

Excellence in Extension Award

This award was established in 1988 by the APS Council in recognition of excellence in extension plant pathology. The award is presented to those involved in formal plant pathology extension with recognized superior contributions in developing or implementing leadership roles in local, regional, or national honor societies or professional organizations.

Patrick M. Phipps



Patrick M. Phipps was born in New Martinsville, WV. He received a B.S. degree in biology from Fairmont State College, Fairmont, WV, and an M.S. degree in plant pathology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He received his Ph.D. degree from West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Dr. Phipps joined the faculty of the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science at Virginia Tech in 1978 and was promoted to professor in 1989. He is stationed at the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center

at Suffolk where he has had a primary appointment in extension for the past 15 years.

As the extension specialist in plant pathology responsible for peanut, soybean, cotton, and allied crops, Dr. Phipps has developed one of the most effective extension and applied research programs in "prescription" disease management in the United States. Dr. Phipps developed and implemented the Virginia Peanut Leafspot Advisory Program, which has resulted in significant improvements in production while reducing fungicide use. His other extension programs are also innovations in agriculture.

Because of his innovative extension/research program and his

creative methods for disseminating information, Dr. Phipps has been effective in reducing pesticide use and improving profits in the crops with which he works. He uses a wide variety of innovative informational processes to disseminate information.

Dr. Phipps has authored several numbered extension publications, developed educational VHS tapes, and presented over 400 speeches. He also has established a self-sustaining research program with extramural grant support. Dr. Phipps has also developed and funded a strong graduate research program that has attracted outstanding students.

Dr. Phipps has been an active member of APS, the American Peanut Research and Education Society, the Mycological Society of America, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Within APS, Dr. Phipps is serving as an associate editor of *Plant Disease*. He chaired the Committee on New Fungicide and Nematicide Data. Dr. Phipps is serving as an associate editor of *Peanut Science*. He chaired the Public Relations Committee and served as a member of the APRES Fellows, Graduate Students Paper Competition, Bailey Award, and Technical Program committees.

Dr. Phipps has twice received the prestigious Bailey Award of the American Peanut Research and Education Association, and he was selected by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech to participate in the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Program.

Dr. Phipps has developed an extension program supported by research that provides relevant new knowledge that improves production efficiency and profitability while protecting the environment.