

THE CHICK PAPERS

Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



Ready to Mobilize (Part 2)

By Tyler Reed

We are excited to introduce you to our new **Emergency Response Building (ERB)**! It was built with expansion in mind. The ERB is 50' x 125' which gives ample space for storage of all depopulation trailers and essential supplies, while still allowing for easy maneuvering of trailers for preventative maintenance, restocking, and parking in their designated parking areas.

The centralized location of all equipment and supplies is not only time efficient but is also economical, eliminating unnecessary movement of equipment for monthly preventative maintenance and provides the ability to buy and store supplies in bulk. These together allow GDA and GPLN to mobilize quickly and efficiently to better serve you, the industry.

Key Features

Skylights allow for energy savings as electrical lighting is unnecessary on sunny and even many overcast days. This is illustrated by the pictures to the right, which used no artificial lighting.

Ample space for storage racks

Numerous well-placed electrical outlets throughout

Secure area

- 12 cameras throughout inside and outside of building
- Gate and building secured by chain-linked fence and coded for entry.



Steve Brinson (GDA) , Scott Maddox (GPLN), & Tyler Reed (GPLN)

GPLN WELCOMES DR. EMILY PITTMAN!



**GPLN Welcomes
Dr. Pittman to the team!**

" Emily has always been a joy to work with. She started off as my technician after graduating from UGA, and we quickly became friends, as well as co-workers. She came back and did an externship with us her senior year in vet school. Her interest in poultry diagnostics, as well as the poultry industry, is unmatched. This is exemplified by the fact that she turned down an acceptance to a vet school closer to home and chose to go to The University of Pennsylvania instead, based solely on the fact that she would get a lot more poultry courses at Penn. This, even though it would mean living a very long distance from her husband in Tifton for 4 years. The Georgia poultry industry and GPLN are very fortunate to have Emily. She will be a big plus for the South Georgia companies and for back yard poultry owners."

- Dr. James Davis

Dr. Pittman is originally from Florida. She got her Avian Biology degree from UGA in 2014. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in May 2020. Throughout her college career, she was very active as a leader of her classes and an integral part of several groups and organizations: Poultry Science Ambassador, Poultry Science Club member, Sigma Delta Tau Sorority, UGA Miracle, UGA Relay for Life, PennVet Jewish Network, and the Veterinary Business Management Association. She also helped organize events such as the NPIP Salmonella workshop and the SAVMA Symposium. She worked at GPLN as an employee and intern for several months at different times over the last 10 years, notably assisting in necropsy and producing a game bird NPIP and diseases poster.

Dr. Pittman lives in Tifton with her husband Dr. James Pittman, a small animal veterinarian. She will be stationed at the GPLN Tifton Lab, located within the GDA Seed Lab. She will support the NPIP and hatchery sampling efforts. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Pittman will split the load of commercial and non-commercial cases and visits in Middle and South Georgia. Together, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pittman and Ms. Elisa Castaneda will make a wonderful team to serve that entire area of the state!



Dr. Anderson and Dr. Pittman during a necropsy session