

Dave Beede Named Outstanding Extension Specialist

David K. Beede, holder of the C.E. Meadows endowed chair and professor of dairy nutrition and environmental management, was named the 2006 Outstanding Extension Specialist by the Michigan Association of Extension Agents (MAEA) at the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Fall Conference in October.

Each year an MSUE specialist working in a major commodity area is recognized for extraordinary and long-lasting leadership and service to MSUE and the people of Michigan through programming and applied research.

Beede was recognized for his applied research in phosphorus nutrition of dairy cattle and nutrient management and leadership with the MSUE Dairy Team. During his 12 years at MSU, he has written and presented extensively on the nutritional and environmental benefits of balancing the phosphorus requirements of dairy cattle and environmental sustainability, and he launched the Michigan Dairy Review (MDR), a statewide publication for the dairy industry.

"I arrived at Michigan State in the fall of 1994 from the University of Florida, which just happened to be the year the Michigan Animal Agriculture Initiative was launched, including the MSU Extension dairy team," Beede said. "I got on the train with everyone else when things were just picking up steam in dairy Extension programs."

Beede worked with MSU and Extension faculty members to begin publishing the MDR in February 1996 with competitive funding from the Animal Agriculture Initiative (AAI). The AAI is Michigan's animal agriculture research, teaching and Extension initiative at MSU. The MDR is a quarterly publication with more than 6,500 free subscribers interested in research, teaching and Extension highlights from MSU dairy experts.

"MDR is considered nationally and internationally to be among the preeminent publications of its kind," Beede said. "It allows us to speak directly to dairy farmers, and that's one of the most important parts of providing exceptional Extension services."



Nominations for the Outstanding Extension Specialist are made by MSU Extension educators. Beede said that he was not aware he had been nominated until he received notification of the award.

"I had absolutely no clue that anyone had nominated me, and I was just delighted," Beede said.

The AAI is a partnership between MSU, livestock producers and industry organizations, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Its mission is to develop profitable and sustainable farm production practices, environmentally sound manure management systems and scientifically sound animal nutrition, comfort, and disease diagnosis and treatment standards, and to improve the

quality and safety of animal products. To learn more about Michigan's Animal Agriculture Initiative at MSU, visit www.animalag.msu.edu. To subscribe to the Michigan Dairy Review, visit www.mdr.msu.edu.

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