

Nutrition Professionals Meet to Discuss Role of Nutrition in Meeting Environmental Objectives

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SAVOY, IL -- Nutrition professionals representing the major animal agriculture species met recently to discuss and debate the future challenges of environmental issues and the role of nutrition in meeting environmental objectives. Representatives from the EPA and other federal agencies were also on hand to offer their thoughts on animal agriculture's ability to meet environmental goals in the future. The conference program was enhanced by the use of backcasting scenarios. Speakers and participants were actively involved in addressing topics within the scenarios by developing nutritional strategies to achieve the desired future outcomes. The conference, "Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship" was the twelfth in a series presented by the American Dairy Science Association thru its Discover Conference Series.

The Discover Conference was held April 15-18 in Nashville, Indiana. Summaries of speaker presentations are available for viewing at the 12th Discover Web site at http://www.adsa.org/discover/12th%20discover_2007.htm, click on Interpretive Summaries. The program committee will be summarizing the reports from each of the participant workgroups. Anticipated release date of that summary document is late summer. The summary document will be available on the DISCOVER Website.

Program Committee members included: Wendy Powers, Michigan State University, Program Committee Chair; Roselina Angel, University of Maryland; David Beede, Michigan State University; N. Andy Cole, USDA-ARS-CPRL; Kenneth Eng, Jr., Eng, Inc.; Stephanie Frankenbach, JBS United, Inc.; Scott Radcliffe, Purdue University; Mary Ann Rozum, USDA/CSREES; and Michel Wattiaux, University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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