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Galen Erickson Receives Young Outstanding Researcher Award



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Each year, the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science and Midwest Branch of the American Dairy Science Association offer awards for young animal science leaders. Dr. Galen E. Erickson, Associate Professor of Animal Science, is recipient of this year's Young Outstanding Researcher Award which was presented at the awards reception during the organizations' annual meeting held March 16-18 in Des Moines.

Dr. Galen Erickson received his B.S. degree from Iowa State University in 1995 followed by M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has been on faculty in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 2001 working in the feedlot cattle nutrition area. In 2006, he was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor.

Galen serves as Beef Feedlot Extension Specialist and his research areas are corn milling byproduct utilization, nutrition and environmental interactions, growth promotion, production systems, and decreasing *E. coli* O157:H7 in feedlot cattle. Dr. Erickson supervised 31 graduate students who have completed their degrees and currently supervises or co-supervises an additional 11 graduate students. Dr. Erickson published or has accepted for publication 18 manuscripts for which he served as lead or corresponding author describing work completed beyond his graduate studies, plus 17 co-authored articles. The quality of results led to major contributions on phosphorus requirement in feedlot cattle, a Council for Ag Science & Technology Issue Paper on improving fate of consumed nitrogen in feedlot cattle, a Board Invited Review on distillers grains, and numerous research symposium publications. A sentinel publication on use of ethanol manufacture by-products in feedlot

formulations was co-produced with the Nebraska Corn Board. He is co-author of four book chapters. This is an outstanding record of accomplishment over a period of seven years, averaging five peer-reviewed publications per year. Galen is co-author of 124 abstracts presented at professional meetings and 142 peer-reviewed extension reports. Dr. Erickson has also established an exemplary record regarding acquisition of extramural support for his research and extension programs. Research funding acquired during the past seven years exceeds \$2.8 million.

Outstanding motivation, dedication to excellence in fulfilling position responsibilities, and effective leadership are hallmarks of Galen's performance. In recognition of his program excellence, Galen was selected the 2005 recipient of the Institute of Ag & Natural Resources Dinsdale Family Faculty Award that "awards outstanding teaching, research and outreach in IANR" and in 2007, he received the Wendall Burgher Award from the University.