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Dr. Ronald E. Pearson Receives ADSA Fellow Award

Champaign, IL – The American Dairy Science Association is pleased to announce Dr. Ronald E. Pearson as a 2010 recipient of the ADSA Fellow Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

The purpose of the ADSA Fellow Award is to recognize Dairy Foods Division and Production Division members of the American Dairy Science Association who have rendered distinguished service to the dairy industry over 20 years or more. The winner must have made exceptional contributions to the dairy industry, to a dairy related discipline, or the American Dairy Science Association; in addition, the winner must be and have been a member of the American Dairy Science Association for a minimum of twenty years.

Pearson, professor emeritus of dairy science at Virginia Tech, began his career at USDA focused on dairy cattle selection, mastitis, and milking management. At Virginia Tech he taught Population Genetics, Applied Dairy Cattle Breeding, and Dairy Herd Management, and he has coached the Dairy Challenge Team. Pearson advised and mentored undergraduates and graduate students and assisted extensively with statistical analyses. He researched economic aspects of dairy genetics, quantifying and improving selection in dairy cattle. Pearson coauthored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications. He provided expertise to breed associations and AI organizations and served ADSA as chair of the Production Division and vice chair of the Joint Meeting Program Committee.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA presents Dr. Ronald E. Pearson with a 2010 ADSA Fellow Award.

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