



**Philippine College of  
Poultry Practitioners, Inc.  
(PCPP)**

**SEPTEMBER  
12 & 13  
2024**

The Grand Ballroom  
Marriott Hotel Manila,  
Pasay City

# **POULTRY SCHOOL**

**Poultry 2.0: Revolutionizing  
Through Innovations and  
Precision Farming**





## Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc



### THE CHICKEN DOCTORS

We are a group of veterinarians and practitioners with the aim to provide quality, objective, and professional technical services to poultry operations all over the country.



Two decades of sterling achievements providing world class veterinary service for the Philippine poultry industry to ensure healthy poultry, healthy Filipinos today and the years to come.





## Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc

### OUR MISSION

To contribute to the development of poultry industry through the promotion of ethical poultry practice by providing an effective forum for the professional veterinary expertise.



### OUR VISION

The Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc. is an organization of poultry veterinarians that advocate the professional advancement of its members and is committed to the upliftment of the Philippine poultry industry.



*Department of Agriculture*



I extend my warmest greetings to the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc. on the occasion of the 2024 PCPP Poultry School.

The theme for this year, "Poultry 2.0: Revolutionizing Through Innovations and Precision Farming," highlights the importance of modernizing approaches and integrating advanced technologies to enhance productivity and sustainability within the poultry sector. It likewise embodies the essence of the One Health Concept, which recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.

This initiative aligns seamlessly with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s Bagong Pilipinas campaign, which aims to forge a resilient nation with a robust economy and a secure future for all Filipinos. We are taking significant steps toward achieving these goals and ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for our country, by embracing innovations and precision farming. This holistic approach is vital in safeguarding not only our animal industry but also the health and well-being of our human population.

For nearly two decades, the PCPP Poultry School has provided the latest updates on disease management, nutrition, and financial and human resource management of the poultry industry. Your commitment to advance the skills and knowledge of veterinarians, production managers, and farm owners is truly commendable.

*FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR*  
*Secretary of the Department of Agriculture*

*Message*



*Department of Agriculture*



I would like to thank the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners for inviting our department to this prestigious event. On behalf of the Department of Agriculture, it is truly an honor to be a part of the 2024 PCPP Poultry.

The PCPP presents a great opportunity to discuss the emerging, reemerging diseases and innovations that will define the growth of our sector. Events like this signify the importance of collaboration among one another.

I believe that it is important for all of us to collaborate with industry leaders, consumers, and the community to have a singular goal. The goal of setting up the Philippine poultry industry to become globally competitive in the world.

Topics such as poultry diseases, marketing trends, government policies, management, and nutrition updates need to be shared with our veterinarians, production managers, and farm owners.

Attention must be given to the growing poultry industry. This remains the biggest strength of the nation's economic growth. Thousands of Filipinos depend on our native or upgraded chicken inventory. However, the increasing demand of the human population as well as the diseases all play a part in holding back our country's growth. This is where utmost attention to the poultry industry must be given.

Emphasizing the need for an event such as the PCPP. A specific event where we can highlight the importance of being familiar with appropriate statutory, and regulatory requirements and compliance with the system. This in return will help us and the industry as a whole transcend to the betterment of the sector.

I fully hope that this event continues to fulfill its vision for the betterment of the future. The vision of giving the professionals and enthusiasts to extend their hands and expand their knowledge while making impactful connections within the industry.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to PCPP Poultry for your commitment and steadfast contributions to the animal industry. The Department of Agriculture recognizes the importance of the Poultry School effort to our country.

With this, I highly trust the people in this room to discuss the wide array of topics that can help innovate our country's way.

Maraming salamat sa inyo! Para sa atin, para sa Bagong Pilipinas!

**DANTE PALABRICA, DVM**  
Assistant Secretary for Swine and Poultry,  
Department of Agriculture

*Message*

The PCPP Poultry School 2024 with the theme, "Poultry 2.0: Revolutionizing Through Innovations and Precision Farming" is a perfect venue to be updated on emerging and re-emerging poultry diseases, farm management concepts and nutrition. These are all crucial in ensuring the health and productivity of one of our country's most important food source industry.

I would like to express my respect and gratitude to your association for the dedication and commitment to advancing our local poultry veterinary medicine, for your vigilance in preventing and controlling disease outbreaks and for your role in fostering sustainable farming practices.

Congratulations to another productive and successful Poultry School.

**FRANCIS UYEHARA**  
President,  
Philippine Egg Board Association

*Message*





*United Broiler Raisers*



*PVMA*



It's an honor and privilege to be part of this year's PCPP Poultry School. Just as our industry is beginning to recover its footing, we are again faced with these seemingly unsurmountable challenges that continue to disrupt our production cycles. With a united approach, we will see all these as temporary, so let us work together and solidify the foundation of our nation's food security.

Greetings from the Philippine Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA)!

It is indeed a privilege to be a part of the 2024 Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc. (PCCP) Poultry School. It is my honor to welcome the participants, composed of fellow veterinarians, production managers, farm owners, and other poultry industry players, who continuously seek innovative learning engagements that would be of help to their chosen fields.

For nearly two decades, the Poultry School has provided ready access to current trends and topics, relevant policies, vital information on disease diagnostics, management of farms and poultry systems, and other areas that would equip attendees to navigate through the dynamics of the changing poultry industry amidst the rising human population.

Indeed, the theme for this year: "Poultry 2.0: Revolutionizing Through Innovations and Precision Farming" is a timely topic to discuss in the collaborative scientific learning arena. Discourses and technical exchanges of concepts involving the several facets of management, diagnostics of diseases, developments in marketing, disease prevention and control, modern housing innovations and updates on animal nutrition and experience-borne practices will equip the various stake holders to collectively navigate and participate in a globally competitive Philippine poultry industry.

Kudos to the participants as you consciously take part in this worthwhile engagement. Congratulations as well to the organizers of this event, the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc. (PCCP) for it is certain that the 2024 Poultry School will be a success. Together, let us continue to prod one another to actively seek innovative thinking, strategies, and practices so as we can play vital roles in enabling the Philippine poultry industry to move forward and become globally competitive.

Mabuhay ang PCPP, Mabuhay ang PVMA, Mabuhay ang BETERINARYONG PILIPINO!

**JOSE GERARDO FELICIANO**  
President,  
United Broilers Association

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**HARRIS G. CONSTANTINO, DVM**  
President,  
Philippine Veterinary Medical Association

*Message*



## 2024 Poultry School

Greetings to all participants and guests! It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioner's 2024 Poultry School, dedicated to providing stakeholders with the latest updates on diseases, management, and nutrition.

Under the theme of **"POULTRY 2.0: Revolutionizing Through Innovations and Precision Farming"**, we gather to explore the challenges and opportunities shaping our dynamic poultry sector. This annual event serves as a platform to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and spark innovative ideas.

The Philippine agriculture sector faces numerous challenges, and the poultry industry, a crucial pillar, is not isolated from them. Issues like disease outbreaks, high production costs, and import competition makes our focus on sustainability and resiliency more important than ever. Rapid changes in the world demand new approaches to production, management, and distribution.

Through enlightening lectures and engaging panel discussions, we will highlight the latest advancements and best practices that align production goals with environmental stewardship. From biosecurity measures to cutting-edge technologies, we will explore every facet of the poultry value chain.

Committed to sustainable consumption and production, we follow the One Health principle, recognizing the link between the health of our poultry, consumers, and the environment. This event foster unity among industry players, emphasizing that our collective strength is greater than individual efforts. Collaboration, knowledge transfer, and open dialogue are the cornerstones of our progress.

As we embark on this journey of knowledge exchange, camaraderie, and growth, let us stay committed to a sustainable and resilient poultry industry. May our discussion today inspire actions that create positive change.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend my sincere gratitude to our esteemed speakers, sponsors, partners, and attendees. Let us be the flock that will lift the Philippine poultry industry to a sustainable industry for all.

**NANCY S. ROMANO, DVM, PhD, Fel. PCPP**  
President,  
Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc.

*Message*



## 2024 Poultry School

Dear Participants, Distinguished Guests, and Industry Leaders,

Welcome to the PCPP Poultry School 2024! As the Chairman of this event, I am thrilled to share with you the exciting lineup of plenary speakers and sessions that await us.

With the theme: Poultry 2.0 - Revolutionizing through Innovations and Precision Farming, we recognize the need for more creative thinking and united effort to give this industry a bright future.

### For our Plenary Speakers:

#### 1. Government Agencies:

- o The leaders of the Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Animal Industry will address the challenges faced by our poultry industry. They will discuss their programs for this year and beyond, emphasizing collaboration to overcome hurdles such as broiler meat imports, Avian Influenza, rising feed costs, complex diseases, and antimicrobial resistance.

