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Dr. John Middleton Receives West Agro, Inc. Award

Champaign, IL – The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Dr. John Middleton as the 2009 recipient of the West Agro, Inc. Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Montreal, QC, Canada.

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.

John Middleton received his BS, DVM, and PhD degrees from Washington State University. As an associate professor at the University of Missouri, his research has been focused on staphylococcal mastitis epidemiology, immunity, prevention, and control. This research has included vaccination and treatment of *Staphylococcus aureus* mastitis, molecular epidemiology of coagulase-negative staphylococcal mastitis, detection of antibiotic residues in milk, influence of *S. aureus* mastitis on serum trace mineral concentrations, and the influence of subclinical hypocalcemia at calving on postpartum health. Middleton's research accomplishments have earned him leadership roles in several organizations relevant to dairy science and mastitis.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and West Agro, Inc. present Dr. John Middleton with the 2009 West Agro, Inc. Award.

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