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International Production & Processing Expo

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Free IPPE Education Program Provides Updates on Regulatory Changes in Animal Food Industry

TUCKER, Ga. – Oct. 10, 2018 – The American Feed Industry Association’s (AFIA) free Feed Education Program returns for the twelfth time to the International Production & Processing Expo on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019. The four-hour program is ideal for animal food facility managers, operations personnel and mill personnel looking to learn about the latest regulatory requirements impacting their businesses.

“Last year’s Feed Education Program brought together nearly 100 animal food industry professionals to hear about how new regulations are impacting the manufacture of feed and pet food in the United States,” said Gary Huddleston, AFIA’s director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs. “State and federal requirements on animal food safety, environmental protection, transportation and workplace safety are regularly changing, and this program offers an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and learn best practices to help the industry improve its manufacturing practices.”

The half-day session will cover current regulations as well as changes being proposed by several federal agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation. It will also provide attendees with a presentation on how to create the right employee culture within their facilities.

In addition to the educational portion of the program, AFIA will announce the winner of its 2018 Feed Facility of the Year program, which it offers in cooperation with *Feedstuffs*. AFIA has been conducting the Feed Facility of the Year and its predecessor program to recognize companies for outstanding performance in animal food manufacturing. The program recognizes winners in four categories, including integrator, commercial dry livestock feed, liquid feed and premix manufacturing. A top facility is selected to be the Feed Facility of the Year among those. Visit afia.org to see a list of previous award winners.

The Feed Education Program will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Feb. 13. [More information](#) is available on the IPPE website. [Online registration for IPPE](#) is now open, and this program is included with trade show admission. Register by Jan. 15 for the early-bird rate of \$50. On-site registration for IPPE will also be available at a rate of \$100.

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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

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 680 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, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.