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David Barbano Receives West Agro, Inc. Award

Savoy, IL – The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce David Barbano as the 2008 recipient of the West Agro, Inc. Award. The award was presented on Wednesday, July 11, 2008, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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.

Barbano has carried out research to quantify the relationships between increasing milk somatic cell count and decreasing cheese yield, and decreased HTST fluid milk shelf-life. These relationships developed by Barbano's research group have formed the basis for both voluntary milk-quality payment incentives and milk-quality payments within the regulated milk pricing systems. Milk-quality payment programs in New York State provide farmers with about \$1.5 million in extra revenue per year above federal order minimum milk prices. Similar programs in other states expand the economic impact.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and West Agro, Inc. present David Barbano with the 2008 West Agro, Inc. Award.

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