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Theodore Halbach Receives Hoard’s Dairyman Youth Development Award

Champaign, IL—The American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®) is pleased to announce Theodore Halbach as the 2019 recipient of the Hoard’s Dairyman Youth Development Award. The award will be presented on Monday, June 24, 2019, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Hoard’s Dairyman Youth Development Award was created to recognize a candidate who has had significant involvement in dairy-related youth activities in either a professional or volunteer capacity for a minimum of 10 years. The recipient shall be highly regarded in the dairy industry for his or her role in personal development of dairy youths and for enhancing knowledge of and interest in the dairy industry. The winner need not be a member of ADSA and may have worked with youths of any age in many possible capacities, such as coach, counselor, teacher, adviser, mentor, chaperone, or supervisor.

Ted Halbach has dedicated himself to training, advising, counseling, and advocating for dairy youths. After managing a commercial dairy operation in southern Arizona and serving on the board of directors of the Holstein Association USA, Halbach moved to the University of Wisconsin–Madison to become the extension dairy youth specialist in 1998. Halbach’s success as coach of UW–Madison’s Intercollegiate Dairy Judging team is well known, with three national championships and 12 top-five finishes in his 13 years as coach. Several years after retiring from that role, he transitioned into leadership of UW–Madison’s Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge team, which has garnered two first-place and two second-place finishes since he stepped into that position.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Hoard’s Dairyman present Theodore Halbach with the 2019 Hoard’s Dairyman Youth Development Award.

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