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Karen Schmidt Receives Milk Industry Foundation Teaching Award in Dairy Manufacturing

Champaign, IL – The American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) is pleased to announce Karen Schmidt as the 2011 recipient of the Milk Industry Foundation Teaching Award in Dairy Manufacturing. The award was presented on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Milk Industry Foundation Teaching Award in Dairy Manufacturing was created to recognize outstanding teaching of undergraduate students in dairy foods. The winner must have demonstrated outstanding ability as a teacher of undergraduate students in dairy foods at an accredited college or university. The winner must have been an active teacher when nominated with no less than 10 total years of active teaching preceding the year of recognition. The winner must be a member of the ADSA, and be a resident of the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

Karen Schmidt earned her BS in food science from The Pennsylvania State University in 1979. After working in the food industry for several years, Schmidt earned her MS and PhD in food science from the University of Minnesota in 1986 and 1989, respectively. Schmidt joined the faculty at the University of Georgia as an assistant professor in 1990, where she remained until 1994 when she was recruited by Kansas State University at the rank of associate professor. Schmidt was promoted to full professor in 1999. She has trained over 600 students in courses that combine didactic and experiential approaches to teaching.

It is with great pleasure that the ADSA and Milk Industry Foundation present Karen Schmidt with the 2011 Milk Industry Foundation Teaching Award in Dairy Manufacturing.

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