

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION & PROCESSING EXPO

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Meat Institute Announces Annual Awards Luncheon at 2016 IPPE

WASHINGTON, DC – Oct. 26, 2015 – The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) will honor industry leaders at its Annual Awards Luncheon at the 2016 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta, Ga. The luncheon, which is scheduled to take place Jan. 26, from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center, will feature Meat Institute Board of Directors, key industry leaders, representatives from packer and processor companies and award nominees and their families. NAMI packer and processor members are welcome to attend as part of their complimentary registration in the Members to Atlanta program.

"The Annual Awards Luncheon will celebrate the enormous talent and showcase the significant contributions of Meat Institute members and industry leaders," said NAMI President and CEO Barry Carpenter. "The inaugural luncheon will provide a unique opportunity to honor the meat and poultry industry's continued commitment to service, ingenuity and improvement against the backdrop of the world's largest annual meat, poultry and feed trade show."

Several awards will be distributed during the event. NAMI will present the recipients of the Environmental Achievement and Recognition Award, which is given to companies that demonstrate a dedication to continuous environmental improvement, as witnessed by the development and implementation of Environmental Management Systems. The E. Floyd Forbes Award will be presented to an individual who exhibits a strong commitment to the Institute and its members. Meanwhile, the Industry Advancement Award will honor an individual, group or company whose work has contributed to the success of the meat and poultry industry, and the Edward C. Jones Community Service Award will be given to an individual or company that has shown a strong commitment to the communities in which it operates.

The Meat Institute also will announce the recipients of the Supplier of the Year Award, the NAMI Foundation Scientific Achievement Award and the Harry L. Rudnick Educator's Award, which recognizes an individual from academia who has made significant contributions in the field of food science education.

The 2016 IPPE is expected to attract more than 28,000 attendees and is a collaboration of three trade shows—International Feed Expo, International Poultry Expo and International Meat Expo—representing the entire chain of protein production and processing. The event is sponsored by the American Feed Industry Association, North American Meat Institute and U.S. Poultry & Egg Association. More information about IPPE, including registration details, lodging and education offerings, is available at 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

The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

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.