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**Roger D. Shanks Receives
J. L. Lush Award in Animal Breeding**

Savoy, IL — The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Roger D. Shanks of the University of Illinois as the 2007 recipient of the J. L. Lush Award in Animal Breeding. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The J. L. Lush Award was created to recognize outstanding research in animal breeding. The winner must have research work published in the ten years immediately preceding the year of recognition, performed research in any area of animal breeding and genetics that had or has the potential for improvement of dairy cattle, and have been a member of the American Dairy Science Association for at least five years.

Roger Shanks grew up on a registered Holstein farm outside Mundelein, Illinois. He enjoyed math and dairy cattle and combined these in his education, culminating in MS and PhD degrees in animal breeding from Iowa State University. Shanks has been a faculty member at the University of Illinois since 1979, where his initial research focused on genetic factors influencing survival, specifically deficiency of uridine monophosphate synthase (DUMPS). Recently, Shanks has contributed to research on breeding strategies, locomotion, production loss from mastitis, calf survival, and impact of inbreeding. He has also served as editor in the genetics and breeding section of the *Journal of Dairy Science*.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and ABS Global, Inc. present Roger D. Shanks with the 2007 J. L. Lush Award in Animal Breeding.

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