

Citation for 2010 FRRL Extraordinary Achievement Award

Rob C. Smith and Craig W. Rigby are being awarded the FRRL Extraordinary Achievement Award because of their conception and development of a greenhouse soil-less mix. Previously, FRRL custom mixed their own greenhouse soil mix, which was time and labor consuming. Batches were sometimes inconsistent and required the use of an expensive, high-temperature steam system. The commercial soil-less mixture is purchased in large quantities and reduces soil and labor costs. It is estimated that this soil-less mix is saving FRRL more than \$2,200 each year. Use of the soil-less planting medium has eliminated the headache of hand mixing and sterilizing and represents a significant cost savings that will impact FRRL for many years to come.

Nominated by: Blair Waldron

