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**Pamela L. Ruegg Receives
West Agro, Inc. Award**

Savoy, IL — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Pamela L. Ruegg of the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the 2007 recipient of the West Agro, Inc. Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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.

Pam Ruegg earned a DVM degree from Michigan State University and an MS in veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine from the University of California–Davis. She is a diplomate of both the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. She is currently a professor and milk quality extension specialist in the Dairy Science Department at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Pam has had a prolific research career focused on milk quality and food safety in five key areas: pathogen resistance to antimicrobials, comparison of organic and conventional production systems, dairy cattle welfare, evaluation of milk quality teams, and evaluation of rapid mastitis diagnostic technologies. She is the proud author of the “World’s Best Milk Quality Web Site,” and has been recognized on many occasions for her outstanding extension accomplishments—locally, nationally, and internationally.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and West Agro, Inc. present Pamela L. Ruegg with the 2007 West Agro, Inc. Award.

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