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### Poultry science department students and faculty receive awards and honors during annual Poultry Science Association meeting

Students and faculty of the University of Arkansas Poultry Science Department received prestigious awards at the 2017 Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting held July 17-20 in Orlando, Florida.

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### University of Arkansas poultry science department scholarship golf tournament a success

Twenty-seven teams competed and raised money for scholarships during the Annual University of Arkansas Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament Aug. 1 at the Springdale Country Club.

The major sponsor for the tournament was Cobb-Vantress, Inc. who provided funding for a **flight sponsorship**. **Hole sponsors** this year were F.P.E.C., Aviagen, PhileoLesaffre Animal Care and CJ America. **Bunker Sponsors** included Hubbard Breeders, Shannon Burasco-NutriQuest, AB Vista, Inc. and Zinpro. Arkansas Farm Bureau sponsored the goody bags that each player received and Simmons provided the chicken at lunch.

#### THE RESULTS:

##### 1st Place:

FPEC Corp - Sean Davison, Chris Knodle, Alan Cantrell, Brad Norwood (56)

##### 2nd Place:

Elanco - Johnathan Martin, Lance Martin, Bret Hendricks, Heath Allen (59)

##### 3rd Place:

Merck - Bob Rochelle, Lee Moore, Steve Dixon, Kevin Aday (60)  
won the scorecard playoff

## The Poultry Federation's Live Production Symposium

The Live Production Symposium, held in Rogers, had over 500 attendees and 63 vendors.

During the general session attendees heard from Marvin Childers, President of TPF and received updates on the growth of TPF as well as a live demo of TPF's new website. Attendees heard from speakers that covered topics on how to run live production operations efficiently, how to relate to co-workers in different generations, litter management, water quality, sanitation, incubation differences, antibiotic free production and breeder farm depopulation.

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## The Center for Food Animal Wellbeing held 7th Annual Symposium

Considerations and innovations in transporting poultry and hogs and the challenges and opportunities in managing beef cattle health and wellbeing were among the topics covered Aug. 3 during the Center for Food Animal Wellbeing's seventh annual symposium on current issues and advances in food animal wellbeing.

"This year we had something special for everyone beginning with the issues around food animal transportation, how technology will improve animal welfare, behavior of beef cattle, and the impact of new regulations on everyone in animal agriculture and beyond," said Karen Christensen, Extension Poultry Specialist and Associate Professor in Poultry Science. Since the retirement of Dr. Yvonne Thaxton, pictured above, as Center Director, Christensen hosted the symposium this year for the Center for Food Animal Wellbeing.

Speakers included Kate Barger, director of world animal welfare, Cobb-Vantress; Yi Liang, associate professor, extension, agriculture and biological engineering, University of Arkansas; Jason McAllister, director of animal welfare, Triumph Foods; Jeff Carroll, research leader, USDA-Agricultural Research Service Livestock Issues Research Unit; Hongwei Xin, director of egg industry center, Iowa State University; Yvonne Thaxton, emeritus director Center of Food Animal Wellbeing, University of Arkansas; Emily McCormack, animal curator and internship director, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge; Stacy Mason, senior breeder field representative, American Kennel Club; Kimberly J. Murphy, IACUC research compliance analyst, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and Elizabeth Rumley, senior staff attorney, National Agricultural Law Center, University of Arkansas.

The goal for the Center for Food Animal Wellbeing is to improve animal health, animal handling, food safety and productivity by developing and defining objective measurements of wellbeing including measures of behavior, stress physiology, neurophysiology, immunology, microbiology and production efficiency.

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## Broiler Carcass Gross Pathology and Disposition Meeting



Forty-eight participants attended the half-day Broiler Carcass Gross Pathology and Disposition meeting on Aug. 8 at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center at the University of Arkansas. Organized by Dr. John Marcy, Extension Food Scientist, the meeting brought together industry personnel from Arkansas and Missouri for both lectures and disposition discussions.



"The broiler, turkey, woody breast pathology and disposition meeting was a productive 1/2 day because of participation from Springdale District Supervisory Public Health Veterinarians, Front Line Supervisors & District Office personnel along with industry personnel and product samples from many of the Arkansas / Missouri facilities," said Dr. Marcy. "Dr. Douglas Fulnechek from Zoetis, Dr. Jeffrey Samples and Dr. Stanley Baker from FSIS led the disposition discussion at different tables."

The companies in attendance included Butterball, Cargill, FSIS, George's, Inc., OK Foods, Pilgrim's, Simmons, Twin Rivers, Tyson Foods, Inc., University of Arkansas and Zoetis.

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## Summer Short Courses



Pictured are participants in the one-day University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service/ Farm Bureau/USSEC Poultry Short Course.

The participants were from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and US Soybean Export Council.



This photo was taken at the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Pictured are Dr. F.D. Clark, Dr. Keith Bramwell, Dr. Randall Moore and participants in the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service /Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health Poultry Industry Short Course. The participants were poultry integrator personnel from Sunner Poultry of China. The course was a four-day short course.

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## **Poultry 201 hosted by Center of Excellence for Poultry Science**

Poultry 201, a hands-on workshop that covers all aspects of marination and batter and breading systems for poultry products, was held at the University of Arkansas Aug. 15-17. Topics included meat chemistry, functional ingredients used, marination methods, cooking methods and equipment use/maintenance.

Pictured here is a demonstration of the Marel RevoPortioner which uses low pressure to portion meat.

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## **Davis receives FFA award**

Gary Davis, undergraduate recruiter for the Center of Excellence, was recently presented with an award from the FFA Arkansas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. The award for Outstanding Cooperation, given in appreciation for Davis' dedication to the AVATA, was presented in August.

The AVATA is a professional organization for agriculture science teachers and supporters of agriculture education and is the state affiliation of the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

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