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## Horticultural Researchers Recognized for Conservation Work

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A USDA multistate working group with research focused on water conservation and improved water quality within the ornamental crops industry is the national recipient of the 2017 Experiment Station Section Award for Excellence in Multistate Research.

The collaboration includes 31 researchers and 22 institutions across the nation. Nineteen members have served as principal investigators on 41 grants totaling more than \$21.6 million from USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and other sources. Many of these efforts started with seed grants from the Horticulture Research Institute.

The award, given by the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy, recognizes researchers who are conducting sustained, exemplary multistate activities and enhance the visibility of the multistate program. The working group is made up of researchers and extension agents from leading land grant universities and USDA-ARS units throughout the United States.

The national winning project will be recognized by the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and USDA NIFA administrators during the Association of Public Land-grant Universities annual meeting in November in Washington, D.C.

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