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International Production & Processing Expo

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International Rendering Symposium to Examine Industry Challenges and Opportunities at 2022 IPPE

TUCKER, Ga. – Dec. 15, 2021 – Transforming co-products and byproducts of animal agriculture into useable components is a vital part of sustainability in the animal agriculture industry. Annually, the rendering industry converts more than 50 billion pounds of inedible co-products and byproducts into marketable, valuable products to vastly reduce waste and increase efficiency across the entire industry. The successes of this industry and the challenges facing it will be discussed at the 2022 International Rendering Symposium, held in conjunction with the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta.

Hosted by the North American Renderers Association (NARA) and U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY), the International Rendering Symposium will focus on challenges and opportunities facing the rendering industry today and on the horizon, as renderers continue in their vital role of “closing the loop” on sustainability in animal agriculture. The two, half-day symposium will begin on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 27, 2022, and continue through Friday morning, Jan. 28. The cost of registration is $250.

Topics to be covered include an Introduction and North American Renderers Association Overview; Rendering Process Basics; Overview of Rendered Material End-Use; International Market Update; (Silently) Sustainable: The Sometimes Surprising, Always Impactful Ways Rendering’s Sustainability Supports Livestock Beyond Just Food; The Role of Hides and Leather in Animal Agriculture; Centrifuge Use and Maintenance; Feed Ingredient Legislative Update; The Good, The Bad and The Frustrating: The Creation and Modification of AAFCO Definitions; Research Updates and the Future of Rendered Products; and Rendered Ingredients Nutritional Value. A networking reception will be held on Thursday at the conclusion of the afternoon’s presentations.

IPPE, the world’s largest annual poultry, animal food and meat industry trade show, will be held Jan. 25-27, 2022. IPPE is a collaboration of three trade shows—the International Feed Expo, International Poultry Expo and International Meat Expo—representing the entire chain of protein production and processing. The event is sponsored by USPOULTRY, the American Feed Industry Association and the North American Meat Institute.
To register for the International Rendering Symposium and for more information about IPPE, including registration details, lodging and other education offerings, go to 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**
Founded in 1909, the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), based in Arlington, Va., is the world’s largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal food industry and its suppliers. The organization’s membership is comprised of more than 650 domestic and international companies that represent the total feed industry—manufacturers of commercial and integrated feed and pet food, ingredient suppliers, pharmaceutical companies, industry support and equipment manufacturers. AFIA members manufacture more than 75% of the feed and 70% of the non-grain ingredients used in the country. AFIA is also recognized as the leader on international industry developments and holds membership in the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF).

**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 Association progressively serving its poultry and egg members through research, education, communications and technical services. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Georgia.

**ABOUT NARA**
The North American Renderers Association (NARA) represents the interests of the North American rendering industry to regulatory and other governmental agencies, promotes the greater use of animal byproducts, and fosters the opening and expansion of trade between foreign buyers and North American exporters. In addition to its U.S.-based headquarters, the association maintains offices in Mexico and Hong Kong, and has market consultants in strategic locations around the world. NARA publishes a bi-monthly trade magazine, Render. For more information, visit www.nara.org.