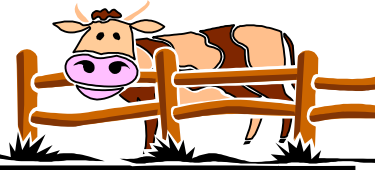


DAIRY *Update*



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Dr. Amin Ahmadzadeh Receives National Teaching Award

Dr. Amin Ahmadzadeh, University of Idaho dairy management associate professor, recently received a teaching award given by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Ahmadzadeh was among eight professors, including two from the West, who were honored Nov. 12 in New York City.

Amin was raised on a dairy farm in Iran, and was educated at Delaware Valley College and Virginia Tech. Ahmadzadeh joined the faculty at the University of Idaho in January, 2000. Dr. Ahmadzadeh has been integral in the resurgence of the dairy science program at the University of Idaho, through innovative teaching, research and advising of undergraduate and graduate students.

In 2003, Dr. Ahmadzadeh revived the UI dairy judging team after a 50-year hiatus. Amin also coached UI students that won top honors in the National Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge in 2004 and 2005. Furthermore, Amin, working in collaboration with Washington State University, the United Dairymen of Idaho, and individual dairy producers, was integral in the success of the 2006 National Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, which was held in Twin Falls and hosted by the University of Idaho.

Dr. Ahmadzadeh is a member of the Animal and Veterinary Science Teaching and Curriculum Committee, the *Journal of Dairy Science* editorial board, and is the faculty advisor to the UI Dairy Club and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Dr. Ahmadzadeh's teaching skills and devotion to students have been recognized previously, as he has received the following awards:

The R.M. Wade Excellence in Teaching Award (2004)

The UI Teaching Excellence Award (2006)

The UI College of Agricultural and Life Science Outstanding Academic Advisor Award (2007)

The Virginia Tech Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award (1998)

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New Dairy Extension Website

DAIReXNET, the national extension web site for dairy cattle information, was launched at the recent World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. DAIReXNET is designed to meet the educational and decision-making needs of dairy producers, allied industry partners, extension educators, and consumers.

At the DAIReXNET web site (http://www.extension.org/dairy_cattle) you'll find these valuable resources:

- ◆ **Answers** to "Frequently Asked Questions."
- ◆ **Access** to top dairy production experts. If an answer to a frequently asked question is not available, then the question is directed to "Ask the Expert," where dairy professionals provide the requested information.
- ◆ **Resources** of science-based, peer-reviewed articles on over a dozen critical dairy-related topics.
- ◆ **Newsletters** including state and regional dairy newsletters
- ◆ **News** including highlights from across the country, and upcoming events.

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