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Kevin Harvatine Receives National Milk Producers Federation Richard M. Hoyt Award

Savoy, IL – The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Kevin Harvatine as the 2008 recipient of the National Milk Producers Federation Richard M. Hoyt Award. The award was presented on Wednesday, July 11, 2008, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The National Milk Producers Federation Richard M. Hoyt Award was created to recognize research efforts with direct application to problems of the US dairy industry. The winner must be enrolled in or have completed within the preceding year a program leading to an advanced degree in a department of dairy science, dairy production, dairy processing, food science, or department with a similar curriculum in an accredited college or university in the United States, and have accomplished research with direct application to problems of the US dairy industry. If the winner's degree work is completed, he or she must be employed by a US company. The winner must also be a member of ADSA or the Student Affiliate Division of ADSA.

Kevin J. Harvatine grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania and attended Penn State University for a BS in animal science. In 2003, he earned an MS from Michigan State University and, in 2008, a PhD from Cornell University. Harvatine's research focuses on dairy cattle lipid nutrition and milk fat synthesis. His research provided the first demonstration of different feeding behavior responses to saturated and unsaturated fatty acids in dairy cows. And, he is the first to demonstrate that the reduction in milk fat induced by diet or by conjugated linoleic acid involves a coordinated down-regulation of genes for key enzymes involved in mammary lipid synthesis. From this research, he has authored or co-authored 10 scientific publications and 25 abstracts and conference papers.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and National Milk Producers Federation present Kevin Harvatine with the 2008 National Milk Producers Federation Richard M. Hoyt Award.

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