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USPOULTRY Foundation Sponsors National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event Students to 2020 IPPE

TUCKER, Ga. – Jan. 16, 2020 – The top 12 teams of the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event have been invited to attend the International Poultry Expo (IPE), part of the 2020 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 opportunity for teams of the Poultry Evaluation CDE to attend is made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift 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 that will advise them of the numerous and various career opportunities in the industry. They will also have an opportunity to see and experience the exciting technology used in today’s modern, sustainable poultry industry by visiting the vast IPPE trade show floor.

“This is the sixth year we have brought CDE winners and other FFA students to IPE. The program has become one the students, our member companies, exhibitors and the staffs of FFA and our Foundation look forward to each year as we look forward to the future of the poultry and egg industry,” remarked Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation.

The following Poultry Evaluation CDE teams have been invited to attend IPPE. The awards were presented by Dr. Valerie Gunsaulis, senior food scientist, Tyson Foods; John Prestage, senior vice president, Prestage Farms; and USPOULTRY chairman; and John Starkey, USPOULTRY president. Teams are listed in their order of finish: Katy FFA, Texas; Har-Ber FFA, Arkansas; Oconee County FFA, Georgia; Thorsby FFA, Alabama; Margaretta FFA, Ohio; Paris FFA, Missouri; Paxton-Buckley-Loda FFA, Illinois; Santa Maria FFA, California; Spring Hill FFA, Kansas; North Clackamas FFA, Oregon; Wirt County FFA, West Virginia; and Graves County FFA, Kentucky.

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