



Department of Poultry Science

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2024 Georgia Layer Conference-Virtual

September 23, 2024: 08:30 AM – 3:00 PM (US Eastern Time)

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, Director of US National Poultry Research Center, USDA
- 9:50 AM U.S. Egg Production Update
Oscar Garrison, Senior Vice President, United Egg Producers
- 10:35 AM Best practices and innovations for ensuring optimal laying hen welfare and management
Marisa Erasmus, Associate Professor, Purdue University
- 11:20 AM Genetic Selection for Sustainable Laying Hen Production
Kaylee Rowland, Pedigree Geneticist II, Hy-Line International

Break

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 PM Laying Hens Bone Quality Management by Nutrition
Woo Kim, Professor, UGA Poultry Science
- 1:40 PM Poultry Diseases Update
Emily Pittman, Veterinary Director, Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network
- 2:20 PM U.S. Egg Markets and Costs Update
Maro Ibarburu, Research Scientist, Egg Industry Center
- 3:00 PM Program conclusion

Registration link:

<https://tinyurl.com/369cr4f5>

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

The zoom conference will be recorded for sharing with all registered attendees after the meeting.

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) or Dr. Casey Ritz (critz@uga.edu).