



## **For Immediate Release**

### **International Production & Processing Expo**

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## **Feed Production Education Program Returns to IPPE**

ATLANTA, Ga. – Jan. 8, 2018 – The American Feed Industry Association’s (AFIA) Feed Education Program returns to the 2018 International Production & Processing Expo Wednesday, Jan. 31, in Atlanta. The free program is ideal for feed facility managers, operations personnel and mill personnel looking to learn the latest regulatory requirements that impact their businesses.

The half-day session will educate attendees about expanding feed industry regulatory requirements. They will hear from a variety of experts in the field on topics such as:

- An update on federal regulatory changes from the Departments of Labor and Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration;
- A discussion on how plant control systems can help with Food Safety Modernization Act compliance; and
- An overview of the new Institute for Feed Education and Research *salmonella* project.

“Attendees will leave AFIA’s Feed Education Program with a better understanding of industry trends to take back to their facilities,” said Gary Huddleston, AFIA’s director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs.

In addition to the educational components of the program, the Feed Facility of the Year (FFY) award winner will be announced. This award program, sponsored by AFIA and Feedstuffs, is designed to recognize overall excellence in feed and ingredient manufacturing operations. Formerly the Feed Mill of the Year program, the sponsors introduced the new FFY benchmarking and award program in 2016. Facilities apply to the program and then are scored based on various criteria. AFIA and Feedstuffs representatives visit the top facilities in each category and select the winners for the year.

“We have several outstanding entries in this year’s Feed Facility of the Year program,” said Huddleston. “We are excited to share the results of the benchmarking portion of the program and announce this year’s winning facilities, which are the cream of the crop of the feed industry.”

The Feed Education Program will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.. [More information](#) is available on the IPPE website, and this program is included with trade show admission. On-site registration for IPPE will be available at a rate of \$100.

IPPE is expected to attract more than 30,000 attendees and is a collaboration of three trade shows—the International Feed Expo, International Poultry Expo and International Meat Expo—representing the entire chain of protein production and processing. The event is sponsored by AFIA, the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association and the North American Meat Institute. More information about IPPE, including registration details, lodging and education offerings, is available at [www.ippexpo.org](http://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**

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, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.