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**LINDA HANSON PRESENTED WITH**  
**AYRSHIRE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ayrshire Breeders' Association presented its annual Distinguished Service Award to Linda Hanson of Goodridge, MN on June 29, 2018 at the National Ayrshire Convention in Branson, MO.

Linda Hanson has been involved with the Ayrshire breed on all levels, from local to international. She has served as a Director of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association for five full terms, plus two years completing a vacated position, totaling 18 years of service. She has contributed to breed improvement individually as a trend setter with a progressive attitude towards genetics, and also working with others as a committee member and chair of the ABA Breed Improvement Committee.

Linda has also served as a board member and secretary/treasurer of the Minnesota Ayrshire Club. She has traveled abroad through the USLGE program to Sweden, Finland, Australia, and New Zealand as a representative at events to promote U.S. Ayrshire genetics. She has judged local, state, regional, and national shows for all breeds as well as judging the Sydney Royal Easter Show in Australia and the Finnish Ayrshire Winter Show.

Linda's ties to the Ayrshire breed started as a young adult when her family purchased Ayrshires and became involved in the Iowa Ayrshire Breeders' Association. From there Linda's college studies at Iowa State, participation on the college judging team and placing high individual in reasons at World Dairy Expo, led to employment in the AI industry and helped solidify her involvement with the Ayrshire breed. Marriage to her husband Mike and the raising of their three sons as fourth generation Ayrshire breeders helped strengthen the ties to the breed as well.

Exemplory leadership and service to the Ayrshire breed have made Linda Hanson a dedicated steward to the breed. Linda's hard work continues with promoting the breed and passing on knowledge to future generations. Her leadership and contributions of time and expertise have and will surely help the Ayrshire breed progress and move forward.