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## **Dr. Sheila M. Andrew Receives West Agro, Inc. Award**

**Champaign, IL** – The American Dairy Science Association is pleased to announce Dr. Sheila M. Andrew as the 2010 recipient of the West Agro, Inc. Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

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.

Andrew has used her background as a nutritional scientist to build a productive milk quality research and extension program. Her integration of research and extension has allowed her to translate research results into practical farm practices. Andrew has been a leader in determining the effect of mastitis control practices on the risk for antibiotic residues in milk. She has published eight scientific publications and several extension bulletins in this area and has presented her work at many industry events. She has also published research evaluating plant-derived antimicrobials and is actively pursuing research on innovative products that can aid in teat disinfection and reduction in exposure to environmental pathogens. The results from this research have resulted in three refereed journal papers, one PhD dissertation, three MS theses, five extension factsheets, and two seminars and workshops.

Andrew has been a productive researcher, an effective mentor to graduate students, and an active extension specialist in the area of mastitis control and milk quality.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and West Agro, Inc. present Dr. Sheila M. Andrew with the 2010 West Agro, Inc. Award.

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