

Association announces a new farm beautification award program honoring dairy farms across the state. This new award gives recognition to dairy producers for maintaining well-kept farmsteads.

Farms nominated for the Dairy of Distinction Award will be judged during summer 2009, and the winners announced at the Maryland Dairy Convention in Frederick in February 2010. Winning farms will receive a sign for display on their operations.

To obtain an application, contact Laurie Savage at (301) 349-0750 or secretary@marylanddairyindustry.org

or Leslie Hendrickson-Hart at (301) 791-1504, ext. 21, or lhendrickson@washco-md.net

Applications are due by June 1 to Leslie Hendrickson-Hart, Washington County agriculture marketing specialist, 7303-7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713, or fax (240) 420-1713.

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**Partnership donates nearly \$500,000 to local FFA chapters**

Through a collaboration of 830

veterinarians, animal health suppliers and Pfizer Animal Health, nearly \$500,000 has been donated to local FFA chapters across the country. Through purchases of Pfizer Animal Health's vaccines, veterinarians and animal health suppliers were able to donate to a local FFA chapter of their choice.

"These donations strengthen local chapters and provide the opportunity for FFA members to interact with local animal health professionals. For example, one chapter was able to purchase a new horse trailer and others will have the funds for leadership

training, community service projects and agricultural education," said Will Fett, regional director of the National FFA Foundation.

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**AABP partners with Pfizer Animal Health in new scholarship program for veterinary students**

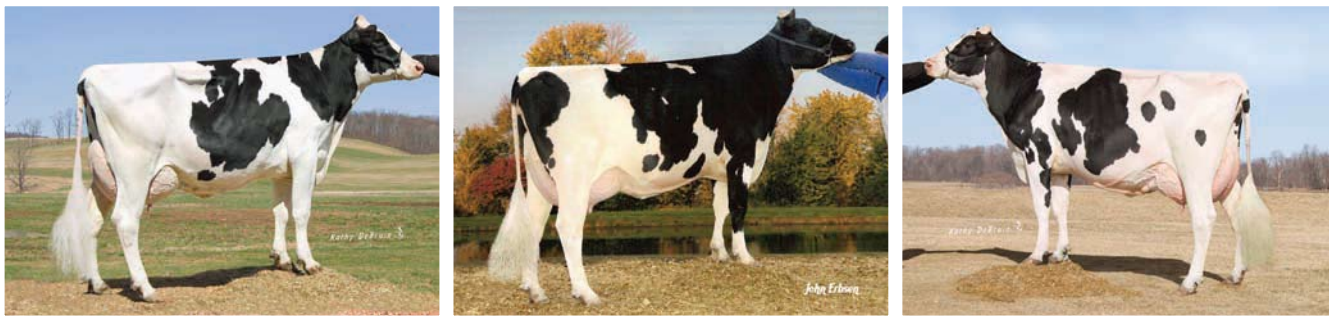
Investing in the future of the large animal veterinary profession, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) and Pfizer Animal Health announce the launch of the AABP Foundation-Pfizer Animal Health Scholarship, aimed toward providing veterinary students with the opportunity to receive one of several scholarships.

Offered to third-year veterinary students in the U.S., the scholarship program will support students interested in food animal medicine. As part of the scholarship, recipients will receive a travel stipend to the September AABP conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

The scholarship application process will be open from April 3 to June 15 with the electronic application found online at [www.aabp.org](http://www.aabp.org)

Applicants must provide information regarding their cattle industry background and provide answers to several essay questions pertaining to the role of large animal veterinarians in today's society. Applicants must be students enrolled in colleges of veterinary medicine in the U.S. and must be in their third year of the veterinary curriculum at the time of application. For more information about the program, e-mail [aabphq@aabp.org](mailto:aabphq@aabp.org) or call (800) 269-2227.

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**W.E.T. Technology reduces costs and improves efficiency**

A&L Laboratories, a leader in dairy and food sanitation, has launched its cost-controlling W.E.T. Technology aimed at helping dairy producers save water, energy and time.

Roger Beers, president and CEO of A&L Laboratories, a division of HYPRED, notes that single-cycle products reduce cleaning time, water, energy and chemical use, and are proven to clean as effectively as traditional multi-phase detergents.

Along with sanitation efficiencies, A&L Laboratories also features a milk quality program, matching the right products with the right services to optimize efficiency throughout the parlor. The A&L Laboratories milk quality team provides the application expertise to effectively clean milking systems, evaluate the entire udder hygiene process and help increase milk quality, premiums and overall profitability. **PD**

—From *A&L Laboratories release*