#### 2. Poultry Associations:

- o Leaders from the United Broiler Raisers Association and the Philippine Egg Board will share strategies for ensuring a bright future for farmers and poultry food producers. Their insights will guide us toward sustainable growth and success.

#### 3. Poultry Experts:

- o Our esteemed poultry experts will delve into disease diagnosis and sustainability. Their knowledge will empower us to make informed decisions and implement best practices.

#### 4. Climate Resilience:

- o The Climate Change Commission will discuss disaster resilience in the face of climate diversity. Let's explore ways to safeguard our industry against environmental challenges.

### Breakout Sessions:

- Participants can choose from a diverse range of topics, each highlighting cuttingedge technology and practical solutions. Whether it's precision farming, biosecurity, or nutrition, there's something for everyone.

### Technical Posters:

- We've curated technical posters for your viewing pleasure. These posters showcase innovative research and practical applications. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your learning and stimulate analytical thinking.

### Honor Roll Announcement:

- To add some excitement, we'll announce the honor roll based on the highest quiz scores. Let's celebrate excellence and recognize the hard work of our veterinarians and agriculturists in earning Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.

At this point, my congratulations and thanks to the members of the PCPP Poultry School Committee, our Secretariat Deltaman, the PCPP Foundation and the members of the PCPP for all the support to make this event another success!

Thank you for being part of this enriching experience. Let's revolutionize the poultry industry together!

Warm regards,

**VON RICHARD M. EBRON, DVM, Dip. PCPP**  
Chairman, PCPP Poultry School 2024  
Vice President, Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc.

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*Philippine Association Of  
Feed Millers, Inc.*

On behalf of the Philippine Association of Feed Millers, Inc. (PAFMI), I would like to extend our warmest congratulations on the upcoming 2024 PCPP Poultry School. It is an outstanding initiative that underscores the importance of continuous learning and innovation within the poultry industry.

The theme “Poultry 2.0: Revolutionizing Through Innovations and Precision Farming” is both timely and relevant, especially as we face the challenges of emerging and re-emerging diseases. We appreciate the efforts of the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners in equipping veterinarians, production managers, and farm owners with essential knowledge and insights that can help elevate the standards of our industry.

By leveraging each organization’s strengths and resources, PCPP and PAFMI can create a multi-faceted approach to enhance food security, reduce malnutrition and promote sustainability within the poultry sector in the Philippines.

Together, we can play a pivotal role in ensuring a more secure and nutritious future for all Filipinos.

Warm regards,

**EDWIN C. MAPANAO**  
President,  
Philippine Association of Feedmillers Inc. (PAFMI)

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**PCPP**

Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc.

**PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

**Day 1**

07:00am Registration

**Opening Ceremonies**

08:30am-09:00am Invocation and Philippine National Anthem  
**Dr. Herman Cruz, Fel. PCPP**

Welcome Remarks  
**Dr. Nancy Romano, PhD, Fel. PCPP President**

Session Orientation / House Rules  
**Dr. Von Richard Ebron, Dip. PCPP Vice President, Poultry School Chairman**

Safety Rules Orientation  
**Safety Officer, Marriott Hotel Manila**

**PLENARY SESSION, Moderator: Dr. Mel C. Umandal, Fel. PCPP**

09:00am-09:15am Keynote Speaker: Message to the Stakeholders of the Philippine Poultry Industry  
**Dr. Dante Palabrica, Assistant Secretary for Livestock, Poultry, & Swine, DA**

09:15am-10:00am The BAI of Tomorrow: Glimpse of the Future  
**Diosamia M. Sevilla, MSc., OIC Director of BAI**

10:00am-10:45am Sustainable Agro-Enterprise and Disaster-Climate Resilience Situationer and Outlook  
**Dir. Jerome Ilagan, Planning Officer 5, Policy Research and Development Division Climate Change Commission (CCC)**

10:45am-11:30am Navigating Challenges: Strategies to Shape the Future of the Philippine Broiler Industry  
**Mr. Jay Feliciano, President, United Broiler Raisers Association**

11:30am-12:15pm Conquering New Heights: Bridging the Gap Between Production and Consumption  
**Mr. Francis Uyehara, President, Philippine Egg Board Association**

12:15pm-12:30pm Open Forum, Awarding of Certificates  
**Dr. Mel Umandal, Fel. PCPP**

12:30pm-01:30pm Lunch Break

**BREAK OUT SESSION**

**Session A: Broiler, Moderator: Dr. Raul Lopez, Fel. PCPP**

01:30pm-02:30pm Principles of Precision Nutrition for Efficient Poultry Production  
**Dr. Jael Cheol Kim, Head of Amino Acid Technical Solution, CheilJedang Bio**

02:30pm-03:30pm Innovating Sustainability in Broiler Genetics  
**Mr. Dominic John Elfick, Marketing Manager, Aviagen Asia Pacific**

03:30pm-04:30pm Antibiotic Free Poultry Production  
**Dr. Arnel A. Bustamante, Poultry Technical Manager, Alltech Biotechnologies Corp.**

**DAY 1**  
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04:30pm-05:30pm Optimizing Gastro-intestinal Functionality to help tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)  
**Dr. Rolando Valientes, Fel. PCPP**

**Session B: Broiler Breeder, Moderator: Dr. Orlando Fernandez, Fel. PCPP**

01:30pm-02:30pm Capitalizing Waste Through On-Site and Off-Site Composting  
**Engr. Devan Krishnan, Business Development, Big Dutchman**

02:30pm-03:30pm Improving the quality and Bioavailability of Beta-glucans from Yeast  
**Robert Patterson, VP Innovation & Commercialization, CBS Bio Platforms**

03:30pm-04:30pm Current Trends and Impact of Coccidiosis in Poultry  
**Dr. Demir Ozdemir, Amlan International, APAC Commercial Development, Director, Nezus Phils. Corp.**

04:30pm-05:30pm Influence of Complexed Trace Mineral Sources on Production Performance and Eggshell Quality of Broiler Breeders and Laying Hens  
**Dr. Randy L. Payawal, Technical Manager, Trouw Nutrition**

**Session C: Layer, Moderator: Dr. Jo Vicente Mapa, Dip. PCPP**

01:30pm-02:30pm Detection of Multi-disease in Pullets Through Comprehensive Disease Diagnosis  
**Dr. Dixie Grace E. Mendoza, Dip. PCPP**

02:30pm-03:30pm Innovation of ILT Vaccine for Prevention and Control -- Preventing Drops in Egg Production  
**Dr. Roikhwon Soontravanich, MSc, Technical Manager, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health (Thailand)**

03:30pm-04:30pm Efficacy of Different Ionophore-Nicarbazin Combination Products in Coccidiosis Challenge Model  
**Dr. Nathaniel R. Mendoza, Technical Manager, Phibro Animal Health (Phils.) Inc.**

04:30pm-05:30pm Building Strong Foundation for Better Egg Production  
**Engr. Jacky Michard, Poultry Management and Poultry Nutrition, Adves Sasu, Balaze France, Realvet**

## Day 2

### BREAK OUT SESSIONS

**Session A: Broiler, Moderator: Dr. Mark Cuento, Dip. PCPP**

08:30am-09:30am Gut Health Insight Technology for Nutrition Design  
**Dr. Henk Enting, PhD, Sr. Poultry Technology Lead, Cargill**

09:30am-10:30am Gut Microbiota Modulation for Efficiency in Animal Nutrition.  
**Dr. Girish Channarayapatna, PhD, Technical Service Director of Monogastrics Specialty Nutrition APAC, Evonik Animal Nutrition**

10:30 am-11:30am Yeast or *Bacillus subtilis* Fermented Metabolites as In-feed Antibiotic-free Solution: Antimicrobial Peptides  
**Dr. Chen Peng, Nutrition Director Of Pig Breeding Division, DBN Technology Corporation, JCS**

11:30 am-12:30pm Biosecurity in Professional Poultry Farms and the Importance of Optimal Drinking Water Quality  
**Dr. Stefaan Goudezeune, M.A., Business Unit Director and Drinking Water Specialist, KONAX**

**Session B: Broiler Breeder, Moderator: Dr. Karen Olan, Dip. PCPP**

08:30am-09:30am Bis-chelated Zinc, Copper and Manganese in Improving Broiler Breeder Performance and profitability  
**Dr. Dexter C. Amada, Technical Specialist, Novus International**

09:30am-10:30am Advancing Coccidiosis Vaccination for the Poultry Farmers of Today  
**Dr. Rodrigo S. Cachuela, Jr., National Veterinary Services Manager, Ceva Animal Health (Philippines) Inc.**

10:30am-11:30am A Strategic Bacillus-Based Probiotic Platform Can Help to Ameliorate Health Challenges of Broiler and Broiler Breeders Housed Under Commercial Conditions  
**Dr. Nadim Amarin, Poultry Business Unit Director for EMEA and APAC, Unahco, Inc.**

