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FSIS HACCP Validation Workshop Offered at 2016 IPPE

Washington, DC, Nov. 12, 2015– The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) announced it will host the “Achieving FSIS HACCP Validation Workshop” at the 2016 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE), scheduled to take place Jan. 26-28, 2016, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Ga. This four-hour session will address effective ways small and very small plants can comply with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Validation Guidance by the April 4, 2016, deadline. Attendees also will learn about strategies to meet FSIS expectations for both scientific support and in-plant validation—two areas that are the focus of the compliance guidelines.

The session will include two presentations by Kerri Gehring, Ph.D., associate professor, Texas A&M University, and president and CEO, International HACCP Alliance, titled “Scientific Support and Determining Critical Parameters” and “Validation Case Studies.” Margaret Hardin, Ph.D., vice president, technical services, IEH Laboratories and Consulting Group, will host the “Establishing In-plant Initial Validation” and “The Role of Microbiological Testing” discussions. Dr. Ilene Arnold, senior staff officer, FSIS, will present the agency’s perspective and enforcement methods, while Bob Savage, president, HACCP Consulting Group, will close the session with a presentation titled “Determining Ongoing Verification and Reassessment.”

The workshop, which costs \$150 for all registered IPPE attendees, will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 26, 2016. For more information about this session, click [here](#). To register to attend IPPE, visit www.ippexpo.org.

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ABOUT IPPE

The International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) is a collaboration of three shows - International Feed Expo, International Meat Expo and the International Poultry Expo - representing the entire chain of

protein production and processing. The event is sponsored by the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), North American Meat Institute (NAMI) and U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY).

ABOUT AFIA

The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

ABOUT NAMI

The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) is the leading voice for the meat and poultry industry. Formed from the 2015 merger of the American Meat Institute (AMI) and North American Meat Association (NAMA), the Institute has a rich, century-long history and provides essential member services including legislative, regulatory, scientific, international and public affairs representation. NAMI's mission is to shape a public policy environment in which the meat and poultry industry can produce wholesome products safely, efficiently and profitably. Together, the Institute's members produce the vast majority of U.S. beef, pork, lamb and poultry and the equipment, ingredients and services needed for the highest quality products.

ABOUT USPOULTRY

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today's poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.