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Paul VanRaden Receives Zinpro Award for Excellence in Dairy Science

Champaign, IL—The American Dairy Science Association[®] (ADSA[®]) is pleased to announce Paul VanRaden as the 2019 recipient of the Zinpro Award for Excellence in Dairy Science. The award will be presented on Monday, June 24, 2019, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio

The Zinpro Award for Excellence in Dairy Science was created to recognize outstanding research in dairy production or manufacturing contributing to improvement or care of dairy cattle and development and improvement of processes, products, equipment, methods, handling, and sanitation.

Paul VanRaden grew up on an Illinois dairy farm and became interested in genetics while collecting DHIA milk samples. After receiving his MS and PhD from Iowa State University, he completed postdoctoral research at the University of Wisconsin. For the last 31 years, VanRaden has been a research geneticist with the USDA in Beltsville, Maryland. He developed the net merit indexes as well as genetic evaluations for productive life, cow livability, somatic cell score, fertility, and gestation length. VanRaden also developed methods for genomic prediction, and the United States became the first country to replace official traditional evaluations with genomic evaluations.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and Zinpro Animal Health present Paul VanRaden with the 2019 Zinpro Award for Excellence in Dairy Science.

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