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POMOLOGIST APPOINTED AT CORNELL'S HUDSON VALLEY LAB

Highland, NY—Dr. Eddie W. Stover has been appointed an assistant professor of pomology at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station's (Geneva) Hudson Valley Laboratory located in Highland, NY.

Stover will have a 60 per cent research and 40 per cent extension responsibility. His research will be directed toward solving production problems faced by the New York tree fruit industry in eastern New York State. This includes conducting research on the control of fruit set and tree growth, studying the influence of climate on the performance of various rootstock combinations, and understanding the influence of pest and/or environmental stress on the performance of tree fruits.

His extension program will serve the eastern New York tree fruit industry, in particular, and New York State, in general. He will cooperate with other extension faculty and field staff at both the Ithaca and Geneva campuses of Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in planning and conducting extension programs. A major objective of the extension component of his assignment is to incorporate integrated pest management (IPM) practices into the orchard management systems that are evolving in eastern New York State.

Stover is a 1993 graduate of the University of Maryland with a doctorate degree in horticulture. He received his bachelor of science degree with high honors from the University of Florida in 1978 and his master of science degree in plant breeding from Texas A&M University in 1980. Before completing his doctorate at the University of Maryland, Stover attended the University of Florida and Johns Hopkins University. His thesis research at the University of Maryland concerned the resistance of genetically different types of grapes to crown gall disease.

Numerous honors have already been awarded Stover, including a Graduate School Thesis Fellowship from the University of Maryland; Best Student Paper Award from the Eastern Section of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture in 1992; Davis Award for Excellence in Graduate Research from the University of Maryland; National Science Foundation Fellowship; and the J. Wayne Reitz Award for the Most Outstanding Senior in the University of Florida College of Agriculture.

Stover was awarded the National Merit Scholarship from 1974 through 1978, the Holtsberg Award for Scholarship in Plant Science in 1977, was elected a member of Phi

Kappa Phi in 1977, and elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1979.

Before joining the Geneva Experiment Station's program at its Hudson Valley Laboratory, he was a graduate assistant in the University of Florida Fruit Crops Department; a research technician with the Genetic Research Corporation in Columbia, Maryland; a research technician in the Johns Hopkins University Biology Department; and a graduate assistant in the Horticulture Department at the University of Maryland. His latest assignment included assisting professors who taught such courses as, "Methods in Horticultural Research" and "Advanced Plant Propagation (Tissue Culture)."

Stover has a number of scientific and technical publications, including several with Dr. Thomas Burr, a professor of plant pathology at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station.

The newly appointed scientist began his duties at the Hudson Valley Laboratory on August 16, 1993.

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