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USPOULTRY Foundation Supports Attendance of FFA Students and Advisors to IPPE 2024

The Gold winning teams of the National FFA Poultry Evaluation and Food Science and Technology Career Development Events (CDEs) were invited to attend the International Poultry Expo (IPE), part of the 2024 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE), as a result of the USPOULTRY Foundation's continued initiative to attract students to the poultry and egg industry. The teams that attended received an all-expenses paid trip and had the opportunity to visit IPPE's record-breaking trade show floor.

"Through our Foundation, USPOULTRY has been a supporter of the FFA Poultry Evaluation and Food Science and Technology CDEs for many years. The opportunity to experience IPPE's vast trade show floor, packed with the latest exciting technology used by today's modern, sustainable poultry industry, and participate in some of the 80+ hours of world-class education programs, is an excellent way to expose these future leaders to potential careers in the poultry and egg industry," remarked Jarod Morrison, Farbest Foods Inc., and USPOULTRY Foundation chair.

The students also participated in a program that included poultry industry leaders from Tyson Foods Inc., Perdue Farms and Pilgrim's that showcased the extensive array of career opportunities in the industry.

The following Poultry Evaluation CDE teams were invited to attend IPPE: Westville FFA, Oklahoma; Ag Science and Technology Academy FFA, Texas; Lincoln FFA, Arkansas; Neosho FFA, Missouri; Madison County FFA, Georgia; Louisburg FFA, Kansas; Roane County FFA, Kansas; Thorsby FFA, Alabama; Wilson Central FFA, Tennessee; and Manor FFA, Pennsylvania.

The following Food Science and Technology CDE teams were invited to attend IPPE: Big Walnut-DACC FFA, Ohio; Eustis-Farnam FFA, Nebraska; Gardiner FFA, Montana; Lincoln FFA, Arkansas; Louisburg FFA, Kansas; Palmyra FFA, Missouri; South Prairie FFA, Weimar FFA; and West Orange FFA, Florida.



FFA students and advisors at the 2024 IPPE.

USPOULTRY and Foundation Approve \$363,000 in New Research Through the Board Research Initiative Program

USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation have approved approximately \$363,000 in funding for three new research projects at two institutions through the Board Research Initiative Program. The topics and requests for proposals were selected by the USPOULTRY board of directors, and the Foundation Research Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended which proposals to fund.

The funded research projects are:

Necrotic Enteritis in Chickens: Understanding the Immunological Basis of Host Immunity to Develop Effective Non-Antibiotic Disease Prevention Approaches

North Carolina State University

Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Epidemiologic Investigations of *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* in Commercial Turkeys

Iowa State University

Advancing Infectious Coryza Diagnosis and Control: Uncovering the Attenuated Pathogenicity and Potential Immunogenicity of Non-Pathogenic *Avibacterium paragallinarum* (npAP) Isolates

Iowa State University

This funding was partially made possible through donations to the USPOULTRY Foundation from various poultry and egg companies, as well as individuals and families, supporting the Foundation's mission to fund industry research and promote careers in poultry.

The USPOULTRY Board Research Initiative was established by the boards of USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation to tackle current issues in the poultry industry. This initiative complements the USPOULTRY Comprehensive Research Program by focusing additional resources on specific research areas.

Since the program's inception, USPOULTRY has invested more than \$36 million in industry research grants, benefiting more than 50 universities and federal and state facilities.

USPOULTRY Foundation Awards \$297,580 in Student Recruiting Grants

The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded student recruiting grants totaling \$297,580 to six universities with Poultry Science departments and 20 other institutions with industry-related programs. The Foundation provides annual recruiting and retention funds to colleges and universities to attract or connect students to their poultry programs or the industry. The grants were made possible in part by gifts to the USPOULTRY Foundation from companies, individuals and families, in addition to funds earned over the years from the IPE, part of the IPPE.

The six universities with Poultry Science departments receiving the grants were: Auburn University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, Texas A&M, University of Arkansas and University of Georgia. Together, they received \$200,000 in support from the USPOULTRY Foundation.

The 20 other institutions with industry-related programs that received recruiting and retention grants under the Foundation's Industry Education Recruitment Funding Program included: California State University, Fresno, California; Clemson University, South Carolina; Cleveland Community College, North Carolina; Delaware Valley University; Emmanuel University, Georgia; Iowa State University; Kansas State University; Modesto Junior College, California; Murray State University, Kentucky; North Carolina A&T State University; Sam Houston State University, Texas; Tennessee Tech University; University of Arkansas Pine Bluff; University of Delaware; University of Florida; University of Mount Olive, North Carolina; University of North Georgia; University of Tennessee; Wallace State Community College, Alabama; and Wilkes Community College, North Carolina. Together, these institutions received \$97,580 in support from the USPOULTRY Foundation.

Commenting on the grant funding, Jarod Morrison, Farbest Foods Inc., and USPOULTRY Foundation chair said, "Our industry needs talented young people to see all the amazing and varied career paths offered in our industry, so they can make the choice to become our leaders of tomorrow. USPOULTRY Foundation recruiting grants are an essential tool to help colleges and universities to encourage students to enroll in poultry industry-related studies."

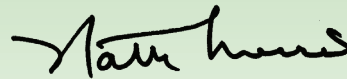
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seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists,
and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.*