11:30am-12:30pm Innovative Blends of Natural Extracts as Solutions for Improved Gut Health in Poultry  
**Dr. Mojca Osredkar Mergole, MSc, PhD, Poultry Technical Manager, Silvateam S.p.A, Italy**

**Session C: Layer, Moderator: Dr. Kristy Naldo, Dip. PCPP**

08:30am-09:30am N-Carbamylglutamate: An Innovative Molecule In Propelling Poultry Production Performance  
**Dr. Charles Qin, PhD, Consultant, Canola Council of Canada/Sinagri, Pure Bioscience**

09:30am-10:30am Essential Oils (Eucalyptus and Menthol) Use in Poultry  
**Dr. Redentor Villanueva, San Miguel Foods, Inc.**

10:30am-11:30am Case Report: High Mortalities in Avian Hepatitis E Affected Flocks, Poor Growout Results and Farm Wide Egg Production Drop in a Layer Farm, Investigations and Finding Solutions  
**Dr. Raul Elias Lopez, Fel. PCPP**

11:30am-12:30pm Effects of Multienzyme Supplementation on the Egg Production Performance and Various Physiological Parameters in 96-week-old Late-Phase Hens Fed a Reduced-Energy Diet  
**Dr. Royd Joseph R. Mosaso, Broiler Operations Manager, Luzon Agri Ventures Inc.**

12:30pm-01:30pm **Lunch Break**

### AFTERNOON: PLENARY SESSION

**Plenary Session, Moderator: Dr. Noel Lumbo, PhD, Fel. PCPP**

01:30pm-02:15pm Contemporary Approaches in the Diagnosis of Emerging Poultry Diseases  
**Dr. Gemerlyn Garcia, PhD, Professor, CLSU College of Veterinary Science and Medicine**

02:15pm-03:00pm Quantifying Carbon Footprints in Formulating Diets for Sustainable Poultry Feed Production  
**Dr. Basilisa Reas, Fel. PCPP**

03:00pm-03:45pm Precision Egg Farming Under Local Conditions  
**Dr. Renato R. Rollan, Fel. PCPP**

03:45pm-04:30pm Economies of Solar Power Ventilation  
**Dr. Christopher Patawaran, Dip. PCPP**

04:45pm-05:00pm Closing Remarks  
**Dr. Von Richard Ebron, Dip. PCPP, Vice President, Chairman, PCPP Poultry School**

05:00pm-05:30pm Raffle



# PCPP

Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners, Inc.

## HISTORY



A group of extension veterinarians from the different poultry integrators together with some veterinarians working for the animal health companies started organizing themselves to form an association of poultry veterinarians. This was in the late 80's. Several meetings were held but the attendance went on continued decline until nothing was heard anymore.

During the early 90's, another attempt to organize was made, now as the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners. Most of the extension veterinarians from the poultry integrator companies and some from the animal health companies joined and elected a set of officers. Dr. Edgardo M. Niones was elected as President. Organizational meetings followed but again the loss of attendance lead to its inactivity.

The increasing competitiveness in the profession and the vision to elevate the levels of practice brought about another clamor in late 1998 to organize was again made. Drs. Manny Vistro, Jun Advincula, Rudy Peneyra, Ed Niones, Nonette Belisario, Ben Ferriols, and some other veterinarians including myself met several evenings at the Philippine Animal Health Center (PAHC) formulating ways on how we can finally organize the college. The group agreed to campaign for interested practicing veterinarians in poultry with at least five years of practice to attend regular monthly meetings set every first Friday of the month from 8:00 – 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the PAHC Conference Room. It was indeed a successful campaign and a sound strategy. The poultry veterinarians learned of the set meeting at specific dates and time and they were able to plan properly. The attendance increased from a handful few in May to 54 by December 1999.

The College held its first organizational elections and elected the following as interim officers:

President	<b>Dr. Alberto R. Villacorte</b>
Vice President - Internal	<b>Dr. Cesar F. Policarpio</b>
Vice President External	<b>Dr. Joselito A. Limcumpao</b>
Secretary	<b>Dr. Arnel A. Amurao</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dr. Lina S. Policarpio</b>
Auditor	<b>Dr. Renato R. Rollan</b>
P.R.O.	<b>Dr. Angel A. B. Mateo</b>

The Mission, Vision and Objectives of the College was formulated and presented to the general membership for agreement and understanding. At the same time, the committee of Cesar Policarpio drafted the PCPP constitution, which was ratified by the general membership.

With the organizational basics completed and with the members in full understanding of the college's mission, vision, and objectives, the conferment of Diplomate status to the 54 charter members was held during the Feb, 2000 convention of the Philippine Veterinary Medical Association in Bacolod City. The Diplomates used the typical Veterinary Medicine robe of black with gray stripes, red and white hood, and black cap with red tussle. The colors of red and white were so selected to reflect the red comb, and white feathers and eggs of poultry. The formality and solemnity of the exercises were ensured by the presence of the Chairman of the Professional Licensure Board, Dr. Teodulo M. Topacio and the President of the PVMA, Dr. Rhodora S. Carlos.

More poultry veterinarians became interested in joining the college. They learned of the regular meetings on the first Fridays of each month conducted from 8:00 – 10:00 o'clock in the morning. To add value to the meetings and in line with the PCPP objective of enriching each member's knowledge, Dr. Leo Obviar and his technical committee took the first hour of each meeting day for their technical updates and presentations. Members of his

committee and other members of the college delivered these presentations. It has always been upheld that while the membership of the college comes from several business organizations, no presentation shall be made commercially nor shall bear brand names.

The membership committee of Dr. Cesar Policarpio decided on the new applicants that ten new Diplomates were conferred In June 2000 during the VPAP convention at the Manila Intercontinental Hotel.

Following the PCPP constitution, which is now in effect, the election of the board was conducted in November 2000. Elected to the board are:

President	<b>Dr. Alberto R. Villacorte</b>
Vice President - Internal	<b>Dr. Lina S. Policarpio</b>
Vice President - External	<b>Dr. Robert H. Lo</b>
Secretary	<b>Dr. Arnel A. Amurao</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dr. Raul O. Olegario</b>
Auditor	<b>Dr. Celso E. I. Molina</b>
P.R.O.	<b>Dr. Joselito A. Limcumpao</b>

Meanwhile, the PCPP Special Board, headed by Dr. Roberto N. Santos, together with Drs. Alexander Alipio, and Carmelito Gaddi, established the standards and guidelines for Fellows and reviewed the qualifications of the Diplomates. 34 Candidates for Fellows were conferred together with new Diplomates in May, 2000 during the Third Animal Feeds and Veterinary Drugs Congress in World Trade Center. The membership of the PCPP is now 70.

The College was formally registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on January 31, 2001 under SEC. Reg. No. A200018874. This formalizes the College and provided it a legal entity.

The PCPP members chased its objectives. Dr. Robert H. Lo lead the conduct of the first Poultry School in Pampanga Agricultural College in Magalang on April – May 2001. Together with Dr. Andrew Bernardo and the support of the PCPP members, a three-week classroom and farm training were successfully conducted for the more than 50 junior and graduating students from UPCVM in Los Banos, Aklan State University, G. Araneta University Foundation, Central Luzon State University, Tarlac State University, Virgen Milagrosa University, and Pampanga Agricultural College.

The success of the first Poultry school with undergraduates lead to the second Poultry School held in October 2001 at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel. Dr. Joselito A. Limcumpao organized a day-full of lectures on Diagnostics delivered by experts from the academe and practice. This one-day lecture attracted over 160 attendance, which was five times the original plan.

The committee headed by Dr. Renato R. Rollan drafted the Code of Ethics and Practice of the PCPP. The final draft was approved in February 2002 after more than six months of deliberations.

In November 2002, the election of the board for the year 2002 was held. Following the PCPP Constitution and the concept that members of the PCPP are capable leaders and able professionals, the following were elected to the board.

President	<b>Dr. Daniel A. Rodriguez</b>
Vice President - Internal	<b>Dr. Renato R. Rollan</b>
Vice President - External	<b>Dr. Paulino Abad</b>
Secretary	<b>Dr. Richard Von Ebron</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dr. Celso E. I. Molina</b>
Auditor	<b>Dr. Arnel A. Amurao</b>
PRO	<b>Dr. Lina S. Policarpio</b>
Immediate Past President	<b>Dr. Alberto R. Villacorte</b>

Dr. Limcumpao was appointed as the Dean of the Poultry School. Drs. Roberto N. Santos, Cesar F. Policarpio, and Angel A. B. Mateo were elected to the Specialty Board.

