

Agenda

2026 Poultry Processor Workshop

Tuesday, May 19

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception and Registration, Co-Sponsored by Atlantic Packaging and Darling Ingredients**

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast, Sponsored by JBT Marel**

8:30 a.m. Presiding/Welcome: Matthew Wood, Butterball LLC
Orientation: LaShundra Littles, USPOULTRY

Leadership / Operational Excellence
Neal Walsh, Butterball LLC

9:15 a.m. **Safety Overview and Ammonia Update**
Matt Spencer, USPOULTRY

10:00 a.m. **Break, Sponsored by Chemstation**

10:15 a.m. **Demystifying askFSIS: What Happens After You Click Submit**
Stevie Hretz, USDA – FSIS

11:00 a.m. **Operational Efficiencies**
A. Maintenance and Reliability Fundamentals to Drive Bottom Line Results
Gilberto Carrera, Perdue Farms
B. Data Analytics
David Vargas and Jimmy Walker, Wayne-Sanderson Farms

12:00 p.m. **Lunch, Co-Sponsored by Delong's Gizzard Equipment and Vincit Group**

1:00 p.m. Presiding: Corbett Kloster, Fieldale Farms Corporation

Packaging

A. Producer Responsibility and Sustainability
Caroline DeLoach, Atlantic Packaging
B. Current Challenges and Developments
Scott Cobranchi, Sealed Air

2:00 p.m. **Sanitation / Bio Mapping**
Melody Thompson, Vincit Group

2:45 p.m. **Break, Sponsored by Chemstation**

3:00 p.m. **Automation**
A. Innovation Update
Colin Usher, Georgia Tech Research Institute
B. Artificial Intelligence in the Plant
Jamila Gordon, Lumachain
Rian McDonnell, FloVision

4:30 p.m. **Poultry Industry Food Safety Council (PIFSCo) Update**
Dr. Alice Johnson, Butterball LLC and USPOULTRY Boardmember

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, May 21

7:00 a.m. ***Breakfast, Sponsored by Fortrex Solutions***

8:00 a.m. Presiding: Dawn Lynch, House of Raeford Farms

USDA – FSIS Update

Dr. Mindy Brashears, USDA – FSIS Under Secretary

8:45 a.m. **Salmonella Interventions**

A. Phages

Mark Hankins, Phageguard

B. UV Lighting

Art Lona, Kreative Systems, Inc.

9:45 a.m. ***Break, Sponsored by Chemstation***

10:00 a.m. **USPOULTRY Funded Research: Digital PCR for Detecting and Quantifying Salmonella in Poultry Samples**

Dr. Prashant Singh, Florida State University

10:30 a.m. **Shelf-Life Extenders**

Dr. Yan Campbell, North Carolina State University

11:00 a.m. **Conclude**

Door Prizes, Sponsored by Clean Chemistry