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Dr. Michael Van Amburgh Receives Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Teaching Award in Dairy Production

Champaign, IL – The American Dairy Science Association is pleased to announce Dr. Michael Van Amburgh as the 2010 recipient of the Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Teaching Award in Dairy Production. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

The Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Teaching Award in Dairy Production, Inc. was created to recognize outstanding teaching of undergraduate students in dairy science. The winner must have demonstrated outstanding ability as a teacher of undergraduate students of dairy science in an accredited college or university, been an active teacher when nominated with not less than a total of ten years of active teaching preceding, and been a member of the American Dairy Science Association for at least five successive years.

Van Amburgh has an extraordinary passion for teaching and an impressive ability to integrate research results, classroom facts, and biological concepts and make them applicable to real-world farm situations. Consequently, his students gain knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge. He advises more than 50 undergraduates and plays a critical role in the growth and development of students. His advisees and students point to Van Amburgh's passion and effectiveness as a teacher, but they also describe him with terms such as mentor, advisor, friend, and confidant. He works with the Cornell Dairy Fellows Program, teaches three to five courses a year, and developed an international study program in which dairy students travel to other countries to learn about international agricultural policies, dairy production and products, and different cultures. These trips have become an integral component of the dairy production teaching program, and more than 600 students have participated. Van Amburgh is the director of undergraduate studies within the department, serves on several college teaching committees and the regional and national Dairy Challenge board, coaches the Cornell Dairy Challenge team, and maintains an active research program.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC present Dr. Michael Van Amburgh with the 2010 Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Teaching Award in Dairy Production.

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