Alberto R. Villacorte, DVM, Fel. PCPP  
March 10, 2002





# PCPP *Fellows*

## FELLOWS



**ABAD,  
PAULINO C.**



**ARCA,  
ROSETTE ANGELI R.**



**AGBAYANI,  
JOHN GLENN F.**



**ALDAY, JR.,  
ANTOLIANO M.**



**LITERATO,  
JOY MICHELLE A.**



**LO,  
ROBERT H.**



**LOPEZ,  
RAUL ELIAS C.**



**LUMBO,  
NOEL B.**



**AMURAO,  
ARNEL A.**



**BUSTAMANTE,  
ARNEL A.**



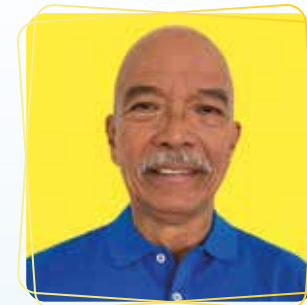
**CADA,  
JULIUS O.**



**CERVANTES,  
GILBERT R.**



**MANLOLO,  
EUSTAQUIO RUEL M.**



**MANSO,  
CORNELIO J.**



**MATAWARAN,  
VERONICA A.**



**MERCADO,  
AGAPITO, JR. F.**



**CONDE,  
ELIZABETH C.**



**CRUZ,  
ERWIN JOSEPH S.**



**CRUZ,  
HERMAN, JR. C.**



**CRUZ,  
JOSEFINA B.**



**MERCADO, EDILBERTO P.**



**NICOLAS, JR.,  
GIL**



**POLICARPIO,  
CEZAR, F.**



**POLICARPIO,  
LINA S.**



**DELA CRUZ,  
MA. CYNTHIA R.**



**FERNANDEZ,  
ORLANDO R.**



**FERRIOLS,  
RUBEN M.**



**GADDI,  
CARMELITO B.**



**RODRIGUEZ,  
DANIEL A.**



**ROLLAN,  
RENATO R.**



**ROMANO,  
NANCY S.**



**ROMO,  
GENEROSO RENE, JR. M.**



# FELLOWS



**SAN PEDRO,  
ESMERALDO B.**



**SANTOS,  
ARTURO V.**



**TAYAO,  
AURELIO G.**



**TOLENTINO,  
DANIEL R.B.**



**TUAZON,  
ALEJANDRO G.**



**UMANDAL,  
MEL C.**



**VALIENTES,  
ROLANDO A.**



**VILLACORTE,  
ALBERTO R.**



**VILLAROMAN,  
JOSEFINO E.**



**YU, FERNANDO  
ROBERT G.**

## FELLOWS (Not in Photo Gallery)

**ALIPIO, ALEXANDER C.  
ADVINCULA, CONSTANCIO L.**

**LIMCUMPAO, JOSELITO A.  
OBVIAR, LEO A.**

**TANGCUNGCO, ANABEL L.  
TORRALBA, NEDEÑA C.**

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**Speaker**  
**Dr. Julius de Leon**

We pause from productivity topics to discuss a more pressing issue which our industry is currently facing...

Let's listen to Dr. Julz as he shares an eyewitness account on how another country addressed both HPAI and LPAI, his experience on Rumor Tracking, Surveillance, Vaccination, and Reporting while actually being there.

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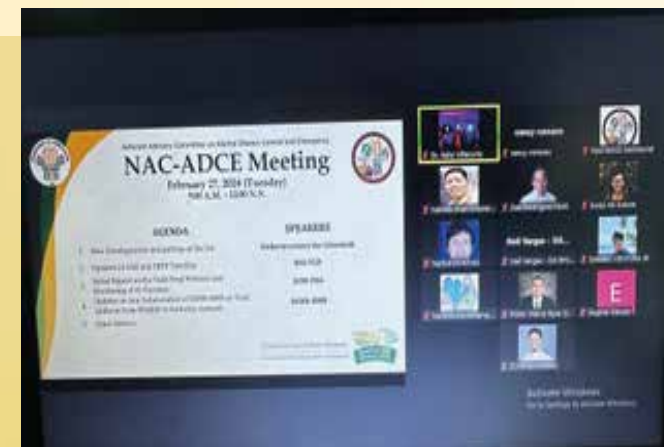
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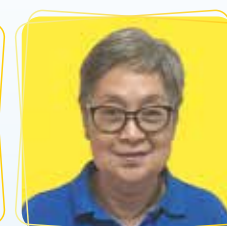


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## Conquering New Heights: Bridging the Gap Between Production and Consumption

**Mr. Francis Uyehara,**

*President, Philippine Egg Board Association*

Egg Innovations, Challenges, and Strategies for Improvements examines the production of eggs from their development to human consumption. Presentation will also address consumer acceptance, quality control, regulatory aspects, cost and risk analyses, and research trends.

The egg will be one of the main protein sources because of the increase in population and purchasing power due to the increasing number of middle class. Also because of the recent demand for good quality protein and cheap protein source and health consciousness of the consumers, egg demand shoots up during the pandemic. Domestic production must thereby increase to cope up with the increasing demand.

The Philippines import 100% from US and Europe of an average of 380,000 PS Layer for the past 10 years. With the recent disruption of shipping in the international market, the supply must be ensured so as not to disrupt the production cycle.

At present, the country is highly dependent on imported PS layers, thus the increase or decrease of import based on available supply will cause abrupt increase or decrease of local day-old chick supply.

The cost of corn which comprised 60% of the feed ingredient is also dependent on the local production of the farmers which are affected by natural occurrence such as typhoons that in recent times saw the drastic effects of climate change. The 2nd main ingredient in the feed formulations is the US soya bean meal which is dependent on the global market price and foreign exchange. The supply of other raw materials and veterinary pharmaceuticals and nutritional will be affected by disruption of logistics and shipment due to the pandemic.

Diseases such as AI, IBH/FADV and ND poses a major threat to the industry. The recent effect of the African Swine Fever (ASF) to the hog industry in the Philippines saw the





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significance of working hand in hand with the government and putting necessary measures in place in terms of prevention and crafting plans on how to strategically update, control and manage the current protection programs in the country.

Seminar Topics:

Focuses on the production and food science aspects of eggs Includes a broad range of microbial contaminants, their risks, and prevention, as well as nonmicrobial contaminant risks Presents analytical techniques for practical application Philippine Layer Egg production dynamics, opportunities and challenges Market trends and consumer demand dynamics Current gaps and bridge programs to guarantee growth

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## Innovating Sustainability in Broiler Genetics

**Mr. Dominic John Elfick**

*Marketing Manager, Aviagen Asia Pacific*

Between 1957 and 2001, it was estimated that changes in genetics have accounted for 90% of the performance change in broilers, under identical management conditions. Over that time period broilers grew almost 5 times faster, while requiring less than half the feed to reach an equal weight. This improvement in FCR is estimated to have had a massive impact on the environmental impact of producing broilers. Over the past 20 years, a 2 point improvement in FCR is estimated to reduce the Green House Gas emissions of the broiler industry by 1%. Today breeding programs have many selection traits, but all of these are targeted to improve sustainability, bird health and welfare. By adopting an approach known as “Balanced Breeding”, breeders aim to make moderate gains in all traits on an annual basis, even those that are negatively correlated. This ensures that traits such as growth rate and egg production can be improved each year.

Breeding companies that have not innovated over time have generally not survived the highly competitive market situations face by the industry. Breeding programs now make great use of imaging technology to select for traits, such as meat yield that would have historically required destructive measurement techniques. The advent of genomics has



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allowed improved accuracy of genetics estimates, especially in traits that are sex limited or destructive to measure. Companies must increasingly focus on the 3 pillars of sustainability (environmental, social and economic) to ensure that broilers continue to be the meat of choice of many millions around the world. Genetics does not work in isolation from bird management and it is crucial that farmers understand the changing needs of their stock in order to optimize bird health, welfare and performance.

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## Optimizing Gastro-intestinal Functionality to help tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

**Rolando A. Valientes, DVM, Fel. PCPP**

The global poultry meat production continues to grow especially in Asia. One of the main reasons for this is that broilers remain as the most efficient converters of feed. Efficiency requires optimizing gastro-intestinal functionality to help producers maximize the genetic potential of the birds and the viability of their operations.

A challenge which the producers are facing is the drive to reduce the development of antimicrobial resistance. While in the past, farmers relied heavily on AGPs in modulating the intestinal ecosystem, the banning of AGPs in Europe and in some countries in Asia like South Korea, Indonesia and China has intensified the search for alternatives to antibiotics.

Anti-microbial resistance (AMR) is one of the world’s most rapidly emerging public health threats, claiming ~700,000 lives a year and representing a significant economic burden. If this is not addressed urgently and effectively, it is estimated that 10 million people will die due to AMR in 2050. 50-70% of the world’s antibiotics deemed medically important for human health are used in animal farming. There is a strong drive to reduce antibiotic use in livestock production. However, changes are slow and not moving at the same pace across the globe.

