

# New York Award Winners at the 2013 NEBCSA Annual Meeting in July, 2013

At the 2013 Annual Meeting of the *Northeastern Branch of Crop, Soil and Agronomy Societies of America (NEBCSA)*, held in Newark, DE, June 24-26, **Russ Hahn**, associate professor of weed science, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences was honored with a *Career Service Award*, recent Cornell senior **Shona Ort** (Animal Science, '13) received the *Outstanding Senior Award*, and **Emmaline Long**, graduate student in Animal Science, took 2<sup>nd</sup> (oral presentation) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (poster) in the graduate student competition.

Russ Hahn has been with Cornell University since 1974. His expertise is in weed science, integrated pest management, field crop production and herbicide resistance management. Russ has served New York State and the Northeast Region for the past 39 years as *the* applied research and extension weed science specialist in field crops. Russ is a sought after speaker for winter meetings and other extension events as evidenced by his record of training sessions and extension talks. Russ received many honors to date including Outstanding Educator by the Northeastern Weed Science Society, the Extension Industry Award of NEBCSA, Excellence in IPM Award, and the Northeast Region Certified Crop Advisor President's Award. His letters of nomination and support stated, among others "Russ Hahn has been "the go-to person" for any question on the critical herbicides for field crops. Because of his tireless field research and excellent relationship with agribusiness, he has the data to answer our questions even before we have the question".



Shona Ort graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science in January of 2013. As an undergraduate, Shona assisted the Cornell Sheep and Goat Programs with numerous workshops on management, hay evaluation, and forage identification. As an undergraduate researcher in the Nutrient Management Spear Program (NMSP), she completed an honors thesis on cover crops for corn and small grain rotations in New York. She presented this work at the NEBCSA conference with a poster entitled "Carbon and nitrogen uptake of cover crops seeded after small grains" and an oral presentation "Accumulation of carbon and nitrogen by cereal cover crops seeded after corn silage". From her support letter: "Shona knows firsthand the hard work that agriculture entails and is enthusiastic and competent at both research and extension work. She has a natural understanding of how agronomy and animal production interact with each other to form viable sustainable agricultural systems". Shona is currently a technician with the NMSP, leading a statewide applied research and extension project on nitrogen need for winter cereals harvested as forage in corn silage rotations.



Shona Ort (l) and Emmaline Long (r).

Emmaline Long is a master's student in the NMSP in the Department of Animal Science at Cornell. She gave a poster presentation on her honors thesis entitled "Nitrogen Dynamics of Cover Crops in Corn Rotations in New York State" and an oral presentation on her currently ongoing work with evaluation of yield monitoring equipment for forages entitled "Assessing accuracy of forage yield monitors for use in alfalfa".