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USPOULTRY and Foundation Approve Nearly \$500,000 in New Research Through the Board Research Initiative Program

USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation have approved \$491,070 in funding for four new research grants at three institutions through the Board Research Initiative Program. The topics and requests for proposals were selected by the USPOULTRY board of directors. The Foundation Research Advisory Committee evaluated all research proposals and then recommended which proposals to fund to the board.

The research grants are as follows, and the research funding was made possible in part by donations to the USPOULTRY Foundation. The donations came from a wide range of poultry and egg companies, individuals and families to support the Foundation's mission of funding industry research and recruiting students into poultry careers.

Unraveling Molecular Epidemiology, Antigenicity Relatedness, and Transmission Routes of Turkey Coronavirus to Strategically Design the Combat Measures

North Carolina State University

Novel Vaccine Development Strategy to Control Infectious Coryza in Layers

North Carolina State University

Potency of Avian Metapneumovirus Subgroups A and B Vaccines Through Different Administration Routes

South Dakota State University

Cecal Organoids offer a Reliable Laboratory Model to Evaluate Alternative Chemotherapeutic Compounds Against *Histomonas meleagridis*

University of Georgia

The USPOULTRY Board Research Initiative was created by the boards of USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation to address current issues facing the poultry industry. The USPOULTRY Board Research Initiative operates alongside the USPOULTRY Comprehensive Research Program and augments the great success of the existing program by focusing additional resources toward defined areas of research.

USPOULTRY and its Foundation operate an extensive research program incorporating all phases of poultry and egg production and processing. Since the inception of the research program, USPOULTRY has reinvested more than \$38 million, or \$67 million adjusted for inflation, into the industry in the form of research grants. More than 50 universities and federal and state facilities have received grants over the years.

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 USPOULTRY Foundation

The USPOULTRY Foundation's mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.