

TO: American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®) Members  
American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Members

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RE: Call for Abstracts—ADSA, ASAS, ARPAS, Northeast Branch/Section of ADSA–ASAS, and ADSA Southern Branch 2013 Joint Annual Meeting

The 2013 Joint Annual Meeting of ADSA–ASAS is scheduled for July 8–12, 2013, in Indianapolis, Indiana. This meeting will address many topics and issues of interest to you as a scientist or practitioner involved in teaching, extension, research, and commercial activities in all areas of animal agriculture.

Please visit our 2013 meeting website (<http://www.jtmtg.org/2013>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (deadline: 11:59 p.m. CST, February 13, 2013). Other valuable information on the website includes

- Program Highlights
- Quality Standard for Abstracts
- Housing Information
- LCD Presentation Information
- Special Audio-Visual Request Form
- Special Event Request Form (deadline December 14, 2012)
- Contact Information for Program Committee Chairs
- Instructions for Poster Presentations
- Undergraduate Student Paper Contest Information
- Graduate Student Paper Contest Information
- Graduate Student Poster Contest Information

The 2013 Joint Annual Meeting Planning Committee and the associated program committees have planned an exciting program that includes approximately 30 symposia. Sessions will include panel discussions, internationally known speakers, workshops, keynote session speakers, and other formats as well as traditional poster and oral presentations. The outstanding planning by these committees has ensured that this will be a value-packed meeting.

Special efforts are underway to welcome graduate and undergraduate students as well as industry personnel to the 2013 Joint Annual Meeting. Again this year, the joint meeting concept will include several symposia geared to help all students succeed in various aspects of the animal agriculture industry.

This year, we are once again offering a Cyber Café to allow attendees to keep up to date while at the meeting. Meeting rooms will be equipped with computers, projectors, and preloaded presentations. Presentation files can be uploaded through the abstract system in advance of the meeting or accepted on site the day before the presentation. More details will be provided closer to the time of abstract acceptance.

## Award Nominations

ADSA 2013 award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due January 18, 2013. Completed supporting materials (part 2 of the process) are due by February 11, 2013. Please go to <http://www.adsa.org/newawards/nominator.asp> for a full listing of available ADSA awards and nomination information.

The deadline for the 2013 ASAS awards is February 22, 2013. Please go to <http://www.asas.org/member-services/awards> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

Indianapolis is the 12th largest city in the United States—and the second largest in the Midwest, after Chicago. Unlike most downtowns, Indianapolis comes alive after dark, especially in the blocks surrounding the Indiana Convention Center. More than 200 restaurants and clubs, live music and shows, and a four-story shopping mall are all right there, in the heart of everything, when you're ready to relax or have some fun. And when you're ready to go back to your room, you just stand up and walk there. It's a campus-like feel, with no tedious shuttling back and forth through endless traffic, as in many convention cities.

Bring your family. Even without a car, there's plenty for them to do downtown while you're in the meeting. If the weather is fair, they can walk a block or two to rent bikes, paddleboats, or Segway personal vehicles on the Central Canal, right in the middle of White River State Park, where they can also stroll in and around two wonderful museums and across a grassy bridge over the river to the Indianapolis Zoo (one of *Trip Advisor's* Top Ten in America). If it's raining, there's our four-story urban mall, with stores ranging from Carson Pirie Scott to American Eagle. And if they do have keys to the car, they might want to drive a few blocks north to our Children's Museum, which *Child Magazine* declared was "Best in the Nation." And if they want to occupy an afternoon, Conner Prairie on Indy's north side makes Frommer's list of "Places To Take Your Kids Before They Grow Up." You might even want to book an extra day to get it all in.

Information will be posted to the website (<http://www.jtmtg.org/2013>) as it becomes available. Check the website frequently for updates.

Whether or not you decide to submit an abstract, do plan now to join us in Indianapolis!

The preregistration booklet will be available for all members in spring 2013. Be sure to watch your inbox and take advantage of the deadline for the early registration fees.