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What is a Grower Meeting?

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In Georgia, the purpose of the grower, service personnel and crew trainings every year is to ensure that the awareness of the disease threats such as Avian Influenza (AI), Laryngotracheitis (LT), Newcastle disease, Infectious coryza and/or Mycoplasma is always present and fresh in the poultry industry stakeholders' minds.

Over the last few years, we have focused on AI. In between "avian influenza years," we have discussed Mycoplasma, LT, and the biosecurity principles.

These meetings usually cover the specific disease threat, the case numbers and trends in GA and elsewhere, recognizing disease, the importance of notification, how to prevent disease, how to prepare for the possible response, the nature of the response (or disease coordination), and the recovery.

The trainings are customized (language, length, content) to the audience. When presented to service personnel, they are expected to share the knowledge with their growers.

The 2022 meetings are on-going. Feedback has been very positive. The continuing AI story, the specific wildlife findings in Georgia, and the overall threat worldwide are all of great interest and importance to the industry.





LEFT: Rep. Andrew Clyde's staff retreat included a stop at GPLN for a tour led by Dr. Zavala and Georgia Poultry Federation President, Mike Giles.

RIGHT: Dr. Casey Ritz and Dr. Chongxiao Chen brought the US Soybean Export Council to the lab for a tour.



LEFT: Ashley Pendley, our Region 4 NPIP Field Technician, brought some of her family in to see our one-of-kind poultry industry diorama.