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Joe O'Donnell Receives ADSA Fellow Award

Champaign, IL – The American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) is pleased to announce Joe O'Donnell as a 2011 recipient of an ADSA Fellow Award. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The purpose of the ADSA Fellow Award is to recognize Dairy Foods Division and Production Division members of the ADSA who have rendered distinguished service to the dairy industry for 20 years or more. The winner must have made exceptional contributions to the dairy industry, to a dairy related discipline, or the ADSA; in addition, the winner must be and have been a member of the ADSA for a minimum of 20 years.

As executive director of the California Dairy Research Foundation since 1990, Joseph A. O'Donnell leads a nonprofit corporation that manages research and outreach in the areas of nutrition and health, dairy manufacturing, environmental stewardship, and animal health and welfare. Previously, Joe served as director of science and technology for the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and vice president of product research for the United Dairy Industry Association [predecessor of Dairy Management Inc. (DMI)]. When the national promotion and research check off started in 1984, Joe authored the proposal for the creation of the National Dairy Foods Research Centers program that was funded through cooperation between the National Dairy Board, local dairy boards, and processors. Joe holds a BS degree in biochemistry from Benedictine University, an MS degree in biochemistry from Boston University, and a PhD in nutrition from the University of California at Davis. Joe serves on the editorial board of *Dairy Foods* magazine and is a regular contributing writer to publications such as *Cheese Market News* and *Western Dairy Business*. He has held various leadership positions with professional organizations such as the ADSA, American Society for Nutritional Sciences, International Dairy Federation, the Utrecht Group, International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics, and Institute of Food Technologists. Currently, Joe serves as chair of the International Milk Genomics Consortium.

It is with great pleasure that the ADSA presents Joe O'Donnell with a 2011 ADSA Fellow Award.

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