Florida Citrus Packers 2013
John T. Leslie Award
Packinghouse Day
Lake Alfred

This year's recipient got an early start in agriculture

He developed an early love of agricultural transportation

Was an early pioneer in the development of canker detection dogs

Never shied away from a microphone

John T. Leslie Award
- First presented to John T. Leslie in 1981
- As a special tribute to Mr. Leslie – the award was named in his honor
- It is presented in recognition of an individual for outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the Florida fresh citrus industry
PLAYED AROUND WITH MELONS FOR A WHILE

BUT FOUND HIS TRUE HOME IN CITRUS

WENT ON TO JOIN A STELLAR TEAM OF CITRUS SCIENTISTS

PART OF A LITERAL WHO’S WHO IN CITRUS RESEARCH

LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBER

At the 53rd annual meeting of Florida Citrus Packers

The coveted and prestigious award was presented to

Richard J. Kinney

For his many years of effective and loyal service to

Fresh Florida citrus.

This year’s recipient really needs no introduction

• 31 years of exceptional service to fresh Florida Citrus
• One of UF’s first post harvest extension specialists
• Someone who was in our packinghouses on a regular basis
• Was vital to survival and improvement of Packinghouse Day
• Responsible for dozens of publications
A STELLAR CAREER
- Professor of horticulture and extension (CREC)
- Made significant contributions in the areas of:
  - Fruit quality
  - Degreening
  - Decay control, and grading of freeze damaged fruit
  - Grade standards
  - Fruit handling, shelf life and storage
  - Production & pesticide use
  - Harvesting and use of pallet boxes
  - Pack line machinery and work efficiency
- Editor of IFAS’s Packinghouse Newsletter
- Most importantly - he was one of us. He was in our houses on a regular basis - so that he knew our business first hand
And so much more……………………..

PUBLICATIONS
- Books
  - Florida Citrus Quality Tests, Author
  - Estimated Cost of Packing Citrus (co-Author)
  - Quality Control Assessment Methodology (edited)
  - Fresh Citrus Fruits, Author
  - Pallet Boxes for Florida Citrus
  - Packingline Machinery for FL Citrus Packinghouses
  - Fresh Citrus Quality, Author
  - Oil Spotting of Citrus Fruits, Author
  - Edited and/or co-Authored many other publications
- Founder of Florida Science Source

Dr. Will Wardowski
35th recipient of
Florida Citrus Packers
John T. Leslie Award