



## PARTNERS

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### UA poultry science department receives gift from Harold E. Ford Foundation

*The USPoultry Harold E. Ford Foundation check is presented to the Department of Poultry Science. Pictured (L to R) are Maricela Maqueda, poultry science student; Margo Henderson; Monty Henderson, retired, George's Inc.; Amelia Chapman, poultry science student; Dr. Mike Kidd, Department Head for the poultry science department and director for the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science; John E. Starkey, President, USPOULTRY; and Courtney Shumate, poultry science student.*

The University of Arkansas Department of Poultry Science recently received a donation of \$28,123.00 from the USPoultry Harold E. Ford Foundation. The foundation, named for a former executive with the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, promotes advancement of the poultry industry through education and training.

Dr. Mike Kidd, department head and director for the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science, said the gift will help support recruitment efforts such as the annual Poultry Science Youth Conference, the youth broiler show at the Arkansas State Fair, in-service training for faculty and recruiting activities.

"The Harold E. Ford Foundation contributions to the Department of Poultry Science are vital to the mission of the department for recruiting future leaders of the poultry industry. The check will be used for numerous activities to educate youth on the career opportunities that a poultry science major has to offer," said Kidd. "These funds are vital because they help us recruit students who will become future leaders in the poultry industry."

The USPOULTRY Foundation board approved student recruiting grants totaling more than \$326,300 to six U.S. universities with poultry science departments and 28 other institutions with poultry-related programs. The Foundation provides annual recruiting funds to colleges and universities to attract students to their poultry programs.

*Members of the University of Arkansas National Poultry Judging Team are, L to R, Dakota Walker, Will Bryles, Emily Spatz, Dennis Mason (coach), Kristen Martin (alternate), Cole Umberson and MacKenzie Pippin (assistant coach).*

## **University of Arkansas team places third in national poultry judging contest**

The University of Arkansas Poultry Judging team took third place overall at the 53rd National Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest held Nov. 4-6, on the University of Arkansas campus.

In addition to winning third place for the overall team, University of Arkansas team member Emily Spatz received third Overall Individual and second Overall Individual in Division 2: Breeder Selection and Carcass Quality. Team member Dakota Walker received fifth Overall Individual and second Overall Individual in Division 1: Egg Production and Quality. The entire team tied for third in Division 2: Breeder Selection and Carcass Quality.

Members of the University of Arkansas team were Will Bryles; Cole Umberson; Dakota Walker; Emily Spatz; Dennis Mason, coach; and Mackenzie Pippin, assistant coach.

Texas A&M University took first place overall.

Other teams in the contest were from Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, Penn State University, Ohio State University and Kansas State University.

In October the department conducted a poultry judging workshop for state FFA teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. They were fine tuning their skills in preparation for the National FFA Poultry Judging Contest.

The Center of Excellence for Poultry Science hosted a group of Spanish nutritionists in September who were learning about molecular approaches to meat quality and nutritional recommendations in broilers. Dr. Kidd is shown here welcoming the group.

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