

Biographical Sketch

Dennis A. Johnson

Dennis A. Johnson is emeritus professor at Washington State University. He received a BS degree in botany from Brigham Young University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Johnson was on the faculty and did research on small grain diseases at Texas A & M University before joining the Department of Plant Pathology at Washington State University in January 1980. His research has centered on epidemiological principles and has developed practical management strategies for diseases of mint and potato. He taught a graduate class in plant epidemiology and disease management. For his outstanding research contributions, Dr. Johnson is a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) (2011), an Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America (2009), and he has received Life Time Achievement Awards from the Pacific Division of APS (2011) and the Washington Mint Growers Association (2018). He is a recipient of the Friend to the Mint Industry Award (1994), the Kenneth J. Morrison Extension Award (2012) for outstanding contributions to the agronomic improvement and sustainability of Washington's potato industry, Best Research Paper of the Year-2016 from the Potato Association of America, and was Pacific Division President of APS 2008-2009. He authored or coauthors over 155 refereed journal articles and he edited "Potato Health Management, Second Edition," published by APS Press in 2008. He mentored 10 M.S. and 10 Ph.D. students in plant pathology and served on graduate committees for many more students. He retired from WSU January 3, 2019.