

**2005 CWSS Award of Excellence
Scott A. Johnson**



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Scott Johnson & Pam Geise

Scott A. Johnson is the Vegetation Management Specialist for Wilbur-Ellis Company in Sacramento, California. In addition to his vegetation management work with timber companies, utilities, and government agencies, Scott is very involved in industry groups such as the California Plant Health Association (CPHA), the California Agricultural Production Consultants Association (CAPCA), and the Pesticide Applicators Professional Association (PAPA). He is a member of several CPHA committees, including the Government Affairs Committee. Scott was chairman of CPHA's California Legislative Action Program in 1987 and 1988. He was a member of the PAPA board of directors for many years and speaks at many PAPA continuing education seminars. He is a board member of the Stanley W. Strew Foundation, CAPCA's education outreach foundation. Since 1993, Scott has been Chairman of the California Forest Pest Council, which advises the California Board of Forestry on forest health and pest conditions in the state's forests. He is a member of the Executive Board of the California Forest Pest Council, which advises the California Board of Forestry on forest health and pest conditions in the state's forests. He is a member of the Executive Board of the California Oak Mortality Task Force, which deals with Sudden Oak Death and its management. He was President of the California Weed Science Society (CWSS) in 1998. Scott is also a graduate of Class XVIII of the California Agricultural Leadership Program. He has been with Wilbur-Ellis since 1981.

Scott earned a BS degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of California at Davis in 1972. He also holds California Agricultural Pest Control Advisor and Qualified Applicator Licenses. Scott has worked in California forestry since 1983.

At the local level Scott is a member and past Secretary of the San Joaquin Agricultural Advisory Board. He worked on the San Joaquin County Ag Chemical Collection Day Steering Committee and helped develop San Joaquin County's new pesticide container recycling program. Scott is an adult religious educator at

Presentation Church in Stockton. His wife, Fabienne, has been a medical technologist at Stockton's St. Joseph's Medical Center since 1973. The Johnson's live in Stockton, California. Their youngest child, Gregory, 18, is a student at San Joaquin Delta College. Their daughter, Amanda, 24, holds a B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Washington, and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Their oldest, Scott II, 28, is a 1998 Santa Clara University mathematics graduate. He is an Internet Webmaster for Warner Brothers Records in Burbank, California.

2005 CWSS Award of Excellence Richard Smith



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Farm advisor on the central coast since about 1989. In San Benito County from 1989-1998, where he was a small farms/vegetable advisor. In 1998, he moved to Salinas and took the vegetable/weed science advisor position for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties.

Richard is the guy who came in to fill Harry Agamalian's shoes, (very big shoes, but Richard has big feet!) Richard has made a huge impact in his position. His leadership has led to the development of s-metolochlor (Dual Magnum) as a new herbicide for celery & spinach. He has also found that oxyflouren (Goal) can be used safely in cole crops and a tolerance for this use is currently being developed.

Richard has been a leader in the development of cover crop use on the central coast. This has led to increased trapping of excess nitrogen and reduced leaching and runoff.

Richard is a very personable guy with a ready smile. He is not into flashy clothes on trying to put on airs. No matter what the dress code is, you can bet that Richard will be there in jeans.

Richard lives in Aromas with his wife Wendy and daughter Lilly and son Jay.