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**David Fischer Receives
Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award**

Savoy, IL — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce David Fischer of University of Illinois Extension as the 2007 recipient of the Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award was created to recognize a candidate who has had significant involvement in dairy-related youth activities either in a professional or volunteer capacity for a minimum of ten years. The recipient shall be highly regarded in the dairy industry for his or her role in personal development of dairy youth and for enhancing knowledge of and interest in the dairy industry. The winner need not be a member of the American Dairy Science Association, and may have worked with youth of any age, in many possible capacities such as coach, counselor, teacher, advisor, mentor, chaperone, or supervisor.

Dave is an extension dairy educator for the University of Illinois and has been recognized nationally for his excellence in dairy-related youth activities during his 36-year career. Dave coordinates Illinois 4-H dairy judging activities, resulting in many "All-American" 4-H judges from his teams. Dave initiated the Illinois 4-H Dairy Quiz program, and he has coached the state team to four national titles. He developed the highly successful Illinois Superior Young Producer Award program, helped develop the Illinois Livestock E-Quiz interactive web site, has served as superintendent of the Illinois State Fair Junior Dairy Show for 28 years, and is a sought-after dairy cattle judge. Dave helped develop the Illinois 4-H/FFA Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification program for livestock exhibitors.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Hoard's Dairyman present David Fischer with the 2007 Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award.

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