

Cliff S. Snyder Honored with ASA Fellow Award

Dr. Clifford S. Snyder, PPI Southeast Regional Director, was recognized as a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) at their recent annual meeting. Fellow is the highest honor bestowed by the Society, and only 0.3% of the Active and Emeritus members may be elected to Fellowship.

Dr. Snyder joined the staff of PPI in 1995 as Midsouth Director, located in Conway, Arkansas. In 2002, he became Southeast Director and now has responsibility for PPI's agronomic research and education programs in the states of Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina. In addition to his regional responsibilities, he has played a leadership role in the area of nutrient management and water quality.

A native of Denver, Colorado, Dr. Snyder earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the



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University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. In 1984, he became a state soils specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service in Arkansas, with responsibility for leading and developing statewide programs in agrilime and micronutrient education. Later, his responsibilities were expanded to include support of the state soil testing program. He had a similar role with the cotton monitoring program and has conducted numerous soil fertility test programs and demonstrations with university researchers, involving a wide array of crops, plus forestry and fruit and vegetable production.

Dr. Snyder serves as co-chair of the Southern Soil Fertility Conference, was the 2000 Division S-8 Chair of the Soil Science Society of America, and has been active in several other professional organizations and in his community. **BC**

Paul E. Fixen Recognized with Agronomic Industry Award

Dr. Paul E. Fixen, PPI Senior Vice President, Coordinator of North American Programs, and Director of Research, received the Agronomic Industry Award at the recent annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). The award recognizes outstanding performance by a private sector agronomist in the development, acceptance, and implementation of advanced agronomic programs, practices, and/or products.

Dr. Fixen has served on many scientific and industry committees and is frequently called upon to represent the fertilizer industry on technical aspects of issues related to nutrients and the environment. He has served as an associate editor for the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) Journal, as Chair of the Fertilizer Management and Technology



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Division of SSSA, as president of the North Central Branch of ASA, and is currently on the editorial board of the international Precision Agriculture journal. He is a Fellow of ASA and SSSA.

Before joining the staff of PPI in 1989 as Northcentral Regional Director, Dr. Fixen spent nine years in research and teaching in soil fertility at the University of Wisconsin and South Dakota State University. In these positions, he authored or co-authored more than 150 articles related to soil fertility, including several book chapters.

Dr. Fixen grew up on a farm in southwestern Minnesota, received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at South Dakota State University, and earned his Ph.D. at Colorado State University. **BC**