



## **For Immediate Release**

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

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## **Free Feed Education Program Provides Updates on Regulatory Changes in Animal Food Industry**

TUCKER, Ga. – Dec. 10, 2020 – The American Feed Industry Association’s (AFIA) free [Feed Education Program](#) returns this year in a virtual format to the [International Production & Processing Expo Marketplace Week](#) to update attendees on recent changes within several federal agencies and provide an outlook for the animal food industry for 2021. The two-hour program, to be held Jan. 28, 2021, is ideal for animal food facility managers and operations and mill personnel looking to learn about the latest regulatory requirements impacting their businesses.

“The AFIA Feed Education Program offers attendees the opportunity to learn how regulations affect the animal food industry and share ideas to help the industry improve its manufacturing practices,” said Gary Huddleston, AFIA’s director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs. “While we wish we could meet in person, we hope the virtual format opens up the program to others who typically can’t attend IPPE.”

The feed industry learned many things in 2020, including the value of being nimble and the benefits of instituting a good biosecurity program. The program’s featured speaker this year will present on just that – the importance of a good food safety and biosecurity plan. The agenda also includes updates on what a new administration means for regulatory, policy and leadership changes within the Food and Drug Administration, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition to the educational portion of the program, AFIA will introduce the reorganized Feed Facility of the Year program as well as discuss new educational tools for feed manufacturers, including the updated online Feed Manufacturing Technology.

The AFIA Feed Education Program will be held from 3-5 p.m. ET on Jan. 28, 2021. Even though the program is free, pre-registration is [required](#).

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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 nearly 700 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's members manufacture more than 75% of the feed and 70% of the non-whole 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 Association progressively serving its poultry and egg members through research, education, communications and technical services. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Georgia.