Agenda
2026 Poultry Protein & Fat Seminar

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

8:00 a.m. ***Breakfast, Sponsored by Mid-South Steam Boiler***

9:00 a.m. Presiding/Welcome: Michael Fairbairn, Fieldale Farms
Orientation: Barbara Jenkins, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

9:15 a.m. **Council Report**
Michael Pope, Darling Ingredients

9:30 a.m. **Regulatory Review**
Paul Bredwell, USPOULTRY

10:15 a.m. ***Break, Sponsored by AC Corporation***

10:30 a.m. **Best Practices / Operation / Maintenance**
A. Presses
Barry Griffith, Oestergaard
B. Cookers
Eric Hendrix, Dupps

12:00 p.m. ***Lunch, Sponsored by Dupps***

1:15 p.m. Presiding: Anthony Seidel, Simmons Foods

Recruiting and Retention for Rendering
Salam Safi, Darling Ingredients

1:45 p.m. **Panel: Artificial Intelligence / Automation / System Controls**
Moderator: Anthony Seidel, Simmons Foods
Panelists: Thomas Percer, Pilgrim's
Rod Hackney, Darling Ingredients

2:30 p.m. ***Break, Sponsored by AC Corporation***

2:45 p.m. **Preventive Maintenance: Vibration Analysis**
Lee Meche, Darling Ingredients

3:15 p.m. **Winning Through Uncertainty**
Sam Goodwin, SGI Ventures

4:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. ***Reception, Sponsored by Oestergaard***

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Friday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Presiding: Hal Davis, Darling Ingredients

Supply Chain Control and Ingredient Traceability
Austin Therrell, Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)

9:15 a.m. **Safety in the Rendering Plant**
Paul Schlumper, Georgia Tech

10:00 a.m. ***Break, Sponsored by AC Corporation***

10:15 a.m. **DAF SPN: Treatment, Handling and Disposal**
Dr. Brian Kiepper, University of Georgia

11:00 a.m. ***Conclude***

Door Prizes Sponsored by Kemin Nutrisurance