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$30,447 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant Awarded to Mississippi State University

TUCKER, Ga. – Nov. 18, 2019 – A $30,447 student recruiting grant has been awarded to Mississippi State University from the U.S. Poultry & Egg Harold E. Ford Foundation (USPOULTRY Foundation). The grant will be used to recruit students interested in the poultry industry and was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Sanderson Farms.

The check was presented by Barbara Jenkins, vice president of education and student programs for USPOULTRY and executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation, to Dr. Mary Beck, professor and head of the Poultry Science Department. Joining in the presentation were several poultry science students.

“We need bright, young individuals who will become the managers and leaders of the poultry and egg industry of tomorrow. They are our future, and there are many opportunities for them throughout all phases of the industry,” said Jenkins.

In September 2019, the USPOULTRY Foundation board approved student recruiting grants totaling $383,577 to 35 colleges and universities across the United States with a poultry science department or industry-related degree program. The USPOULTRY Foundation provides annual recruiting funds to colleges and universities to attract students to their poultry programs. The grants are made possible by gifts to the Foundation from companies, individuals and families, in addition to funds earned over the years at the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo.

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From left: Dr. Mary Beck, professor and head of the Poultry Science Department, Mississippi State University, and Barbara Jenkins, vice president of education and student programs for USPOULTRY and executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation