



**Department of Poultry Science**  
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**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

**2022 Georgia Layer Conference-Virtual**

**September 26, 2022 (Monday)**

**Zoom Conference Start at 8:30 AM (EDT)**

Program Coordinator: *Lilong Chai, UGA Poultry Science*

**Morning Session**

- 8:30 AM Welcome and Poultry Federation Update  
*Mike Giles, President, Georgia Poultry Federation*
- 8:40 AM Welcome and UGA Poultry Science Update  
*Todd Applegate, Distinguished Professor & Department Head, UGA Poultry Science*
- 8:55 AM UGA Poultry Extension Update  
*Casey Ritz, Professor & Extension Coordinator, UGA Poultry Science*
- 9:05 AM Egg Quality and Safety Management  
*Deana Jones, Research Food Technologist, USDA ARS*
- 9:35 AM U.S. Egg Production Update  
*Oscar Garrison, Senior Vice President, United Egg Producers*
- 10:10 AM Cage-free Flock Management  
*Erika Prewitt, Aviary Systems Specialist, Big Dutchman*
- 10:40 AM Poultry Diseases Update  
*Emily Pittman, Veterinary Director, Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network*
- 11:10 AM Probiotic supplementation to decrease foodborne pathogen loads in eggs and layers  
*Ramesh Selvaraj, Associate Professor, UGA Poultry Science*

## **Break**

### **Afternoon Session**

- 1:00 PM      The Lesser Known Talents of Laying Hens  
*Kristen Navara, Professor, UGA Poultry Science*
- 1:40 PM      Bone and Egg Shell Quality Management  
*Woo Kim, Professor, UGA Poultry Science*
- 2:20 PM      U.S. Egg Markets and Costs  
*Maro Ibarburu, Research Scientist, Egg Industry Center*
- 3:00 PM      Genetic Selection for Laying Hen Production & Welfare Management  
*Kaylee Rowland, Geneticist, Hy-Line International*
- 3:40 PM      Program conclusion

**Registration link: <https://t.uga.edu/8jt>**

The event is free for student participants, but registration is required.

(Conference will be recorded for sharing with all registered participants)

The Georgia Layer Conference is one of two new conferences that replaced the general "Georgia Poultry Conference" held in previous years. At this event, industry professionals and producers come together to learn and discuss current issues facing table egg and hatchery egg production specifically. For more information, please contact Dr. Lilong Chai ([lchai@uga.edu](mailto:lchai@uga.edu)) or Dr. Casey Ritz ([critz@uga.edu](mailto:critz@uga.edu)).