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**Cristina Caldari-Torres Receives
Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Graduate Student Poster Contest**

Savoy, IL — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Cristina Caldari-Torres of the University of Florida–Gainesville as the 2007 recipient of the Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Graduate Student Poster Contest. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Graduate Student Poster Contest 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.

Cristina, a native of Puerto Rico, obtained her BS degree in biology from the Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinta de Rio Piedras, in 2002. She received her MS in animal science with focus in reproductive nutrition from the University of Florida in 2005. Currently, Cristina is pursuing a PhD in the laboratory of Lokenga Badinga with primary focus on the effects of long-chain fatty acids on immune function in dairy cattle. Her winning poster was titled "Conjugated linoleic acid attenuates lymphocyte proliferation in bovine peripheral blood mononuclear cells challenged with concanavalin A."

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC present Cristina Caldari-Torres with the 2007 Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Graduate Student Poster Contest.

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