



For Immediate Release **International Production & Processing Expo**

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IPPE Donates \$19,220 to Atlanta Community Food Bank

ATLANTA, Ga. – Feb. 6, 2018 – The feed, meat and poultry industries continue to work together to supply healthy and safe food products. Production and efficiency levels and genetic advancements have made considerable expansions in the past decade alone. However, many individuals still suffer from hunger. One in seven Americans, and an estimated 755,000 people in metro Atlanta, rely on food pantries and meal service programs to feed their families each year.

As part of the effort to fight hunger, the 2018 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) raised more than \$19,220 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank through its ‘Giving Back to Atlanta’ campaign. The initial \$17,500 check presentation included contributions from IPPE and Hawkins Inc., and an additional \$1,720 was provided by numerous individual donations.

"We are grateful for the continued support IPPE and Hawkins, Inc. have given the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Support from these valued partners will help provide more than 60,000 meals to families in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia, where one in four children face food insecurity each day," said Ben Burgess, food sourcing specialist, Atlanta Community Food Bank.

"We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the exhibitors and attendees who contributed to the ‘Giving Back to Atlanta’ campaign. Your contributions will make a difference in fighting hunger in Atlanta," said IPPE show organizers.

Sponsored by the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY), American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) and North American Meat Institute (NAMI), IPPE is the world's largest annual feed, meat and poultry industry event of its kind.

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Pictured left to right: Ben Burgess, food sourcing specialist, Atlanta Community Food Bank; Nath Morris, executive vice president - expo, USPOULTRY; Anne Halal, senior vice president, exposition, education and member services, NAMI; Sarah Novak, vice president of membership and public relations, AFIA; Veronica Rovelli, senior director of meeting and events, AFIA; Eric Zito, vice president, membership and exposition services, NAMI; and Pennie Stathes, logistics manager, USPOULTRY.

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

Founded in 1909, the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), based in Arlington, Va., is the world’s largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal food industry and its suppliers. The organization’s membership is comprised of more than 670 domestic and international companies that represent the total feed industry—manufacturers of commercial and integrated feed and pet food, ingredient suppliers, pharmaceutical companies, industry support and equipment manufacturers. AFIA members manufacture more than 75 percent of the feed and 70 percent of the non-grain ingredients used in the country. AFIA is also recognized as the leader on international industry developments and holds membership in the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF).

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, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association is based in Tucker, Ga.