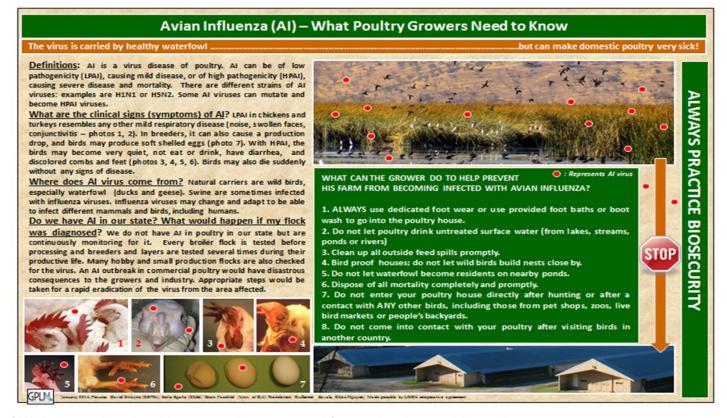
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A Monthly Newsletter from the Georgia Poultry Laboratory

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GPLN Recommends to place this poster on all company owned farms and use it as a training tool !!

## **Tours and Visitors:**

- Georgia Farm Bureau Poultry Advisory Committee Tours Lab: On March 3, Farm Bureau had a business meeting with their Poultry Advisory Committee in the GPLN Conference Room followed by a tour of the lab. The group consisted of 15 representatives.
- Pilgrims Complexes Visited the New Lab: On March 4, a group from Pilgrims Gainesville, Athens, Carrollton, and Canton live production divisions met for company presentations and discussions on breeder management followed by a tour of the laboratory. Dr. Shivi Rao was the primary Pilgrim's speaker.
- Georgia Congressman and His Staffer Toured the Gainesville Lab: On March 11, Congressman Doug Collins
  was given a tour of the Gainesville Laboratory by Dr. Doug Waltman. His staffer, Ms. Sally Larson was also given
  a tour of the lab by Dr. Louise Dufour -Zavala. Much discussion focused on the NPIP program, of which Sally
  had a particularly high interest
- Perdue University Alumni Visited the New Gainesville Laboratory. On March 12, a group of 30 from Perdue
  University Agriculture Alumni Association visited the Gainesville Lab for a tour of the new facility. These Perdue
  groups have been touring the country since 1960 to learn more about different state's agriculture and agribusiness. This gave them the opportunity to learn of Joe Hatfield, one of the founders of Fieldale Farms.
- South Carolina NPIP Administrators Toured the New Lab: On March 18, Dr. Julie Helm and Dr. Alberto Van-Olphen met with Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala and Len Chappell for discussions on applications of data querying functionality in Lab Information Management System for poultry diagnostic labs.
- Fieldale Farms Toured the Gainesville Laboratory: On March 18 & 19, a large group of Fieldale Farms employees were given a mezzanine tour of the new Lab. GPLN hosts Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala, Dr. Doug Waltman, and Len Chappell answered questions from the captive audience as the tour proceeded.

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USDA Intern Observed Poultry Diagnostic Testing at the Gainesville Laboratory: On March 20, Christopher Greco
toured the new lab and then had the opportunity to shadow several technicians as they performed their diagnostic assays. Chris is a 2016 UGA DVM candidate for 2016 and Class Representative.

## **GPLN Employee News**

• New Lab Technician in the Necropsy Department: Early in March, Nancy del Rio Parra joined the GPLN Team in the Necropsy Department. Nancy will assist Dr. James Davis in necropsy activities, cleaning and disinfection, and perfor-

mance of avian influenza antigen capture testing protocols. Nancy is a student at the University of North Georgia Poultry Science Department (Gainesville campus)

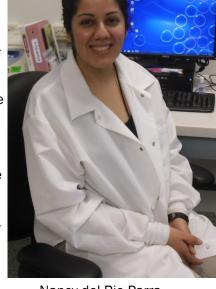
## **GPLN Events**

- UGA Poultry Science Professor Lectured at GPLN: On March 24, Dr. Brian Fairchild spoke to the GPLN employees on the history of the Georgia Poultry industry. His discussions included the overall rank of Georgia within the United States on broiler and table egg production. He included the history of the development of the contracts between growers and companies. Also, he explained the UGA Poultry Science research endeavors with the poultry industry.
- GPLN and APHIS Officials Met with the Georgia Layer Industry: On March 26, Dr.



Layer Reps Watching Foaming Demonstration

Martin Smeltzer and Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala talked to commercial layer (table egg) managers on their company 's preparedness for a potential avian influenza event in Georgia. Enhancing biosecurity measures now, and the required documentation to move egg products during an Al event were a few of the many items discussed in great detail.



Nancy del Rio Parra

- GPLN Serology Department Hosted Serology Workshop. On March 25, a group of a ten University of North Georgia Poultry Science students performed a serology assay known as the enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) using commercial antibody kits. The group was given a lecture by Brenda Glidewell and instructed on the ELISA protocol. The students were given previously tested field sample as unknown to practice with the ELISA protocol.
- GPLN Staff Gave Talks at Upland Game Bird Meeting: On March 31,
- Dr. Doug Anderson hosted an upland game bird meeting at the UGA Tifton Campus . Dr Anderson, Dr. Martin Smeltzer, James Brantley, and Jessi Kimbrell talked about diseases, NPIP and NPIP recommended testing, and the current AI situations in this country.
- GPLN Represented on Career Day at a Local College:
   On March 10, Jessi Kimbrell represented GPLN in Careers in Agriculture Day at the Gainesville Campus of the University of North Georgia. Jessi spoke with students touring the booth about the structure of our laboratory and provided handouts with detailed information.
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  Saint Patrick Day Breakfast: On March 17, all Gainesville UNG Students Performing Serological Testing Lab employees enjoyed a Breakfast and fellowship in celebration of St. Patrick Day.