

# THE CHICK PAPERS

Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



## Hatchery Monitoring

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The Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network Hatchery Monitoring program continues to serve the industry in Georgia. We currently sample 18 commercial hatcheries each month with the goal of helping companies establish a baseline for cleanliness in their hatchery operations and monitor trends.

On a monthly basis, we publish the results of our testing and rank companies according to their results on bacteria, fungus and their overall combined results. Each company participating in the program can view the respective scores of their hatcheries, but like the chick quality report, the identity of the other companies remains anonymous to other parties (see figure below).

In January, we will publish a yearly report which will rank hatcheries for the year, and we will produce a report to show seasonal changes in bacteria and fungus within the hatcheries. These reports will be available to the companies involved in the Hatchery Monitoring program. The cost of the program is minimal and the GPLN can provide you a cost estimate to be involved in the program.

If your company is interested in participating in the GPLN Hatchery Monitoring program, please contact Jeff Spivey, Director of NPIP and Industry Operations, at [jspivey@gapoultrylab.org](mailto:jspivey@gapoultrylab.org) or 1-706-968-5924.

HATCHERY MONITORING COMPARISON FOR SEPTEMBER 2018								
	COMPANY	HATCHERY	BACTERIA SCORE	FUNGUS SCORE	OVERALL SCORE	OVERALL RANK 1-18	BACTERIA RANK WITHOUT FUNGUS	FUNGUS RANK WITHOUT BACTERIA
A			140	114	127	5	4	11
B			196	135	165.5	17	16	17
C	<u>Henrietta Farms</u>	<i>Chick USA</i>	148	104	126	4	5	4
D			218	112	165	16	17	9
E			161	102	131.5	7	8	1
F			185	133	159	14	14	15
G			154	107	130.5	6	6	6
H			123	106	114.5	1	2	5
I			122	107	114.5	1	1	6

## TOURS, VISITORS, & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- NOVEMBER 5-23RD: JONATHAN HOLZWARTH INTERNEED AT THE LAB IN THE BACTERIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
- NOVEMBER 13TH: HALL COUNTY HOME SCHOOL GROUP TOURED THE LAB



Dr. Doug Waltman leading the Hall County Home School Group tour.



Jonathan Holzwarth (far right) on the last day of his internship pictured with Iyen Omoruyi, Dr. Katy Burden, Katherine Muro, and Emily Dinh from the bacteriology department where he assisted them on a project.