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**Laurie Winkelman Receives
National Milk Producers Federation
Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award**

Savoy, IL — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Laurie Winkelman as the 2006 recipient of the National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award winner is selected from graduate student members of ADSA, based on degrees and date received, professional work experience, areas of research, scholarships and fellowships received, professional activities and memberships, and other special interests. Nominees must be members in good standing in their respective national organizations and the sponsoring section/branch.

Winkelman completed her Masters program at The Ohio State University under advisor Chris Reynolds. Her presentation was entitled "Suppressor of cytokine signaling-2 mRNA increases after calving in dairy cows and is associated with elevated estradiol-17 β concentrations before calving." Her study has contributed to the current knowledge of growth hormone signaling in transition dairy cows. Winkelman received her B.S. degree in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin, and participated in an internship with Cargill Animal Nutrition in dairy management and also as an intern with Hoard's Dairyman. She is the Ohio State Collegiate and 4-H dairy judging team coach. She has earned several awards, including the National Dairy Shrine Undergraduate Kildee Scholarship in 2001, the Graduate Kildee Scholarship in 2003, and the 2003 National Dairy Shrine Student Recognition Award. In her short career in dairy science, Winkelman's achievements are impressive, and she is currently working at Ohio State in Extension and dairy youth program development.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and the National Milk Producers Federation present Laurie Winkelman with the 2006 National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award.

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