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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

July 18, 2005

**Name:** Donald Brooks Saville Jr.

**Job Title:** Agricultural Manager since 12/25/04,  
Equipment Service and Repair Tech II when nominated

**Employee's Home Department:** College Farm

**Employee's College or VP Area:** College of  
Agriculture and Life Sciences

**Nominated For:** President's Award for Excellence

**Nominated By:** Ron Morse, Professor Emeritus,  
Horticulture

**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** July 13, 1998



### Summary

Brooks is very punctual and totally reliable in his work ethic. Dr. Morse stated that his presence is so valuable to him that he will adjust his schedule to enable Brooks being present when he is preparing for and installing important research projects. Brooks is exceptionally gifted in adapting and altering equipment to improve operational effectiveness.

Brooks assists the many departments that carry on research and teaching at the farm in many ways. He was personally responsible for obtaining the donation of a mechanical potato harvester. He has performed major repairs on specialty equipment such as forage plot harvester; he has also modified and adapted equipments such as the experimental vegetable planters. Contracting out this work on these specialty equipments can be extremely expensive; thus, his efforts have been very cost effective. Brooks also takes a natural interest in teaching people. By patiently training, and then allowing them to do the work, he has helped students, departmental technicians, and fellow farm personnel improve many of their mechanical and welding skills.

Dwight Paulette, College Farm Coordinator, writes Brooks is very innovative, creative, and a logical problem solver. He is a gifted employee who regularly goes much beyond what's expected of him.

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