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CENTER FOUNDATION NAMED OUTSTANDING COOPERATOR TO AG ED *CDE Foundation Honored by National Association of Agricultural Educators*

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania was honored with the Outstanding Cooperation Award on December 2 at the 2016 National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This award recognizes organizations, agricultural businesses, and individuals who have shown outstanding support to agricultural education programs and honors one recipient in each of the six NAAE regions throughout the nation.

Established in 2010, the Center Foundation develops and supports programs that educate, cultivate and inspire a thriving and sustainable dairy industry. Two of the most notable programs, Discover Dairy and Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow, impact more than 60,000 students nationwide. Discover Dairy, an elementary and middle school lesson series, shows students where their milk comes from while teaching them how the dairy industry impacts their local community. Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow prepares the next generation of dairy producers and industry professionals with a comprehensive dairy education program that provides industry-recognized certifications.

“The Center for Dairy Excellence and Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania are renowned leaders in the dairy industry within the state of Pennsylvania and the Northeast,” said Michael Brammer, executive director of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. “Not only because [they’re] at the forefront of the industry and agricultural education, but through their work behind the scenes providing leadership, a voice, and programs to the industry and partnering with numerous other organizations to ensure a prosperous and profitable dairy industry.”

Discover Dairy and Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow are free-to-use programs provided through contributions made to the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania. Additional information and questions about either the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow or Discover Dairy programs can be directed to Mary Foote at 717-346-0849 or via email at mfoote@centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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Established in 2010, the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax deductible organization that is Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) approved. The foundation was created to develop and support programs for both the Center for Dairy Excellence and other Pennsylvania dairy organizations which educate, cultivate, and inspire a thriving and sustainable Pennsylvania dairy industry. Learn more about the foundation at centerfordairyexcellence.org.

Caption: Mary Foote, center right, dairy education programs manager, accepts the award on behalf of the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation from NAAE President Terry Rieckman, Forrest T. Jones & Company Representative Mike Williams and NAAE Regional Vice President Krista Pontius.

