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USPOULTRY Foundation Awards Nearly $400,000 in Student Recruiting Grants to Support Future Industry Workforce

The USPOULTRY Foundation has awarded $399,803 in student recruiting grants to 21 colleges and universities nationwide, including six universities with Poultry Science departments and 15 additional institutions offering poultry industry-related programs. Awarded annually, these grants support recruitment and retention efforts aimed at attracting students to poultry-related academic programs, increasing awareness of career opportunities and strengthening the industry's future workforce. Funding is made possible in part through generous contributions from companies, individuals and families supporting the USPOULTRY Foundation, as well as funds generated over the years from the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo.

The six poultry science departments receiving the grants are:

University	Grant Amount
University of Arkansas	$46,077
Auburn University	$41,024
University of Georgia	$47,569
Mississippi State University	$42,976
North Carolina State University	$48,373
Texas A&M University	$73,981

The 15 other institutions with industry-related programs receiving recruiting and retention grants under the Foundation's Industry Education Recruitment Funding Program are:

Institution	Grant Amount
Arkansas State University	$5,803
California State University, Fresno	$7,000
Cleveland Community College, North Carolina	$7,000
Crowder College, Missouri	$7,000
Delaware Valley University, Pennsylvania	$7,000
Modesto Junior College, California	$7,000
Ohio State University	$6,000
Sam Houston State University, Texas	$7,000
Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas	$7,000
Tennessee Tech University	$7,000
University of Florida	$7,000
University of Maryland	$7,000
University of North Georgia	$10,000
Virginia Tech University	$5,000
Wilkes Community College, North Carolina	$7,000

“Investing in the next generation of industry professionals is essential to the continued success and advancement of the poultry and egg industry. Through the USPOULTRY Foundation’s recruiting grants, we are helping colleges and universities introduce students to the diverse and rewarding career opportunities our industry offers,” said Jonathan Cade, Hy-Line International and USPOULTRY Foundation chair.

USPOULTRY established the USPOULTRY Foundation in 1994 to provide student recruiting funds to universities with Poultry Science departments. In 2004, the Industry Education Recruitment Funding Program was added to the Foundation’s umbrella so other colleges and universities that offer industry-related studies are eligible to apply for recruiting grants. Since the inception of the program, the USPOULTRY Foundation has reinvested more than $8 million in industry recruitment efforts.

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.