

Staff Employee of the Week

Jerry J. Stump

JOB TITLE: Equipment Repair Technician Sr.

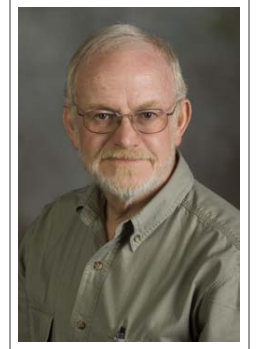
HOME DEPARTMENT: CALS College Farm

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Jon D. Wooge, Agricultural Program Coordinator, College Farm

VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE: September 25, 2005



SUMMARY

Jerry brings not just excellent, but professional, skills to many of the aspects of his job. His experience and expertise include the areas of HVAC service and repair, mechanical equipment repair and modification, machine shop fabrication, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and masonry skills. He has saved many dollars for the farm operation by performing complicated electrical repairs and installations, HVAC repairs on research cold storage facilities and spray cab systems, fabricating and modifying research equipment for field experiments, and many other projects. Jerry has a keen sense for trouble shooting, and understanding problems. He is careful to study situations, take the time to understand how something actually works before attempting to repair it, and then perform the work properly and safely. In a nutshell, Jerry has raised the bar of what we feel like we can accomplish with the Kentland Farm operation. The job duties of his position have become more technical and sophisticated because of the skills that he possesses. His strong work ethic and positive attitude are admirable. Anyone who has worked with Jerry has been inspired by his attitude, and impressed with his abilities. He routinely comes to work early, or on weekends, in order to complete a needed repair when he knows other tasks will be coming up that interfere with finishing an important repair. His value to the farm operation, as well as those departments who have research and teaching activities at the farm is tremendous.