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USPOULTRY and Foundation Approve $415,000 in New Research Grants through the Comprehensive Research Program

Tucker, Ga., May 7, 2019 – USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation have approved approximately $415,000 for six new research grants at six institutions through the comprehensive research 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. Committee members are professional specialists from different segments of the poultry and egg industry who represent a variety of disciplines.

The Association’s comprehensive research program dates to the early 1960s when funds were first approved for poultry disease research. It gradually grew into an all-inclusive program incorporating all phases of poultry and egg production and processing. Since the inception of the research program, USPOULTRY has reinvested more than $32 million dollars into the industry in the form of research grants. More than 50 universities and federal and state facilities have received grants over the years.

“Research is an important part of USPOULTRY's and the Foundation's service to the industry. The Foundation Research Advisory Committee is the core of the research program with committee members volunteering countless hours reviewing and evaluating research proposals before making recommendations for funding. We sincerely appreciate and value their excellent work,” said John Prestage, Prestage Farms, and USPOULTRY chairman.

The research grants for each institution include:

Fate and Effect of Commercial Peracetic Acid Solutions in Poultry Processing Waste Water Biological Treatment Processes
Georgia Tech Research Institute (research grant made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from the Stanley & Dorothy Frank Family Foundation)

Effect of Protease Enzyme on Corn and Soybean Meal-Based Laying Hen Diet to Reduce Feed Cost, Improve Egg Quality and Egg Solids in Post-Peak and Late Lay
Mississippi State University (research grant made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Cal-Maine Foods)

Evaluating the Impact of Ventilation Shutdown for Depopulation of Broiler Breeders During a Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak
North Carolina State University (research grant made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Case Farms)
Cage-Free Pullet Density: Production and Welfare Outcomes
Purdue University (research grant made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from CCF Brands)

Feed Additive for Reducing Incidence of Wooden Breast Disease in Commercial Broiler Chickens
University of Delaware (research grant made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Mountaire Farms)

Evaluation of a Drinker System with or without Trays on House Litter Conditions, Bird Performance, Health and Welfare
University of Georgia (research grant made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Claxton Poultry)

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