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**Anthony V. Capuco Receives  
West Agro, Inc. Award**

**Savoy, IL** — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Anthony V. Capuco of USDA-ARS as the 2006 recipient of the West Agro, Inc. Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The West Agro, Inc. Award was created to recognize outstanding research of milk quality as affected by control of mastitis, management of milking, and practices in production of milk. The winner must have meritorious scientific or technical contribution in research of one or more of the areas of mastitis, including epidemiology, microbiology, prophylaxis, therapy, immunity, anatomy, and physiology of mammary gland; milking management and systems related to hygiene, udder health, and milk quality; milk yield, composition, flavor, and microbiological quality as related to feeding or management; and/or detection or analysis of foreign substances in milk or of abnormal milk, prevention or elimination of milk adulteration, particularly of those contaminants which have significance to public health or an impact on product technology. The winner must have made the contribution within the five years immediately preceding nomination, and have been a member of the American Dairy Science Association for at least five successive years.

Capuco gained his first degree at Hobart College and subsequently his PhD from Cornell University, and has had a distinguished career in the field of bovine mammary biology. He is currently a research physiologist at the USDA's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and is the lead scientist of research applying a functional genomics approach to the study of the regulation of mammary gland function. Capuco's contribution to our understanding of bovine mammary physiology has been internationally recognized; he has given freely of his time to both ADSA and young researchers alike and is a worthy recipient of the West Agro Award.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and West Agro, Inc. present Anthony V. Capuco with the 2006 West Agro, Inc. Award.

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