Responsible and judicious use of antibiotics to ensure animal health and welfare are pivotal to driving transformational change. Antibiotic growth promoter (AGP) replacement and reduced prophylactic use requires a holistic, responsible approach combining good





husbandry and nutrition, biosecurity and the application of eubiotics.

Eubiotics are defined as non-antibiotic products maintaining the desired balance of the good bacteria and pathogens or “eubiosis” in the digestive tract. Several eubiotics have been introduced in the market with differing modes of action yet achieving the same goal of achieving the desired ratio between the good bacteria and pathogens. We need to provide the producers with alternative nutritional solutions and innovations that meet the needs of consumers and the value chain and enable them to reduce the use of antibiotics in livestock production, thereby, helping tackle antimicrobial resistance or AMR.

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## **The Development and Application of Soluble Yeast Carbohydrates within Antibiotic Free Poultry Production: A Canadian Perspective**

**Robert Patterson**

*VP Innovation & Commercialization, CBS Bio Platforms*

The use of antibiotic growth promoters (AGPs) in animal feed has raised significant concerns regarding the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and their subsequent spread throughout the food production system and to humans, prompting the need for alternative strategies to enhance animal growth and health. Feed additive technologies such as soluble yeast derived carbohydrates has been shown to be a promising solution that leverages a range of mechanistic modes of action that have been proven academically and in practice to replace AGPs. This review examines the foundational science that underpins soluble yeast carbohydrate technology with respect to manufacturing as well as mechanisms of action that underpin observed improvements in feed efficiency and bolstered immunity without the drawbacks associated with AGPs. Within this, real world scenarios with respect to how this novel technology is being applied individually and in concert with other feed additive technologies into commercial antibiotic free poultry production will be provided and contextualized from a Canadian perspective.



## **Influence of Complexed Trace Mineral Sources on Production Performance and Eggshell Quality of Broiler Breeders and Laying Hens**

**Dr. Randy L. Payawal**

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Inorganic (INO) trace minerals (TM) are highly water soluble and reactive, affecting the bioavailability of both the TM and their antagonists. More stable organic (OR) and hydroxychloride TM has higher stability and thus bioavailability, however, are more expensive, limiting their widespread usage. Combining organic and hydroxychloride (HO) TM could offer a cost-effective alternative to OR and INO TM in feed. Therefore, a series of experiments were conducted to evaluate the effects of TM source (HO vs OR) in broiler breeders and (HO vs INO) in layer hens on egg production and quality. In the breeder experiment, Ross 708 (n=408, 44 weeks of age, WOA) were fed diets containing 12 ppm copper, 100 ppm manganese, and 100 ppm zinc from either HO or OR sources. In the layer experiment, Hy-line brown (n=160, 60 WOA) were allocated to two dietary treatments as INO with 100 ppm manganese, 80 ppm zinc, and 12 ppm copper supplied in the form of inorganic salts, and HO with 80 ppm manganese, 60 ppm zinc, and 12 ppm copper supplied in the form of organic+hydroxychloride. Production performance and egg quality parameters were measured from 44 to 62 WOA in breeders and from 60 to 100 WOA in layers.

Breeders fed diets containing HO showed no significant differences in all measured production performance, and shell quality compared to OR indicating similar efficacy between TM sources. In layers, HO improved egg production rate (+2.2%), egg mass (+1.3 g/egg), and FCR (-6.6 pts) compared to INO (P<0.05). Additionally, eggs produced by hens fed diets with HO had thicker shells than INO treatment (P < 0.01).

These studies concluded that HO can effectively replace OR TM in breeders' nutrition and INO in layers. HO is equally effective as OR and is superior to INO in enhancing production performance and shell quality.

Keywords: trace minerals, egg production, eggshell quality





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## Optimizing Diagnostic Procedures for Comprehensive Disease Diagnosis in Pullets

**Dr. Dixie Grace E. Mendoza, Dip. PCPP**

Diagnostic procedures in poultry are vital for maintaining flock health and productivity. They enable early detection of diseases, ensuring timely interventions and minimizing losses. Accurate diagnosis allows for appropriate treatment and informed management decisions. Regular health monitoring helps track trends and identify pathogens, improving biosecurity and preventing outbreaks. Ultimately, Compliance with health standards and regulations is facilitated through consistent diagnostics, which also provide economic benefits by reducing treatment costs and optimizing production.

The paper will discuss a disease outbreak in a flock of 13-week-old pullets that initially presented with elevated mortality rates and significant liver lesions, which later progressed having hemorrhagic intestines. Various diagnostic procedures, including necropsy, feed analysis, ELISA, and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing, were conducted to narrow down the differential diagnosis. These tests aided in the identification of multiple diseases affecting the flock, enabling the determination of appropriate treatment procedures.

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## Innovation of ILT Vaccine for Prevention and Control -- Preventing Drops in Egg Production

**Dr. Roikwan Soontravanich, MSc,**

*Technical Manager, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health (Thailand)*

Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) is a significant viral disease affecting poultry, leading to respiratory issues, decreased egg production, and increased mortality. This study explores the development and innovation of a new ILT vaccine designed to prevent and control the disease, specifically focusing on preventing drops in egg production. The novel vaccine formulation incorporates advanced adjuvants and delivery mechanisms, enhancing the immune response and providing longer-lasting protection. Field trials conducted on commercial layer flocks demonstrated that the innovative ILT vaccine significantly reduced



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clinical signs of the disease, maintained stable egg production levels, and minimized economic losses. Additionally, the vaccine showed an improved safety profile, with no adverse reactions observed. This advancement in ILT vaccination represents a critical step forward in protecting poultry health, ensuring sustained productivity, and promoting economic stability in the poultry industry.

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## Efficacy of Different Ionophore-Nicarbazin Combination Products in Coccidiosis Challenge Model

**Dr. Nathaniel R. Mendoza**

*Technical Manager, Phibro Animal Health (Phils.) Inc.*

Coccidiosis, caused by Eimeria parasites, remains a significant challenge in poultry production, leading to substantial economic losses and compromising animal welfare. The need for effective control measures has prompted the exploration of various anticoccidial strategies, including the use of ionophore-nicarbazin combination products. This seminar investigates the efficacy of different ionophore-nicarbazin combinations in combating coccidiosis within a controlled challenge model. By integrating a series of in-vivo trials and laboratory analyses, we compare the performance of multiple ionophore-nicarbazin formulations in preventing and reducing the severity of coccidiosis infections. Key parameters evaluated include growth performance, feed conversion ratios, lesion scores, and oocyst shedding. The seminar highlights the synergistic mechanisms by which ionophores disrupt coccidian cell membranes and nicarbazin interferes with parasite development, enhancing the overall anticoccidial efficacy. Results indicate significant variations in efficacy among the different combinations, with some formulations demonstrating superior performance in reducing clinical symptoms and improving bird health. The discussion also addresses the implications of these findings for resistance management, optimal dosing strategies, and potential side effects. Furthermore, the seminar explores the economic and practical considerations of incorporating ionophore-nicarbazin combinations into poultry production systems, providing insights into cost-benefit analyses and regulatory compliance. Future research directions will be proposed to optimize combination therapies and explore new formulations to enhance the sustainable management of coccidiosis. This





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seminar aims to equip poultry producers, veterinarians, and researchers with a comprehensive understanding of the latest advancements in coccidiosis control, fostering informed decision-making and promoting the adoption of effective and sustainable anticoccidial strategies.

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## **Building Strong Foundation for Better Egg Production**

**Engr. Jacky Michard**

*Poultry Management and Poultry Nutrition, Adves Sasu, Balaze France, Realvet*

With global trends in extending the productive life of layer hens to a very late lay of 90–100 weeks of age there is a need to provide guidance on management and nutritional strategies that sustain hen production, egg quality and health through this longer laying period. This presentation discussed several practical and nutritional strategies during rearing to increase egg production and egg quality during lay: Raw materials quality control, feed formulation, feeding behavior, Gut health & immunity.

The development of the intestinal tract occurs, mainly, during the first weeks of life of the pullets and is vital for the absorption of nutrients and the productive efficiency of the future layer. During this time the skeleton is also under development. The productivity and average egg size of a flock are also influenced by the successful attainment of bodyweight targets and timing of sexual maturity. During first weeks in rearing, management should focus on rapid, uniform and steady chick growth while the second half of the rearing period is the right time to work on developing feed intake capacity, disease resistance and building medullary bone, the calcium reserve for eggshell formation. Efficient egg production relies on audits, real-time monitoring and data analysis. Mixsience has developed the unique App EggoscOpe to assess the risk of deterioration in the egg quality and find the origin of egg quality problem. This is used as a basis for feedback and advices from the expert. Problems such as low egg numbers and poor eggshell quality during lay can often be traced back to problems occurring in the growing period. Back to rearing, best practices of proper feed range, correct feed presentation together with safe and natural feed additives can help producers enhance their egg production.



