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International Production & Processing Expo

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International Rendering Symposium to Showcase Sustainability of U.S. and Canadian Rendering Industry

TUCKER, Ga. – Dec. 19, 2016 – The 2017 International Rendering Symposium will showcase the sustainability of the U.S. and Canadian rendering industry. Held during the 2017 International Production & Processing Expo in Atlanta, Ga., notable speakers will discuss how rendering leftover products from the meat and poultry industries contribute to the life cycle analysis of animal agriculture and environmentally-friendly biofuel.

The two-day program, sponsored by the National Renderers Association and the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY), costs \$200 to attend. The program will be held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. Symposium participants are invited to a networking reception which will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday evening, Feb. 2.

The program will open with a virtual tour of a rendering plant, followed by presentations on various aspects of rendering's sustainability and green footprint. The program topics include Livestock and Climate Change; Rendering: Making Animal Agriculture Sustainable; From Cow to Shoe: The Symbiotic Relationship between Rendering and Leather Tanning; Used Cooking Oil: Why Does it Matter?; Innovations in Rendering; Rendered Ingredients from a Nutritional Standpoint; Quality Assurance in the Rendering Industry/FSMA Update; and Global Trade and the Sustainability of Sustainability.

The U.S. and Canadian rendering industry collects and safely processes more than 56 billion pounds of animal byproducts each year, converting these materials into fat and protein ingredients primarily used in animal feed, pet food and fuels. The rendering industry provides services for the safe collection of these materials and uses heat to dehydrate and separate the fat and solid materials before recycling them into new high-value ingredients.

IPPE, the world's largest annual poultry, feed and meat industry trade show, will be held Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2017. IPPE is a collaboration of three trade shows—International Feed Expo, International Poultry Expo and International Meat Expo—representing the entire chain of protein production and processing. The

event is sponsored by the USPOULTRY, the American Feed Industry Association and the North American Meat Institute.

For more information about the International Rendering Symposium, click [here](#) for Thursday's program and [here](#) for Friday's program. For more information about IPPE, including registration details, lodging and other education offerings, go to www.ippexpo.org.

International Rendering Symposium

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Room B203

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.