

Agenda

2026 Poultry Processor Workshop

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast, Sponsored by**

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

Leadership / Operational Excellence
ViviAnn Johnson, House of Raeford Farms

9:15 a.m. **USDA – FSIS Update**

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

10:15 a.m. **Retained Water**

11:00 a.m. **Operational Efficiencies**
A. Preventive Maintenance

B. Data Analytics
David Vargas, Wayne-Sanderson Farms

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

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

Packaging
A. Producer Responsibility and Sustainability

B. Films and Bags for Poultry Products
Scott Cobranchi, Sealed Air

2:00 p.m. **Sanitation / Bio Mapping (Include mid-shift, glove dipping, returning to floor)**
Melody Thompson, Vincit Group

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

2:30 p.m. **Automation**
A. Innovation Update

B. Artificial Intelligence in the Plant
Jamila Gordon, Lumachain
Rian McDonnell, FloVision

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, May 21

8:00 a.m. ***Breakfast, Sponsored by***

9:00 a.m. Presiding: Dawn Lynch, House of Raeford Farms

Safety Overview and Ammonia Update

Matt Spencer, USPOULTRY

9:30 a.m. **Salmonella Interventions:**

A. Phages

Mark Hankins, Phageguard

B. UV Lighting

10:30 a.m. ***Break, Sponsored by Chemstation***

10:45 a.m. **Researcher**

11:15 a.m. **Shelf Life Extenders**

Dr. Yan Campbell, North Carolina State University

11:45 a.m. **Conclude**

Door Prizes, Sponsored by