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USPOULTRY Foundation Sponsors National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event Students to IPPE

TUCKER, Ga. – Jan. 8, 2019 – The top 11 teams of the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event are again invited to attend the International Poultry Expo (IPE), part of the 2019 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE), as a result of the USPOULTRY Foundation’s ongoing initiative to further attract students to the poultry and egg industries. The opportunity for teams of the Poultry Evaluation CDE to attend is made possible in part by endowing Foundation gifts from Prestage Farms and Sanderson Farms.

The students will receive an all-expense paid trip and will participate in a program led by poultry industry leaders who will advise them of the numerous and varying career opportunities in the industry. They will also have an opportunity to see and experience the exciting technology used by today’s modern, sustainable poultry industry while visiting the vast IPPE trade show floor.

“This is the fifth year we have brought CDE winners and other FFA students to IPE. The program has become one the students, our member companies, exhibitors, the staff of FFA and our Foundation look forward to each year. The opportunity to bring future leaders to IPE is tremendous. We are pleased to assist the industry in its continuous recruitment of young talent,” remarked Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation.

The following Poultry Evaluation CDE teams have been invited to attend IPPE. Their awards were presented by John Starkey, USPOULTRY president, and Ed Scott, director of corporate recruiting for Cal-Maine Foods, and are listed in their order of finish: Katy FFA, Texas; Farmington FFA, Arkansas; Prairie Central FFA, Illinois; Coweta FFA, Oklahoma; Brantley County FFA, Georgia; Caney FFA, Kansas; Assumption FFA, Louisiana; North Clackamas FFA, Oregon; Paris FFA, Missouri; Hillsdale FFA, Ohio; and Manor FFA, Pennsylvania.

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