

# MMPA President Receives the American Dairy Science Association Distinguished Service Award

The American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) recently honored MMPA President Elwood Kirkpatrick with the 2006 ADSA Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented on July 11 during the 2006 ADSA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minn.

The ADSA Distinguished Service Award was created to recognize unusually outstanding and consistent contributions to the welfare of the dairy industry, either directly or indirectly. The award is based upon a broad, even nonscientific, contribution. Thus, outstanding achievements by those in industry, public administration, or academic administration qualify. The contribution may be national or international. The Distinguished Service Award is not for ADSA accomplishments, and the recipient need not be a member of ADSA.

MSU professor Dr. Dave Beede nominated Elwood for the prestigious award.

"The Distinguished Service Award is a very competitive award," Dr. Beede said. "It recognizes someone from the dairy industry who has been very instrumental in its progress over a long period of time. Elwood certainly fits that definition."

Elwood, a third-generation dairy farmer from Kinde, is MMPA's current president, a position he has held for more than 20 years. Through his leadership roles in state, national, and international affiliations, he has worked to help form policies and regulations that benefit America's dairy farmers. Elwood previously served as the first chair of the U.S. Dairy Export

Council, helping to structure the Export Council to become an important international facet of U.S. dairy marketing. Elwood's dedication to the dairy industry is evident in the many activities in which he is involved. He has made it his life's ambition to advocate for dairy farmers, to see that they are understood and treated fairly at home and around the world.

"I was extremely pleased with all time and energy put into the nomination," Elwood said. "Having a good board of directors has enabled me to go out and accomplish other things that are important to the dairy industry in Michigan and the United States. I was especially honored because my predecessor at MMPA, Glenn Lake, received this very award 25 years earlier."

**David Hawkins**, MSU professor of animal science, with both the Fellow Award in Teaching and the Animal Industry Service Award by the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) for his more than 35 years of service to students, colleagues and producers.



*Dave Barbano, right, President of ADSA from 2005-2006 presented MMPA President Elwood Kirkpatrick with the ADSA Distinguished Service Award during the ASDA Annual Meeting in July.*

"Professor Hawkins genuinely cares about the development and education of animal science students," said Karen Plaut, Department of Animal Science chairperson. "This endless commitment to both education and the industry has made him an ambassador for MSU, serving as an advocate for our education, research and outreach programs."

Michael S. Allen, Michigan State University professor of dairy nutrition, was honored with the 2006 Ruminant Nutrition Research Award by the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA). The American Feed Industry Association sponsors the annual award, which recognized Allen's lifelong work in the nutritional physiology of lactating dairy cows.