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## **Gut Health Insight Technology for Nutrition Design**

**Dr. Henk Enting, PhD, Sr.**

*Poultry Technology Lead, Cargill*

Advances in gut health insight technology are revolutionizing the field of nutrition design, offering unprecedented opportunities to personalize and optimize dietary interventions. This seminar explores the critical role of the gut microbiome in overall health and nutrition, emphasizing the importance of understanding individual microbiome profiles for effective nutrition planning. The integration of cutting-edge technologies such as microbiome sequencing, metabolomics, and bioinformatics enables a comprehensive analysis of gut health, providing actionable insights into the intricate interactions between diet, gut microbiota, and host health. The seminar will delve into the mechanisms through which gut health impacts nutrient absorption, metabolism, and immune function. Participants will learn how to leverage gut health data to create personalized nutrition plans that enhance health outcomes, prevent disease, and improve quality of life. Case studies will demonstrate successful applications of gut health insights in designing targeted nutritional interventions for various health conditions. Key topics include the development and application of these technologies, interpretation of complex data sets, and practical strategies for integrating gut health insights into clinical practice and everyday life. The seminar will also address current challenges, such as data standardization and ethical considerations, and explore future trends in gut health research and its implications for personalized nutrition. By attending this seminar, participants will gain a thorough understanding of how gut health insight technology can be harnessed to design nutrition strategies that are tailored to individual needs, paving the way for a new era of personalized and precision nutrition.

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## **Gut Microbiota Modulation for Efficiency in Animal Nutrition.**

**Dr. Girish Channarayapatna, PhD**

*Technical Service Director of Monogastrics Specialty Nutrition APAC, Evonik Animal Nutrition*

Efficient production is crucial for the animal industry to meet growing demand for animal protein, despite various challenges. The gut microbiota, a community of microorganisms in the gut, plays a vital role in maintaining poultry performance by influencing animal health and disease susceptibility, as well as supporting host defenses and homeostasis. Although gut microbiota is complex, it can be modulated and responds rapidly to stimuli. Regarding dietary interventions, feed ingredients play a crucial role in shaping the animal microbiome. Modifying feed composition alone can influence gut composition and diversity. A reduced protein, amino acid balanced diet regulates the production of various metabolites, including amines that can cause gut irritation. Frequently used antibiotics significantly alter the normal gut microbial composition, compromising gut health by promoting the growth of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Phytase enhances digestibility and improves the utilization of previously inaccessible nutrients, thereby influencing ileal and cecal microbiota. Probiotics are live microorganisms that confer health benefits to the host when consumed in adequate amounts. *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* CECT 5940 probiotic allowed shifting of microbiome and accelerate the maturation resulting to improved body weight and FCR. Prebiotics are non-digestible food components that selectively promote the growth of beneficial bacteria in the gut. A recent study by Sayed et al. (2023) demonstrated increased *Bacteroides* and reduced *Dehalobacterium*, leading to improved mortality and feed conversion ratio (FCR). Phytogenic feed additives, including flavonoids, enhance *Lactobacillus* and *Roseburia* populations—beneficial functional microbes that can reduce pathogenic bacteria growth, leading to improved feed intake and efficiency in weanling pigs (Paniagua et al., 2023). Tributyrin, an excellent source of butyric acid for broilers, promotes improved body weight, daily gain, and FCR by favoring the growth of *Bacteroides*—a key bacterium involved in short-chain fatty acid (SCFA) production (Gong et al., 2021).

In summary, utilizing probiotics, prebiotics, phytogenics, organic acids, and other strategies



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can optimize gut microbiota composition and enhance animal productivity and overall health in production systems. In addition, understanding and modulating the gut microbiota hold promise for improving animal health and productivity. As industry needs and challenges evolve, it remains crucial for us to innovate solutions that benefit poultry health and productivity while aligning with the principles of sustainable and responsible poultry production.

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## **Bis-chelated Zinc, Copper and Manganese in Improving Broiler Breeder Performance and profitability**

**Dr. Dexter C. Amada**

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Bis-chelated trace minerals combine methionine analogue (HMTBa) with trace mineral like zinc, copper and manganese in a coordinated covalent bond in two-to-one ratio. Making bis-chelated minerals highly bioavailable form of supplemental zinc, copper and manganese for broiler breeder. Supporting intestinal integrity, pullet uniformity, improving immunity, livability, laying rate and chicks per hen-housed. Aside from providing bioavailable form of zinc, copper and manganese it provides residual methionine value from its HMTBa ligand. For broiler breeders to achieve longevity and performance target – the recommended level of bis-chelated zinc, copper and manganese is 40-10-40ppm and 50-10-60ppm for pullets and breeder hens, respectively. Compared to inorganic and other organic mineral sources it has a lower inclusion rate for the reduce and replace strategy in broiler breeder mineral supplementation while achieving better economic performance. Making bis-chelated minerals more cost-effective in achieving excellent hatching eggs and chick numbers per hen-housed with less environmental impact.





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## Advancements In Coccidiosis Vaccination To Meet The Needs Of The Poultry Farmer Of Today

**Dr. Rodrigo S. Cachuela, Jr.,**

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For decades, coccidiosis remains to be one of the most important diseases of poultry worldwide. In a study done by Williams in 1999, he compartmentalized costs of prophylaxis, treatment and losses due to coccidiosis and came up with 5.2 US cents per bird. Updating the Williams' model, Blake et al. in 2016 stated that losses due to coccidiosis ballooned to around 21 US cents per bird. Thus, the importance of controlling and preventing coccidiosis is much needed more than ever. There has been an evolution in coccidiosis control programs from the discovery of chemical anticoccidials in the 1940s, to the introduction of coccidiosis vaccine in the 1950s, to the establishment of ionophore usage in 1970s and lately, the promotion of alternative and natural products against coccidiosis. Chemicals and ionophores used to be mainstays in coccidiosis prevention and control programs. However, the pressure to remove or decrease anticoccidial usage, especially in areas where it is classified as antibiotics, is becoming tighter than ever. Several animal health companies, poultry housing providers and nutritional companies are investing a lot in developing better vaccines, designing innovative farm structures and finding alternative products to address the increasing challenge of coccidiosis. Vaccines used to play a minimal role in controlling coccidiosis, not to mention it's limited usage in long life birds. But due to the aforementioned reasons, vaccination is now becoming a popular choice across all poultry production systems. Vaccine companies are now focusing on technological advancements in terms of improving production, ease and efficiency of application, better vaccine take, better flock protection and minimal post vaccination reaction, all translating to better profits for producers. Understanding the complex life cycle of coccidia, influence of the environment, mode of transmission, immunity development and monitoring of control programs are all critical in designing an effective control program for coccidiosis.

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## Innovative Blends of Natural Extracts as Solutions for Improved Gut Health in Poultry

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The poultry industry faces significant challenges, including antibiotic resistance, disease control, and sustainability. The presented paper explores the role of natural plant bioactives—specifically tannins and saponins—in revolutionizing poultry gut health and productivity. Tannins, known for their antimicrobial, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory properties, enhance nutrient utilization, reduce gut inflammation, and improve litter quality. Saponins, with their antiparasitic and immunostimulating effects, support gut health and bolster immunity. Research demonstrates that these natural extracts effectively modulate gut microbiota, enhance intestinal integrity, and serve as sustainable alternatives to coccidiostats. Our findings reveal that blends of tannins and saponins not only maintain broiler performance but also improve antioxidant status and gut morphology, offering a promising pathway for sustainable poultry farming.

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## N-Carbamylglutamate: An Innovative Molecule In Propelling Poultry Production Performance

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Arginine is one of the essential amino acids in birds, had been used in the poultry diets to improve meat quality and boost antioxidant defense under normal circumstances. N-Carbamylglutamate (NCG) as a stable activator for endogenous arginine synthesis had been found to enhance arginine concentration, stimulate protein synthesis in skeletal muscle, improve meat quality for broiler, and egg quality for layer.

The supplementation of NCG positively affected eggshell quality by altering endometrial morphology, up-regulating the expression of calcium metabolism-related genes, and influencing the secretion of hormones (Ma et al., 2020a). Moreover, NCG supplementation





effectively stimulated ovarian follicle development by enhancing angiogenesis (Ma et al., 2020b). Adding NCG to layer diet enhanced the production performance and egg quality of layers through the regulation of uterus function (Ma et al., 2023). Consequently, the inclusion of NCG in the diet may lead to positive outcomes in the production performance of layers.

