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Lawrence Muller Receives ADSA Distinguished Service Award

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

The ADSA Distinguished Service Award was created to recognize unusually outstanding and consistent contributions to the welfare of the dairy industry, either directly or indirectly. The award shall be based upon a broad, even nonscientific, contribution. Thus, outstanding achievements by those in industry, public administration, or academic administration shall qualify. The contribution may be national or international. The Distinguished Service Award is not for ADSA accomplishments.

Larry Muller grew up on a dairy farm in Illinois. He received degrees from the University of Illinois and Purdue University and served on the faculty at Purdue University and then South Dakota State University. In 1976, he joined the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State University, where he currently holds the position of professor emeritus. For 21 years, he co-advised the Penn State Dairy Science club, which was the number one club in the Student Affiliate Division of ADSA eight times. Muller's other honors include the Outstanding Advisor award of SAD and three awards from ADSA: the Purina Mills Inc. Teaching Award in Dairy Production, the MSD AGVET Dairy Management Research Award, and the Pioneer Hi-Bred Forage Award. He has served ADSA on the board of directors as vice president, president, and past president, and his research in dairy cattle nutrition has resulted in more than 120 papers in scientific journals and innumerable presentations. Following his retirement in 2002, Larry Muller became involved with the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge. Penn State University hosted the National Dairy Challenge for two years. Larry has served on the board of directors of the Dairy Challenge program for six years and is currently the chair of the board. This past year, 460 university students with dairy interests participated in the Dairy Challenge program.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA presents Lawrence Muller with the 2008 ADSA Distinguished Service Award.

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