Jordan named Fellow of American Dairy Science Association

DALLAS – Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service dairy specialist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas, has been named a Fellow of the American Dairy Science Association.

The American Dairy Science Association is a non-profit professional organization for the advancement of dairy science headquartered in Champaign, Illinois. Jordan received the award and recognition last month at the association’s annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

According to the association, the award recognizes dairy foods division and production division members who have made exceptional contributions to the dairy industry, to a dairy related discipline or the American Dairy Science Association. Nominees must be at least 20-year members of the association.

“I am delighted and honored to receive this award,” Jordan said. “But this honor really belongs to the dairy producers I work with, as they have made this experience fun for me.”

The award citation noted Jordan has made exemplary contributions to the American Dairy Science Association and dairy industry. It said since joining the association in 1977, she has “steadfastly supported the organization through dedicated leadership” as demonstrated by her service on numerous committees, production division offices, and as association director and treasurer.

Jordan also has served as secretary/treasurer for the Texas Animal Nutrition Council; secretary of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists; president of the American College of Animal Nutrition; director of the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council; and vice-chair of the Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium. She also served as a reviewer for the Journal of Dairy Science and other journals.

“Jordan is well known as a leader and collaborator for innovative advances in dairy Extension programming,” her nomination stated. “She is a prolific communicator with over 1,600 radio programs, 300 individual presentations, 12 refereed publications, 29 abstracts and over 400 popular press articles to compliment her programming efforts.

“In addition, she has been a sought-after editor for 34 proceedings for state, regional and national conferences on such diverse topics as nutrition, reproduction, agriculture engineering, personnel management, alternative feeds and general dairy management. Her skills have been recognized in the international arena through educational efforts with individuals from Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Iraq, Japan, and Israel.”

The nomination also cites her ability to “translate dairy science to the masses” through her participation in interviews with media outlets such as USA Today, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Ft. Worth Star Telegram, Dallas Morning News, Des Moines Register, Chicago Tribune, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox on topics from bovine spongiform encephalopathy, foot and mouth disease, product safety, dairy industry trends and drought.
Jordan was also recognized as the Outstanding Dairy Industry Educator/Researcher of the Year at the World Ag Expo in 2010 and received the DeLaval Dairy Extension Award from the American Dairy Science Association in 2007.

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