



For Immediate Release International Production & Processing Expo

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AFIA's Feed Education Program Discusses How to Facilitate Good Employee Culture

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 13, 2019 – Over 75 feed facility managers, operations personnel and mill personnel heard from industry leaders on the latest federal regulations impacting their businesses at the American Feed Industry Association's 12th annual Feed Education Program, held today during the International Production & Processing Expo, happening this week in Atlanta, Ga.

"Our industry is constantly evolving to ensure we are producing safe animal food in compliance with all state and federal regulations," said Gary Huddleston, AFIA's director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs. "The AFIA Feed Education Program provides a great forum for industry leaders to learn about regulatory changes affecting our industry as well as other issues impacting feed manufacturing."



Panelists discuss creating the right employee culture in animal food manufacturing facilities at AFIA's Feed Education Program.

The half-day education program provided attendees with an overview of the latest transportation, environmental, food safety and workplace safety rules and regulations in effect, including any regulatory changes or guidance from the federal regulatory agencies. In addition, attendees heard from a panel of experts about creating the right employee culture at their facilities.

"It is critical that you are treating your people well, and that it is happening at all levels," said panelist Mike Gauss of Kent Nutrition Group. "Culture starts at the top, but people at every layer can help build the culture too."

In addition to the educational portion of the program, AFIA [announced](#) Famo Feeds of Freeport, Minn., as the 2018 Feed Facility of the Year award winner. Cosponsored by AFIA and Feedstuffs, this program recognizes overall excellence in feed and ingredient manufacturing operations. Famo Feeds earned the

industry's top honor based on the company's commitment to safety and customer service and its robust investments in production efficiency.

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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.