N-carbamylglutamate has emerged as a promising alternative and lead to the production of nitric oxide (NO), a crucial regulator of lipid metabolism by activating hepatic sterol regulatory element-binding protein-2 which elevates the expression of low-density lipoprotein receptors, also related to fatty acid synthesis and  $\beta$ -oxidation. Nevertheless, NCG supplementation modulated liver lipid metabolism and altered liver transcriptome profiles, leading to the production of functional eggs (Liu et al., 2024).

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## **Case Report: High Mortalities in Avian Hepatitis E Affected Flocks, Poor Growout Results and Farm Wide Egg Production Drop in a Layer Farm, Investigations and Finding Solutions**

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In February 2024, a concerted drop in henday was experienced in a multiple age layer farm with as much as 20% drop. All of the 6 layer houses, with age ranging from 52 to 73 weeks had started to drop in egg production all at the same week. Egg sizes had also reduced during the same period. Increased mortality, reduced egg size, unable to stand, delayed onset of egg laying, massive hemorrhage of the intestines, enlarged liver with widespread necrosis were found in layers and growing pullets.

The farm has open sided housing equipped with fans and above roof water sprinklers which automatically run on temperature sensors. Feed is produced by the company's feedmill and is delivered to the farm every 2-3 days in a bulk truck. Feed in each silo is consumed in about 3 days. Feed uses mainly wheat and soya and meat and bone meal.

The farm had been affected in the past with Newcastle disease, Infectious bronchitis,



Infectious Laryngotracheitis, Pneumovirus, colibacillosis, Avian Hepatitis E among many others. These diseases have been under control by addressing animal husbandry, Nutrition and by vaccination and strategic medication except for Avian Hepatitis E. AHE does cause mortalities to about 1-3 of flock but does not affect flock henday. Massive hemorrhages of the duodenum also is not a lesion in an AHE affected flock. By experience, AHE affects a flock in about 2-3 weeks and then the disease abates.

In December, cases of AHE had been causing mortalities in 12-18 week pullets leading to 8.5% mortality but has abated by January 2024. By Mid January, pullets from another growout farm in the area had cases of AHE. High vitamin E supplementation was administered to support the immune system. Clostridiasis was suspected as a coinfection and antibiotic medication was administered. Duodenal Coccidiosis was also suspected but treatment was not followed through as mortalities had been reduced with Amoxicillin treatment.

Rearing results were also affected as growth rates had also been affected where birds were found to be not converting the feed and flock weight and weight distribution had variation wider than expected. The rearing farm regularly performs very well with lower than 2% depletion and less than 5% underweight at 16 weeks. Cases of AHE with massive duodenal hemorrhages was observed in mortalities.

Several suspect causes were identified mainly directed to the meat and bone meal in feed to include Mycotoxin levels, Salt levels. Salt was being investigated as farm nutritionist consultant discovered that the salt level was 10 times in the formula list but this was not as practiced. Laboratory results showed low Aflatoxin, T2 toxin levels. Salt tests were elevated.

With decreased henday and poor growing results continue, a decision was reached to remove the suspected meat and bone from the feed and to return to basic wheat and soya diet. Hendays immediately increased and was even higher than the previous results. Growout results improved in terms of weight gain and depletion. With these results, it was concluded that the meat and bone quality had predisposed the AHE affected flocks to have higher severity and had contributed to the big drop in egg production and poor growing results.





## Effects of Multienzyme Supplementation on the Egg Production Performance and Various Physiological Parameters in 96-week-old Late-Phase Hens Fed a Reduced-Energy Diet

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The study was conducted to evaluate the effect of reducing feed energy levels with the inclusion of a multienzyme product (Natuzyne™) that is composed of cellulases, xylanases, beta-glucanases, pectinases, alpha-amylase, protease, and phytase. Three hundred twenty-four (n = 324) Dekalb® hens of 96 weeks of age were randomly allotted to one of the three (3) dietary treatments in a completely randomized design (CRD). The diets were: T1 was the basal diet; T2 was the reduced energy (-90 Metabolizable Energy, ME kcal) diet; and T3 was the reduced energy diet plus multienzyme (350 g/ton). Each treatment had 27 cage replicates with 4 active laying hens in each. Production was recorded for 16 weeks, and at the end of the experiment, each of the dietary groups selected 15 heads for blood collection, while 12 heads were sacrificed for gut scoring, histomorphometry, bone quality assessment, and organ weighing. A portion of the ileum was also extracted and analyzed for selected gene expression using rt-qPCR method. After 16 weeks, body weight had no changes among dietary groups ( $P > 0.05$ ). Meanwhile, feed intake was highest in T1 ( $P = 0.0102$ ). T3 was able to be on par with T1 regarding egg production, egg weight, egg mass, and FCR ( $P > 0.05$ ). T3 demonstrated superior albumen height and Haugh unit over T1 and T2 ( $P = 0.0033$  and  $P = 0.0464$ , respectively). The other egg traits with favorable results in T3 include shell width, shell length, albumen weight, yolk weight, and shell weight ( $P < 0.05$ ). Gut histomorphometry showed T1 was the same as T3 regarding villi height and goblet cell density, both at a level of  $P > 0.05$ . In terms of bone quality, T3 showed the best in terms of bone-breaking strength and porosity ( $P = 0.0116$  and  $P = 0.0160$ , respectively). In blood, platelets were at par for T3 and T1 ( $P > 0.05$ ), while albumin, phosphorus, and MCHC were best for T1 ( $P = 0.0023$ ,  $0.0445$ , and  $0.0042$ , respectively). No significant changes were observed in organ weight except for crop, kidneys, and abdominal fats ( $P < 0.05$ ). In gut scoring, no coccidial lesions (TMLS) were enough for data interpretation, thereby scraping the study, while bacterial scoring (TMBES) was insignificant among the 3 groups ( $P > 0.05$ ).



For gene expressions of SLC2A5, CLDN-2, and PMCA1b, there were no differences observed for a significant interpretation ( $P > 0.05$ ). Lastly, in terms of economics, the T3 had the best income over feed cost among the 3 dietary groups, with a 0.14 Php per piece of egg advantage over the standard diet (T1). Therefore, it was found that adding the multienzyme product (350 g/ton) to layer diets despite decreased energy (-90 ME kcal) had no negative effects physiologically, was able to maintain or even outperform against the standard diet (T1) in terms of production performances, had increased bioavailability of minerals such as phosphorus, and upheld gut and bone health as well. Furthermore, the multienzyme product was an economic advantage without sacrificing egg production or quality. In addition to promoting animal welfare through improved bone strength, the product addressed environmental concerns as well via the release of bound minerals in the raw feedstuff.

Keywords: Layers, Multienzyme, Late-Phase, Reduced Energy, Corn-Soybean Meal, Gene Expression

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## Precision Egg Farming Under Local Conditions

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The Philippine egg industry has always been faced with challenges related to production efficiencies. These include the environment in the Philippines, biosecurity issues like disease afflictions, manpower shortage, and downgrades due to handling.

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Precise handling of and quality monitoring of eggs will result in less downgrades coupled with less manpower costs.

