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**FFA Students and Advisors Attend the 2023 IPPE Through USPOULTRY Foundation Support**

As part of the USPOULTRY Foundation's efforts to support recruitment and training of the brightest students and to promote careers in the poultry and egg industry, the top 11 teams of the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) and the top 10 teams of the Food Science and Technology CDE were invited to the 2023 International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta, Georgia. The opportunity to participate was made possible in part by endowing Foundation gifts from Prestage Farms and Wayne-Sanderson Farms for the Poultry Evaluation CDE teams and Pilgrim's and Cargill for the Food Science and Technology CDE teams.

"USPOULTRY has been a supporter of the FFA Poultry Evaluation CDE for many years, and now other CDEs and Poultry Efficiency contests. IPPE is a great opportunity for these teams to see the range of career opportunities available to them in the poultry and egg industry and to experience the world's largest annual trade show for the poultry and egg, meat and animal food industries," remarked Mike Levengood, Perdue Farms, and USPOULTRY Foundation chairman.

Poultry industry leaders from Cargill, Prestage Farms and Pilgrim's participated in a program that informed the students about the multitude of career opportunities in the industry. The students were also able to explore the vast trade show floor to see the exciting technology used by today's modern, sustainable poultry industry.

The following Poultry Evaluation CDE teams were invited to attend the 2023 IPPE: Katy FFA, Texas; Columbia FFA, Missouri; Felicity-Franklin FFA, Ohio; Santa Maria-Righetti FFA, California; Westville FFA, Oklahoma; Jackson-Empower FFA, Georgia; Har-Ber FFA, Arkansas; Anderson County FFA, Kansas; Louisa-Muscatine FFA, Iowa; LaRue County FFA, Kentucky; and Prairie Central FFA, Illinois.

The following Food Science and Technology CDE teams were invited to attend IPPE: Missoula FFA, Montana; Big Walnut-DACC FFA, Ohio; Lake Butler FFA, Florida; Florence FFA, Texas; Bergen County Academies FFA, New Jersey; Cache FFA, Oklahoma; Dassel-Cokato FFA, Minnesota; Mandan FFA, North Dakota; Monroe City FFA, Missouri; and Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA, California.

**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.

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FFA students and advisors at the 2023 IPPE.