatched. He was a 24/7, 365-day employee at FSR, and worked extremely well with the exhibitors."

Bill Haddad, known to Farm Science Review organizers as "No-Till Bill," served as an exhibitor from the show’s inception.

"There aren’t many exhibitors that have supported Farm Science Review as much as Bill has," said Gamble. "He was one of the first believers in the mission of the show, and one of the first major supporters of no-till in the state of Ohio."

Dean Slates will be the first Ohio State University Extension educator inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"Dean is a fixture here at Farm Science Review," said Gamble. "Dean is all about education."

Slates has led efforts at Farm Science Review in educating farmers on spray technology and proper use of pesticide containment and application.