



Department of Poultry Science

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

2025 Georgia Layer Conference

September 22, 2025: 09:00 AM – 3:30 PM (US Eastern Time)

Location: Georgia Poultry Lab Network

(3235 Abit Massey Way, Gainesville, GA 30507)

Program Coordinator: *Lilong Chai, UGA Poultry Science*

[Conference Registration](#)

Morning Session

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Poultry Federation Update
Mike Giles, President, Georgia Poultry Federation
- 9:15 AM Welcome and UGA Poultry Science Update
Todd Applegate, Distinguished Professor/Department Head, UGA Poultry Science
- 9:30 AM UGA Poultry Extension Update
Casey Ritz, Professor/Extension Coordinator, UGA Poultry Science
- 9:45 AM Egg Quality and Safety Management
Deana Jones, Director of US National Poultry Research Center, USDA ARS
- 10:30 AM U.S. Egg Production Update
Chad Gregory, President, United Egg Producers
- 11:15 PM Poultry Diseases Update
Emily Pittman, Veterinary Director, Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

1:00 PM Mite Control in Layer Houses

Nancy C. Hinkle, Professor, UGA Entomology

1:45 PM Poultry Farm Biosecurity Management

Jeff Spivey, Director of Operations - NPIP, GPLN

2:15 PM Nutrition Solution for Laying Hens Bone Quality Management

Woo Kim, Professor, UGA Poultry Science

3:00 PM Program conclusion & evaluation

Lilong Chai, Associate Professor/Engineering Specialist, UGA Poultry Science

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