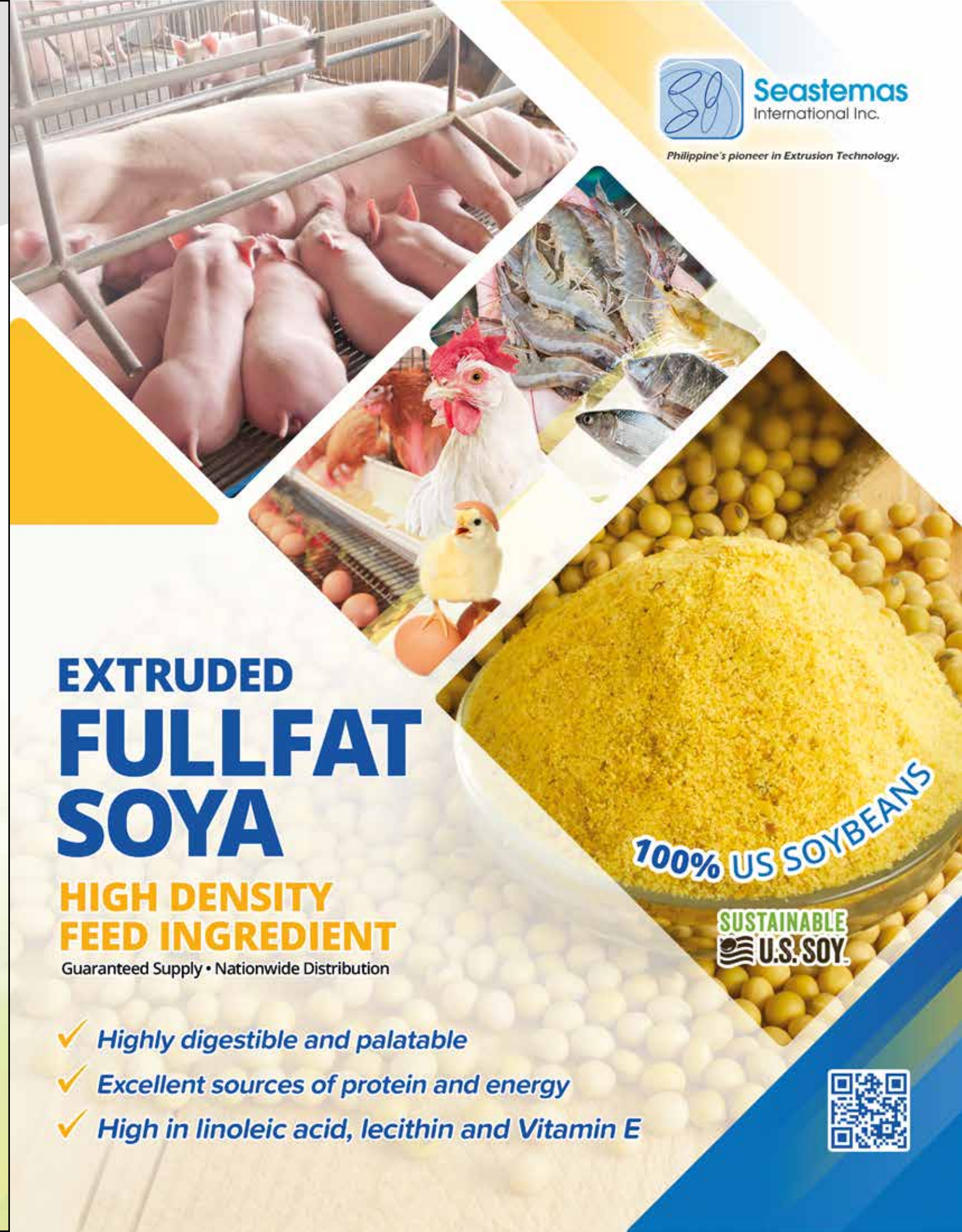
Overall, precision egg farming will result in more quality eggs and lower production costs.

## Economies of Solar Power Ventilation

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We often forget that farmers are into farming because it's a business, a livelihood. And just like in any business model, the motto would always be minimum input, maximum output. For most farms, profitability supersedes care for the animals. They would like to push things to the limit. They overcrowd. They put in more facilities in a cramped limited area. They design beyond the basics to save on costs. Then there will be subpar performances the mediocre profits.

Optimum performances of layer birds are always met if animals have comfortable environments. And having comfortable environments also equates to animal welfare. One of the actions taken to provide comfort especially during summer, is the installation of fans to provide relief from the hot and humid environment. However, providing fans these birds will require a relatively high initial investment. Farmers are hesitant to spend if they do not know how and when to recuperate these expenses, let alone the electricity and maintenance to operate these equipments. Most farmers will agree to initially purchase the fans but electric costs will make them think otherwise. This seminar will give them a bird's eye view on solar energy, it's pros and cons. This will also remind them that the basics of layer management includes a balance of animal welfare and profitability.



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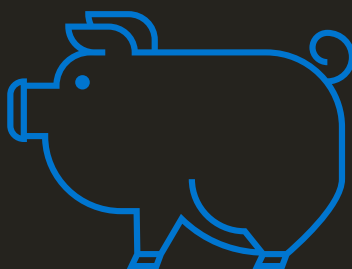


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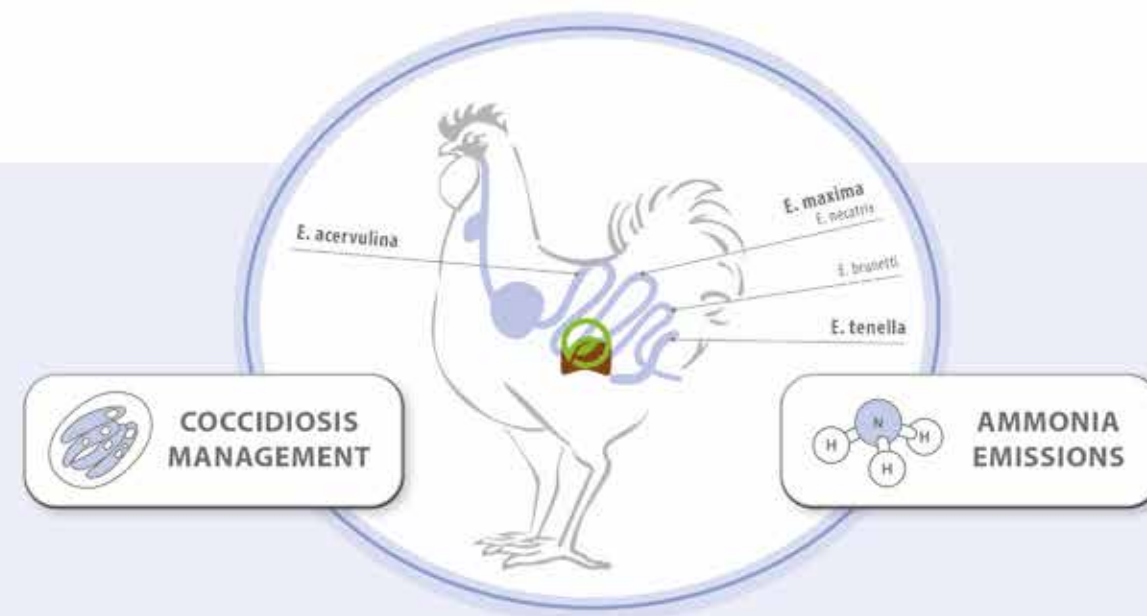
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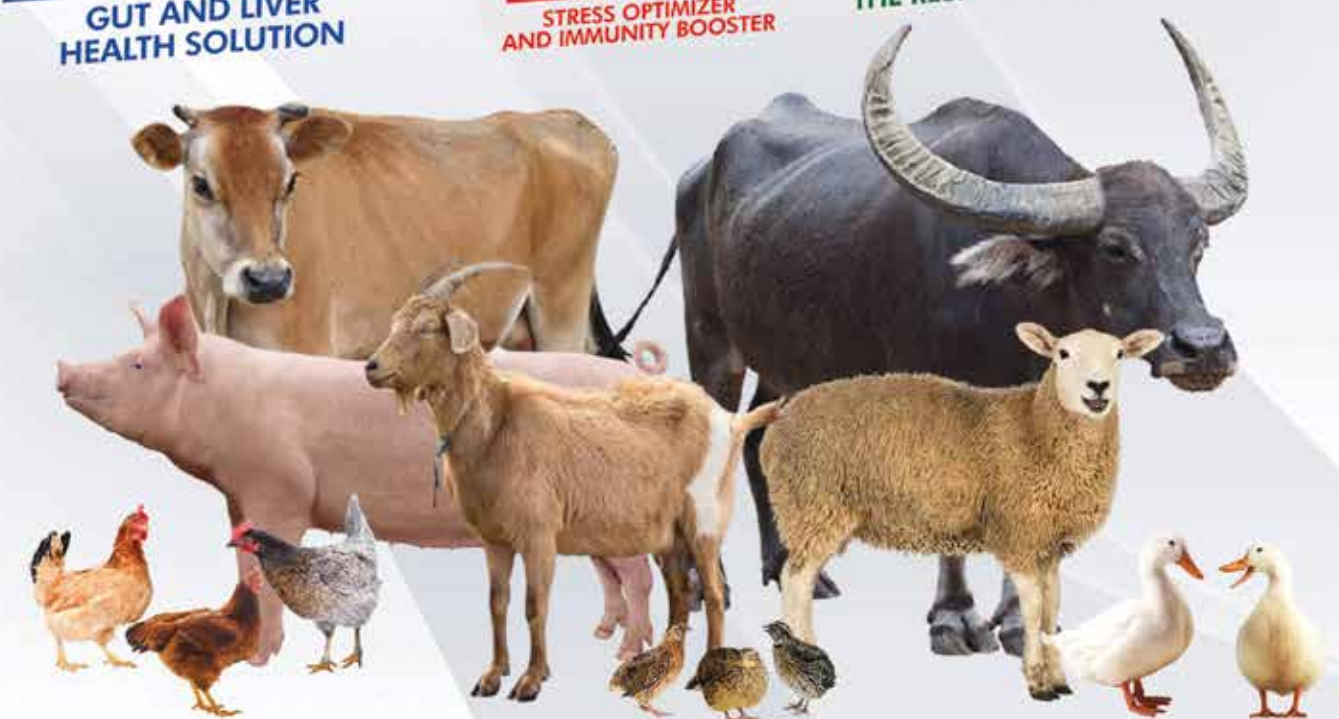
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