The UGA Poultry Science Poultry Welfare Course for Broilers and Broiler Breeders will present poultry professionals with an array of subjects important to the understanding of animal welfare. Since a bird’s wellbeing depends its physiological and psychological state being in balance, a number of the biological systems of the chicken will be reviewed that are critical to bird health and wellbeing in agricultural environments. The issue of animal welfare is also about values so the philosophies and points of view on the human-animal relationship that drive the animal welfare movement will be discussed. The UGA Poultry Science faculty are internationally recognized in their respective areas of expertise. Participants are encouraged to bring questions and share their real-world experiences for discussion. The goal of the course is that attendees become more informed and clear about their own personal position on the human-animal relationship, more committed to true animal welfare, and more able to help their companies develop and maintain effective animal welfare programs that serve the needs of their clientele and stakeholders.

March 4:
Joint Session (7:30am - 4:45pm)
- What is animal welfare?
- Behavior/psychology of chickens
- Physiology and bird welfare
- Managing bird welfare in cold weather
- Managing bird welfare in hot weather
- Vision, photoreception, lighting
- Skeletal/bone physiology
- Nutrition and bird welfare
- Euthanasia
- Animal welfare audit programs

March 5:
Break Out Session - Broiler (7:30am - 12:00pm)
- Catching, handling, & transport (chicks, market birds)
- Stunning and slaughter
- Controlled atmosphere stunning/killing
- Demonstrations: Stunning, slaughter, euthanasia

Break Out Session - Broiler Breeder (7:30am - 12:00pm)
- Reproductive system
- Feed restriction and hunger
- Feeding programs –pullets & breeders
- Welfare implications of flock management
- Demonstration: Bird inspection and weighing
The course registration fee of $450 covers course notebook and other materials; continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and dinner. Direct questions regarding the 2019 Breeder Welfare Course to: Rebecca Floyd - rebecca.floyd@uga.edu 706.542.1325

To register go to:
https://estore.uga.edu/C27063_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=270

Accommodations and Ground Transportation

Hotel Reservations
A block of rooms has been reserved for the short course at the Holiday Inn: Athens-University Area. The Holiday Inn is located at 197 East Broad Street, Athens, GA. To make reservations, guests may call 706.549.4433 or register online at: https://bit.ly/2CE0K7i

You must enter this block code ‘BWC” in order to receive the discount. The discounted price for HIE – 2 dbl or king bed is $94 a night. Please make your own reservations prior to February 14, 2019. Directions to the Holiday Inn Express can be found at: http://bit.ly/2kn8EMk

Ground Transportation

Shuttle Service to/from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

Scheduled ground shuttle service and rental car services are available between Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Athens.

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