USPOULTRY and Foundation Approve $285,595 in New Board Research Initiative Grants

TUCKER, Ga – May 10, 2017 – USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation have approved $285,595 in funding for three new research grants at three institutions through the Board Research Initiative program. The research funding was approved by the boards of directors of both organizations, based on recommendations from the Foundation Research Advisory Committee. The committee evaluates research proposals to determine their value to the industry and then makes recommendations to the boards for funding.

The research was made possible in part by donations to the USPOULTRY Harold E. Ford Foundation. The donations were from a wide range of poultry and egg companies, individuals and families to support the Foundation’s mission of funding industry research and recruiting students into poultry careers.

The research grants for each institution include:

**Improving Broiler Breeder Flock Welfare and Reducing Stress through Early Photostimulation and Spin Feeding**
University of Georgia (research grant made possible by an endowing Foundation gift from Dr. Don and Teresa Jackson)

**A Pilot Study to Exposures of Peracetic Acid-Based Disinfectants among Poultry Processing Workers**
Georgia Institute of Technology (research grant made possible by an endowing Foundation gift from Shepard Exposition Services)

**Rapid Ensiling of Hen Carcasses for Biosecure Preservation and Virus Destruction Following Depopulation**
Pennsylvania State University (research grant made possible by an endowing Foundation gift from CCF Brands)

The USPOULTRY Board Research Initiative was created by the boards of USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation to address current issues facing the poultry industry. The USPOULTRY Board Research Initiative operates alongside the current USPOULTRY comprehensive research program and augments the great success of the existing program by focusing additional resources toward defined areas of research.

USPOULTRY and its Foundation operate an extensive research program incorporating all phases of poultry and egg production and processing. Since the inception of the research program, USPOULTRY
has reinvested more than $27 million dollars into the industry in the form of research grants, with the International Poultry Expo as the primary source for the funding. More than 50 universities and federal and state facilities have received grants over the years.

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U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today’s poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.