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American Dairy Science Association

A New Affiliated Society of the AAAS

THE American Dairy Science Association was organized as the National Association of Dairy Instructors and Investigators on 17 July 1906 at the University of Illinois. The proceedings and program of this meeting were published as an Illinois Experiment Station circular in 1907. W. J. Frazer, University of Illinois, was one of the early leaders in the development of the association. The meetings were usually held in connection with the National Dairy Show. In 1917 the official name was changed to the American Dairy Science Association. There are now three sections: Dairy Production, Dairy Manufacturing, and Dairy Extension. Each section has a chairman, vice chairman, and a secretary.

To date 49 annual meetings have been held. The first summer meeting was held at Michigan State College in 1927. Since then the annual meetings have been held during early summer at one of the agricultural colleges. It is of interest that the 50th annual meeting of the association will be held at Michigan State University, 21-23 June. The advent of the summer meetings marked the beginning of a rapid increase in growth of the association. There are approximately 1750 members in the association, and last year 700 attended the meeting at Pennsylvania State University. Many members bring their families to the annual meetings as part of their summer vacation program.

Membership in the association is open to those who have educational background equivalent to university training in dairy science and technology and who are engaged directly or indirectly with the dairy industry. This includes administrative positions in government, colleges, and industry, teachers, dairy plant operators, farm managers, and others with technical or scientific responsibilities in allied industries.

The objects of the association are (i) to stimulate

scientific research in all phases of interest to the dairy industry and dairy science, (ii) to improve dairy instruction in schools, colleges, and extension services, (iii) to cooperate in educational activities for the advancement of the dairy industry, and (iv) to make available through the *Journal of Dairy Science*, the official journal, the results of original scientific dairy research, new developments in the technologies applicable to the dairy field, economic information, and news and comments of interest to dairy workers. The association maintains an active interest in students and has 25 affiliate groups located at various colleges. It has many active committees working with industry and scientific groups on problems of mutual interest.

The association has an extensive award program for outstanding achievement. Awards of \$1000 are given each year through the sponsorship of allied industry organizations. The awards are for outstanding research contributions in dairy production, dairy manufacturing, and dairy cattle nutrition. Awards are also given to the outstanding teacher in dairy science and to the outstanding man in extension work.

The *Journal of Dairy Science* is published once a month. Each volume for the year contains about 150 scientific articles in a total of about 1200 pages. The editor, P. H. Tracy of the University of Illinois, is assisted by a 10-man editorial board. Each member receives a subscription to the journal.

The association's executive board is composed of seven directors, the president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. Officers for this year are president, L. A. Moore, Agricultural Research Service, USDA; vice president, I. A. Gould, Ohio State University; secretary-treasurer, T. D. Harman, Ohio State University.

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