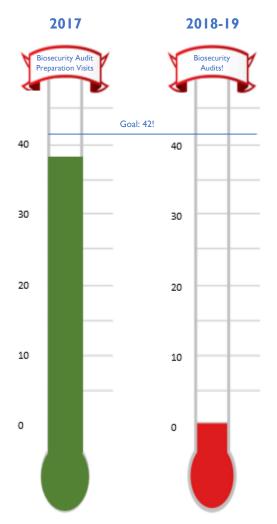


The Chick Papers

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Introducing GPLN's Field Force!



In order to enhance our field presence, and continuing in our commitment of service to the industry, GPLN reinforced its Field Force, welcoming the following new employees:

Bethany Coggin graduated from UGA Poultry Science in 2013 and started her career with Rose Acre Farms where she worked in compliance of programs such as Animal Welfare, FDA and Biosecurity before joining GPLN in January 2018. She is working with Len Chappell in our customer service team.

Tyler Reed graduated from UGA Poultry Science in 2017 and had been working at GPLN part time for 5 years in facilities, maintenance and emergency response. He now joins Jeff Spivey in industry operations, focusing on hatchery monitoring and depopulation equipment maintenance. Jeff is also responsible for Biosecurity audits and field investigations.

Lindsey Vinson joins us with a background in farming and sustainable agriculture. She is working as part of Jessi Kimbrell's NPIP program field testing team, along with Melody Maddox and Jessica Tate.

Together the customer service, the industry operations and the NPIP field testing teams, along with the 4 GPLN veterinarians (Dr. Jim Davis, Dr. Doug Anderson, Dr. Katy Burden and Dr. Louise Zavala) will serve the industry with testing, projects, support and response needs in the field.

The green thermometer to the left indicates where we are with the Biosecurity Audit Preparation visits (mostly scheduled in 2017) of commercial poultry complexes compared to our goal of 42 complexes. In red is the measurement of the number of official audits passed (scheduled in 2018-2019)!



Bethany Coggin





Tyler Reed

Lindsey Vinson

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Tours and Visitors

- January 19: Commissioner Gary Black
- January 22: United Arab Emirates Delegation



Dr. Doug Waltman gave a tour of the facility and diorama to delegates from United Arab Emirates on January 22.

Devil is in the Diorama Detail

The changes to the diorama are coming along very well! We have finished construction on the addition to the backdrop and are now changing the industrial park. Artist August Hoerr (pictured at right) returned to the project to paint the new addition to the backdrop and blend all the scenery together. The new and improved industrial park should be finished by late February or early March.

If you have not seen the new section of the backdrop, please visit the lab and take a look!

