

Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service (ruminants)

Dr. Daniel Lefebvre



This award is given to members of the Canadian Society of Animal Science in recognition of sustained outstanding service to the animal industries of Canada in technology transfer, leadership and education in animal production, specifically in the areas of ruminant and non-ruminant production. These contributions must be distinct from those of research. The awards are sponsored by Dairy Farmers of Canada, Canadian Pork Council and Chicken Farmers of Canada.

Daniel Lefebvre was born in 1966 and raised on a 125-cow dairy farm in St-Constant, near Montreal, where he is still involved in the management of the herd and milks cows from time to time. He graduated with a B.Sc. (Agr.) in Animal Science from McGill University in 1989 and obtained a Ph.D. in nutritional physiology of dairy cows from McGill University in 1998. Dr. Lefebvre is a member of the *Ordre des Agronomes du Québec* and is a board certified member of the American College of Animal Nutrition of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

Daniel is well known in the Quebec dairy industry for his leadership and his involvement in technology transfer, research and diffusion of knowledge. He has been a member of the Research & Development team at Valacta, the dairy production center of expertise for Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, since 1993 as nutritionist and dairy production expert. As such, he has led the development of the Agri-Lacta herd management software suite and its ration formulation and feed management module Ration'L which is one of the first commercial implementations of the NRC 2001 model. Since 2006, Dr. Lefebvre leads the R&D team of Valacta. Daniel and his team lead the development of Valacta's educational programs which reach up to 2300 dairy producers in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces every year. Dr. Lefebvre is an adjunct professor at both McGill and Laval Universities' Departments of Animal Science and maintains a close collaboration with researchers in universities and research institutions and as such is involved in numerous research projects.

Nominated by Dr. Christiane Girard

Pictured above: Claude Miville (Fédération de producteurs de porc du Québec) and Dr. Daniel Lefebvre