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**Alois F. Kertz Receives  
Nutrition Professionals, Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award**

**Savoy, IL** — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Alois F. Kertz of ANDHIL LLC as the 2006 recipient of the Nutrition Professionals, Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Nutrition Professionals, Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award was created to stimulate and recognize outstanding achievement in research, teaching, extension and/or industry in applied dairy nutrition. The winner must have made significant contributions to the dairy industry in the area of applied dairy nutrition in one or more of areas such as applied nutrition research related to improved production efficiency, reproductive function, and/or herd health; integration of innovative nutritional management practices into profitable management systems; and/or education (including technology transfer and extension) and application of nutritional information to students, producers, and public. He/she must have made the contribution within ten years prior to the year of the award, and been a member of the American Dairy Science Association for at least five consecutive years.

Alois (Al) Kertz is a leading authority on the nutrition of young calves and on the feeding and management of lactating dairy cattle. For 27 years he was instrumental in the development and leadership of applied research programs and then the Ph.D. Dairy Consultants Program for Purina Mills. He has a long and diverse list of talks and articles in industry communications, including long-running columns in *Hoard's Dairyman* and *Feedstuffs*. In addition to 22 peer-reviewed (5 invited) research articles, he has provided key expertise to several USDA projects through the years. He currently serves on the USDA's National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board. Kertz has been a truly effective and valued leader in ADSA, especially in recent years in its Foundation activities. Throughout his career in the feed industry and in his own consulting business, Kertz has left a legacy of effective feeding and management programs for dairy cattle.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Nutrition Professionals Inc. present Alois F. Kertz with the 2006 Nutrition Professionals, Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award.

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