John Cummins is our next 25 year honoree. John serves as a Research Associate Two in AgResearch with Plant Sciences. Over his time with us, John is especially proud of his work in nursery industry studies and botanical oil insect studies - those projects with several of our leaders in plant sciences.

John has been honored for his speaking presentations made before the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. And he is currently pursuing a P-H-D in education with a concentration in instructional technology.

John’s proud to say he’s been married 31 years - and he and his wife have two daughters. He enjoys gardening, visiting farmer’s markets, playing the guitar and podcasting.

Dave Lockwood is our lone 35 year honoree today. Dave is professor in Plant and Soil Science with Extension and known as one of the top fruit tree experts in the state and across the nation. Dave works closely with our apple, pear and fruit producers - advising them on management techniques and growing conditions. He developed and has co-chaired for 20 years the Tennessee Orchard Equipment Show and tour.

Dave has received many awards over the years - including the T AAA & S Award and been honored by Phi Theta Kappa, as well as several publication awards. One of the neat things Dave has done in recent times - he’s worked with National guardsmen from Tennessee who go to Afghanistan. There the soldiers are trying to establish agriculture in that war torn country, including some fruit production.

Dave is a friend to many of us here. He plays a mean game of paddleball over at TRECS, and he will become a grandfather for the first time next month.