

This conference is preapproved by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians for 11.5 credit hours for registered members.

Monday, September 29, 2025

4:00 p.m. **Registration Opens**
 5:00-7:00 **Opening Reception – Roland E. Powell Convention Center**
 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Combined Session I: Poultry Health & Processing

Sponsored by CEVA

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Claudia Osorio, Chairperson, DCA National Meeting Planning Committee</i>
8:10 a.m.	Hot Topics for Poultry <i>Brian Earnest, CoBank</i>
9:00 a.m.	U.S. Poultry Export Overview <i>Garrett Borkhuis, USAPEEC</i>
9:45 a.m.	Questions & Answers
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m.	USDA Food Safety Update <i>Trey Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Office of Food Safety, USDA</i>
11:00 a.m.	Salmonella Preharvest Dynamics: Successes and Challenges <i>Dr. Nikki Shariat, University of Georgia</i>
11:45 a.m.	Questions & Answers
12:00 p.m.	Lunch

Poultry Health Session I

Sponsored by Blue Ridge Elements, LLC

1:15 p.m.	Chasing Clarity- aMPV Experiences in Layers <i>Dr. Gunnar Dunnam, Cal-Maine Foods Inc.</i>
1:40 p.m.	Avian Metapneumovirus in Turkeys <i>Dr. Becky Tilley, Butterball</i>
2:05 p.m.	aMPV in Broilers - Helpless or Hopeful? <i>Dr. Eric Heskett, Case Farms</i>
2:30 p.m.	Avian Metapneumovirus (Type A): Our Experience, Unexpected Findings, and Current Vaccination Strategy <i>Dr. Robin Gilbert, Sanderson Farms</i>
2:55 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	Monitoring Flock aMPV Status Using the BioChek ART ELISA

	<i>Dr. Gwenn Slacum, BioChek</i>
3:30 p.m.	Pneumovirus Serology <i>Ricardo Munoz, IDEXX</i>
3:45 p.m.	aMPV Panel – Questions & Answers
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn
5:30 p.m.	Reception – Seacrets, 49th Street
6:30 p.m.	Buffet Dinner – Seacrets, 49th Street

Processing Session

Sponsored by Envirotech, an Arxada Company

1:15 p.m.	Industry Update on Legislative & Regulatory Priorities <i>Dr. Ashley Peterson, National Chicken Council</i>
2:00 p.m.	The Future of Moving Birds Panel <i>Dr. Luke Baldwin, Lincoln Premium Poultry; Emanuele Grighi, CMC Industries; Justin Southard, Marel</i>
2:45 p.m.	Questions & Answers
2:55 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	New Capability for FM Detection <i>Ed Stovall, Perdue Farms</i>
3:45 p.m.	Pathogen and Microbiological Monitoring Tools for Plants and Live Production Areas <i>David Luedeke, Hygiena</i>
4:15 p.m.	Questions & Answers
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn
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Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Combined Session II: Poultry Health and Live Production

Sponsored by Vaxxinova

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:00 a.m.	Welcome <i>Dr. Claudia Osorio, Chairperson, DCA National Meeting Planning Committee</i>
8:10 a.m.	HPAI Delmarva – Shared Experiences <i>Georgie Cartanza, Freedom Farm & Soul Shine; Rusty Covington, Perdue Farms; Dr. Carl Heeder, Mountaire Farms; Chris Brosch, DDA; Holly Porter, DCA; Dr. Sarah Firebaugh, USDA</i>
9:20 a.m.	Managing Through Catastrophe <i>Dr. Phil Stayer, Dr. Phil Stayer Poultry Consulting, LLC; Dr. Bill Ricken, Amick Farms</i>
10:00 a.m.	Break

Poultry Health Session II

Sponsored by Arm & Hammer Animal Nutrition

10:15 a.m.	Chicken Embryo Origin Vaccines: Ally or Foe in the Control of Infectious Laryngotracheitis Virus (ILTV) Control? <i>Dr. Maricarmen Garcia, University of Georgia</i>
10:40 a.m.	ILT Control - A Paradigm Shift <i>Dr. Mark Burleson, Wayne Sanderson</i>
11:05 a.m.	Administration of ILT Vaccine via Gel Droplet at Day-of Age <i>Dr. Bill Hewat, Tyson Foods</i>
11:30 a.m.	Flushing/Huddling Syndrome <i>Dr. Michael Quist, Mountaire Farms; Dr. Andy Bishop, Wayne Sanderson</i>
12:00 p.m.	Questions & Answers
12:15 p.m.	Adjourn & Lunch

Live Production Session

Sponsored by Evans Builders, Inc.

10:15 a.m.	Biosecurity Compliance Audit Program (BCAP) - What to Expect <i>Rita Harkless, Perdue Farms</i>
10:35 a.m.	New House Construction/Retrofitting Lessons from HPAI <i>Chad Carpenter, Mountaire Farms; Jim Karsnitz, Eastern Shore Poultry Supply</i>
10:55 a.m.	Conservation Benefits – More than Out of Sight <i>Liz Warren, Delmarva Chicken Association; Tyler Walston, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay</i>
11:10 a.m.	What Are Your Chickens Telling Me? <i>Dr. Nanette Olmeda-Geniec, University of Delaware</i>
11:50 a.m.	Questions and Answers
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Outstanding Flock Supervisor Awards <i>Mary Lou Brown, Delmarva Chicken Association President</i>
1:25 p.m.	Under Pressure: Safeguarding the Future of Poultry from Activist Threats <i>Hannah Thompson-Weeman, Animal Ag Alliance</i>
1:45 p.m.	Flock Success = First Two Weeks <i>Dr. Brian Fairchild, University of Georgia</i>
2:30 p.m.	Stacking the Deck in Your Favor: Litter Management <i>Georgie Cartanza, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension</i>
2:50 p.m.	Questions & Answers
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn

